

STATE OWNERSHIP PLANS ARE AFOOT

Measures Would Provide for Elevator and Stores.

ALLIANCE BACKS MOVE

Effort to Unite Labor, Grange and Farmers' Union Will Be Made Next Month.

Providing the triple alliance can be formed by the State Federation of Labor, the State Grange and the Farmers' Union next month, a series of measures will be submitted to the legislature, to some extent, the Non-Partisan league programme in North Dakota and other states in that section.

An effort to form the Triple Alliance is being made by the State Federation of Labor and a general call to this end has been issued with the hope that there will be a response and the alliance brought into being in Salem in January.

Persons who have been in close touch with the movement, but not identified with it, are of the opinion that the alliance will not be perfected as the cement is too hard. The three bodies have some ideas in common, but not enough to weld them into one cohesive, political force.

Labor Has Own Plans.

In the event of failure to bring the Triple Alliance into existence, the State Federation of Labor will do what it can on its own account in the way of advocating legislation through the initiative.

One such measure which labor desires is the "right to work" bill, originally drafted by W. S. U'Ren, and which Senator Walter M. Pierce was requested to introduce in the 1919 session of the legislature. The bill draft was submitted to Senator Pierce and not most with his entire approval, owing to some of the general details, since then the measure has been worked over, and to a large extent has met with the approval of labor leaders.

In the "right to work" bill, it is provided that in time of general unemployment the state shall provide work to any person who has been a resident of Oregon for a period of five years. The compensation suggested is in the wage of the prevailing rate during the period from 1908 to 1913.

The character of employment to be provided would be clearing land, road work or similar construction or development, to be directed by a commission. Members of this commission are to be appointed by the governor and the members are to be suggested by the State Federation of Labor, the State Grange, the Farmers' union, the State Chamber of Commerce and the State Taxpayers' league.

Non-Partisan Trail Seen.

There is more likelihood of this measure being initiated than any of the others.

In the general plan of proposed legislation are a group of measures which dovetail together and which, at first blush, look suspiciously like the propaganda of the Non-Partisan league. The triple alliance is considered by some observers as nothing less than the Non-Partisan league camouflaged in the name of the state against the league entertained by the general public in Oregon.

Included in the group of measures which the Triple Alliance is expected to sponsor, if the alliance materializes, is a bill for a packing plant, state owned and state operated, for the benefit of consumers and producers, without profit. The bill is designed to appeal to the stockmen of Oregon, but if the packing plant is to be operated without benefit to the producers, the stockmen are not likely to enthrone, particularly when they can ship their stock to privately owned plants and receive a better price.

Warehouses and cold storage plants, state owned and state operated, is also one of the measures expected to be initiated. The warehouses and cold storage plants would enable the farmers to hold their products until the market reaches the point where a farmer would feel like selling. In addition to this advantage, it would cripple the commission dealers through whom much of the produce is now marketed.

State Elevator Proposed.

Also there is a measure proposed for a state owned and state operated terminal grain elevator, which would give to the grain growers an advantage somewhat similar to that proposed for the produce farmers in the state owned and operated cold storage plants and warehouses. The terminal grain warehouse would be located by a state commission appointed to perform that duty.

The Portland Labor Council is backing a co-operative store, providing the Triple Alliance is formed, there is to be initiated a measure expanding this idea into a state-wide institution. The intention of proposed is to follow the plan of the Portland experiment and the Tri State Terminal company, which is the name of the Farmers' Union Co-operative store.

In its widest sense, this measure would provide something like the army store which the United States quartermaster department is conducting in Portland and other towns now throughout the nation. Under the proposed measure, the stores will be state-owned and state controlled and

operated for the benefit of the consumers without profit.

In all of these proposed measures the outstanding feature is state ownership and each measure is aimed to attract the support of the farmer and the working man, the former because it is made to appear to him that he can get more for his grain and produce and to the working man because he is promised that the state will sell him his food necessities at cost.

HENS DELAY ROAD WORK

Blasting Cannot Be Done While Hens Are Setting.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Road work in the Cottage Grove country has to be regulated so as not to interfere with the chicken industry, which brings so many thousands of dollars of foreign money into the country.

Heavy blasting in the vicinity where eggs have been set destroys the eggs and for that reason blasting has to be done at the seasons of the year when young chicks are not being produced.

The county court plans to do considerable work on the Delight-valley road. The large William Hands & Son poultry plant is on this road and for that reason the court is arranging to do the blasting now after the year and to get it completed before spring eggs are set.

GRESHAM AFTER AUTOISTS

Special Traffic Patrolman Is Engaged by City Council.

GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The Gresham city council met in special session last night to take action in regard to the violations of the town traffic regulations, offenders having kept justice of the Peace John Brown working overtime lately.

Deputy Sheriff M. M. Squire has been engaged as traffic patrolman at a salary of \$125 a month and will spend eight hours out of every 24 hours in the city. In addition to his duties of traffic officer and deputy sheriff he is also constable. He smokes Van Dykes.

The council also considered opening a store for the sale of government goods. Councilman Thon was appointed to investigate the matter, as there seemed to be nothing available except tomatoes.

GIRLS' SCHOOL PRAISED

Washington Worker Here to Get Ideas for Clinic.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. Fay Waters Fancy of Spokane, Wash., president of the women's club, passed today in Salem inspecting the training school for girls and other Oregon institutions.

At the last session of the Washington legislature \$150,000 was appropriated for use of the home and clinic building, the duties of which are similar to those imposed on the management of the Oregon training school for women in Portland.

Mrs. Fancy pronounced the Oregon training school for girls one of the most modern she had visited in the west.

VERNON TROUBLE ENDS

School Principal Controversy Apparently Settled at Meeting.

VERNON, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Vernon school's troubles over its principal are apparently at an end. The meeting of about 45 of the parents, the duties of which are similar to those imposed on the management of the Oregon training school for women in Portland.

CZAR'S SLAYER EXECUTED

Death Penalty Reported Imposed by Soviet Authorities.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 6.—The soviet authorities in Russia have executed the individual held immediately responsible for the slaying of former Emperor Nicholas and his family at Yekaterinburg in June, 1918, says a Kevno dispatch to the Politiken.

The bolshevik newspaper Pravda of Moscow, quoted as authority for this statement, reported that M. Jachonoff, a member of the Yekaterinburg soviet, has been condemned to death and executed at Perm for ordering the execution.

Giants Buy Pitcher.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, Dec. 6.—President George Andrews of the Sioux City baseball club tonight announced the sale of Pitcher "Zeek" Barnes to the New York Giants. The consideration was \$2000.

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TASK OF REBUILDING NEAR-EAST BIG ONE

Waste of War Throughout Syria Appalling.

ARMENIANS HARDEST HIT

Towns Utterly Wiped Out, Country Desolate—Problem of Living Serious One for Millions.

BY WILLIAM T. ELLIS. (Copyright by the New York Herald Company. Published by arrangement.)

CONSTANTINOPLE.—Any one of a thousand groups of migrating people in Turkey would, if seen in America, set the nation to talking. These nomadic peoples survive dispersion, hunger, cold and raggedness that baffle the belief of Occidentals. With no shelter except an improvised tent and no food except the ground, and no little food that it would arouse the S. P. C. A. if offered to animals, they have survived winter after winter—in diminishing numbers, it is true, despite the fact that babies are born to these homeless wanderers. Now they have entered upon another winter.

This is not a "relief" article. I am merely chronicling the fact that groups of refugees from somewhere else may be found encamped outside of most of the cities and towns in Turkey. They are not the local poor. They are strangers, driven out by some one of several conditions—sometimes political, sometimes racial, sometimes religious, sometimes economic.

In Macedonia I saw Greek refugees from Turkey in Western Anatolia are a hundred thousand Turkish refugees from Macedonia. Armenians have been scattered throughout Eastern Asia Minor, Arabia and the Caucasus; Syrians have moved up and down their own land, although the Armenians have been the worst sufferers.

Towns Utterly Wiped Out.

Usually reprisals or long smoldering enmities have sent these people away from their homes into vagabondage. Often the homes themselves have been destroyed—the complete destruction that I personally have witnessed was in the Caucasus and Kurdistan, where Syrian and Kurdish villages were utterly wiped out. In the case of the Armenians, massacre has accompanied deportation.

Oriental are gregarious. Villagers hold together a thousand miles away from the old home. They encamp under the eaves of ruined buildings, or in tents made from scraps of rags and carpets. Incredible toilsomeness alone could create these tents, some as much as two feet square. Of household supplies they have usually some sort of cooking dish; the family eat from a common pot.

Children, unwashed and sometimes entirely naked, rummage for food like wild animals. They discover strange edibles. Facilities for washing and sanitation are none, and the camps I have visited have an indescribable mess.

Near East Faces Task.

Improvement as it is the near east faces a huge task of reparation and rehabilitation. It is not enough to rebuild the houses; the camps must be built anew for the people. This means not only houses and furnishings, but also tools and farming utensils and livestock. The American relief workers have done much in this respect, but the task is herculean.

In the matter of transportation, the British and French officials have been diligent and efficient. Any day along the Baghdad railway one may see carloads or trainloads of orphans and refugees being carried back to their homes. Throughout Syria the devastation of war is still apparent. It will take millions of dollars to replace the railway stations and roundhouses and repair shops that have been destroyed by British airplanes during the fight of the Turks. Practically every station from Damascus to Aleppo is a wreck. In this war-torn region much of the machinery of civilization will have to be repaired.

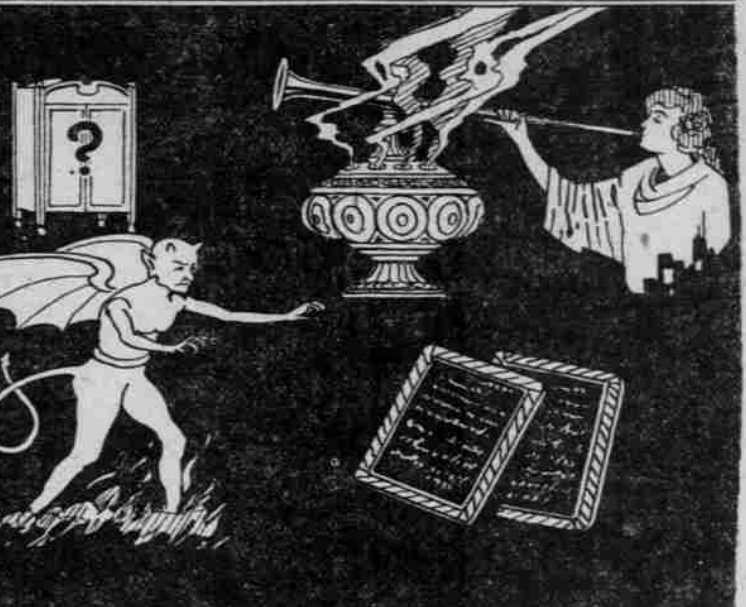
Unknown to the outside world, because of the strict censorship, conditions in and around Smyrna have been so unsettled that many of the ordinary activities of the population have been suspended. The famous Smyrna fig crop was neglected last summer, because of the fighting, and there will be no figs for export this year.

In this Smyrna region there has been special distress among the Turkish refugees. They fled from the Greeks in Macedonia; now they and the villagers also have had to flee again from Greek troops, this time westward toward Constantinople and Broussa. The inter-allied commission has dealt with this situation and is removing the difficulty.

America is disturbed over the problem of the high cost of living; perhaps it will be wholesome to recall that there are a few millions of men, women and children in the near east whose acute problem is that of living at all throughout the winter.

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JUDGE TO BE HONORED

Gantenbein Memorial Services Will Be Saturday at Court House.

Members of the bench and bar in Multnomah county will participate in memorial services to be held for the late Judge Calvin U. Gantenbein in the courtroom of Presiding Judge Gaten next Saturday morning at 10

o'clock. The programme was completed yesterday by Attorney Wallace McCaman. Circuit Judge Kavanaugh has been selected by Judge Gaten to speak for the court. Eulogies will be delivered by District Attorney Evans and Attorneys Wallace McCaman, Arthur L. Vesale, John B. Cleland and Franklin F. Korell. Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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