

CITY STARTS PROBE IN MILK PRICE RISE

Justification of New Increase Is Questioned.

BIGELOW MUST BE SHOWN

Green Grass Plentiful and Dairy Pastures Along Columbia Not Under Water This Year.

Lionel C. Mackay, deputy city attorney, was yesterday assigned to make a thorough investigation of the recent increase in the retail price of milk to determine, if possible, whether the advance is justified. The assignment was made by Acting Mayor Bigelow who instructed Deputy City Attorney Mackay to lose no time in beginning the probe.

Although Acting Mayor Bigelow was reluctant to discuss the increased price of milk without first obtaining all the facts in connection with the rise, he did not hesitate to say that every visible sign seemed to indicate that the rise is unjustified.

Green Grass Plentiful. "The hay crop this year is more abundant than usual," said Acting Mayor Bigelow. "The green grass is plentiful and will not be exhausted for a long time. The dairy pasture along the Columbia river slough has not overflowed this year and personally it would seem that an increase in milk prices is not justified at this time."

"I have noticed that the increase is attributed to increased cost of production and distribution. Perhaps such costs have been gradually advancing, but it is difficult for the laymen to perceive wherein such prices have materially advanced in the past four months or at this time."

Attorney's Report Wanted. Just what action the city will take in connection with the advance of milk prices will not be determined until Attorney Mackay has concluded his investigation. It will probably take several days before he will be in a position to report to the acting mayor. And unless the producers and distributors of milk are willing to furnish information necessary, it will take the city investigator a week or more to gather data.

Every indication points to the naming of a new city milk commission to represent the consumer in the present situation. Members of the city council announced yesterday that they would support Acting Mayor Bigelow in any step deemed necessary to prevent an unjustified increase in milk prices.

WRITERS TO VISIT STATE

IRVING COBB AND BOZEMAN BULGER PLAN OUTING.

Headquarters to Be at Bend and Bear, Deer, Ducks and Pheasants Will Be Hunted.

Irvin S. Cobb, author and lecturer, will spend September in central Oregon this year accompanied by Bozeman Bulger, lieutenant colonel in the army and a member of the staff of the Saturday Evening Post, according to word here by A. Whelan, editor of the Bend Press, and Norman G. Jacobson, supervisor of the Deschutes national forest.

Mr. Cobb and Colonel Bulger will arrive in central Oregon in time to open the deer season in one of the famed deer grounds of the Cascades. This hunt will be followed by a bear hunt and they plan to be at one of the large duck lakes by September 16, when the season for water fowl opens. They will then return to the Cascades and enter the range near Lake Odell, after visiting Crater Lake, will proceed north to the Santiam pass where a few days will be spent hunting cougar. The final trip in central Oregon will be the Metolius country, where another bear hunt will be made. Several shorter trips are planned out of Bend, the close of the big trip, following which they will cross the mountains at the McKenzie pass and go to Portland via Eugene.

It is not expected that they will reach the Willamette valley until after the pheasant season opens where they will be afforded an opportunity to shoot over the dogs. While hunting and a big outing is the prime purpose of the trip, the two men are coming in their capacities as journalists and it is understood that the direct result of the trip will be a series of articles relative to the state.

JOE HARNESS IS SUICIDE

Elderly Man Kills Self After Worry Over Bills.

Joe Harness, 60, of the Cadillac hotel, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a pocket knife at a lodging house at 22 1/2 Morrison street, yesterday morning.

According to Mrs. A. Freeman, landlady of the lodging house, who employed Harness, the man had threatened for some time to kill himself. She said he had mentioned his inability to pay his room rent.

The man cut his throat while in the presence of Mrs. E. Davis, who also was employed at the place. Mrs. Davis said she attempted to prevent him but was unable to do so.

The body was turned over to the coroner's office.

DEALS CLOSED FOR HOPS

Contracts Are for 80 and 76 Cents for Lane Yield.

EUGENE, Or., July 3.—(Special).—Two hop contracts were filed for record in the office of the county clerk yesterday, one of them calling for a price of 80 cents a pound and the other for 76 cents a pound.

According to the contracts, A. B. Kennard, O. C. Rayburn, L. F. Anderson and T. E. Seavey agree to sell to McNiff Bros. of Portland 10,000 pounds of the Fuggles variety at 80 cents and Hammit Bros. of Mohave agree to sell to the same firm 8000 pounds at 76 cents a pound.

CORRIDOR ALLOWED BRAKE

Sheriff Hurlburt Acts Without Awaiting Court Action.

Russell Brake, accused jointly with George Moore of murdering Harry Dubinsky, Portland chauffeur, was released from solitary confinement in the Multnomah county jail yesterday and placed in a general corridor by Sheriff Hurlburt, without waiting for recommendations from District Attorney Hedges of Clackamas county.

Since his arrest Brake has been kept in solitary imprisonment, not being permitted to see any person but his attorney, at request of District Attorney Hedges. Moore, who has consented to participation in the crime, and is believed to have exonerated Brake entirely, has been allowed the freedom of a general corridor during the same period and could get cigarettes, shave and the companionship denied Brake.

Greenland of Ziyea Meets Greenland of Al Kader.

Utica Potentate Thinks No Other City Can Equal Portland.

WHEN Shriner meets Shriner, it's a happy meeting, but when Herbert W. Greenland, illustrious potentate of Ziyea temple, Utica, N. Y., met Herbert Greenland, Portland tailor, and member of Al Kader temple, the New York Shriner declares he met a real friend.

Although confined to his bed at the Hotel Morris during the greater part of the Shrine convention and for numerous days following its close, Potentate Greenland says he enjoyed the Portland convention to a greater extent than any similar convention he has attended. And he has attended all of the Shrine and Masonic conventions, reunions and conclaves for the past 25 years.

Potentate Greenland is a resident of New York state. For 25 years he was secretary of the Masonic lodge in his home town, and in addition he has held virtually every office in every branch of Masonry in New York state. And in addition he holds honorary membership in the Scottish Masonic Veterans association of Glasgow, Scotland, the Masonic Veterans association of London, England, and the Masonic Veterans associations in eight states in the United States.

Enroute to Portland, Potentate Greenland became ill, but insisted upon completing his journey. He attended two sessions of the imperial council, but was unable to see any of the parades or other attractions.

"Portland is a wonderful city, and in all sincerity I say that Portland outdid everything ever shown at any previous Shrine convention. Its hospitality was a brand unknown to Shriners heretofore; your entertainment was wonderful; the flowers, the climate, everything worked into making the 120 session the greatest in the history of the order. I do not believe that another convention of the Shrine will ever be held which can compare to the Portland meeting."

Mr. Greenland has been active in Masonry for more than 40 years. During this period he has collected the autographs of virtually every prominent Mason throughout the world. Inspection of these autographs were made by numerous prominent Masons of Oregon and they were declared to be a most interesting bit of Masonic history.

Herbert Greenland of Portland took personal charge of the care of his namesake from the east during his stay in Portland. The New York Shriner and his wife left Portland yesterday for home by way of California.

1012 ACCIDENTS IN JUNE

Traffic Mishaps Result in Death of One and Injury of 146.

There were 1012 traffic accidents in Portland for the month of June and these accidents resulted in the death of one person and the injury of 146, according to the monthly report of the activities of the traffic bureau submitted by Captain Lewis yesterday.

The report shows that arrests during the month for the violations of the traffic laws number 520 and that fines levied as a result of those arrests total \$195.

Of the accidents listed the report shows that 607 were due to carelessness, 201 to failure to give the right of way, 55 to failure to signal, 42 were caused by cutting corners, 24 by reckless driving and two by intoxication of drivers.

WALLOWA GETS CHAPTER

Division Made of La Grande Red Cross Body.

LA GRANDE, Or., July 3.—(Special).—The La Grande American Red Cross chapter is to be divided, and Wallowa county will in the future have a chapter of its own.

This was determined at a meeting this week of the executive committee of the La Grande chapter which met with Miss Catherine Ewing, field representative of the American Red Cross for the northwest division.

The Wallowa county members wished to form a chapter of their own, and when the proposition was put before the local executive committee, it met with instant approval. The money which is in the local chapter, and belongs to the Wallowa branch, will be transferred to the new chapter immediately so that they may have ample working capital.

REED ELECTS DR. STRONG

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CHAMBERLAIN IS COMING

SPEECH AT AUDITORIUM TO BE GIVEN JULY 14.

Friends, Regardless of Party, Are Expected to Attend Welcome Home for Senator.

George E. Chamberlain, Oregon's senior United States senator, will speak at the municipal auditorium on the evening of July 14. The meeting is not designed to be political, but is intended to enable the senator to meet his friends, regardless of party. Information to this effect was given out by Oswald West yesterday.

Senator Chamberlain left Washington yesterday for Oregon, and he will arrive in Portland about the middle of the week. Owing to his being absent during the war period, his position of chairman of the senate committee on military affairs making it impossible for him to return to Oregon, his friends are preparing a homecoming reception. This reception is to be at the auditorium. Between the time of his arrival and the auditorium gathering the senator will spend his time with his family.

While no itinerary has yet been arranged, Senator Chamberlain plans to make a thorough tour of the state before returning to Washington. The tour is to enable him to inquire into needed harbor improvements and a number of irrigation projects. Incidentally, of course, the senator will not forget the fact that he is a candidate for re-election, and while renewing touch with the various sections of Oregon he will look after his political chances.

Former Actor Will Sing Tonight.

An unusual attraction will feature the programme at the Centenary Methodist church tonight, when George Wallace Scott, Scottish gospel singer, who was formerly a vaudeville performer, will appear in Highland costume and sing several numbers and relate the story of his conversion.

LOCAL AIRPLANE WRECKED

R. L. Simmons of Hazelwood Company in Accident.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., July 3.—(Special).—R. L. Simmons of the Hazelwood company, with Mr. McKenzie as pilot, while on their way from Portland to Chelache, ran out of gas, as they met adverse winds while crossing the Columbia river, and landed in a field opposite the depot.

The gas supply being renewed, they started to rise, but the crowd was so dense that being afraid of injuring some one, the pilot veered to the west, striking a telephone pole and landing in a garden with the nose of the machine jammed into the north porch of the residence of Professor Kalmbach. Both were well shaken up and received a few cuts and bruises, but nothing serious. The plane was badly wrecked.

SPEAKERS ARRANGED FOR

Orators to Appear in Portland Churches Today.

Arrangements to furnish independence day speakers for the various churches affiliated with the Portland Ministerial association were completed by the Lincoln Memorial society, when a representative of the society appeared before the clergyman at their last regular meeting.

The delegates from the society asked, and was granted the co-operation of the ministers present at the meeting, and as a result the Lincoln Memorial society will finish details of the plan which guarantees the appearance of many of the state's foremost speakers in Portland today.

Baker Auxiliary Elects.

BAKER, Or., July 3.—(Special).—At a meeting of the ladies' auxiliary to Baker Post No. 41, American Legion, the following permanent officers have been elected: Mrs. J. H. Donald, president; Mrs. Jay R. Brooks, vice-president; Mrs. E. A. Laundis, secretary; Mrs. R. T. Langrell, treasurer. The auxiliary will take part in the patriotic parade to be held in Baker Monday morning and the women will follow the service men's division in automobiles. The members also decided to preside over a refreshment booth during the celebration.

Jaguers Sued for \$10,000.

Damages of \$10,000 because E. P. Jaeger and J. P. Jaeger, leasees, would not consent to the sale of the Blackstone hotel, Twelfth and Stark streets, by the owners George C. Ulrich and F. B. Tomlin, last May, are asked in a suit filed in the circuit court yesterday by the owners. It is claimed the Jaegers were required to give their consent under terms of an agreement with the owners, but that they refused and blocked the sale.

Baker Count Disappoints.

BAKER, Or., July 3.—(Special).—The announcement of the official count of the 1920 census for the city of Baker as 7725, an increase of 987 inhabitants, which is 14.6 per cent more than the population of Baker in 1910, has caused keen disappointment among the people of Baker, as all estimates before the enumeration were close to the 10,000 mark.

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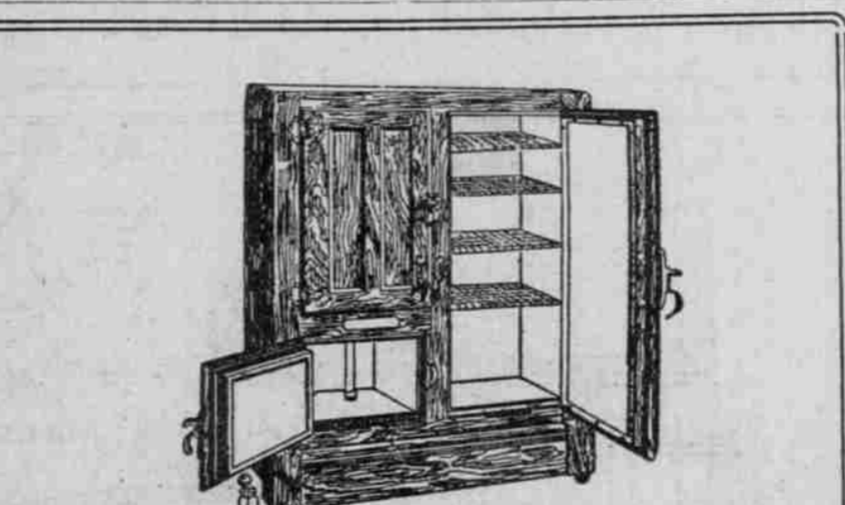
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