

# KANSAS FLOUR CASE OPENED

### California Millers Present Evidence of Comparative Cost to Commissioner Prouty.

Before leaving Portland for Houston, Texas, Commissioner Prouty heard evidence in the case of the Howard Milling company vs. the Missouri Pacific, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Atchafalaya, Topoka & Santa Fe, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and Denver & Rio Grande Railroad companies, a suit to compel removal of the 10 cent differential between Kansas wheat and flour shipped to southern California ports. California millers are resisting the Kansas petition, on the ground that their mills would be unable to compete with Kansas flour.

J. E. Howard, president of the Howard Mill company of Wichita, was present with his attorney, S. S. Ashbaugh, who is also attorney for the Kansas railway commission. Mr. Howard was the only witness for Kansas. He gave evidence as to the cost of operating a flouring mill in that state. The California millers were represented by Attorney O. E. Cushing of San Francisco, and the Southern Pacific by W. D. Fenelon. J. Norton was present for the Santa Fe.

Charles A. Black, president of the Sperry Flour company, with nine mills in operation, took the stand and swore that it cost 20 per cent more to operate a flouring mill in southern California than in Kansas. He had been in the milling business in both places. He said California mills are obliged to ship wheat from Kansas to blend with the soft wheat of California. Kansas wheat farms about 30 per cent of the output of his mills, and then the flour cannot compete in the market with Kansas flour, which commands a higher price when put in competition. He said the California miller loses in having to pay freight on the bi-products, bran, shorts and middlings, which, after being manufactured in California, do not bring any higher price than in Kansas. W. W. Keller, president of the Globe Grain & Milling company, operating four flouring mills in California, said it cost more to manufacture flour in California, and that flour produced at his mills was driven out of the San Diego market immediately when Kansas flour was introduced there on the same freight rate as that given to Kansas wheat.

It was brought out that oil for fuel at Kansas mills costs 60 cents per barrel, and in southern California it costs 95 cents per barrel. The California millers testified that the 10 cents per 100 additional freight on flour over wheat shipped from Kansas is the only thing that prevents destruction of the milling industry in southern California. S. M. Bostwick, assistant general freight agent for the Southern Pacific, testified that the rate of 85 cents on flour and 55 cents on wheat from Kansas to California is maintained on the usual theory of the more valuable commodity bearing a higher freight rate. It was alleged that Kansas flour had a value approximately 40 per cent higher than wheat for the same weight. Commissioner Prouty continued the case for further hearing in Kansas.

## PEACE PROMOTERS TO VISIT TRADES COUNCIL

### Judge Frazer, Wallis Nash and Others Will Seek Its Cooperation.

Though strong disapproval of the Scullin arbitration scheme has been expressed in the Federated Trades Council, a committee from the National Peace association will wait upon that body tonight and attempt to secure its cooperation. The committee will consist of Judge A. L. Frazer, Father Black, Wallis Nash and Rev. E. S. Muckley. Next Monday night the committee on constitution will meet to finish its work and on Wednesday night it will report to an open meeting at the Chamber of Commerce to which ladies are invited. The committee consists of Wallis Nash, president of the Board of Trade, chairman; Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, Father J. H. Black, Charles B. Merrick, J. Couch Flanders, Judge A. L. Frazer, E. D. Inman, Charles A. Foster and W. H. Fitzgerald.

## FIVE GOVERNORS TO BE AT FAIRBANKS BANQUET

Astoria, Or., April 19.—A special train will be made up to bring Vice-President Fairbanks to Seattle tomorrow. A pagoda will be erected on top of Cozomb hill in which the banquet will be given.

Manager Whyte of the Chamber of Commerce says that he has already received acceptances of invitations to the vice presidential banquet from the governors of five states and gives assurance that it will be one of the most extraordinary events of the kind ever given on the Pacific coast.

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## ENGINE HORSES ARE PENSIONED

### Three Faithful Old Servants of the City Are to Have Easy Lives.

The love of firemen for the horse they drive and care for was one of the principal subjects before the fire committee of the executive board yesterday afternoon. Three animals that had finished their term of service were recommended by Chief Campbell for re-lease to the pasture. "Homes for the horses might be found through the medium of the humane society," said the chief. "At the same time," said the chief, as he rubbed his cheek, "the horses might have to be sent out to men who would work them to death."

"Wouldn't it be better to kill the horses than have them sent to such masters?" inquired Commissioner Wilson. "Oh, don't kill them!" implored the chief. "They have been in service for years. They have been with us and they have got up quicker than we did at the sound of the bell. They were in place when we came down the pole. Old Colonel is out at Highland and he stamps as soon as he hears the fire alarm. Old Pete is out at engine 16 and he is as ready to run to a fire as ever."

The chief's appeal for the horses was favorably received by the committee. Mayor Lane said he would see that the horses were cared for during his term of office.

"But if we give them to people for a home, what will happen to them?" asked Mr. Wilson. "They would have to work all summer, but won't they be turned out into the field during the winter?"

"I'll see that they are cared for until July," said the mayor. "If I go out of office at that time I'll make it hot for the next mayor if he doesn't look after them."

Chief Campbell said he had already pensioned two horses, one 16 and the other 17 years old. They are pasturing on Ross Island and the firemen from engine company No. 6 row to the island every day to see how the horses are getting along.

## UNIVERSITY ALUMNI AGAINST REFERENDUM USE

The Portland branch of the University of Oregon Alumni association has elected officers for this year as follows: President, C. N. McArthur; secretary, James S. Shogren; treasurer, Dr. Condon C. McCormick. The organization is planning to make an active fight against the referendum on the university appropriation, using all its influence now to keep down the signatures of the petition, and if the required number is secured will get in its strongest work at the polls next year to prevent defeat of the appropriation bill. The local association numbers many of the most prominent business and professional men in the city. There are about 100 members in Portland and the general alumni association of the institution numbers about 50 members in Portland. The local alumni are planning to have a banquet in the near future and will later give their annual informal entertainment to the young men graduates of the local intermediate schools. The local alumnae entertain later in the year in honor of the young women graduates of the local preparatory schools.

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## CONGREGATIONALIST MINISTERS TO MEET

### Association of Pastors of the City Will Gather in Sunnyside Church.

Sunnyside Congregational church, East Thirty-fifth and Taylor streets, will be the headquarters of the eleventh annual meeting of the Portland Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, which will convene for a two-day session April 23 at 1:30 p. m. The general theme of the sessions will be "The Mission of the Church," and two important divisions of the subject are "Steps Toward Church Federation," and "The Mission of the Church in Civic Life." Rev. W. H. Boyd of Forest Grove will lead the discussion in the first divisional subject and Rev. Paul Rader in the second.

The complete program for the two days is as follows: Monday afternoon—Organization, "The Mission of the Pastor," Rev. Daniel Staver; "The Mission of the Individual Member," W. H. Morrow; "The Mission of Evangelism," Rev. W. L. Upshaw; "The Mission of the Consecrated Dollar," Rev. E. S. Bollinger; business; "The Mission of Our Young People," Rev. Vernon Cooke.

Tuesday night—Song service, C. H. Parish; associational sermon, Rev. J. A. Holmes; "Steps Toward Church Federation," Rev. H. W. Boyd. Wednesday morning—Praise service, Rev. E. S. Bollinger; "The Mission of the Sunday School," M. E. Thompson; "The Mission of the Prayer Meeting," Rev. R. M. Jones; "A Mission for Men in the Church," Rev. George E. Moorhouse; "Modern Institute Work Among Seamen," good cheer from the churches; dinner and Rev. E. H. Roper; business and notes of social hour; welcome to the association, S. C. Pier; response, the moderator.

Wednesday afternoon—Song service, Rev. Mel Carmichael; "The Reflex Influence of the Missionary Spirit," Rev. D. B. Gray; "Missionary Opportunities at Home," Mrs. W. D. Palmer; "Missionary Opportunities Abroad," Mrs. E. S. Bollinger; "The Mission of the Christian College," Principal H. L. Bates; business; communion. Wednesday night—Praise service, Rev. Vernon Cooke; "The Mission of Congregationalism in Oregon," C. H. Gaylord; "The Mission of the Church in Civic Life," Rev. Paul Rader; adjournment.

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## FRUITMAN POISONED BY SPRAY MIXTURE

Hood River, Or., April 19.—B. Y. Young of Odell is suffering from the first case of poisoning resulting from the handling of spray material that has ever been reported here, and his case is considered critical. It is attracting considerable attention from medical men and fruit growers who think he did not take proper precautions and absorbed the poison into his body by too careless handling of the mixture. Young is reported to be slightly better today, but is regarded as still being in a very serious condition.

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