

HARD WHEAT FLOUR IS PUZZLE

Portland Housewives Dread Baking Day Since Compulsory Change From Domestic Bluestem to Minnesota Hard Wheat Flour.

Bluestem at Highest Mark. Not only is bluestem wheat very scarce and in extraordinary demand for the last crop, but prices from Walla Walla today are that several contracts have been written for the 1909 crop of bluestem there at \$1 a bushel, the highest price ever known for bluestem. The fact that purchases of bluestem are being made almost before the crop has started to grow shows the extensive demand for this grade.

Portland housewives are "up against it." Their pie crust that once was flaky is leathery; their cakes once light are sad—their bread is heavy. They are just beginning to learn that the cause of it all is the thoughtlessness of the wheat dealers in Oregon and adjacent states.

The last crop of bluestem wheat, which makes the standard flour used in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California, was sold in large quantities to Italian consumers who pay higher prices for it on account of the superior macaroni they can make from it. Now discovery has come that in the four states only 1,000,000 bushels remains of the 20,000,000 bushel crop of 1908. The consequence has been the importation of eastern flour which being made from wheat so much harder than the Oregon product, puts the housewives of Portland in a fix.

Flour made from bluestem wheat requires less water in mixing than does flour from the hard Minnesota and Dakota wheat. The complaint is that no cook who has ever used the Oregon flour can judge exactly what proportion of water should be used in mixing the dough.

One of the leading milling companies of the Big Bend country has telegraphed its Portland agents that no more orders for bluestem patent flour are to be received, as its orders already taken more than cover its stock. Other milling companies have issued similar bulletins. Bluestem wheat has crept up and up. Now it is \$1.30. Tomorrow it may be \$1.35, and next week \$1.40. Flour is \$5.55 per barrel wholesale, the highest ever known and almost as high as eastern flour, upon which dealers have to pay big freight.

Local dealers who at first were worried are now sitting back, figuratively speaking, with folded hands, pleasantly waiting for the harvest or a turn of the wheel of fortune not now anticipated.

Six months at least must elapse before this year's crop will be harvested. It is yet impossible to say how good the next crop will be, and there is a certainty that bluestem wheat now on hand will be completely consumed before another harvest.

It is impossible to predict conditions for the next few months, say local dealers. The only certainty is that eastern flour and the housekeepers of Portland are not accustomed to that. Shipments are being made, but they are not the same as the bluestem flour.

They will not ship away the bulk of the next crop until they have gained an idea whether or not the new make more money by saving it to sell to people in Portland.

TAX TANGLE

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Corporations, was the stand taken by Dimick. The act provides that the tax commission may take into consideration franchises and gross receipts and may assess them. It does not say they shall take franchises into consideration or that they shall assess them. Therefore, it was contended by Dimick, Attorney General Crawford and others, that the people of the state had in the new enactment a very uncertain source of income.

It is also the opinion of the attorney general that the suit against the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company now pending in the supreme court of the United States, involving the collection of \$60,000 a year in taxes under the gross earnings law, has been jeopardized by the enactment of the tax commission act.

44-YEAR QUEST

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Searchers detected the odor of powder. By the flickering light of a candle they threaded the abandoned workings. At the portal of a drift just large enough to admit the body of a man they discovered Martin's foot protruding from beneath a mass of shattered logging and piles of rock and dirt. Mangled horribly, the remains were examined after an hour's work and brought to this city and interred.

The coroner's inquest it was brought out that Martin had taken a rifle, tied a string to the trigger, placed a quart pot of kerosene in the snare above his head, lit the powder fuse and then released the rifle trigger with his foot. The bullet entered his brain, the powder cavity in the tunnel, burning him.

Martin came to Canyon City in 1865, and the extent of his prospecting in search of the mother lode of the placer ore in this section is almost incomprehensible.

Sues to Partition Lots. In Judge Gantenbein's department of the circuit court William C. Smith is suing Benjamin E. Smith for the partition of two lots in Highland. The parties in the case are heirs of H. A. Smith. Smith left no will. The question which arises is the validity of a deed to the property which the defendant alleges was given to him before Smith's death.

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ERRORS IN GAME LAW CORRECTED

Law Is Further Amended—Duck Limit Proves Live Issue.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., March 16.—The duck limit was raised from 25 per week to 50 per week by the senate this morning, thereby defeating the game committee, whose members unanimously opposed any change.

The duck question provoked a lively debate, coffee drinking and finger placing the limit for seven days at 50, as it was under the old law. Bailey, Abraham and Schofield supported Correy, who Miller of Linn and Lane, Albee and Kay fought against raising the limit. Correy won by a two-thirds vote.

The change was desired by the sportsmen of Multnomah and Clatsop counties, who contended that they would have to give up their game preserves if they were allowed to kill only 25 ducks in one week.

Four bills amending the game code were considered by the senate this morning. They were drawn to correct errors in the game relating to ducks, elk and deer, the only material change being the raising of the duck limit.

Senator Chase of Clatsop and Correy offered an amendment to the elk section providing a jail penalty from 30 days to one year for killing an elk, instead of a fine ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. He said rich sportsmen defy the law and are perfectly willing to pay the fine every time they have a chance to kill an elk. Others argued that such a severe penalty would result in no conviction, and the amendment failed.

The house refused to accept the senate bill providing regulation of duck hunting. The senate had fixed the open season in Multnomah county and all other counties north beginning October 15, and all upper valley counties at October 15. The limit was fixed at 50 ducks in any one week. The house objected to the bill.

Bean contended it was unjust to upper valley sportsmen to make their season six weeks later than the Multnomah season. At his suggestion the up valley season was fixed to open on October 1. The limit was cut down from 50 to 25 in one week. In that condition the bill was sent back to the senate.

The house passed the senate bill rectifying the mistakes in the game code relating to the closed season on elk and deer.

SAY HE GAVE DOGS POISON

Owners Accuse John Fritz Kettler of Killing Valuable Canines.

John Fritz Kettler, 150 Hancock street, is alleged to be the person who poisoned so many dogs on the east side recently that dog owners have been threatening summary punishment. Three warrants were sworn to today by three mourning owners of poisoned dogs, and Kettler is named as the defendant in each warrant. As the bail fixed on each warrant is \$250 it will require \$750 to secure Kettler's liberty. The offense is a felony, according to the laws of Oregon, and the maximum penalty is from six months to three years in the penitentiary. The alternative is a stiff fine or a term in the county jail.

Kettler is formally charged with poisoning an English bull terrier owned by Mrs. Anna L. Babcock, 475 Larrabee street, March 8. Joseph Waller, 465 Larrabee street, swears that Kettler poisoned a water spaniel belonging to him on the same day. Furthermore, Waller declares he was admitted to him in the presence of witnesses that he caused the death of the spaniel. Some amateur detective work was done by the people of Larrabee street, it seemed in learning where the strychnine was purchased, and so it is alleged unofficially. Kettler has been identified as a neighbor who bought the poison at a neighborhood pharmacy.

Walter M. Kinney, 425 Larrabee street, signed the third warrant against Kettler. He charges the loss of a cocker spaniel, February 22, to Kettler's poisoning. The warrants were placed in the hands of Detectives Coleman and Price at noon today to serve.

Detectives Coleman and Price made an effort two weeks ago to learn who was responsible for the deaths of a number of valuable dogs around Larrabee street, where the dog poisoners seemed to be especially active. They stumbled upon one interesting fact: that purchasers of all kinds of poisons in drugstores frequently give fictitious addresses.

In looking up several persons listed on the drugstore books as buyers of poisons, they found several addresses that led them to vacant lots, or to houses long empty.

Kettler was arrested this afternoon.

SALARIES, MILEAGE AND DUCK PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OF HOUSE

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., March 16.—Beyond allowing themselves salaries and mileage and appointing a conference committee on normal schools the house did little this forenoon. The house conferees on normals are Representatives Mahone, Hawley and Buchanan. The senate is offering the schools each \$10,000 to run them until July, proposing to turn them over to the local school districts.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the house went into committee of the whole on the question of protecting game, principally ducks, the apparent object being to prevent the killing of the broad bills in Multnomah county, though not so entitled.

The senate at that hour claimed to be through with all its business, and to be only awaiting the action of the house for adjournment.

The general opinion of the members is that the house will adjourn some time this afternoon. Yet the normal school question is in such shape it may cause the session to hold over, tomorrow or even longer.

Fight Over \$1500 Account.

Over morning was taken up in Judge C. Brown's department of the circuit court with the suit of M. H. Hager against James H. Nicholas. The fight is over a \$1500 account.

Steel and reinforced concrete will be largely used in the rebuilding of the Flaherty building destroyed by fire in December and it is probable that the new building will limit the height of all buildings to 10 stories.

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CHIEF WEATHER MAN DEFENDS HIS OFFICE

Willis L. Moore, chief of the United States weather bureau, has issued a statement in answer to a lot of abuse heaped upon him through the press of the country because of his failure to predict the storm of March 4, which exercised Chief Moore had predicted clear weather, and it showed.

The statement is lengthy and goes to show that it was merely one of those embarrassing cases in a thousand where every indication was made worthless by the least little change in the temperature. The storm center had passed, he states, exactly as forecasted and there was every reason to believe that a northwest wind would begin to blow, leaving a clear sky. The northwest wind came, but instead of a nearly always the case, clearing the sky, it brought moisture in the form of snow, and that quashed the whole thing.

In conclusion Mr. Moore states that the forecast was made by one of the most experienced men in the service, and that the predictions are of such value to the industries of the nation that if one of the newspapers that now so freely criticize because two unverified forecasts for the District of

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YE OREGON GRILLE

March 17th—Evening

Mrs. Millie Perkins, soprano soloist, and Signor De Caprio's Special String Orchestra, will render a special musical program suited to the evening of St. Patrick's day.

HOTEL OREGON

Seventh and Stark Streets

Columbia have fallen on inauguration day were to omit from its pages the daily predictions of the weather, its readers would compel it to restore them.

DEFENSE BEGINS

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body of Roper and finding two bullet holes in the skull.

Dr. I. W. Starr of Brownsville told of visiting the place on the night of the killing and examining the body, finding that one bullet had entered the side of the head through the right ear and passed out at the back of the head.

and the other bullet had entered about one inch above the right eye, passed through the head and started for the point of exit as the first bullet.

Sheriff Smith told of going to the scene of the murder and of his conversation with Powell. He said Powell told him that night that when he rode to the Neils place he tied his horse to the corner of a shed and started for the house, when Roper called to him from under the shed. Now I've got the drop on you, old man. He then fired one shot at Roper, when Roper said: "Don't do that—you will kill a horse." Powell then fired the second shot.

Powell will claim he was shooting to scare Roper, and thought he was shooting over his head, and was surprised when he found he had killed him. The case will probably go to the jury tomorrow.

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