

BEEF GOES UP, FLOUR TUMBLES IN STATE BIDS

Offers of Supplies for Institutions Surprise Board Members When Figures Appear.

MEAT \$2.50 PER 100 MORE

Sugar Quotations Eight Cents Above Last Year's Price, but Saving Is Made on Wheats.

Salem, Or., Dec. 13.—A big jump in the price of beef and a slump in the price of soft wheat flour, the two largest items in supplying the state institutions, marked the opening of bids Wednesday afternoon by the state board for supplies for the state institutions during the first six months of 1918.

The low bid for beef was received from Steufoffs of Salem, and was \$12.70 per 100 pounds, while the next lowest was the Union Meat company of Portland and was \$12.74. As Steufoffs only bid on one half of the amount needed, and the Union Meat company bid on the entire amount, the state board will take the matter up with the latter company to ascertain if the company can furnish one half of the total amount at the price bid.

During the current six months the state is paying \$10.20 for beef, so the increase in price amounts to \$2.50 per 100 pounds.

The low bids for soft wheat flour were \$8.85 and \$8.95 a barrel, as against \$9 last time. The low bid for hard wheat flour was \$9.45 as against \$9.20 last time. Low bid on graham flour was \$8.10 as against \$9 last time.

The low bid for sugar was \$7.48 as against \$7.40 six months ago.

Rate Hearing Put Off

Salem, Or., Dec. 13.—The public service commission Wednesday afternoon received a message from Clyde B. Alchison, a member of the interstate commerce commission, stating that the western advance rate hearing has been indefinitely postponed.

This is the 15 per cent freight rate increase, which had been scheduled to come before the interstate commerce commission on rehearing December 17. It is assumed here that the action of the interstate commerce commission in indefinitely postponing the hearing was taken in view of the recommendations

Admitted to Naval Service, Didn't Know

Pendleton Youth Is Surprised to Find Former Rejection Was Due to Error in Making the Records.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 13.—Folsom Tallman, son of President Tallman of the Pendleton Commercial association, has been listed in the United States naval service for seven months though he did not know it until Wednesday. Last May he enlisted at Portland, but there was some question of acceptance because of one flat foot. A surgeon examined him along with another youth with the same ailment and, getting the two confused, placed the other man into service and rejected Tallman.

Later the records were cleared and Tallman listed. Having taken treatment for his foot, he resplined in Portland, only to find himself already listed. He is in the quartermaster's department, aviation section.

Inquiry Into Riot at Houston Continues

Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Despite the execution Tuesday of 13 negro soldiers and the announcement of prison sentences for 45 others for participating in the Houston riot on the night of August 25, the riot is not a closed incident, it was stated Wednesday.

Officials said investigation was still in progress and that additional court-martials are expected to follow. made to congress to place the railroads under federal operation or pool them.

Firms File Papers

Salem, Or., Dec. 13.—The Roberts Lumber company of Portland, capital stock \$100,000, filed articles of incorporation Wednesday. The incorporators are J. L. Sprinkle, George W. Roberts and John H. Town.

Articles were filed by the Press Steel company of Portland, which also has a capital stock of \$100,000. The incorporators are G. P. Curnow, L. J. Vandenberg and C. A. Adams.

Articles were filed by Walter J. Kroder & Co. of Portland. Capital stock is \$5000. Incorporators are Walter J. Kroder, Alex G. Riddell and Harrison Allen.

Highway Men to Be Hosts

Salem, Or., Dec. 13.—County commissioners who are attending the annual convention in Portland have accepted an invitation to meet with the Northwest Society of Highway Engineers, which will be in session in Salem Saturday. This is expected to be the largest meeting of highway engineers ever held in the state.

LIEUT. COL. WILLIAMS WILL GET \$3500 FOR ADJUTANT'S OFFICE

Question of Salary Settled When Officer Files Bond as "Acting" Head of Guard.

Salem, Or., Dec. 13.—All doubt, if any ever existed, as to whether Lieutenant Colonel John M. Williams, who has been named by Governor Withycombe to perform the duties of adjutant general, would qualify as "acting adjutant general" at a salary of \$3500 a year or as "adjutant general" at a salary of \$2400 a year, have been settled.

He will receive \$3500 a year, as he has filed his official bond as "acting adjutant general."

No difference exists whatever in the work to be performed, the only difference being in the amount of salary. If Governor Withycombe had appointed Colonel Williams as adjutant general the salary would have been \$2400, as provided by law. But by detailing him to "perform the duties of adjutant general," without officially appointing him to that office, his salary will be \$3500, which is the salary prescribed for the office of lieutenant colonel.

Adjutant General George A. White relinquished the office to accept a majorship in the national army. He received a salary of \$2400 a year. Before he left the office, he organized the selective draft machinery throughout the state and supervised the first draft. It was probably the biggest task ever performed by the adjutant general's office in this state, and yet White received only the salary fixed by the statute for that office.

Fortune in Platinum Brought From Russia

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—F. W. Draper, mining engineer, arrived here Wednesday morning on the liner China after a perilous journey from Petrograd, during which he was the sole custodian and guardian of \$2,000,000 worth of platinum. The precious metal had been in safe deposit vaults in Petrograd during the violent days that preceded the Kerensky government. The banks wished to send it out, but the dangers and difficulties surrounding transportation in Russia caused express companies to refuse to accept it. Draper, who was leaving at the time, voluntarily accepted the responsibility.

Washington Service Commission Busy

Annual Report to Governor Shows 379 Formal Cases Were Instituted; 320 Informal Complaints Entered.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 13.—That the public service commission of Washington has been busy the last year is evidenced in its annual report to the governor made public Tuesday. In its letter of transmittal the commission says: In conclusion we beg to advise you that since the date of the previous annual report, 379 formal cases were instituted. Ninety-seven investigations of accidents, 102 crossing proceedings (some ones of which cover a number of crossings), 222 petitions to allow tariffs to take effect in less than 30 days, and 31 petitions to permit refunds, and 320 informal complaints were entered.

There have been suspension orders, formal orders and supplementary orders to the number of 568 entered, in new cases or in causes pending at the date of the previous report; 52 in cases involving steam roads, 13 electric railways, 19 light and water, eight steamboats, seven telephones, four gas, five irrigation, two grain department, 108 accidents, 221 permitting and one refusing to permit tariffs to become effective at once, 21 permitting refunds and 100 in crossing proceedings and, in addition, 138 informal complaints have been adjusted and closed.

BOYS AT CAMP LEWIS MAY NOT GET LEAVE AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Orders for Furloughs Not Received; Big Trees Are Being Planned.

Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash., Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Relatives and friends of the boys here, who have been daily expecting a letter that they would be "home" for Christmas, can merely live in hopes for the expected order from Washington permitting the men a 10-day furlough, has not yet been received.

In the meantime the boys are being used by Major General Greene before he left three weeks ago forbidding furloughs or leaves for the holidays still stands, except on exceptional circumstances when the holidays are not taken into consideration, will remain in effect.

Major F. W. Clark, acting chief of staff, said that no word had been received from Washington regarding leaves or furloughs, and that until it had there would be no deviation from the established order.

If the men are obliged to remain within camp everything possible will be done to make their first Christmas away from home a happy one. The boys are in their country's cause a merry one. In every regiment huge Christmas trees are being planned. Regimental supply officers have the distribution of gifts within the various organizations in hand, and there will be no time lost in the delivery of Christmas mails.

With the facilities at the camp post-office already overtaxed, friends and relatives are asked by the postoffice officials to facilitate the ending of the gifts as much as possible.

Condition of Oregon Troops to Be Subject

Meeting Will Be Held in Room F, Central Library, Friday Afternoon—Auxiliaries Have Word From Camp Mills.

Conditions affecting Oregon troops in the 16th Infantry Regiment at Camp Mills will be discussed at the meeting to be held by the war auxiliaries' central committee in room F, Central Library, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Several of the auxiliaries represented on the central committee are in receipt of mail advices describing the hardships which the Oregon soldiers have been undergoing.

Mrs. George L. Williams, chairman, conferred yesterday with other officers of the committee with view of supporting the stand taken by Governor Withycombe and Mayor Baker in this matter. At Friday's meeting a schedule will be arranged for the meeting dates of the twenty or more war auxiliaries in Portland. Court room 230 will be the official headquarters of these auxiliaries, as well as of the central committee. The latter will seek to prevent conflict in dates of holding entertainments in aid of the fund for the Oregon soldiers and sailors.

Odd Fellow Lodge Elect New Officers

Freewater, Or., Dec. 13.—The Freewater lodge, I. O. O. F. No. 202, has elected the following officers: Noble grand, Virgil Carter; vice grand, George Pearson; recording secretary, J. J. Crimmins; financial secretary, John Standage; treasurer, H. E. Vanhook. Umapine I. O. O. F., Hudson Bay lodge, has elected officers as follows: Noble grand, C. W. Records; vice grand, Edgar Holmes; recording secretary, R. E. Bean; financial secretary, J. P. Caldwell; treasurer, E. Moore; trustee for three years, D. J. Kirk.

Bread for Chickens May Cause Trouble

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Two large bakeries in San Francisco are threatened with revocation of their federal licenses because they are alleged to ship an average of 50 sacks of stale bread a day to Petaluma, where it is used for chicken feed. They are said to receive 95 cents for 25 pounds. This bread is declared to be wholesome and fit for human consumption. Food Administrator Merritt is making an investigation.

Texas Border Bandit Killed at Monterey

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Luis de la Rose, bandit leader, who terrorized the Texas border a year ago and who was in prison for several months, has been killed at Monterey by orders of the Carranza government, according to unofficial reports received here.

Knight Templar to Be Buried
La Grande, Or., Dec. 13.—The funeral of T. W. Wright, who died at his home in Union Tuesday, will be held from the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock. A special train will carry Knights Templar and others from La Grande.

BLAIN PLANNING TO ENFORCE EMBARGO

All Cut Fir Affected by Order; Hamilton Goes From Here for Conference.

Seattle, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Captain John P. Blain, representative of the United States shipping board in this district has begun preparations to carry out the embargo imposed by the federal government on Douglas fir lumber in the northwest.

The embargo as ordered applies to all manner of cut fir lumber and of this output the timbers essentially required for government work, whether shipbuilding or otherwise, will be diverted as expeditiously as possible to the required scene, while the timbers not so needed

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Jay S. Hamilton, Portland representative of the shipping board emergency fleet corporation, was in Seattle Wednesday in conference on the subject with Captain Blain.

The Portland office of the shipping board will be in charge of Jay S. Hamilton and C. W. Stinson will direct the Seattle office. Members of the Oregon advisory board are L. J. Wentworth and F. H. Ransom for the Portland

district; Robert S. Shaw for the Columbia river district; George G. Geringer for the Willamette valley district; S. B. Cobb, Tillamook district, and Arnold Maroon for the Coos Bay district.

Wants Marriage Annulled

Frank Keenan has begun suit in the circuit court to annul his marriage to Christina Keenan. He alleges they were married December 23, 1914, and that she then gave the name of Christina Wag-

ner. Later he discovered, so he alleges, that her name was Gertrude Rush and that she has a husband, Walter Rush, still living.

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