

TRUE WEAKENS WHEN WORKMEN START ON JOB

County Roadmaster Eatchell Was Ready With Crew and Cross Cut Saws to Cut Building Up.

MAHOGANY COUNTER CUT

Display Front Was Demolished Before Springdale Merchant Hoisted White Flag of Truce.

The white flag of truce was flown to the breezes at Springdale this morning by Roland S. True when workmen under the direction of County Roadmaster Eatchell started to "operate" on the True mercantile establishment with a view to cutting away about two thirds of its floor space to make way for the new route of the Columbia river highway at the Springdale corner.

As a result the roadmaster has called off his men and has granted True two days to buy property and move his building.

True telephoned to the roadmaster this morning asking for an armistice. He declared his belief that he could purchase from the person to whom he recently sold part of his land, sufficient space to permit him to move his store back from the new road line.

The store abutted on the new highway line and the county commissioners gave True \$1400 for the damage on an agreement to move the store back within 30 days. The time limit expired and True had not started to move. On Tuesday morning the roadmaster, with a force of workmen, descended upon the place and, during the day, completely tore away a display front. The same workmen were starting to cut through the building to make it conform to the new highway lines when True entered a plea for an armistice.

Crosscut saws were in readiness for the final attack upon the store building after having already cut through a mahogany counter that crossed into the property claimed by the county after condemnation proceedings.

Jewelers Ask an Injunction to Stop Picketing of Shops

Request for an injunction to restrain members of the local branch of the International Jewelers' Union from maintaining pickets in front of their places of business was filed in the circuit court this morning by G. Heitkemper, L. C. Friedlander, J. P. Jaeger and E. P. Jaeger, Albert Feldenheimer and Charles Feldenheimer, Butterfield Brothers, Felix Bloch, Dan Marx and F. Friedlander.

Defendants in the action are the Central Labor Council of Portland and two of its officers, Harry Anderson, president, and William Kimsey, vice-president; local union No. 401 of the International Jewelers' Union, and Edward Becker, president, and R. A. Suttiff, secretary.

It is asserted by the jewelers that the placing of pickets before their stores bearing banners inscribed with the words "Unfair to organized labor" is a part of a conspiracy to destroy their trade and put them out of business.

Keg Is Rolled Out to Patron; Still Is Seized

Twenty gallons of moonshine liquor and an elaborate still with valuable copper fittings was captured by police in a raid early this morning on the house at 510 Savier street, and Mark Boblich, occupant, was arrested on a charge of violating the prohibition laws. He is held for the federal authorities.

Police Officers Grewelle, patrolling the district about 1:30 this morning, saw Joe Watkins and Daniel Zagrylski drive up to the Savier street residence and load into their car a five gallon keg. As the motorists passed the officer he hailed them, discovered the contents of the keg to be whiskey and arrested them. Gaining reinforcements at the police station, Grewelle led a raid on the distillery, confiscated the product and plant and arrested the alleged operator.

Federal Judge Sets Trial for November

Trial of A. H. Long on a charge of impersonating a United States marshal was set for November 19 after Federal Judge Wolverson had overruled a demurrer filed by Long's attorney, this morning. Long is said to have posed as a marshal and confiscated for his own use liquor being smuggled into the state by a Portland business man.

WOMEN ADVISED TO USE BOYCOTT AS PRICES RISE

Let There Be League of Rations, Is Suggestion of Mrs. Weber In Address to Housewives.

LANDLORDS ARE CRITICISED

Renters Must Pay \$3.25 For Phones That Cost Apartment Owners \$1.25, Says Woman.

PROGRAM OF HOUSEWIVES AGAINST PROFITEERING

- 1—Encourage the building of more apartments.
- 2—See that the committee of housing code revision appointed by Commissioner Barbur takes steps toward relieving the situation.
- 3—Compel landlords to furnish telephones or the telephone company to charge normal rates—even if it is necessary to boycott telephones.
- 4—Prevent petty graft on the part of janitors.
- 5—Prevent the limitation of dairies or ice companies by refusal to deliver goods from other shops or factories.
- 6—Give full publicity to all complaints of abuses and high rents.

Will Portland women help the women save the country from economic ruin?

Several hundred housewives, assembled for their third weekly mass meeting Tuesday afternoon in Library hall, listened eagerly to a rousing appeal from the floor by Louise Palmer Weber, dietician and food expert.

"The darkest days of the war were a moonlight night compared to what we are now going through economically," Mrs. Weber told the women. "We women are facing a serious proposition. The women of the nation, aroused, are going to come through and save the day."

LEAGUE OF RATIONS
"My work in food chemistry has taught me that it is unnecessary to de-

pend on political appointees to prevent prices from increasing more than they should—paid in cents. It should say, would be reasonable to increase it in the women, who deal in ounces and pounds, rather than in tons and cargoes, who must waste this war. We must organize, as we organized to make possible the Red Cross. Every woman must be a soldier in the league of food—a league of rations as well as a League of Nations striving for results. There is profiteering in all lines. We were too busy gnawing the bone of war to prevent the profiteers from slipping past. "We can control prices by controlling the demand. If eggs are too high, let us do without them. If we can't get cow's milk for our babies, let us keep goats—they eat little and give milk rich in food value. Butter and oranges, however, small children must have."

RENTS CLIMBING STEADILY
When Mrs. J. F. Chapman, chairman of the meeting, brought up the subject of apartment house rentals, a storm of discussion followed.

"There's no one to be backed in this field," said a woman who lives in the May apartments, "I have a two room apartment, for which I paid \$27.50. My rent has been raised to \$32.50, because, Mr. M. Wilby's prices of fuel and paint have gone so high."

"The Belnap apartments, between Taylor and Yamhill streets on Seventeenth, are just as bad," said Mrs. George Wilby. "There are two room apartments—they call them furnished, but all use the same bathroom—are renting for \$33."

"Our rent has been raised four times in four years," said a woman in a sweater. "Every time we get a new landlord the rent goes up. And now we must pay extra for our telephone. I live in the Gill apartments."

LANDLORD EXPLAINS
The Morton apartments also were accused of profiteering. When Samuel May, apartment manager, sought the floor. And Mrs. Chapman, who had announced that no mere men were to be allowed to vote or speak unless invited, granted him five minutes.

"There have been no raises of more than \$3 at the May apartment," he said. "For the last five years one could not make more than 6 per cent on apartment rentals. Now we are making about 7 per cent, and I think we have it coming to us."

May pointed out that fuel and janitor service was more expensive. He admitted that he had not had a vacancy for two years but said that before that time it had been difficult to get tenants. "You don't see much money put into apartment houses today."

Another man answered May from the floor. He said that apartment houses were not being built because the housing code was too severe. "A committee has been appointed by Commissioner Barbur to draft changes in the code," he said. "The housing code should be put under on this committee and get some action."

PROFITEERING ON TELEPHONES
May admitted that tenants had been "raised" in the matter of telephones. "It makes another raise for them—if they want their phones," he said. A woman tenant of the Stelwyn apartments complained that her rent had been jumped to \$75, and that she was required to pay \$3.50 for a telephone which cost the landlord only \$1.25 additional. She said also that an exorbitant price was charged for potatoes, and that milk ordered by tenants from outside dairies would not be delivered in the apartment.

The question of the Yamhill public market was again discussed, and a sub-committee on shoes and potatoes, to be headed, probably, by Mrs. John Scott, was appointed. The first vice president of the Albina market told Portland women how markets are run in rural Oregon.

TALKS RIGHT OUT
"We never have set prices," she said. "We mark everything in plain figures. You might as well set the prices in a department store as on the public market. Are we women so helpless that we can be gulled every day? Must we have some man tell us what to pay for corn and potatoes?"

"I have been in the grocery business. The association phones you that you must sell butter at so much and so much. If you undersell you get no more butter. Your public market is to avoid such things. "Marketmaster Eastman is hedged around like the bear of Russia. He says that we women are 'meddlers.' Well, if we are, we are meddling in our own business."

COMMITTEE MEETS TODAY
A committee appointed by Mrs. Chapman to report on rent profiteering in Portland and suggest a remedy, consisting of Mrs. Henry Kaye, Mrs. J. C. Othus and Mrs. R. N. Robinson, met this afternoon at 2:30 at the library.

J. R. Hermann, manager of the Oregon Single Tax campaign, urged single tax as a cure for apartment house evils. Shoes will be the subject of inquiry at the public session of the federal fair price committee at the grand jury room of the central postoffice at 8 o'clock tonight. Several shoe men are expected to testify. A large number of complaints are expected from the public, due to the big popular interest in the high cost of footwear.

The leaders of the pan-German league, at a meeting in Berlin Sunday expressed their desire for a return of the monarchy.

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PURCHASE BY OREGON LUMBER CO. ASSURES WORK FOR 20 YEARS

Sale in Mt. Hood Forest Will Mean Much for County Roads and Trails Through Timber.

Dee, Sept. 2.—The recent purchase by the Oregon Lumber company of 355,000,000 feet of standing timber, covering 7340 acres of land in the Mount Hood forest reserve, means that the big plant of the company at this place will be kept busy for at least 20 years, as it will require that length of time to log off the timber. The government will receive about \$1 per thousand feet, board measure, for the timber, of which sum 10 per cent will go to the state for construction of roads and trails in the national forests, and 25 per cent will be apportioned between Clackamas, Hood River and Wasco counties, within whose borders the national forest containing the stumpage is situated. The completion by next season of a good, easy grade road to Lost lake is now assured.

MT. HOOD A RIOT OF PLANT BLOOM, SAYS BOTANIST

Dee, Sept. 3. — Mountain climbing parties to Mount Hood are numerous now. Several botanists have paid the mountain a visit within the past two weeks. One botanist counted 79 species of blooming plants and anemones pushing their heads through the lingering snow banks. There are acres of blooming plants on the east and base and at the foot of Darrett's spur. For at least two weeks longer those particularly interested in the vari-colored blooming plants will find Mount Hood offering special inducements.

Lost Lake Reflects Beauty

Dee, Sept. 3.—Lost lake at this particular season offers inducements to those who enjoy seeing the mountains perfectly mirrored in its deep waters.

Fires Under Control

Dee, Sept. 3.—Fires in the Green Point district are under control. Although scattered over about 1000 acres, the burning is now in down timber and underbrush. Campers and tourists are assured that no danger lies in visiting the Punch Bowl section, as no fire has

Wreck Cleared Away; Service Is Resumed

Normal passenger service on the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad between Portland and Astoria was resumed late Tuesday evening following the completion of track repairs and wreckage clearance at the scene of the west of Deer Island. From the time of the wreck, Monday morning until Tuesday evening all passengers over the S. P. & S. were transferred around the wreck. All trains left Portland and Astoria on time this morning for their through runs, according to statements of railroad officials.

HURLBURT'S REPORT ON KELLY BUTTE ROCK QUARRY IS PROMISING

Cost of Operation Estimated at \$1680 Per Month; Revenue Approximated at \$3000.

Report of Sheriff T. M. Hurlburt to the county commissioners on the expenditures necessary in connection with the operation of the rock quarry at Kelly Butte was made today at the regular meeting of the board.

The total cost of operation, according to Hurlburt's report, will be approximately \$1680 a month. This includes pay of a superintendent, two day guards, two night guards and a cook, amounting to \$700 a month. Tobacco and an allowance of 50 cents a day to the prisoners employed in the quarry will amount to \$500 a month. Shoes, work clothes and gloves for the workers will cost \$450.

Roadmaster Eatchell announced that the small-pox patients had been moved from the temporary hospital at Kelly Butte and that the fumigation of the building would be completed today. He said that he would make an inspection of the premises tomorrow to determine the amount necessary to be spent in putting it in shape to care for the prisoners. Output of rock will be close to 100 yards a day, according to the estimate

Blaze Extinguished, Firemen Help Owner Repair the Damage

H. R. Littlefield, 701 East Burnside, from whose house a small blaze had brought out engine company No. 12 on Tuesday, gazed skyward through the hole in the roof and grinned at the firemen perched up on the ridge, where they had just put the fire out.

"You fellows very busy?" "Not now, why?" "I got some shingles in the basement, how about helping a fellow patch up the hole to keep the winter cold away?"

And being a good natured company, all hands piped out, hauled up the shingles, and those who came to fight remained to work.

of the roadmaster which at \$1 a yard will bring the income of the quarry to \$3000 a month. This will be at least \$1000 in excess of the operating expenses. Following the recommendation of the grand jury that improvements be made in the condition of the buildings at the Frazer home, the county commissioners today voted \$1500 for this purpose.

Released Without Bail
Hy Eilers, president of the Oregon Eilers Music house, pleaded not guilty to the four indictments charging him with embezzlement, before Presiding Judge Gatens this morning, and was given 10 days to make further answer. He was released upon his own recognizance without bail. Eilers made his appearance through his attorney, Ralph R. Dunlavy.



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