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Profiteering is Discovered Says Letter to Governor Ben W. Olcott

PRODUCTION NEGLECTED

Commodities Are Withheld From Public—Remedies Are Suggested

Causes at the bottom of the high cost of living have been found by the national council of defense after what is said to have been a careful investigation. These are set forth in a communication that has reached Governor Olcott, together with remedies urged by the council. The government is asked to give the substance of the council's findings as wide publicity as possible. The members of the national council of defense are the secretary of war, chairman, secretary of the navy, secretary of the interior, secretary of agriculture, secretary of commerce, and secretary of labor. In its findings the council states: "That the nation's productive pow-

ers have not been fully utilized since the armistice.

"That too few goods, notably the necessities of life, have been produced, and that even some of these goods have been withheld from the market, and therefore from the people.

"That the high cost of living is due in part to unavoidable war waste and increase of money and credit.

"That there has been and is considerable profiteering, intentional and unintentional."

The council believes the remedies for the situation are:

"To produce more goods, and to produce them in proportion to the needs of the people.

"To stamp out profiteering and stop unnecessary hoarding.

"To enforce vigorously present laws and promptly to enact such further new laws as are necessary to

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prevent and punish profiteering and needless hoarding.

"To bring about better cooperation and method in distributing and marketing goods.

"To keep both consumer and producer fully informed as to what goods are needed and as to what supplies are available, so that production may handicap the country's demands."

In his letter to the governor, G. E. Clyarkson, director of the council, says:

"The statement is issued only after long and careful consideration by all of the members of the council and this office as the first step in an educational campaign which the council is undertaking in connection with the high cost of living. It is the belief of the council that an intelligent understanding by the people of the causes of the high cost of living is essential to intelligent step toward remedying the situation."

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Labor Aids Move to Extend "Neighborhood Governments"

Leaders Endorse Plan to Set Up Community Councils to Improve Living Conditions.



JOHN P. FREY

The part which organized labor should play in community development is being studied by John Frey and a committee of well-known labor leaders in connection with proposed plans for an extension of the Social Unit plan of community organization, which has received its initial try-out in a section of Cincinnati, Ohio. Under the auspices of Mr. Frey's committee, John Walker, former president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, has been making an intensive study of the Social Unit idea and will shortly submit recommendations to organized labor throughout the country.

Under the Social Unit plan neighborhoods are organized as units to study their own needs and form programs to meet them. The citizens of each community are organized by blocks, with elected block committees, and elected representatives to a central community committee. Representatives elected by business, trade and professional groups assist the representatives of the blocks in planning programs to meet discovered needs. It is claimed for this scheme of organization that it does away with paternalism and brings government closer to people's lives. Planning for a future program based upon the initial demonstration the Social Unit Organization is seeking the advice of labor, business, social workers, community workers, experts in municipal administration, public health, Americanization and public recreation.

Among the business men who are working with labor leaders in forming this community program is Charles Edison, son of the inventor and chairman of the board of directors of the Edison Company, who has resigned from all other social activities to affiliate with the Social Unit.

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KAUTZMAN SENT OUT OF STATE

Conditional Pardon Granted Publisher by Edict of Governor Olcott

On condition that he leave the state and refrain from publishing or editing a newspaper, and because of the statement of a physician that further incarceration would be homicidal in his case, Governor Olcott yesterday granted a conditional pardon to Ham Kautzman, former publisher of the Houlton Herald in Washington county. Kautzman who is an old man, is now serving a term in the Multnomah county jail on conviction of publishing obscene matter. At the request of the Oregon State Editorial association the governor recently had the case investigated and inquiry into the case was made by Millar McGilchrist, one of the attorney general's assistants.

"I am issuing this pardon conditioned upon Kautzman leaving the state and remaining out of Oregon and refraining from engaging in the publication or editing of a newspaper," says a statement issued by the governor. "Violation of these conditions will mean that he will be returned to serve out the unexpired portion of his sentence.

"The issuance of the pardon is based largely upon the statement of a reputable physician that it would be homicidal to allow Kautzman to remain confined in jail.

"I might make this comment on Kautzman's case; that I believe he was fairly tried and honestly convicted and I am convinced, after examination of issues of his newspaper that he is not a fit person to engage in the newspaper business. Considering the nature and indecency of his offense I believe the sentence imposed was a fair one. But I am certain the state does not wish to further enforce this sentence if it might lead to fatal consequences."

CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS TO START

Y. M. C. A. Begins Annual Drive for Local Support Next Wednesday

The annual Y.M.C.A. financial campaign begins next Wednesday. At an important meeting of the board of directors held Wednesday preliminary plans for the annual financial campaign were made. Arrangements for the campaign will be made by the committee on finance of the association. The committee is sending out a letter to all subscribers enclosing an interesting resume of the work of the local association, a copy of the budget for the coming year and a plea for a generous support.

The following are members of the finance committee: Paul B. Wallace, chairman, T. A. Livesley, John H. Farrar, T. B. Kay and R. J. Hendricks.

The Y.M.C.A. performed the greatest friendly act in history, it is said in the vast amount of service performed for enlisted men during the war, both in this country and overseas.

General Pershing says: "The Y.M.C.A. has served the army better than could have been expected. Its aid has been a large factor in the final great accomplishment of the American army."

Secretary Daniels of the American navy in a letter to John R. Mott praises the association very highly for the work it has done for the sailors at home and abroad.

With the close of the war, the emphasis is transferred from overseas to the home work, and the Salem Young Men's Christian association is confronted with heavier obligations and greater opportunities for city wide service than ever before in its history. Salem needs the Y.M.C.A. more now than ever before.

LEGION PLANS FOR DELEGATES

Questions as to Number and Expense Before State Organization

PORTLAND, Oct. 8.—Whether there shall be 11 or 21 delegates from Oregon to the national American Legion convention in Minneapolis November 11, and whether the expense shall be borne by the state organization or by appropriation from the \$95,000 fund in charge of the state soldiers' and sailors' welfare commission were questions discussed at a joint meeting of the executive committee of Portland post, American Legion and four members of the state commission held here today and presided over by Senator Mulkey, chairman of the commission. In addition to the 11 delegates the Oregon legion is entitled to the organization would be permitted to send 16 more

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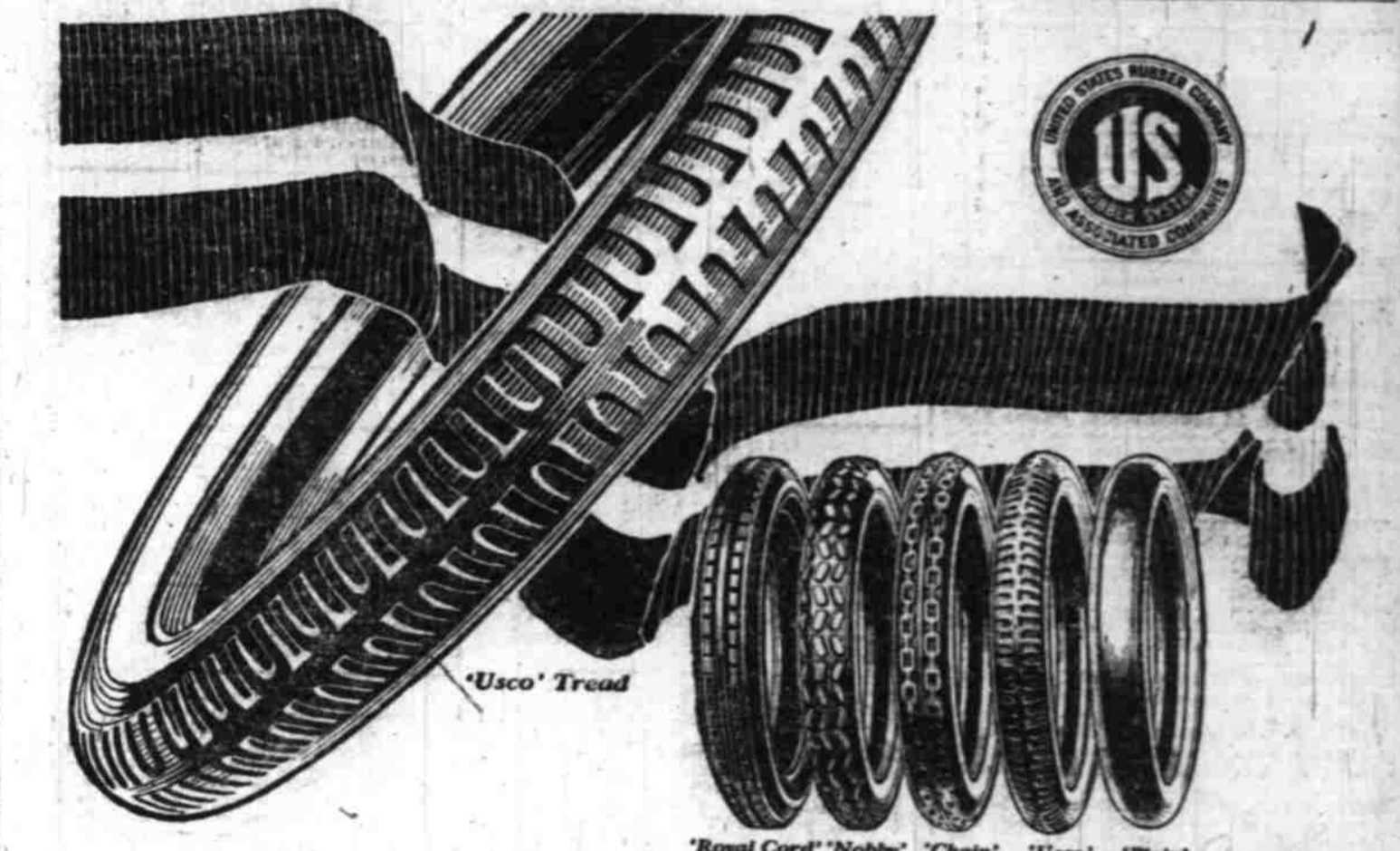
based upon the state's representation in congress.

Oregon Considered Among Most Up-to-Date States

Oregon is considered by authorities of the state of Colorado as one of the three most up-to-date states of the union, and Arthur M. Strong, auditor of Colorado, has written the secretary of state for a plan of the method of keeping records in the state highway department, to be used in the installation of a set of books for the Colorado commission.

Mr. Strong writes: "I have been requested to open a set of books and records for the office of the state highway commission and am requesting assistance from three of the most up-to-date states in the union. Your state being one of the three mentioned above, it will be appreciated as a great favor on your part to the state of Colorado if you will mail me sheets from the various ledgers, segregation records and forms which are used in the office of your state highway commission."

We notice that an unusual number of veterans who were present when Lincoln was shot down by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's theatre, in April, 1865, attended the annual reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic in Columbus. The number increases year by year.—Exchange.



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