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KENDRICK HITS AT PACKERS IN SPEECH TODAY

Wyoming Senator Tells Live Stock Association Whole Nation Concerned In Fight Against "Big Five."

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 27.—Discussion of legislation to curb the activities of the big meat packers, expected to develop one of the warmest contests of the present convention of the American National Livestock association, was launched by United States Senator John B. Kendrick of Wyoming, president of the association in his address at the opening session here today.

Senator Kendrick, author of a bill in congress intended to circumscribe the business activities of the packers, presented the affirmative side of the argument for restriction, declaring that he was speaking not alone with the interests of the livestock producers in view but because "it is a question of the ultimate good of the entire nation and there is not a hungry child in the humblest home in America who is not vitally concerned in the solution of this problem."

Eight Reviewed.

He traced the development of the fight conducted by the American National Livestock association for the last four years for more desirable marketing conditions, from the appointment of a market committee at the El Paso convention in 1916 to the United States attorney general's agreement with packers whereby the latter consented to withdraw from all activities not having strictly to do with the meat packing business.

This agreement he declared was a product of the work of the association's market committee, because it was the committee that had persuaded congress to order an investigation of the meat packing industry.

PROGRESS Brought Results.

"It was your market committee that brought about the investigation of the federal trade commission," Senator Kendrick declared. "It was the fact secured by the committee that armed the attorney general for his negotiations with the packers. Call it sensational if you will; call it unfair; call it radical—the federal trade commission needs no defense from me—but it uncovered the facts, facts which the members of this organization had long suspected regarding the concentrated control of all the agencies on which our industry depends, facts that emboldened the attorney general to go before a Chicago grand jury, facts that induced the packers to accept without consent an injunction requiring them to surrender some of the control they had gained over the food supply of the nation."

REASSURANCE IS DANGER.

"Our business now is to see to it that no other few individuals shall ever again be permitted to acquire similar control or similar power," he continued. "Our duty now is to write this victory down in the statute books so that no such changing judges may in the future bring such injunctions. If it be true, as the packers say that they have violated no law in building up this vast commercial edifice, we cannot escape the obligation of giving them a law that they must not violate, a law that will prevent them or any other set of individuals from ever attempting to follow their example."

CENSUS OF PATRIOTIC BEING TAKEN; STOCK IN HOME FIRM GOING

In Salem now a new census is being taken. It is a census of the civic spirit—the patriots of the city. The census does not reach into the average home. It is being confined in the circle of the men of means.

When their names are taken, they are inscribed on the roll of stock held in the Salem Homebuilders association. Already more than 30 names have been enrolled on this scroll of honor, and the stock sales committee—census takers—are working diligently to boost the "census" to even a greater number.

HOMES ARE NEEDED.

It is to provide homes for many persons who come to the city daily, and leave at night because they are unable to find even adequate shelter, that the "census" must be swollen. When the "census" shows enough stockholders to produce a working fund of \$30,000, work will begin immediately on the construction of homes for these immigrants.

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MEREDITH TO SUCCEED HOUSTON WHEN LATTER TAKES PLACE OF GLASS

Iowa Farm Editor To Be Named Secretary Of Agriculture When Present Incumbent Steps Out; Has Public Record As Candidate For Congress And Governor; Nomination To Be Sent To Senate Today.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Edwin T. Meredith of Iowa, editor of "Successful Farming," will be named secretary of agriculture to succeed Secretary Houston, who is to become secretary of the treasury in the place of Carter Glass.

Mr. Meredith, who is at Miami, Fla., telegraphed the white house today accepting the office. He is 54 years old and his home is in Des Moines. Before starting "Successful Farming" he was publisher of the Farmers' Tribune. He was a candidate for the United States senate in 1914 and for governor of Iowa in 1916.

President Wilson was expected to send the nominations of both Mr. Houston and Mr. Meredith to the senate today. As soon as Secretary Houston qualifies Mr. Glass will take his seat in the senate to succeed the late Senator Martin of Virginia.

SIBERIA TO BE FREE OF YANKEE TROOPS MARCH 15, BELIEF

Vladivostok, Jan. 27.—American army authorities believe it will be March 15 before the last American soldiers and Red Cross workers are out of Siberia. Orders have been sent that all American women be hurried out of trans-Baikalia, which is in the path of the advancing Bolshevik army that has moved steadily eastward along the trans-Siberian railroad and now seems to be nearing Irkutsk. Rear guard Red Cross units are reported at Chita, just north of the Manchurian border where the Amur valley branch of the trans-Siberian joins the main line, while the 27th United States infantry is at Verkhne-Udinsk west of Chita.

Soldiers of the 27th are still in possession of the armored train captured near Verkhne-Udinsk on January 10 from Russian troops belonging to one of General Semenoff's commands. Two Americans were killed in this fight, which was caused by the independent action of a station master who is alleged to have been intoxicated at the time.

Hillsboro Storekeeper Held Up And Robbed

Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 27.—Two masked men last night held up H. M. Barton, storekeeper at Oregon, near here, in his store and escaped with \$150. They overlooked \$1000 hidden beneath the counter. A Portland salesman, P. J. Lamberty and two boys also were in the store at the time.

FIRE DESTROYS PLANT

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.—Fire destroyed the manufacturing plant of the Northwest Lead company here early today. The loss was estimated at approximately \$125,000.

Higher Prices On Food During 1920 Predicted

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 27.—Higher food prices for 1920 were predicted today by delegates to the joint convention of the National Canners association, the Canning Machinery & Supplies association and the National Canned Foods & Dried Fruit Brokers association.

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QUARANTINE LAW TO BE ENFORCED THRUOUT SALEM

Instructing the city health officer to enforce the quarantine law as it relates to the isolation of homes in which contagious diseases are existant, the police committee of the city council has assured that officer that they stand squarely behind him in his enforcement of the law and that they will do all within their power to punish violators of the quarantine law.

It has been brought to the attention of the committee that persons living in homes where contagious disease existed have broken quarantine and the instructions issued to the health officer are directed squarely at such offenders as these.

The police committee calls attention to the fines of \$50 recently imposed on quarantine violators in Portland and goes on record as favoring just drastic measures to prevent the possible spread of contagious disease in Salem.

DAMAGE TO FRUIT SMALL IN SANTIAM BOTTOM SAYS LEWIS

While at Crabtree, last week, C. L. Lewis, field manager of the Oregon Growers association, made visits of inspection to various orchards in the Santiam bottom lands and makes the following observations concerning frost damage to fruits in that district:

Damage Not Extensive.

"Due to the fact that they are bottom lands and in most places are on low levels, I expected to find extensive damage, as all of the worst frost after-effects are found in the lower lands," said Mr. Lewis. "Near Crabtree, I found a hundred-acre apple orchard which had been little damaged. Peaches in this vicinity were also found to have weathered the zero temperature in a very encouraging state."

Mr. Lewis asserted immediately after the rigid weather in December, that if there were any severe losses, the heaviest would be found in peach and walnut tracts located in the low lands of the Willamette valley. Recent surveys of orchards are strengthening first optimistic forecasts that the loss was in no measure as widespread as attributed by first unfounded rumors.

Some Frost-girdled.

In some bottoms, Mr. Lewis has found peach, cherry and walnut trees which were frost girdled at the snow line. In this condition the bark is injured from the snowline to about eight or ten inches above. When this condition is found, Mr. Lewis advises that the tree can be saved by bridge grafting. Green cloons cut with chisel ends are inserted in transverse cuts made above and below the dead bark area, care being taken to join the cambium of the tree and bridge cloon stock. The bridges should be made with one inch separations around the trunks of the injured tree, then the unions should be protected with grafting wax and securely tied. Before extensive grafts are made by the inexperienced orchardist, it is advised that a reliable horticulturist be consulted. While frost girdling has not been extensively reported, fine trees can be saved by the bridging process, which should be undertaken immediately, according to the president.

Sentiment in favor of government operation, the letter said, has increased during the six weeks since the first request was made, "until we can accurately state that this is the predominant desire of the farmers and of organized labor forces of most of the states of the union."

The return of the roads, the letter declared, would involve an increase in freight rates of 25 to 40 percent "since an additional revenue of close to a billion dollars will be needed," which would mean, it was added, "an increase in the cost of living as estimated by your director general of railroads, of at least four billion dollars a year."

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, representing President Gompers, presented the views of the American Federation of Labor and gave detailed data of the cost of living.

At the conclusion of the conference Secretary Tumulty said he would present the matter to the president.

Resident Of Shaw For 21 Years Is Called By Death

George W. Chapin, for 21 years a resident of Shaw, Or., 12 miles southeast of Salem, died at his home there Monday night. He was 72 years old. The body was brought to the undertaking parlors of the Webb & Clough company, Court and High streets, Tuesday. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mr. Chapin was born in New York. He is survived by a brother, F. H. Chapin, also a resident of Shaw.

The regular meeting of the Salem school board will be held at the high school, in the offices of the city superintendent, at eight o'clock Tuesday evening.

Pichon Becomes Head Of Paris Paper Syndicate

Paris, Jan. 27.—Stephen Pichon, former minister of foreign affairs, has been appointed president of the syndicate of Parisian newspapers, succeeding the late Jean Dupuy.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS STATE BANKING LAWS

The state banking laws making the granting of a charter for a new bank discretionary with the state banking board based upon the needs for the proposed institution, are upheld in a supreme court opinion by Justice Johns today in which the decree of Judge George A. Bigham of the Marion county circuit court ordering the state superintendent of banks to issue a charter to the S. A. Mulkey and others interested in the organization of a new bank at St. Johns, is reversed.

Case an Old One.

The case dates back several months to the original application by Mulkey, L. A. Bass and associates for a charter for a new bank at St. Johns to be known as the Bank of Commerce. The application was refused by Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks.

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