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## BAKING MERGER IS DISSOLVED BY COURT

### Ward Food Products Corporation Agrees to Surrender Charter to State.

Baltimore.—Outright dissolution of a potential \$2,000,000 corporation and drastic curtailment and regulation of other members of what the government had alleged to be a huge baking organization was effected in federal district court here in one of the most sweeping decrees ever promulgated in an anti-trust case. Twenty-three million shares of corporate stock—\$2,300,000,000 potential capital under Maryland corporation laws—were wiped out and a charter ordered forfeited to the state of Maryland.

The decree brings to a close, with victory to the department of justice, but with the consent of the corporations involved, and without trial, the government's action filed last February against the Ward Food Products corporation and alleged allied concerns.

All defendants, both corporate and individual, are enjoined from "doing any act or thing in furtherance" of the alleged combination which the government describes as being in violation of both the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust acts.

The corporations, including all officers and employees, are further enjoined from entering any contract or agreement for the joint purchase of supplies, materials or equipment, or for common prices or policies in marketing.

The corporate defendants are enjoined from acquiring directly or indirectly all or any part of the capital stock of any other baking corporation engaged in interstate commerce where the effect would be substantially to limit competition.

## CHURCHES GAIN HEAVILY IN 1925

New York.—Christian churches in America gained 800,000 members in 1925—the greatest number in several years.

The Methodist churches showed the largest gain, adding 220,183 members, and Catholic churches came next with 203,990, according to the annual census of the Christian Herald.

The Catholic church has by far the greatest number of communicants, with 16,156,914, as compared with 8,920,190 members of the Methodist denomination, which ranks second in this respect. The Baptists run far ahead for third place honors with 3,397,914 communicants, although their gain for the year was only 104,336.

The Christian Herald concludes that its figures adequately demonstrate that the churches are far from "losing their grip."

## TONIC WITHOUT KICK

Andrews Asserts No Danger Seen in 3.75 Per Cent Malt.

Washington, D. C.—Calm in the face of the flurry caused by word that 3.75 per cent malt tonic would be on sale shortly, prohibition officials assured drays, disturbed by the announcement, that they need fear no breakdown in enforcement and cautioned the drinking population not to regard the extract as a beverage.

By no stretch of the imagination can the product be regarded as "beer," said Assistant Secretary Andrews, in charge of prohibition, adding that its sale was "practicable and reasonable." "If the public attempts to use the tonic as beer," General Andrews said, "it will be withdrawn instantly from the market." He explained that the manufacturers of the extracts, which will contain 25 per cent solids, had accepted responsibility for legitimate distribution.

Solicitor Britt of the internal revenue bureau expressed the opinion that states could prohibit sale of the tonic if they so desired, although it was pointed out that grocery stores generally have on hand products containing more alcohol, which, like the tonic, are unfit for beverage purposes.

Dry League Seeks \$50,000 Battle Fund  
Washington, D. C.—The Anti-Saloon league has started a drive to raise a "battle fund" of \$50,000 to combat the wets in hearing before the senate judiciary committee.

## STANFIELD ASSAILED ON HIS ATTENDANCE RECORD

"As United States senator, Robert Stanfield has failed. I charge that he has not kept faith with the members of the Republican party and he has most decidedly failed to keep faith with the people of Oregon."

So declared Fred Steiwer, candidate for the Republican senatorial nomination, in an address prepared for radio delivery over station KGW Tuesday night.

Steiwer ascribed Stanfield's election as a circumstance attending the chaos in the wake of war. "Many Democrats who had served their country well," he declared "were taken to defeat in the 1920 election in order that President Harding might have a Republican senate. Robert Stanfield was among those elected to hold up the hands of a Republican administration."

"At this critical time Senator Stanfield demonstrated his unfitness for high public office. He made himself the most conspicuous senatorial truant in history," Steiwer proclaimed.

"Summing up the senator's delinquencies, we find that during the first three years of his term he was present 263 times (at roll call) and absent 223 times."

"The senator's fault is not limited to his bad record for attendance. It is not limited merely to his flagrant non-performance of duty. When he is in attendance his time was largely devoted to promotion of legislation which had some relation to his own business. He showed real zeal in the defense of the meat packing industry and promoted legislation which provided for the extension of livestock credits. Then his business associates capitalized upon his zeal by procuring for themselves substantial loan of government money. In the present congress he introduced a grazing bill some features of which are important to Oregon but which by its terms provided regulation over the public domain under the administration of the register of the land office. These officers are appointed upon recommendation of the senators."

Shall broken faith be rewarded? Shall an unfaithful public servant be continued in high position?"

High School Play  
"THREE LIVE GHOSTS"  
The High school play entitled "Three Live Ghosts" will be given in the High school auditorium Tuesday night, April 13 at 8 o'clock. The action of "Three Live Ghosts" takes place in the combination sitting and dining room in the home of Mrs. Gubbins, known as "Old Sweetheart," in the poorer quarters of London just after the world war in 1917.

The plot of the story is woven around the return of three soldiers who were reported killed in action. Spoofo, one of the soldiers is suffering from shell shock which has caused him to turn klepto-maniac. William Foster, alias William Jones another returned soldier is wanted in America for the theft of \$60,000 worth of bonds. The complications formed by Spoofo's stealing some jewels make the remainder of the story. The threads of the plot are finally unraveled to an ending of several happy romances. The cast as they appear are:

Mrs. Gubbins, known as "Old Sweetheart".....Juanita Woodruff  
Miss Woofers.....Belle Anderson  
Bolton, of American Detective Agency.....Fred Radtke  
Jimmie Gubbins.....Ray Dudley  
William Foster alias William Jones.....Granville Cannon  
Spoofo.....Melvin Coppock  
Rose Gordon.....Jennamae Read  
Briggs, of Scotland Yard.....William Coppock  
Benson.....Clifford Wood  
Lady Leicester.....Lois McIntyre

Between the first and second acts the girls of the senior class are putting on a fashion display through the courtesy of Pilcher & company of Pendleton. Between the second and third acts Ralph and Edwin McEwen will put on an exhibition of the Charleston.

## TAKE OPENER

Before a throng of 18,174 persons, the official paid attendance count, the new Portland Beavers celebrated their first home opening of the baseball season in Pacific Coast league history by defeating Seattle, 10 to 5.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Scott of Pendleton attended the funeral of Mrs. Isaac Phillips in Athena, Monday.

## UNIQUE DINNER FOR LOUISE HOME BENEFIT

As a benefit for the Louise Home for unfortunate girls, situated in Portland, the entire Athena community is invited to participate in an "Around the World" dinner, Saturday evening in the dining room of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. C. L. McFadden, who is chairman of the local committees, has prepared a menu and program, given below, which should surely entice the appetite and interest of everybody in the town and surrounding country. Dinner will be served cafeteria style, from 5 till 8 o'clock, a charge of 75 cents being made for adults and 35 cents for children.

The menu will be under the supervision of committees from the various churches and the Civic club, each representing a country and dressed in appropriate costume.

A large crowd is expected and expected. Don't fail to enjoy a good dinner, a splendid program, lots of fun and the pleasure of helping in a most worthy cause. Other towns of the county have given liberally for the Home and Athena will not be outdone.

## The Program

Orchestra  
Vocal solo.....Kathryn McIntyre  
Reading.....Juanita Woodruff  
Interpretative Dance.....Marjorie Douglas

Duet.....Edna DeFreece and Lois Johnson  
Vocal solo.....Edna Pinkerton  
Reading.....Margaret Lee  
Vocal solo.....Jennamae Read  
Musical Reading.....Betty Jane Eager  
Song.....Robert Lee and Marjorie Douglas  
Orchestra

## Menu

Oyster Soup—France  
Salad, with cheese wafers—Italy  
Irish Stew with Bread and Butter—Ireland  
Chili Beans, Sandwiches—Mexico  
Pie Coffee—U. S. A.

## MRS. PHILLIPS PASSED SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Stricken with spinal meningitis, as diagnosed by the family physician, Dr. Sharp, Tuesday night of last week, Mrs. Isaac Phillips died at her home in Athena, at four o'clock, Saturday afternoon, and funeral services were held in the Baptist church, Monday afternoon. Many friends attended, and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Mrs. Phillips was 59 years, 10 months and 17 days of age and moved to Athena with her husband from Liberty, Missouri, fifteen years ago.

She was born in Indiana in 1866 and was married 20 years later to Mr. Phillips at Eldorado, Missouri. Surviving Mrs. Phillips besides her husband is a son, James, deputy tax collector for Umatilla county, a son, Dan, who was in a hospital at San Bernardino, California, at the time of his mother's death, and a daughter, Mrs. Emma Dale, of Trimble, Missouri. Another daughter, Mrs. Inez Hayworth, died some years ago.

## AIR MAIL PLANES HAVING BAD LUCK, PASCO FLIGHT

The planes carrying the air mail on the Pasco-Elko flight have had bad luck. Franklin Rose, pilot of the first plane out of Elko ran into a terrific storm and was forced down in a field in Jordan Valley, Idaho. He rode horseback 30 miles to a farm house and telephoned that his plane was stuck in the mud, but not wrecked.

The first plane out of Pasco, went through to Elko, after an adventure in reaching Pasco a couple of days before, from Boise.

The U. S. Mail plane which was to have carried the first air mail out of Pasco, Tuesday morning, came near being wrecked Sunday afternoon on its trip to Pasco, from Boise.

Pilots George Buck and Joe Taft were bruised and cut about the face. The planes propeller was smashed and one wing punctured.

The plane was forced to land twice in the Blue mountains because of engine trouble and one mile south of Burbank the engine stopped for the third time. The machine glided along the sage brush prairie for some distance until it struck a raise and dived into the ground.

The pilots were taken to a hospital and their injuries treated. Chief Pilot Leon Cuddeback in Boise, was wired and started immediately with another plane to replace the reserve machine.

As termed by the United States Postal Department, "the greatest service ever offered to the people of the great Northwest" was formally jubilee celebration participated in inaugurated at Pasco Tuesday, by a by cities and communities throughout the region.

The U. S. Mail stage en route from Spokane to Pasco reached Walla Walla at 6:20 Sunday evening, four days out of Spokane. With Felix Warren handling the reins, the four horses hauling the coach came down Main street at the head of a long procession of automobiles.

## DIES AFTER ACCIDENT

Abe Parker, the father of Mrs. Lowell Hyatt, was fatally injured Friday forenoon in an accident on Weston mountain, says the Leader. He was riding on the tank of a Ford tractor to which a team had been hitched. When the horses became fractious and tore loose from the tractor Mr. Parker fell from his seat and was struck by the heavy machine, which broke one of his legs at the thigh. He was brought to Weston and then conveyed to St. Mary's hospital at Walla Walla, where he died of the shock.

## 551 IN OREGON

There are now 551 prisoners in the Oregon penitentiary, the largest number since 1916. This information was contained in a report filed with the state board of control by J. W. Lillie, warden of the prison.

## EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Evangelist Glen W. Hutton will begin a series of meetings at the Athena Christian church, Sunday,



Glen W. Hutton

April 18. He will be assisted in his work by Carrol Fairbanks, noted evangelistic singer.

Both Evangelist Hutton and Mr. Fairbanks are graduates of the Spokane University, and have met with eminent success in the evangelistic field. Mr. Hutton is said to be a speaker of rare ability. At school, he was a member of the University football team, and in his church work he brings enthusiasm and interest to all.

Mr. Fairbanks' gospel solos carry inspiration whenever he sings, and his jolly personality wins friends for



Carrol Fairbanks

him wherever he goes. He specializes in interesting young folks in church work.

## ATHENA WINNERS AT DECLAMATORY CONTEST

A number of Athena people motored to Pendleton Friday and Saturday nights to attend the declamatory contests held at the Methodist church.

Athena school was well represented having six contestants. Two gold medals were awarded to Athena students, Barbara Lee winning first in the dramatic division of the grades and Ralph McEwen Jr., first in the humorous division of the High school. John Kirk won second in the Oratorical and Aaron Douglas was awarded third place in the Patriotic division. Ray Dudley won second place in the Extemporaneous and Lavone Pittman third in the Dramatic.

A great deal of interest has been shown throughout the class, school, district and county contests, and it is the general feeling that these contests should be encouraged as well as the athletic features in our schools.

## NORTHWEST MUST HAVE AID SOLONS ARE TOLD

That development of southwest hydro-electric resources should take no priority over development of such resources in the northwest, was the conviction reached by the executive committee of the Umatilla Rapids Development association, meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, at Portland. The position of the association was stated in messages sent to Senators McNary and Stanfield and Representative Sinnott, at Washington.

The statement in part follows:

"Owing to the fact that there are many phases of the situation existing in congress at the present time, which we interpret from your telegrams as being unable to solve until a definite federal policy can be outlined, the executive committee wish to follow your advice in the matter and take no action that might prove detrimental to our development or to your efforts in attempting to formulate a policy that will ultimately bring about the development of the Columbia river and its many resources."

"We believe that sentiment is rapidly crystallizing favoring federal development of the vast hydro-electric resources of the Columbia, which will make possible the irrigation of thousands of acres of arid land and materially assist river transportation, and in view of this sentiment we are obviously interested in seeing that the federal policy formulated shall include to the fullest extent the development of the Columbia river along the lines for which we are striving."

"In view of the close relationship between the Colorado and the Umatilla rapids project, we are of the opinion that the southwest development should be given no priority over the northwest development."

## WESTERN FOLK DISCARD GUNS, EAST USES THEM

The westerner no longer carries guns or revolvers, but the easterner loads himself with an arsenal of weapons, Horace M. Albright, superintendent of the Yellowstone National park, declared Monday in an address before the state publicity congress, at Casper, Wyoming.

Mr. Albright refuted the idea that the west was "wild and dangerous." "A person is 10 times more safe in the Jackson Hole in Wyoming or Yellowstone park's most remote corner than he is on any street corner in Chicago," he said.

In the sealing of firearms of tourists who travel through the park by the park authorities to prevent crime or the killing of animals: "It is rare that a family from these mountain states has even one gun or pistol, but you ought to see the arsenal that is sometimes presented by a New York, or Illinois, or Pennsylvania automobile. Of course, the residents of these states need guns for personal protection much more than we do in these western regions."

## WELL GOES DRY

The Weston country is noted for good water springs and wells, but strange to say, the wells sometimes go dry in the winter season reports the Leader. The 50 foot well on the Wiley farm which afforded an abundance of water for many years went dry in January and has been deepened 11 feet without success in restoring the flow. Johnny Hoey and J. E. Crowley of Athena are down 48 feet on a new well with but little moisture showing as yet.

## 219 BEAVERS TRAPPED

Two hundred and nineteen beavers were trapped in Walla Walla county during the past winter, Frank Bigler, county game warden, reports. Sale of beaver pelts netted \$4,100, one half of which goes into the Walla Walla county treasury to the credit of the game fund. Half of the proceeds of sales goes to trappers. Trapping the animals was allowed by the game warden on account of damage done by them.

## FERRY TO PRISON

Joe Perry, sentenced to serve the rest of his life in the Oregon state prison for the murder of Fred Knowlton and O. D. Townsend at the Knowlton ranch January 29, was taken to the penitentiary by Sheriff R. T. Cookingham and Deputy Sheriff Stokes, J. Dunn, who will begin a sentence of 10 years on a statutory charge, was also taken along.

## COMMITTEE BEGINS PROHIBITION QUIZ

### Two Weeks to Be Given Over to Hearing; Wets Start Testimony.

Washington, D. C.—Opponents of prohibition marched on congress Monday in their first organized demonstration in several years.

The whole week has been set aside for hearing the wets and all of next week will be given over to arguments by the drays.

"This will be an open forum for presentation of all evidence," Chairman Means of the committee assured both sides before the hearings began. "If the committee determines that more evidence is needed after the wets have used their six days and the drays have used their six succeeding days, it will summon whom it pleases."

The wets' case was begun with an opening statement from William C. Bruce, democrat, Maryland, author of a resolution to permit states and cities to determine whether they want prohibition or liquor dispensed by the government under the Canadian system.

After Senators Bruce and Edge, and Julian Codman, of Boston, who has charge of the wets' case, had made statements to the subcommittee, Assistant Secretary Andrews, of the treasury, upon whose shoulders rests responsibility for dry law enforcement, was called as the first witness.

The prohibition field marshal made clear his policy to dry up the sources of supply, but conceded that he would have to have a largely increased force to do it.

The federal forces are not concerning themselves much with distributors, Mr. Andrews said, leaving that task to the local police. He said it was useless to arrest a bootlegger because "his brother or his uncle" would take up the traffic where he left off.

Disclosing a plan for a patrol of 1500 to 1600 men on the Canadian and Mexican borders, General Andrews said he believed this force would break up any organized smuggling traffic.

## ATHEISTS WOULD CUT CLERICS' SALARIES

Washington, D. C.—A petition for an injunction to prevent payment of the salaries of chaplains of the senate and house and of all clerics attached to the war and navy departments was filed in District of Columbia supreme court. James I. Elliott, member of the recently chartered American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, is the plaintiff, and Frank White, treasurer of the United States, is named defendant.

The petition sets forth that "the employment of chaplains in the congress of the United States, in the department of the navy and the department of war constitutes the promotion and establishment of religious and sectarian views and objects in violation of article 1 of the constitution," which provides that "congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The plaintiff prays the court to enjoin the treasurer of the United States from paying the salaries of the chaplains and to declare null and void the acts of congress under which such salaries are authorized.

## ISLANDS AGITATE SENATE

Appointment of Commission to Investigate Conditions Various Views.

Washington, D. C.—What to do about the Philippines has become once more a much-discussed question in Washington.

Revitalized by President Coolidge's unexpected appointment of a special commissioner to investigate conditions in the islands, the old fighting issue of post-Spanish war days provided fuel for an hour's debate in the senate, promoted a proposal for a congressional inquiry, and led to all sorts of conjectures among officials and politicians.

The president's selection of Carmel A. Thompson of Ohio to make his inquiry in the islands was variously described in the discussions as a wise and essential step, a reflection on Governor General Wood, an effort to give support to what General Wood has done, a move in the interest of Ohio rubber concerns to exploit the islands, and an attempt to remove Mr. Thompson as a factor in the 1925 Ohio campaign.

### Baseball Season Opens

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