



Washington, D. C. Sept. 23—The recent death of Judge Bert Haney of Oregon, one of the seven judges that comprise the ninth United States circuit court of appeals, in all possibility, means another appointment to the court which has jurisdiction over the western states. The late Judge Haney was the only member of the court from Oregon. California has three of its citizens on this high federal tribunal. Washington, Idaho and Arizona each have one; Montana and Nevada none. Letters and wires are being received here by the Democratic high command urging the appointment of an Oregon man to the vacancy. No candidates from either Montana or Nevada have appeared on the horizon. Senator Wheeler is persona non grata with the administration and it is not thought that he will even take the trouble to suggest a candidate from his state, although his colleague, Senator James Murray, will do so. It is not thought Nevada will have any candidate seeking the post, so it may be this juicy lifetime job will go to an Oregon man again.

Best minds here believe the recent rumor, coming out of the national capital, that the five-cents victory tax would be repealed is the bunk. They point to the fact that the government needs more taxes, not less, from any and all sources the treasury department may be able to tap. So any idea of reduced taxes while the war is on, at least, is but a dream. The payroll withholding tax is now bringing in about \$125,000,000 a week, and some of the tax experts believe the present 20 percent payroll tax should be upped at least another 10 percent or more. They point out that around \$45 billion is still in the jeans of John Q. Public even after paying stiff taxes and wrestling with the high cost of living. The tax experts argue this huge surplus of cash should be siphoned off in order to ward off inflation, either through funded after the) or a compulsory still higher taxes, (a part to be refunded after the war,) or a compulsory war bond savings plan. If war bond savings plan, if

such a tax plan is not put into action immediately, the tax men believe inflation will gain such headway it will be impossible to hold it in check.

Strenuous efforts are being made by the northwest delegations to persuade the Mexican government to change its mind from the recent decision which cut the number of farm hands they had agreed to import for northwest harvest fields. Approximately 8,000 Mexicans were supposed to work the fields in Washington, Oregon and Idaho during the fall harvest, but the Mexican government canceled the deal, claiming the men were needed at home to help relieve a man power shortage. The fruit districts of the Yakima valley, Hood River and other sections of south east Washington and eastern Oregon will be hard hit by the cancellation. Those districts were depending on the Mexicans to relieve their shortage of help. The army will be asked to make available immediately several thousand prisoners of war who are now camped in that area to take the place of the Mexicans in the fields.

If nothing comes out of the meeting to be held in the national capital Sept. 28, when a whole flock of leading dairy farmers are scheduled to hold a big powwow on the milk situation, it means milk rationing will be with us in mighty short order. The milk producers of the nation have been at odds with OPA for many months Northwest producers have been battling long and hard with APO and getting no place fast. The universal cry of milk producers is, they need a higher price than the ceiling set by OPA. A big reduction in herds has already taken place and producers say a still further reduction is certain at the end of the pasture season unless a better price can be obtained. Milk producers say they can't feed hay and grain to cows all during the winter season at the prices they have to pay for feed and sell milk at any profit. If this situation continues it means a continued decrease in the supply of milk, and that in turns means rationing.

The wine industry of the Pacific coast is booming. California, with its huge wine-grape acreage and flocks of wineries, is going to town in a big way. The shortage of whiskey has caused many "hooch" buyers to become connoisseurs of California wines. The northwest reports a heavy increase in the consumption of all classes of wines. Wine is not rationed and is sold in almost every corner grocery store. The whiskey supply will be further curtailed in the next few months, is the prediction of distillers. The distillers had hoped to

greatly augment their dwindling stocks by obtaining permission from the government to distill whiskey again for the next two months instead of turning out nothing but government alcohol for war purposes. But Mr. Whiskers said No to any distilling of liquor.

SPICED PRUNE COOKIES

½ cup butter, 3-4 cup brown sugar, 1 egg. ½ cup molasses, 2½ cups sifted enriched flour, 2 tsp baking powder. 3-4 tsp soda, 1 tsp salt, 1½ tsp ginger, 1½ tsp cinnamon, 2 cups chopped cooked prunes. Cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg and mix well. Add molasses Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt, ginger and cinnamon. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture and mix thoroughly. Add prunes. Drop by teaspoonfuls on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in moderately hot oven (400 degrees) 10 minutes. Yield: About 10 dozen 1½ inch cookies.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. R. E. Driskell has returned to Heppner from an extended visit with her daughter at Goldendale.

IN CITY FOR TREATMENT

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