

MILK LEAGUE MAKES PEACE WITH ITSELF

After more than two weeks of quiet deliberation and discussion, the Oregon Dairymen's League has finally decided to go into partnership with the Portland-Damascus company. From all appearances and indications the members of the league have settled their differences concerning the probity of President Alma D. Katz and have accepted him unreservedly as their leader, together with his proposition to go into a partnership with Portland's largest milk distributing concern.

Members of the league met in Portland on Wednesday to the number of more than 300 to thresh the matter out and settle all difficulties. There was a stormy hour or two, due to the objections of a group of dissatisfied members, but the outcome was a vote of confidence in Mr. Katz. The board of directors decided to continue their organization and agreed to continue the plans proposed, whereby the Portland-Damascus company is to become a partner in the concern.

Considerable of the dissatisfaction expressed came from members of the Gresham local league. It was asserted by some that Mr. Katz was endeavoring to foist a losing concern on the dairymen for his own personal benefit. The articles that appeared in the Outlook said almost as much, and it looked for awhile that there would be a big explosion with an airing of the whole situation in the federal court. The resignation of F. M. Kiger as manager of the league was one of the outcomes of the wrangle.

The tentative plans of the league include the taking over of the property of the old Gambrinus brewery at the head of Washington street and establishing a central distributing station by which the milk of all league members would be handled. A complete condensing equipment is also planned.

Considerable additional stock was subscribed toward the project at the close of the meeting. About \$50,000 is in sight but it will take fully \$30,000 more to buy out a controlling interest in the Portland-Damascus company. Mr. Katz is to have \$35,000 in stock as his share, but he is pledged to vote his shares in the interest of the milk producers.

The plan, of the new management, is to make this one plant a co-operative concern, handling every phase of the business. If put into successful operation it probably will put out of business several creameries and pasteurizing plants now operating in Portland. The Dairymen's League claims a large membership of producers tributary to Portland and is dissatisfied with the methods of the creameries.

"It is primarily an effort to get rid of the middleman, the creamery which pays the producer as little as possible for his milk and charges the public as much as possible," said Mr. Katz. "We believe that by having one big modern plant it will be possible to co-ordinate routes and handle the milk supply in such manner as to make unnecessary any further advances in milk prices."

"For example, each dairyman is now distributing milk on a route of his own. These routes interlap until there is vast waste by the duplication. The plan is for the one big plant to have one delivery system and deliver raw and pasteurized milk just the same as at present, except that duplication or overlapping of routes will be discontinued. Users favoring one special brand of milk will be able to obtain this brand by this system and still there will not be the waste energy necessary at present. This is a proposition being strongly urged now by the Federal government as a war conservation measure."

Aylsworth has a few of those all-wool suits left which he is selling at reduced prices to close out. Sizes range from 34 to 40, and he will sell them all the way from \$7.50 to \$14.50 a suit. It is a rare opportunity to get a cheap suit while they last.

He Never Forgot.
Observer—"I noticed you got up and gave that lady your seat in the street car the other day."
Observed—"Since childhood I have respected a woman with a strap in her hand."

Remember the Wheatless and Meatless Days and keep them wholly.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAIR IS IN CIRCUIT

H. A. Lewis, president of the Multnomah County Fair association, attended the session of the North Pacific Fair association at New Westminster, B. C., last week as a delegate from the Gresham fair. While there he placed the Multnomah county exposition on the circuit list, which gives it a standing not hitherto enjoyed.

The new arrangement will present the finest circuit for livestock exhibitors in the whole history of fairs in the Pacific Northwest.

The Idaho State fair was also a new acquisition to the circuit, and its entrance into the fair sisterhood is a great boost for livestock men. By the new arrangement the exhibitors and concessionaires will be able to start at Vancouver, B. C., on August 19, and have a continuous round of exhibits until the close at Boise, October 5.

Under the arrangements all moves will be short shipments, yet in some cases two fairs will be held on the same week. In such a case the exhibitors will take their choice of locations, depending somewhat upon local conditions and nearness to home points.

In addition to Gresham and Boise, three other fairs joined the association—Puyallup, Walla Walla and Grays Harbor. The Gresham fair this year will be held the same week as the one at North Yakima, and two weeks earlier than Salem.

BORING RED CROSS DOING GOOD WORK

Boring auxiliary No. 3, of the Red Cross, was organized early in December 1917, with ten members. During the Christmas drive 118 memberships were secured by the chairman, J. C. Shultz. Some of these have joined the local auxiliary and any one is always welcome to place their membership in Boring auxiliary and help with the work.

The first open meeting was held last Saturday evening, January 19. Senator W. A. Dimick of Oregon City delivered a very stirring address along patriotic lines, referring especially to the sacrifices we must sooner or later make and the sooner made the better for all concerned. An appropriate musical program was rendered by local talent.

The main event on the program after the address was the contest for the Red Cross pig. This pig was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of the auxiliary and brought the tidy sum of \$60, which will be turned into the Portland chapter as a donation. Dan Erickson of Portland is now its owner.

A light lunch was served which brought the local auxiliary another neat sum which will be used for incidental expenses.

Boring auxiliary meets every Tuesday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and extends a cordial invitation to all, whether members or not, to come and bring their needle and help the cause along.

STOCKHOLDERS URGED TO ATTEND MEETING

Stockholders of the local telephone company are again reminded of the annual meeting to be held next Monday, January 28. If there is not a majority in attendance at that time another meeting will have to be called which will mean an exasperating and costly delay and necessitate a second attendance of many who will find it difficult to attend later in the season.

Two directors are to be chosen to succeed Donald McKay and Arthur Dowsett, whose terms are about to expire. Some other matters of importance may be brought up. The call for the meeting is for 2 p. m. at Metzgers hall and if there is a majority of members present at roll call all business can be disposed of in a short time. There are about 285 stockholders, of which one half must be present to hold a legal meeting.

The automobile owners are going to have an automobile show in a few days down in Portland. We would suggest that the non-automobile owners have one later on, and we believe if Oregon elects a democratic governor this year there will be one.

Take the 25 cents you did not spend for pork chops and buy a thrift stamp with it, thus doing the double patriotic service of saving the most needed meat and loaning Uncle Sam money with which to carry on the war.

The knife, fork and spoon are the most powerful implements of war just now.

THRIFT DAY PROGRAM OF SAVING MORE

The First State Bank of Gresham is taking the lead in promoting Thrift Day, which will be observed on Monday, February 4. In an interview with Mr. Meyers, president of the bank, he gave an outline of what Thrift means as applied to saving and economy. His statement follows:

Those desiring to co-operate in the proper observance of Thrift Day will kindly call at First State Bank and make known what part they will take in the program.

"The duty of every American today is to work with and for the Government."

Helping the Government has come to mean the avoidance of waste and extravagance. Each individual can help by avoiding waste or extravagance; by spending less and saving more; by protecting Thrift. This year we know, as never before, the national and the personal importance of thrift.

Thrift is essentially patriotism. The First State Bank invites you to co-operate on National Thrift Day—victory's ally—in starting something that will help win the war.

Win the war we must, and thrift is the one thing that will do it. Each individual must do something worth while, must earn something. Then there must be proper expenditure of those earnings. The Government too must act wisely in obtaining money from its people and in the expenditure thereof. It is practicing thrift in a most exquisite manner when it proceeds to classify its military men in order that those proficient in any certain line may be used in that line in a most efficient manner and to his full capacity, thereby eliminating lost motion, and making the whole army or navy more forceful.

The First State Bank will after February 1st maintain at its banking rooms a service calculated to assist the young man and the young lady while still in school, to determine the work for which they are best adapted. One vocation will be taken up each month and sufficient time taken to cheerfully consider the prospects in that line by comparing the number enjoyed in that particular vocation with the number engaged in other vocations, the salaries that may be expected, the opportunity for advancement and the opportunities for scientific research. The reference books will be kept at the banks for the perusal of high school students and others interested. Postal cards have been mailed to some whom it was thought might be interested asking that they be filled out and returned properly filled out with the names of those desiring the literature. The service is free and the cards should be returned promptly if interested, for we have a limited amount only of the literature and the mailing list after once made up is imprinted on metal for use in the addressograph machine and can not be easily changed.

There is still a good supply of 1918 calendars at the First State Bank for those who desire a nice calendar for the asking.

ICE SHORTAGE IS GOING TO BE FELT

The entire Pacific coast west of the Rocky mountains is liable to experience an ice shortage next year. Coast cities will be hit the hardest, and even if they are able to get a supply it will most likely have to come from a long distance, from as far east as Montana or Idaho. It will have to be natural ice at that.

Ice users have been warned by the food commissioner that because so much ammonia will be used by the army and navy not enough will be left to make ice with. If they want to be sure to have ice enough next summer they should harvest and store it now, wherever possible.

As there is no ice whatever west of the Cascades this winter it is going to be difficult for Portland and the other large cities on this coast to get an adequate supply. Ice is going to cost money next summer if it is to be had at all and many industries will suffer in consequence.

Those overcoats which Aylsworth is closing out at from \$19 to \$12.50 each, are real bargains. Sizes range from 33 to 39 and everyone is worth more than the price asked for it. They are all first-class and just the thing for school boys.

Be morally fortified and you'll never be mentally mortified.

SWITCH THE SEARCHLIGHT ON YOURSELF

"He means well, but—"

How often you have heard the words, maybe said them yourself about others. Your thoughts have not been unkind; your lips only expressed disappointment at some human failing or misunderstanding.

It is no little misfortune to be misunderstood by one's fellows. Few of us can tolerate pity. But, go further! Turn the search-light of truth on yourself. Analyze your own futile aims, your own good intentions but defective deeds. You stand convicted of the same weakness. You mean well, but—

Isn't it time you took counsel with yourself? The road to Hades, they say, is paved with good intentions. It's not the wish but the will that counts. Don't desire but decide. Carry out your intentions and prove your self-mastery.

You will have the opportunity to show your mettle next National Thrift Day, which will be celebrated on Monday, February 4th, 1918. On that day, when Thrift will be practiced by men, women and children all over the land, see that you take part in the celebration. Think out your Thrift plan today. Make up your mind and on Thrift Day put the plan into action.

"Thrift," you say, wonderingly. There's the whole secret. You fail to understand that Thrift signifies thriving—successful living. How can the person be successful who is wasteful or extravagant of time, money, material or energy? How can a person who only "means well" be successful?

When hundreds of thousands of other folks begin to register action on National Thrift Day, get amongst them and go and do likewise. What you save is only of secondary importance to the big fact of saving! The beginning is the thing which counts, for then you have lifted yourself out of the mass of those who "mean" into the class of those who "do."

Remember that Thrift will increase your efficiency whatever your age or occupation. Why? Thrift is another word for good management. It stands for common sense in saving, and spending. Its practice will benefit you, not only in health and wealth but from the most important view-point of character. Make Thrift a part of your daily life and you obtain a passport that will carry you safely through all life's chances and changes.

As a duty to your country, you should lay hold of Thrift. As a stepping-stone to success, you should give Thrift first place and attention. As a means of self-betterment, you should make Thrift an inseparable part of your character.

Begin the practice of Thrift on National Thrift Day, February 5d. Quit the company of the "would-be" and "never-do-well." Let the world say of you, "He means well and does well."

WOMEN WORKERS FAVOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION

The W. C. T. U. met in regular business session Thursday afternoon in the library. Mrs. E. S. McCormick was appointed superintendent of the department of legislation and Mrs. Beadle superintendent of co-operation with missionary societies.

Arrangements were made for an all-day meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. P. Honey on the next regular day, Feb. 14. This will be social and for work, definite notice to be given later.

Interesting communications from Floyed S. Metzger, Fort Bliss, Texas, and Walter W. Metzger, Camp Waco, Texas, were read thanking the Union for housewives received.

After the business session work was resumed filling housewives and making hospital supplies.

Thursday evening, Mrs. Mattie Sleeth, president of Multnomah Co. W. C. T. U. presided at a union prayer meeting, subject National constitutional prohibition. Unfortunately the very heavy rain kept many from the meeting.

The rural motor mail cars should be encouraged. They come in handy sometimes to pull the farmers' machines out of the ditches.

The silo conserves the feed produced. Build a silo and save your feed. See W. A. Hessel, Gresham, Oregon.

CHURCH SERVICE FLAG TO BE UNVEILED

The unveiling of a service flag will take place at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday evening, with a list of sixteen names appearing on the honor roll. Patriotic exercises will accompany the unveiling, to which all are invited. Those on the roll are members of the church, Sunday school or Epworth League, or boys whose families are members. The names are Albert Camp, George Clark, Edgar Wilson Eastman, Herbert Hoss, John Honey, Guy Jones, Emil Lauber, Floyed Metzger, Walter Metzger, Ray Palmquist, Cecil Pulfer, Leslie St. Clair, Clark Stillions, Ernest Thom, Roy White and Frank Wright. The following program will be presented, the pastor, Rev. J. Montcalm Brown presiding:

Organ voluntary—Miss Gladys Neal.
Opening exercises.
Selection by orchestra.
Solo—"Keep the Home Fires Burning." Jackson F. Jones.
Unveiling of service flag—Mrs. J. H. Metzger.
Song—"Star Spangled Banner," Miss Georgiana Cross.
Reading Roll of Honor—Miss Mildred St. Clair.
Address by Dr. W. T. Kerr.
Solo—Baritone horn, Dr. H. H. Ott.
Solo—"When the Boys Come Home," Miss Edella Towle.
Address, Dr. A. Thompson.
Selection by orchestra.
America.

BEAVERTON STARCH FACTORY IS READY

Not very much has been said lately concerning the proposition to establish a potato starch factory in this vicinity. About 50 acres have been signed up with the promoters but that numbers is far from being enough. However, those who have made arrangements to sell their cull potatoes to the factory will send them to Beaverton, where the plant for that neighborhood is ready for business.

Power has been turned on at the Pacific Potato Starch company's factory there to test the machines and elevators. The company is receiving cull potatoes in the bins and expects to begin the manufacture of starch the latter part of this month. The factory building is now complete, the machines are all in place and an 80-horsepower boiler has been installed to furnish steam for washing and cooking purposes. The entire plant is electrically driven, each machine being equipped with individual motor. The company, which is composed largely of Portland capitalists, with a few local stockholders, is preparing to handle the entire potato crop of the valley, marketing the better grades and converting the culls into starch.

HOW TO GET RID OF MOSS ON FRUIT TREES

The moss and lichens which come on fruit trees in the moist sections of the state can be kept down to an insignificant control of fruit diseases. Moss is of little real consequence, but growers frequently waste money and then neglect to spray in the spring at the proper time for the control of apple and pear scab and other diseases which are the causes of very real and serious annual loss. Dormant sprays are usually required only for San Jose Scale and Peach Leaf Curl. A large percentage of the winter spraying now done in Oregon is pure waste. Outside of the exceptions mentioned above, growers would be making money by omitting the dormant spray and using the same material in two or three spring sprays properly timed to control scab or fruit spot. The moss will then take care of itself. Directions for orchard spraying may be secured on request from Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis. In writing state kind of fruit raised.

COUNTY AGENT WERNER JOINS HOSPITAL CORPS

Richard J. Werner, agricultural agent of Clackamas county, has tendered his resignation to President Kerr of the O. A. C., and will quit his post for a position in the hospital corps.

He has already enlisted and the unit in which he will serve has been ordered to mobilize as soon as possible.

Mr. Werner is well known in Multnomah county as former assistant of County Agent Hall. He was but recently given the Clackamas county position and was doing good work.

Serve your country by saving food.

TEN NATIONS REPRESENTED IN PURCHASE

Following are a few interesting figures concerning liberty loan subscriptions by and through the First State Bank of Gresham:

Total subscriptions to first liberty loan, 45; amount subscribed \$14,100.

Total subscriptions to second liberty loan, 177; amount subscribed, \$26,000.

Total subscriptions to both loans, 222; amounting to \$40,100.

This has been classified by the Oregon State Central Liberty Loan committee as to nationalities as follows: Scandinavians, 33 subscribers; \$4550.00.

Germans, 37 subscribers; \$8200.00

Balkans, 2 subscribers; \$700.00.

Spanish, 2 subscribers; \$2000.00.

Scotch, Irish, English and Australian, 141 subscribers; \$24,100.00.

Japanese, 6 subscribers; \$450.00.

Belgians, 1 subscriber; \$100.00.

The customers of the First State Bank are urged to call at the earliest convenient date and receipt for the bonds which are due them in order to clear the records for the new liberty loan which, it is said will take place soon. All are urged to purchase war savings stamps to the extent of their ability. The First State Bank is an agent of the second class in the sale of war stamps and is furnished stamps by the Federal Reserve bank in large quantities. It will be glad to co-operate with teachers, merchants and others who are authorized agents of the first class in the sale of war stamps and thrift stamps.

ABSTAIN FROM PORK FOR NEXT SIX WEEKS

The United States Food Administration is looking to Oregon and the other Pacific Coast states for a record conservation of pork and all hog products during the next few weeks. Now that all restrictions on mutton and beef are suspended in the coast states until March 13, these states are expected to not rigidly observe the national conservation schedule, but to do even better.

"Because of temporary traffic congestion and the consequent accumulation of beef and mutton in the Coast states," said Federal Food Administrator Ayer in an interview. "The Food Administration has suspended the restrictions on these meats until March 13, and the people of Oregon may now have beef, mutton, veal and lamb even on 'meatless days' until the date named. This is a privilege which the rest of the country is not enjoying, and for that reason Oregon citizens should not only observe the schedule very strictly as to its two porkless days each week and one porkless meal each day, but should voluntarily do even better than this in saving pork. Since beef and mutton are now freely available until March 13, it would be no hardship for Oregon families to use no pork at all for this period. On 'porkless' days and at 'porkless' meals no pork, ham, bacon, sausage, lard or other hog product should be used. Tuesdays and Saturdays are the official 'porkless' days."

BORING AUCTION SALE EVENT OF NEXT TUESDAY

W. R. Borwick of Boring is offering all of his stock, farm equipment and household goods for sale at public auction next Tuesday, January 29. Mr. Borwick finds it necessary to dispose of his business on account of sickness. He is preparing to go to a Portland hospital for treatment within a few days. A complete list of his sale is given in this Outlook. Ed. Siefert of Boring is the auctioneer.

ALIEN REGISTRATION COMMENCES FEB. 5

All who are German aliens over the age of 14 years must register with their postmaster during the five days between February 5 and 9 inclusive. Swift punishment will follow for all who fail to comply with this order from the government.

We trust that the experience of this winter "back east" will convince the people there that Oregon is the only favored spot on earth regarding climate.

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