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the passing throng.


## NEED OF ORGANIZATION

As the Rogue River valley orchards come into thea ing in considerable quahtity the neverssity for business or ganization to fandle and market the output becomes mor apparent daily.

Local fruit growers today are in much the same con dition that orange growers in southern California were in the early 90s, when connmission men robbed them of all their porfits, and left them freight bills to pay. To day, as a result of organization, citrus fruit raising is a ago, when commission sharks grew rich on thievery and raised the cry of over-production.

Multitudinous are methods of robbery pursued by the commission men. Some of these parasites are houest, but the majority are not. Secret combines, dummy purchasers, false reports of spoiled fruit, phoney bids, collusion with buyers, are but a few of the devious methods employed by these pirates of the fruit industry to take the profits from the growers.
To place the fruit industry of the Romie River valley upon a stable, profit-paying basis, which will enhance the value of orehard property as well as assure the future of this greatest of fruit belts, is the object of the general ganization to he effected Wednesday ley is vitally interested, and every fruit grower should pledge support and co-operation.

This is the first effort made work for the common interest, and

THE FIGHT AGAINST THE COST OF HIGH LIVING.
While the Oregonian is blaming the extravagance the common people as the cause of the increased cost living and berating the laborer for wanting the comforts of life, the national bureau of labor has completed a thorough investigation of the real causes, and finds that the economic unpleasantness of the present day is more or ess world-wide in scope, "that Great Britain, Germany, Italy and other European countries," as well as America, are having their fights against high prices of the necessities of life.
Commissioner Neill will inform congress that the figfes when he sends, although covering nearly two decades of wholesate and retail prices of many articles of food and farm products and seores of other important commodities of everyday life do not cover the actual conditions as hey exist at present, as the work will extend only to 1908 .
Here are two discoveries:
Retail prices of food wer
higher in 1907 than in an
The average wholesale price of food inereased in 1908 nothwithstanding the fact that almost every other.princi pal staple commodity sold lower than in the previous year: and though the report will not touch last year, the prices of 1909 and 1910 exceed those of 1907
Here are some of the causes attributed
nissioner Ncill for the ligh cost of living

## Tariff legislation.

Speculative manipulation
Combinations in restraint of trade
Organizations of produces
Pure food regulations.
Steady employment of consumers.
Variation in harvests.
Changes in fashions and
Use of meat substitutes,
The report of retail prices is based on fi0s 7 price schedple articles.

Thirty articles averaged increase in price from one to nine per cont in the year 1907. They are: Wheat flour butter, corn meal, Irish potatons, lard, salt fish, fresh fish. steaks, beans, roast beef, rice, molasses, vinegar, veal, coffee, evaporatod apples, fresh milk. cheese, mutton, bacon, prunes, fresh pork, salt, dry or piekled pork, salt beef, ham, eggs, wheat bread, dressed chickens, sugar.

The only decrease is in meat, 0.2 per cent.
It is stated that the average prices of twenty of the thirty articles were higher in 1907 than in any other year of the eighteen-year period. The price of every article except coffee was higher in 1907 than in 1896, the year
of the lowest prices during the period, and in the case of sixteen of the thirty articles it was more than 25 per cent above the level of 1896.
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