

LIVING'S COST ASSAILED BY WITYCOMBE

Director of Oregon Agricultural College, Addressing Merchants' Association, Blames Consumer for Living Beyond His Means.

SAYS HE DOES NOT
FAVOR PUBLIC MARKET

Morning Session of Retail Merchants
Proves Interesting—Close With
Banquet Tonight.

This morning's session of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association proved to be one of the most interesting of the present convention, which will close with a banquet at the Hotel Medford this evening. This afternoon the association will elect new officers for the coming year and adjourn after considering several resolutions.

The visiting retailers are all loud in their praises of Medford and the manner in which they have been welcomed and entertained while here. All express great admiration for Medford.

The morning's session was devoted to several discussions. John Collier of La Grande led a discussion on the topic of "New Legislation"; W. C. Strumburg of Vancouver on "Holding Trade"; J. C. Mann of Medford on "Attracting a Woman's Trade"; L. B. Merrick of Portland delivered an address on "The Trade Paper and You."

Among the most interesting addresses of the morning was an address by James Witycombe, director of the experiment station at Oregon Agricultural college, upon the relation of the retailer to the producer. This topic was of unusual interest to Medford at this time, owing to recent agitation for the establishment of a public market, a move not deemed wise by Dr. Witycombe. The speaker blamed the high cost of living upon the universal tendency to live beyond the family means, and to the abnormally high rents which dealers in produce must pay, forcing them to add 15 or 20 per cent to the initial cost of the goods. Dr. Witycombe said, in part:

"All manner of conditions are ascribed as being the chief factors in contributing to the abnormal cost of food. It is popular, in such discussions, to depict the merchant or dealer as the chief transgressor. The trouble is often due to the lack of proper economy in the home, an economy that is in keeping with the family income. There is a strong and almost universal tendency in the flood tide of prosperity to live beyond the family means. Frequently only the choicest and highest priced cuts of meat will suffice for the table. Delicacies are demanded which greatly swell the food budget.

The telephone also must bear its portion of the blame for the high cost of living. This modern and indispensable instrument for facilitating business and promoting pleasure affords a ready means for ordering articles that otherwise would, perhaps, be left unpurchased. This instrument of convenient communication is also responsible for many emergency orders, with their special delivery, which add immeasurably to the cost of distribution.

"It is well that the standard of living should be elevated, but conservatism and economy should be the governing factors of the home. Living expenses should be kept within the bounds of propriety at least to fit the financial station in life. The one-time common frugal practice of the housewife in the home canning of fruits and vegetables is in grave danger of becoming a lost art. These articles of food are now more conveniently purchased in attractively labeled cans at the corner grocery, which also add immensely to the cost of living.

Consumer Suffers.
"It is not the consumer who is the greatest sufferer under present economic conditions. It is the producer who is the most grossly wronged. This is the one great reason of the unrest and discontent among farmers

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NEW PRESIDENT POPULAR.



DR. JOHN GRIGER HIBBEN

The election of Dr. John Grier Hibben as president of Princeton University was a popular action. He is a great favorite at Princeton, where he has been professor of logic and philosophy for many years.

\$30,000 IS PAID FOR A PORTION OF BARNEBURG TRACT

Greater Portion of the Land Will Be
Set to Fruit by New Owner, Who
Is Stephen Tobin of the State of
Wyoming.

Two hundred and thirty acres of the Peter Barneburg place were sold Wednesday to Stephen Tobin, of Casper, Wyo., the price paid being \$30,000.

The land purchased is located one and a half miles southeast of Medford and is part of the Fred Barneburg donation land claim. Of the tract purchased 160 acres are now ready for the plow. The remainder of it includes what is known as the Barneburg Heights, quite a prominent point on the land which overlooks the entire valley.

The land has never been set to fruit, but for 40-odd years it has grown excellent crops of wheat and corn. Mr. Tobin will leave soon for Wyoming but will return to Medford in March, when he expects to take up his residence here. Next winter he will set the greater part of his recent purchase to fruit, for which it is well adapted.

Aside from the tract above mentioned Mr. Tobin owns quite a large acreage of land near Eagle Point, which he is having set to fruit this winter.

Mr. Tobin has been a very extensive sheep raiser in Wyoming and has made a fortune in that business, and has evidently decided to invest a portion of it in Rogue river valley fruit lands.

This sale was made by A. F. Barnett, a Medford real estate dealer.

MORE TROOPS ARE ASKED BY MAYOR

Governor Foss Urged to Send Two
Additional Regiments of Militia to
Lawrence to Prevent Trouble With
Strikers.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 18.—Charging that the strikers in the textile mills here are planning to dynamite the plant, officials of the corporation today demanded of Governor Foss that he send two additional regiments of militia here, and declare the city under martial law. The strikers resent this insinuation, declaring that this is merely a plan on the part of the mill owners to make the situation appear more serious than it really is.

Mayor Scanlon has agreed with the mill owners that more troops are necessary to preserve order here, and has wired the governor urging prompt action. Governor Foss was also told that the strikers were planning to dynamite his residence in Boston.

11 TENTATIVE JURORS WILDE CASE SECURED

More Evidence That Detectives Working
Either for the Prosecution or
Defense, or Both, Have Approached
Veniremen, & Secured.

SECOND MAN, SAYS HE
WAS QUESTIONED RECENTLY

Hope to Secure a Jury by Friday So
That Real Trial May
Open Monday.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—More evidence that detectives working either for the prosecution, the defense, or both, in the Wilde embezzlement case, have been exceedingly active questioning veniremen concerning their opinion on Wilde's guilt or innocence, was brought out in Judge Kavanaugh's court during the forenoon session today.

L. A. Jajoie, cousin of the famous ball player of the same name, while under examination, said he had been approached by a man recently and asked regarding the case. His statement was similar to that made by Venireman Sattler Tuesday.

When the noon recess was taken 11 tentative jurors occupied the box. Two of them were passed for cause today. They are F. E. Jackson and L. A. Jajoie.

Strong hopes of completing the jury today, which is to try Banker Wilde of San Diego on embezzlement charges, was expressed by attorneys this forenoon when examination of veniremen was resumed. Nine tentative jurors occupied the box when court opened.

The state has three and the defense six peremptory challenges. Unless these are generally exercised it was predicted that a permanent jury will be seated by Saturday noon and that the actual trial will begin Monday.

The three veniremen passed for cause yesterday are Martin Sattler, painter; J. A. McArthur, merchant, and W. G. Eaton, real estate broker.

VETERAN IS FOUND STRAWING TO DEATH

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 18.—Eighty-four years old and a veteran of the civil war, Yeofel DeZor was found unconscious here today on the steps of the Central police station, toward which he had tottered to find warmth and ask food. Half dead from hunger and exposure, the old man was taken to the receiving hospital, where he was cared for.

DeZor enlisted in the 82d New York infantry on President Lincoln's first call for volunteers and remained in the service until the close of the war. He was wounded at Gettysburg and after his recovery lay three months in a Confederate prison.

Several weeks ago DeZor endeavored to gain admittance to the National Soldiers' home at Sawtelle, Cal. He was denied because his service papers had been lost. Because of his weakened condition he is able to tell little of his struggle since that time.

M'ANIGAL BELIEVED TO HAVE ENLARGED CONFESSION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 18.—When Ortie McManigal, self confessed dynamiter, resumed his testimony today before the federal grand jury investigating alleged dynamite plots, it is believed that he enlarged upon his confession to Detective William J. Burns, in which he implicates 20 or more labor leaders in as many dynamiting outrages.

The probes probably will finish with McManigal late this afternoon, but it could not be learned when he would be returned to Los Angeles, where he may have to stand trial for dynamiting the Llewellyn Iron Works there.

SAN FRANCISCO.—W. A. Gardner hadn't sleep in weeks. An affable stranger with a "Dr." on his cards offered to produce the desired result. "Take these powders," he said, Gardner did. He awakened \$75 shy today.



INNOCENCE.

MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA DEMAND ENTRY TO POLITICS

Adopt Substitute Resolution to One
Which Indorses Socialism and De-
mands That Organized Labor Enter
Politics.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 18.—Prohibited by its constitution from favoring any specific political party, the United Mine Workers of America, in convention here, adopted today a substitute resolution for the measure proposed yesterday, which indorses socialism and demanded that organized labor enter politics. The substituted resolution is not marked by any strong recommendation, but merely advocates independent political action.

The bill introduced in congress by Congressman Victor Berger of Wisconsin which provides a pension for the aged and infirm was indorsed by the convention and that portion of the measure which provides that no court shall be vested with power to destroy the bill should it become a law was recommended.

IMPERIAL CLAN MEETS FRIDAY

Abdication of Emperor and the Man-
chu Princes Will Be Topic of Dis-
cussion—Believe Dowager Has
Final Word.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 18.—Final decision as to whether the Manchu emperor will abdicate his throne and the Manchu princes lay down their power will come tomorrow at Peking at a general meeting of the imperial clan. It is said by the adherents of the dynasty here that the majority of the Manchu princes are in favor of ending the war by a formal withdrawal from the government. It is believed

MRS. OLSEN MUST PAY FOR USING WHIP ON JUDGE MAIN

Woman Who Horsewhipped Judge
Found Guilty in Third Degree—
Maximum Penalty Is One Year in
County Jail.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 18.—Mrs. Christina Olsen, who horsewhipped Judge Main in the courthouse corridor for setting aside a jury verdict in her favor, and who was defended by her husband, Harry Olson, a painter, after turning down the court's offer to provide him with three of the best lawyers in Seattle, was found guilty of assault in the third degree. The maximum penalty is one year in the county jail and a \$500 fine. Two of the three women jurors, Mrs. Retta Dodge and Miss Ida M. Kleeman, were firm for Mrs. Olsen's conviction. Two men voted for her acquittal consistently until the final ballot.

The story which led up to the assault was excluded from the testimony. Olson wanted to show that Mrs. Olsen was under great provocation. The Olsons paid about \$600 in rent to an agent of a Mrs. Sylvester for 20 months in advance. The agent decamped and Mrs. Sylvester sued for the entire amount. Two different juries decided in favor of the Olsons. Judge Main then set aside the second verdict on the ground that the agent's lease had run out.

Tory Party Is Active.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Tory party today has arranged for 40 mass meetings in Lancashire January 22 and 23 as the initial step in its anti-home rule campaign. The constituencies in these two powerful counties, though inclined to be liberal in politics, are protestant, and the Tory leaders hope to play on the religious prejudice of the electors to wean them away from the liberal party, and so to defeat home rule for Ireland.

that the dowager empress will say the final word which will mean resumption of fighting or immediate establishment of the proclaimed republic.

HOPE OF CLEMENCY FOR RICHESON HAS BEEN ABANDONED

Governor Foss Urged Executive
Council to Refuse Commutation to
Silas Phelps, Executed Last Week
—Looks Bad for Richeson.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 18.—The Rev. C. V. T. Richeson's counsel have abandoned hope of clemency for the condemned minister, self confessed murderer of his discarded sweetheart, Avis Linnell, as a result of the governor urging the executive council to refuse commutation to Silas Phelps, who was executed last week for the murder of Sheriff Haskins.

Governor Foss found that seven of the nine members of the council believed in enforcing the electrocution law, as long as it remains on the statutes, and thousands of letters urging the execution of Richeson have been received by Governor Foss.

Richeson's attorneys admit that public sentiment against Richeson is too strong. They now fear he will pay the extreme penalty for his crime.

STEPHENSON IS CLEARED BY PROBE

"No Evidence of Corruption" is Re-
port of Sensational Subcommittee
Which Has Been Investigating Elec-
tion of Solon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—"No evidence of corruption," is the unanimous verdict reached by the senatorial subcommittee probing the election of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin, which was announced today.

The subcommittee agreed to so report to the full senate committee on privileges and elections.

MEDFORD LEVY IS LOWER THAN OTHER CITIES

Excellent Condition of City Finances
Reflected by Total Levy—Medford
Levy is 28.5, While That of Ash-
land Is Fixed at 40.5.

EAGLE POINT AND GOLD
HILL ALONE ARE LOWER

Eagle Point Has Levy of 24 Mills
and Gold Hill a
Levy of 28.

The excellent condition of the finances of the city of Medford is reflected by the tax levy this season in comparison with the other sections of Jackson county. In nearly every instance it is lower than in the other towns or cities of the valley, and this in spite of the fact that Medford has led the van of public improvements. The total levy in Medford this year is 28.5, while that of Ashland is 40.5. The city levy of Grants Pass is forecast at 15 mills, although it has not been decided upon definitely and the Josephine county tax of 18 mills brings it to 33 mills and to this the school tax must be added. The city of Eugene will pay at a rate of 30.7 mills.

The tax levy in the cities and towns of Jackson county for 1912 is as follows:

Place	City	School	Co.	Tot.
Medford	9.5	8	11	28.5
Ashland	21	8.5	11	40.5
Talent	8	10	11	29
Phoenix	18	5	11	34
Eagle Point	10	2	11	24
Central Point	15	6	11	32
Jacksonville	16	10	11	37
Gold Hill	5	12	11	28
Woodville	15	6	11	32

The county court on Wednesday completed its work of fixing the tax levy for 1912. It totals an even 11 mills, which will provide \$418,297 this year. The levy is divided as follows:

Purpose	Levy	Amount
Schools and library	1.6	\$ 59,640
State	2.8	106,470
High school	3	11,498
Armory, Experiment station and fair	4	15,210
General expense	1.9	72,251
Road	4	152,108
Total	11	\$418,297

GUARD IS DOUBLED ABOUT LOS ANGELES JAIL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 18.—Acting upon orders wired by Sheriff Hammel in Indianapolis, the county jailer today doubled the guard about the jail where Bert H. Connors, Ira Bender and A. B. Maple, charged with conspiring to blow up the hall of records in Los Angeles, are confined.

The possibility of a jail break is said to have caused the extra precautions.

OFFICER TO FACE TRIAL FOR BEATING HIS WIFE

VALLEJO, Cal., Jan. 18.—Facing a courtmartial on charges of actions unbecoming an officer and a gentleman as a result of an attack upon his wife, Captain Ernest E. West, U. S. M. C., is under arrest today at the barracks here.

Captain West is regarded as one of the brightest officers in the service. He was sent here to act as judge advocate at the courtmartial following the Bennington disaster.

Women Outvote Men.

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 18.—Woman outvoted the men, in a percentage comparison, in the special freeholders' election here, 117 out of 200 registered casting ballots, while but 500 out of 5000 registered males voted. No women made mistakes, while many men called for new ballots.

Troops Near China.

PEKING, Jan. 18.—The force of American troops recently dispatched from Manila to act guards along the American section of the Peking railroad from Tang Shan to Lanchow are due to arrive at Chin Wank Tao early tomorrow on the transport Logan.