MAKE OREGON WHEATLESS UNTIL NEW CROP IS IN

The state food administration has requested all merchants and flouring mills to cease the sale of wheat flour from May 27 to May 31, inclusive, except to bakers, logging and other camps. It is the hope of the administration to put Oregon on a voluntary wheatless basis that the government might more effectively cope with the critcal food situation confronting the allies. The administration complimented Jackson county for her efforts thus far shown in conservation, and expressed the hope that it will not fail Uncle Sam in his latest request.

The initial movement for placing Oregon upon a voluntary "wheatless until harvest" basis, thus rallying to the urgent call of Uncle Sam in his great task of feeding our army at the frost and the armies and civilian peoples of the allies, was taken on Thursday, May 23, at Portland, when county food administrators, assembled from 28 out of 36 counties, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, the wheat situation of the nation and the allies has become exceedingly acute—so acute that only by the most drastic curtailments in consumption can America meet the grave duty and military necessity which confronts her; therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the unanimous conviction of the county food administrators of the state of Oregon, and others attending the Food Administration conference held in Portland, May 22-23, 1918, that Oregon be placed at once as nearly as may be upon a voluntary wheatless basis, this to continue until August, 1918. And be it further

Resolved, that each county administrator shall immediately take steps to bring his county to such wheatless standard; that this resolution shall not contemplate curtailing consumption of wheat products by heavy manual laborers, or others necessarily dependent upon bakers' bread to a point where it will impair their efficiency; that bakers should limit their consumption of wheat flour to 70 per cent of that of the corresponding period of 1917, that dealers should sell with each pound of wheat flour three pounds of substitutes, and should not purchase nor sell to exceed 25 per cent of their last year's purchases of wheat flour without special permit; that dealers and communities further be requested to eliminate wheat flour sales entirely, and in any case to use their best efforts to confine such sales to a maximum of one-half pound of wheat flour per week per person; that steps be taken at once to induce all dealers, homes and hotels to turn back all supplies of flour on hand beyound the ultra minimum required within the spirit of this resolution, except that where flour on hand is so remotely located that its return would be impractical, permission being given to retail the same."

BRUTAL MURDER ADMITTED BY SAWMILL WORKER

SEATTLE, MAY 27.—W. H. Horner, a mill worker, who was arrested Friday night in Okanagan county by officials investigating the murder of Mrs. Nellie Bassett and her two children at Kelso, Wash., on May 17, at midnight confessed to the triple killing, according to Sheriff John Stringer.

The confession, according to Sheriff Stringer, was made when Horner, after stoutly maintaining his innocence after a severe cross-examination, broke down when the pictures of the bodies as they were found in a tent near the Pacific highway, were dramatically thrust before his eyes.

"I Did It!"

"I did it! I did it!" he is alleged to have declared brokenly.

"We were sleeping in the tent when she woke up in the middle of the night, and insisted on my marrying her. I refused, and we got to quarreling. I remember grabbing the rifle and shooting all of them as they lay in their beds."

Horner, however, stoutly protested that he did not kill Fred Bassett, husband of the murdered woman, four years ago. Bassett, it is said, was killed by a rifle bullet from behind, while he and Horner were out hunting. Horner tonight maintained that it was an accident.

Murder Not Planned

He likewise insisted that the murder of Mrs. Bassett and her children, Ada and Arza, was not premeditated. A deed to Mrs. Bassett's ranch in Okanogan county, which adjoins that of Horner, was found in the latter's possession at the time of his arrest. The deed named $4000 as the consideration of the transfer. Horner told the authorities tonight he had given her "some money and a note."

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR STATE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Attorney John H. Carkin is in receipt of an opinion rendered by Attorney General Brown in which the proposal of the state consolidation commission, of which Mr. Carkin is a member, to provide a department of finance, in which all officials would be appointees of the governor, is declared unconstitutional.

Mr. Carkin submitted to the attorney general the proposed draft of a bill creating a "department of finance," which is to be one of the branches of the new form of government. In connection with this department it is proposed to create a new office of state auditor.

Brown's Adverse Opinion.

"Answering yours of recent date," says the attorney general, "permit me to say that some of the most important duties and acts provided from paragraphs 1 to 12 inclusive, in your enclosed writing, entitled "Department of Finance," are now included within the lawful and constitutional authority of the secretary of state."

This department, as outlined, would take from the secretary of state practically all his duties as auditor of public accounts, which duties are imposed upon him by the constitution.

The attorney general at great length, reviews the constitutional provisions and laws relating to the duties of the secretary of state, including the original enactment after the state was admitted to the union.

"After 50 years," says the attorney general, "there has not been a material change in the original enactment so far as it relates to the power of the secretary."

Is Unconstitutional.

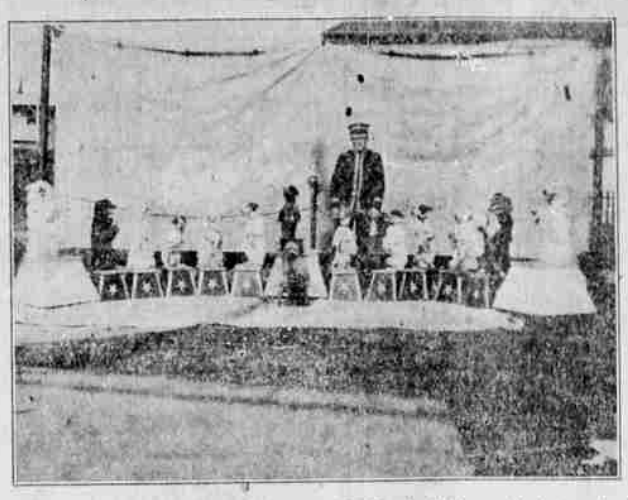
The first legislative act to pass the legislature following the admission of Oregon to statehood related to the duties of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. The attorney general indicates that he thinks it is an act which should stand. He says:

"The purpose of the legislative measure was to carry into effect the powers, authority and duties of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. The bill was introduced in the senate by one of the leading members of the constitutional convention. It is a historical fact that many members of the Oregon constitutional convention were statesmen of great ability and lawyers of much learning, wide experience and pre-eminently qualified to draft a constitution. Nor is there any question but that the men who prepared the bill defining the duties of the secretary of state knew the meaning of the provision that he, the secretary of state, 'shall be virtue of his office be auditor of public accounts.'"

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON GIRLS TO AID FARMERS

EUGENE, May 27.—A group of 15 girls of the University of Oregon will form a land service unit for work in the agricultural districts of Lane county, according to plans worked out at a meeting today. They have selected a camping ground north of the city, in the vicinity of the berry farms in that locality, and will hire out to the farmers who need pickers. They will also volunteer their services as cherry pickers when cherry season opens. The growers of this locality are short of pickers each season and the girls plan to help relieve the shortage.

SOME OF THE PERFORMING DOGS THAT WILL AMUSE THE CHILDREN AT THE CARNIVAL THIS WEEK.



Juvenile visitors at the Greater Medford club's patriotic carnival this week will be delighted with the half hundred beautiful and highly educated dogs which comprise only one of the forty features of Foley & Burk's mammoth two-ring circus. These dogs work in groups and perform the most amazing and amusing things imaginable. Some of them bound from the ground to the backs of galloping ponies, where they jump thru hoops and over a large number of ponies from a springboard. The funniest of all are the dancing dogs, the dog clowns and the "bow-wows" that sing opera. They are almost as funny as Rastus, the Charlie Chaplin mule, who cuts up antics in the adjoining ring.

The carnival opens tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock and will continue until midnight Saturday. Wednesday will be Ashland day, and Friday Phoenix and Talent day, on which occasions special programs will be offered.

BELGIAN KING GRATEFUL FOR AMERICAN AID

WASHINGTON, May 27.—President Wilson has received from King Albert of Belgium a cablegram expressing gratitude on the part of the Belgian people for the generosity of America towards the army and civil population of Belgium. The president replied that the United States felt it had not done for Belgium quite as much as it wanted to do and said that nothing gave the American people more pleasure than to be able to render aid to the suffering Belgains.

King Albert's message said:

"I would not fail to take the opportunity afforded me by the second appeal for funds in favor of the American Red Cross to express to you all my people's gratitude for the splendid generosity displayed by the American nation towards the army and civil population of Belgium. Both the material help given and the friendship of your great nation will always be remembered. I am glad to say how useful the work done by Colonel Bicknell, Major Van Schaack and the commission for relief in Belgium already has been, and to pay tribute to their valuable and efficient activity. The relationship between our peoples, cemeated in this time of suffering, will strengthen confidence, sympathy and good will and increase the devotion of every citizen of the allied countries to the sacred cause of liberty and justice."

The president said in this reply:

"Your majesty's generous message has been read with deep pleasure and appreciation, and I beg to assure you that nothing that the American Red Cross or the body of my fellow citizens have done, has been done more truly from the heart than the aid, all too little, which they have been able to render the gallant and suffering people of Belgium. We feel our common dependence upon them for the vindication of the cause of freedom."

"MARY'S ANKLE" AT PAGE THEATRE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4

One of the gayest entertainments of the season is promised in A. H. Woods' forthcoming production of "Mary's Ankle," which comes to the Page theater on Tuesday, June 4 for an engagement, direct from the Bijou theater, New York, with the original New York cast and production. "Mary's Ankle" is the clever and original farce by May Tully, which the New York Globe compared favorably with "Turn to the Right" and "The Boomerang." The story of the piece may be best described as a complicated honeymoon. The complications result from the sending of a fake wedding invitation by one of three penniless young men, in order to extract much needed wedding presents from close-fisted relatives. The young lady who has been made an unconscious partner in the design, eventually apears in the person of a bewitching young woman, named Mary Jane Smith. From this sketchy outline, which according to Miss Tully is founded on real facts, the author has evolved as sprightly and entertaining a farce as New York has seen in many months. The action of the piece is rapid, the situations are surprising and original, and there is literally a laugh in every line of the dialogue. The notable New York company includes Amy Leah Denins, Bert Leigh, May Wallace, James Hoster, Edward Butler, Louise Sanford, Donald MacLeod, Gertrude Mann, Donald McBride and others.

A. F. & A. M.

All Masons will assemble at Masonic hall at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, May 28th to attend funeral of Eleazar Jones.

E. J. FOUTS, W. M.

Mrs. William Stewart purchased a Franklin car today from O. V. Myers, sales manager of the Roy Pruitt agency.

NO COMMISSION IN NAVY POSSIBLE FOR MISS TOWNE

News from Bremerton states that the navy's reply to the application of Miss Marion Towne of Phoenix for a commission was a rejection on the ground "the navy is not granting commissions to women."

Miss Towne is a chief yoeman in the naval reserve force who has made a record of exceptional ability, and applied for permission to take the examination for the rank of assistant paymaster.

Some time back Miss Towne conceived the idea of trying for a commission, feeling confident that she could pass the necessary technical examination for rank in the pay department. Her ambition was encouraged by her superior officers, who could see no reason why she should not be holding a rank commensurate with the importance of the work which she has been performing as assistant to Capt. W. T. Wiley, U. S. C. G., officer in charge of secret service work in the Thirteenth naval district.

Miss Towne's rejection, in spite of her obvious fitness, is regarded as the establishment of a general rule to which the navy intends to adhere in all cases. Other women who have been hoping for a chance to go up in the service have given up their ambitions as a result, since it is evident that there is little hope for the present of breaking through the barrier. It is probable that the general policy has been laid down because of the inadvisability of sending women to sea. This same policy is carried out quite strictly in granting commissions to men also, since the navy does not wish to give commissions to those who would not be qualified to perform the sea duties of a commissioned officer.

Miss Towne is a graduate of the school of law of the University of Michigan, and was formerly a member of the Oregon state legislature. She enlisted at Medford, and was among the first women in the northwest taken into the service.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS BACK OF SUFFRAGE

LONDON, May 27.—A wireless press dispatch from Berne says the German socialist party has appointed a committee to draw up a revised party program, which will be submitted at the next socialist congress. It will make the following suggestions:

Universal and equal suffrage to both sexes, parliamentary government, the revision of the constitution depriving the emperor of the right to declare war, conclude peace or negotiate treaties, and conferring these rights on the reichstag, abolition of secret diplomacy, an international tribunal with a view to disarmament, and permanent government control of the distribution of raw materials.

NINETEEN NAMES ON CASUALTY LIST FROM PERSHING

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The army casualty list today contained 19 names, divided as follows: Killed in action nine; died of wounds, four; died of disease, one; severely wounded, two; missing in action, three. The list:

Killed in action: Corporals Milton Scarborough, Childs, Md.; Lonnie Simpson, Ready, Ky.; Privates Alexander P. Garrett, Mangum, Okla.; Joseph Griffin, East Hampton, N. Y.; James C. Hollandi Villa Rica, Ga.; Eugene Rockwell, Oakes, Sparta, Wis.; Frank John Schmidt, Milwaukee, Wis.; Walter Schutzman, Ethel, La.; James Wallen, Fairland, Okla.

Died of wounds: Sergeant James E. Delee, Troy, N. Y.; Wagoner Norris G. Stokes, La Crosse, Fla.; Privates Earle Symmes, Willow Creek, Cal.; William J. Oliszewski, Manistee, Mich.

Died of disease: Private Meane Otto Wiltz, Wellsburg, Ia.

Wounded severely: Privates Arthur O. Anderson, New Rockeford, N. D.; Elmer Samuelson, Paso Robles, Cal.

Missing in action: Privates Jerry A. Grown, Columbus, Ohio; Charles W. Knowlton, Fairfield, Conn.; John B. F. Walters, Gadsden, Ala.

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