

# GROGERS IN DISCUSSION PROBLEMS

### Independent Retailers of Medford and Vicinity Banquet — Bakers Present Facts in Bread Costs.

Fifty-seven grocers representing practically every independent grocery concern in Medford and its immediate vicinity met at the Hotel Medford banquet dining room last night and enjoyed a sumptuous banquet and got-together.

The almost 100 percent attendance of merchants discussed a number of questions and phases affecting the independent grocer of co-operation and optimism expressed at the meeting argued well for the future of Medford and the Rogue River valley.

**Optimism Seen**  
The many expressions and opinions brought up at the meeting were surprisingly alike as to the bright prospects for the independent grocer during the year 1931. The great amount of building both private and public was pointed out as the handwriting on the wall of the better times ahead.

Local wholesale bakers were also present at the meeting and addressed the grocers on the various phases of bread prices which have been the subject of much publicity in the newspapers of late.

Cost figures were presented by bakers, wherein it was shown that the amount of flour used in a pound of bread represented but one-fourth of the total cost of the finished product and that it was unreasonable and impossible to drop bread prices in the same proportion as the drop in flour prices.

**Reduction Cited**  
It was also brought out that the drop in local wholesale bread prices from 8c to 7c per pound last fall was a 12 1/2 percent reduction and represented a proportionate 40 percent reduction in flour prices.

One speaker also claimed the wide variance in local prices was a difference in quality, lack of sanitary and dustproof wrapper and the fact that some merchants were selling bread below cost as a means of stimulating business.

**Vote Confidence**  
After a thorough discussion the grocers unanimously gave the local wholesale bakers a vote of confidence and asked them to continue the present quality of their bread and service and not to attempt to cheapen their materials or reduce their standard of wages.

It was the unanimous opinion of the grocers present that the public wanted good wholesome bread of the best possible quality and were willing to pay both the retailer and the manufacturer a reasonable profit.

Local wholesale prices are 7c per pound loaf and retail prices are 3 pound loaves for 25c at all independent grocers.

A concentrated and intensive campaign in behalf of the independent grocer who owns and operates his own business was also one of the projects discussed at the meeting and steps will be taken to carry out the program in the near future.

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tablements was killed in the senate by indefinite postponement. The industries committee reported unanimously against it. The bill was introduced by Woodward at the request of a Retail Merchants' association in Portland.

Another bill providing for the disqualification of circuit judges sitting in probate when the judge is held to be prejudiced against either party or an attorney in the case, was also killed by indefinite postponement.

**SALEM, Feb. 20—(AP)—**A half hour earlier start in the house, along with consideration of the state racing bill and full calendars in both houses, mark the opening of the last official day of the Oregon legislature. Twelve appropriation bills are on special order during the afternoon in the house, while the senate will take up the department of agriculture bill and changing the name of the Roosevelt highway to the Oregon Coast highway under special order.

Standing alone against an adverse report of the judiciary committee, which, if adopted, would have meant the indefinite postponement of the bill, Senator William F. Woodward mustered enough votes in the senate yesterday to pass one of his bills to tighten up the marriage laws. The bill provides that a period of five days must elapse between the date of application for the marriage license and the granting of the license by the county clerk.

**Measure Adopted.**  
As soon as the adverse report had been rejected the bill was placed on final passage by suspension of the rules, on motion of Senator James W. Crawford, and passed. The vote was:

For—Bennett, Billingsley, Booth, Brown, Burke, Crawford, Dunn, Eberhard, Fisher, Johnson, Jones, Kueh, Man, Miller, Moser, Schulmerich, Spaulding, Staples, Upton, Woodward.

Against—Bailey, Carsner, Eddy,

Francisovich, Hall, Kiddle, Strayer, Wheeler, Marks, Abbott—Dunne.

Senator Woodward declared that "five minute determinations to marry under the influence of a cocktail or a notion inflict the nation."

**Reverends Flayed.**  
He flayed the "reverends" at Vancouver, who he said take advantage of the Oregon marriage laws and live in the neighborhood of the Vancouver courthouse, convenient to couples who want to marry.

The senate killed by indefinite postponement Woodward's bill that would have required the female as well as the male applicant for a marriage license to undergo physical examination.

With scarcely a ripple of opposition and only five negative votes the so-called Grange bill, administrative measure providing for the formation of water and power utility districts, slid easily through the senate yesterday afternoon.

While early in the session and through a period of several weeks, when all the legal talent at the command of friends of the measure was being utilized to whip it into shape, the bill loomed as controversial. This faded away, however, as the time approached for it to be reported out of the committee on railroads and utilities.

**Train Limit Losses.**  
Controversial measures were disposed of by the senate yesterday afternoon. One of these was Senator Jay H. Upton's bill to limit the length of trains, which was defeated, and the barber bill for further sanitary regulation of that industry, which passed by a vote of 17 to 13. Senator Dunne introduced the bill.

Upton's train bill passed the senate last week after a hard fight. The following day it was revealed from the house on motion of Senator E. W. Miller and reconsidered. Going back to the committee it got one more hearing in a series of spirited hearings to which it was subjected. The vote yesterday was 19 against and 11 for.

After Senator Bailey had explained the Grange bill, declaring that it was proof against promotion, the measure was attacked by Senator Bennett, who declared the bill left the way open to the calling of too many special elections. He urged that instead of 5 percent of the voters of the district being able to call an election the bill should require 25 percent. He asked unanimous consent to make the amendment, but Bailey refused consent.

Senators voting against the bill were Bennett, Dunn, Johnson, Staples and Strayer. Jones and Miller were absent.

**Tribute to Simont.**

Tribute to former Congressman Nicholas J. Simont was made in the house of representatives in connection with the bill which has as its object changing the name of Malheur county to that of Simont county, which passed, 57 to 2. Representatives McAllister of Marion county and Glass of Wasco county protesting the change through their votes.

The house during the day featured reversal of measures before it, and had already succeeded in killing five bills before going far into the calendar. These included regulation of sale of patented medicines and drugs by registered pharmacists only, the child labor amendment, new restrictions upon abstractors, creation of district courts in medium sized counties and the opening of tidewaters of Nantuxca Bay to commercial fishing.

What is believed the last public hearing during the official period of the legislative session was that on the tobacco tax last night. Another tax measure was introduced in the house when the joint ways and means committee brought in a proposal to tax outdoor advertisements. The measure provides for a license of \$100, \$20 and \$5, according to the size and space occupied by signs.

## PAIR BLOW SAFE IN KANSAS BANK

CEDARVALE, Kan., Feb. 20—

(AP)—Two men blew the safe of the Citizens National bank here yesterday and escaped with \$7,100 in cash, about \$16,000 in bonds and an undetermined amount of notes after cutting all telephone and telegraph lines out of town and abducting two railroad men.

A. C. Crossland, night telegraph operator at the Missouri Pacific station and Carl Osborne, night watchman for the Santa Fe, were kidnapped and compelled to aid in forcing an entrance to the bank.

**He murmured: "Oh, Pardon Me" ... a hundred times a day ...**

A HUNDRED times a day he suffered the agonies of embarrassment as his conversation was interrupted by "Pardon Me's," as he turned away to stifle gas. It had been that way for years. No matter what he ate, it caused gas and discomfort. His stomach constantly caused him pain. He could hardly bear the idea of food. He was irritable and nervous—couldn't sleep. A friend suggested Tanlac. He tried it. In a few days the gaseous condition left him. His appetite returned. He began to feel leads better in every way. He slept like a boy.

Stomach gas is not only painful as well as embarrassing but it may be the warning of dangerous stomach troubles. Get rid of it—straighten out the condition that causes it with Tanlac. Few preparations have Tanlac's wonderful record of success in quickly relieving gas discomfort and stomach distress. It has helped thousands and it must help you too, or your druggist will return your money.



### New Gloves For Spring

Fresh from one of the largest glove houses in America are these darling new cape skin, French kid and suede gloves for lady's spring wardrobe. New gauntlets and 16-button length styles in white, eggshell, mode, biscuit and caracul. All sizes.

**\$2.98 to \$4.95**

### PURITAS Sanitary Napkins

Puritas is a nationally known sanitary napkin. These we offer at this price are standard size packages and guaranteed genuine Puritas. Phone in your order for three.

**3 for \$1.00**

### KLEENEX

The toiletries section now offers Kleenex in three popular sizes. Try this famous paper napkin; it is a marvelous way to remove creams and so convenient.

**25c, 50c, \$1.00**

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Dorothy Gray Toiletries

Mann's Department Store

Colonial Dames Toiletries

"THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY"

PHONE-486-487 MEDFORD, OREGON.



## New Half Size DRESSES

A dress announcement that should and will prove interesting to the woman who wears a half-size frock. This new shipment of half size dresses designed and styled for the large figure are indeed the most youthful we have shown in years. Smartly made from fine quality georgette and silk crepes in colorful prints and solid shades. They present a beautiful picture of what a real dress should be. A notable feature of these new frocks is the use of lace and applique as a trim. Also a few show the ensemble idea.

**\$19.75 \$29.50 \$49.50**

### Women's and Misses Spring Coats

**\$12.50**



If you are interested in a good looking yet inexpensive spring and summer coat by all means see these! They are tailored styles and come in such splendid fabrics as tweed, chonga and other wool mixtures. Novelty collars and cuffs. Semi-fitted lines and belted. The colors are tan, gray, navy, black and white, and green and black. Sizes 14 to 22.

### Children's Sweaters

A closeout sale of children's all-wool slip-on and coat-style sweaters. All good shades but small sizes, 2 to 5. These are regular up to \$2.95. Your choice Saturday while they last.

**Choice \$1.49**



## Colorful Flower Garden Cotton Prints for Spring

This advertisement introduces to you the largest showing of new spring cotton prints in Southern Oregon. Over 100 pieces of crisp new patterns and solid colors to choose from and every one a full yard wide and guaranteed color fast.

These are the famous Flower Garden patterns now so much in vogue for making the large trouser party pajama, also garden smocks, school dresses, quilt tops and other decorative uses. It is an all-purpose fabric. Priced the lowest in years.

36 Inches Wide and Every Yard Fast Color

**25c yd.**

WASH GOODS SECTION MANN'S MAIN FLOOR

## Knitted Suits

Spring's Popular Outer Garment



This spring and summer will see the knitted suit enjoying a popularity as never before. This type of garment will be it for 1931, and how well this store is prepared for this rush on knitted suits is best proven by a trip to the sports shop on the second floor. Especially interesting are these new arrivals at \$12.50. They are in the three-piece style and feature the new plaid jacket and solid-color skirts. All colors and sizes from 14 to 42.

**\$12.50**

Other Knitted Suits That Have Just Arrived are Priced From **\$19.75 to \$29.50**

SECOND FLOOR

## BERETS

Misses and Children

A sale of misses' and children's felt, brushed wool, and angora berets Saturday at Mann's The regular value on these are from 59c to \$3.45.

SPECIAL

**39c to \$1.59**

MAIN FLOOR

## Brother and Sister Suits

These adorable little brother and sister suits are of very fine quality soft wool jersey. They are in good colors and good styles. Ideal for spring wear. Sizes range from 2 to 6 years. Regular values up to \$2.95 suit.

SPECIAL

**\$1.95**

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## Kickernick Garments

Combrazerses

New low prices on Kickernick combrazerses. These popular garments are of fine quality rayon and combine all of Kickernick's famous comfort features. Reg. \$2.95, now

**\$1.95**

Bloomers

Also new low prices on genuine Kickernick cuff-knee bloomers. A fine rayon garment that sold for \$1.95, new price

**\$1.69**

Rayon Undies

Women's and misses' fine quality rayon bloomers and shorts in plaid, tailored or lace trimmed styles. All the spring shades. A real 69c value.

SPECIAL

**49c**

MANN'S MAIN FLOOR



### Famous Ferry Hats for Men

In the new "Medium" type that is this smart hat for men has a medium narrow brim and medium high crown. Just step in and ask the hat man to show you a new \$5.00 Ferry. You'll find the new tans, browns and gray shades very good looking. All sizes now in stock.

**\$5.00**

## Club 2 Pant Suits for Spring

**\$30 to \$40**

Remarkable New Values

In men's two-pant suits for spring and summer, 1931, and what a pleasure it is to offer our customers such values. We cannot remember when \$30.00, \$35.00 or \$40.00 would buy such a suit as you'll find in this spring line of CLUB CLOTHES. We don't have to say they are all wool. You know that Mann's would not offer you anything but the very best. Hence the great value in these good-looking suits. Every suit has two pair of trousers, one pair of knickers and one long. Some with two long. The fabrics, weaves and colors are as new as the season. Come in and slip into a Club suit. You'll like it.

## 54-Inch All Wool Crepe

A new shipment of the popular 54-inch all-wool crepe for spring dresses in sage green, rust, red, tan, orchid, electric blue, brown, yellow, navy and black. And it is priced only

**\$1.95 yd.**



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