

PRODUCERS OF MILK ORGANIZE ASSOCIATION

Replacement of Haphazard System of Production With Business Methods, Is Purpose Asserted—Want Co-operation of Consumers

Dairymen of the Miller Hill district yesterday met and formed a temporary milk producers' association, selecting W. H. Barton as president and R. B. Wilcox as secretary and treasurer of the temporary organization. Another meeting will be held Monday at which steps will be taken to put the association on a more permanent footing and arrange for a discussion of milk production problems with consumers.

"We want to raise the quality of milk marketed through Klamath Falls dealers to the highest standard, and at the same time keep the price as low as a reasonable margin of profit will allow," said Mr. Wilcox, the secretary of the new organization. "To do this it is necessary to have the co-operation of the public in working out our joint problems."

"We want to have a meeting with representatives of consumers at an early date, where we can have a free discussion of milk costs and standards, with the purpose of finding out exactly what the people require and what it will cost to produce it. This does not necessarily mean that there will be an increase in milk prices. Personally, I think there will not. The dairy business here in the past has been conducted on a haphazard basis. We have formed this association with the hope of stabilizing the business and building it up to keep pace with the growing demands of the community and we want the co-operation of the public. We want to do our figuring in the open with the assistance of the people who consume our product."

Whether pasteurization is generally desired or not is one of the questions on which the association wants enlightenment. Some communities want pasteurized milk and other consumers oppose pasteurization, asserting that it changes the flavor of the milk and renders it less palatable.

Mr. Wilcox said if it were possible to secure representatives from local organizations, such as the Business Men's association, Woman's Improvement Club, Central Labor council and others, a conference might be arranged to consider the problems involved, or it might be decided to hold an open meeting at which individual consumers could express their opinions and so set a gauge upon the general sentiment of the community.

The organizers of the milk producers' association consist of the following Miller Hill dairymen: James Burnett, F. L. Burnett, W. H. Barton, Joseph Wright, W. A. Koenig, M. Schumire and R. B. Wilcox.

DENTISTS ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1920

At a meeting of the Klamath County Dental society, held yesterday, Dr. J. H. Carter was elected president and Dr. P. M. Noel, secretary and treasurer for the fiscal year of 1920. Dr. W. A. Leonard presided at the meeting.

The society will hold a series of discussion clinics and lectures during the coming year, in an effort to maintain the standard of dentistry in Klamath county at a level with any service that may be obtained anywhere.

Those attending yesterday's meeting were, Drs. E. G. Wisecarver, C. A. Rambo, W. A. Leonard, Fred Westfeld and P. M. Noel.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Sunday, fair; moderate southerly winds.

OREGON TEAM CONFIDENT; CUT DOWN TRAINING.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 27.—Although Harvard players outweigh the Oregon football team the northern squad today deliberately cut their practice in half. The eastern team have begun intensive practice. The Oregonians, it is reported, have reached such a peak of condition that the trainer and coach decided that one practice period will be sufficient to keep the men in the best possible shape until the New Year game.

LABOR UNREST IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE H. C. L.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—(By Mail).—The world can expect no relief from the present high cost of living and the shortage of commodities until the widespread social and industrial unrest has disappeared and the war-shattered economic machinery has been put in order, according to Chas. A. McCurdy, parliamentary secretary to the ministry of food. Mr. McCurdy expressed this view during an interview with a correspondent of the Associated Press, and added that he was not particularly optimistic over the chances of any marked betterment of the situation in the near future.

"We have Bolshevism at one end of the world and widespread strikes at the other," said Mr. McCurdy, "and not until society resumes its normal course can we right economic conditions."

"It is very difficult to prophesy regarding the food situation of the future in view of the fact that the whole economic structure of the world has been so badly dislocated. There is hardly any factor of business that is stable, and we do not know what wages are to be. As a result of these conditions the regular channels of distribution are disorganized and until they are normal it will be impossible to tell what effective supplies there are as compared with the world stocks."

"While it is true that America, England and some other countries are sufficiently supplied now so that there is no distress among the people, yet this comparative abundance is in reality a fictitious one, and may not last. Great sections of the world are actually hungry because of the impossibility of distributing supplies properly. If the channels of distribution were open and the economic conditions were such that food stuffs could be purchased by those countries which need them we probably would find ourselves faced with a shortage in many things."

"For example, if the people of Central Europe should be in position next year to purchase the meat they need, there would be a world shortage of several million tons. It is improbable that they will be able to buy it, but it is impossible to predict so far in advance. I believe that a year from now things will have been brought to a head and that the world will be facing its most critical time."

"There are those who tell me that I am wrong in my outlook and that there will be no shortage, but I can figure it no other way. There certainly are many countries now which are securing far below what they need in the way of foodstuffs, and when the time comes for them to buy, it will be impossible to refuse them their fair share of what the world produces. We cannot let one part of the world starve while another section has plenty."

"There is another factor to be considered also. Where production has been stimulated during the war it must ultimately revert to normal. It is not natural as it stands. In the United States, for instance, the meat production has been artificially stimulated and it is hard to estimate when this temporary condition will vanish. America next year may be an importer of meat, instead of a

SINGLE TICKETS TO CONCERT ON SALE MONDAY

Single admission sale of seats for Alice Nielsen, Dec. 30th, begins Monday morning at Shepherd's Piano Depot, Main Street.

A limited number of desirable reserved seats on the main floor of the opera house for the sale of \$2.00 each but at the rate sales of season tickets proceeded these reserved seats will soon be sold out.—General admission tickets will also be on sale at \$1.00 each.

These tickets carry no reserved seat privilege. The holder of a general admission ticket has the privilege of an unreserved seat in the unreserved section of the balcony so long as any of those seats remain unoccupied.—When the unreserved seats in the balcony are all occupied the holder of a general admission ticket must stand.

It is to the interest of all classes of ticket holders to be on hand promptly when the doors of the Opera House open at 7:30 p. m. Next Tuesday evening the concert will begin at 8:30 p. m. All persons not in their seats at that time must wait until the first number on the programme is sung.—The doors will be closed and no one permitted to enter or be seated while any musical number is in progress to the great annoyance of the singer and the audience. Therefore be prompt.

SUIT IS DISMISSED.

Judge Kuykendall yesterday dismissed the suit of Leslie Rogers, administrator of the estate of Alexander Martin, deceased, against J. B. C. Taylor. The basis of the suit was an alleged debt of \$900 on a note. A settlement was reached out of court.

TESTIMONY TAKEN

Testimony was taken by Judge Kuykendall in the circuit court yesterday in the divorce suit of J. H. Faught against Eleanor Faught. Desertion is alleged as the cause of action. The court took the matter under consideration and will render judgment at a later date.

big exporter. See what that would mean to the rest of the world.

"On the other hand, production has been crippled in many countries. In this case the process of getting back to normal is likely to be slower than in the case of the war-stimulated production."

"In Europe as a whole there is an actual shortage of 11 per cent in sheep and a larger shortage in pigs. Because of this Europe would have to import 3,500,000 tons of meat this coming year, if it were to return to its pre-war consumption."

"In regard to wheat, the exportable surplus of the world is down compared with that before the war. Import requirements at the same time are up. The same thing is true of butter and in some countries its consumption has been increased by the lack of margarine. There is also a sugar shortage. The beet sugar production has dropped off 4,200,000 tons in Europe since 1914. The cane sugar production of the world meantime has increased but only 1,800,000 tons."

"In discussing prices we must consider the meaning of the phenomenon of the United States where there is no food shortage but an exportable surplus. The food supply is above normal, and yet the prices have advanced almost proportionately with the increase in Great Britain which is largely an importing country. This curious situation makes one realize that in estimating food prices the economic effects peculiar to foodstuffs are not the determining factor, but economic conditions as a whole."

"There seems to be a tendency in many countries to expend war wages and profits on consumption—goods, food, clothing, etc.—to a greater extent than on the purchase of raw materials for the extension of industry. It may be partly due to this that consumption-goods on the whole have such an upward trend since the armistice."

\$132 DONATED RED CROSS FOR LOCAL RELIEF

Donations to the local relief fund of the Red Cross chapter total \$132, according to the report of Rev. E. P. Lawrence, secretary of the organization. Several more donations are promised and the fund is open to subscription at any time. The money is used for the relief of local families who need assistance and good use was found for it in several instances during the Christmas work of the Red Cross. Another use to which the fund will be devoted is in aiding to defray the expenses of the public health nurse when that position is filled in this county.

Following are the subscriptions to the local relief fund to date:

Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt, concert proceeds	42.00
W. W. Smith	50.00
Retail Clerks' Union, donation	10.00
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners	10.00
Culinary Alliance	10.00
Plumbers' Union	10.00
Total	\$132.00

GOLDEN WEDDING IS CELEBRATED

Fifty years of wedded happiness were celebrated by the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bryant Tuesday, December 23, at a golden wedding dinner and family reunion at the home of their son, Frank Bryant, on South Riverside street. Mrs. Will Wood of Merrill and Mrs. C. L. Lewis of Klamath Falls, daughters of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, assisted in the preparation of the dinner. The affair was strictly a family party, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant and their families being the only persons present besides the honored guests.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bryant came to Klamath county from Kentucky in 1889, and have resided here ever since. During their long residence they have built up a host of friendships and many hearts will be glad to know that they have rounded out a half century of wedded life without mishap, and, as both are in hale good health, have promise of enjoying many more years of conjugal bliss.

The children of the couple presented them with a golden gift in honor of the occasion.

'MOVIE' HOUSE OPENS JAN. 1

Jack Munroe, owner of the Pastime pool room, and R. E. Dale have taken a lease on the Orpheus Theatre and are going to re-open this well known picture house on New Year's Day. The interior of the building has been completely renovated and it is the intention of the new owners, to make it as cozy and comfortable as it is possible to have it.

Realizing the absolute necessity for the production of pictures that will command the patronage of the local picture fans, they state they have made arrangements for a line of pictures that will be sure to meet the support and approval of the public. In a word they are going to keep their house up to the high standard established in this city. A special orchestra will furnish the music.

The Orpheus Theatre was built some years ago by Charles E. Worden, who later disposed of it to Portland capitalists. It has been recently resold and it is from the new owners that Messrs Munroe and Dale are leasing the property.

FRENCH WANT TRIAL OF CROWN PRINCE.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Frederick William, former German crown prince, will be included in the list of persons whose surrender for trial is demanded by the French, according to an unofficial report of the result of the recent meeting between British law officials and the French under secretary of the department of military justice.

MUST RESTORE FOREIGN TRADE EQUILIBRIUM

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Three factors in the demoralization of foreign exchange, intelligible to the average man, rise above the complexities of the present situation, according to old timers in Wall street. These are:

First—Allied and other nations of the world owe the United States approximately \$15,000,000,000.

Second—American manufacturers hesitate, owing to peace treaty uncertainty, to accept big advance foreign orders.

Third—England's virtual suspension of gold exports outside the British colonies is repulsing American trade.

"Just why the British pound sterling, normally worth 44.8665 in American gold, should have declined so much since the war ended, and what it all means is an obscure question," said a New York financial expert. "The present situation, Sir George Paish's apprehensions—nonwithstanding, is by no means hopeless. Prophecies of a 'breakdown' of credit are not well founded."

"America, the store house of the world, and now the world's banker, is in the same position England was after the Napoleonic and American civil wars. She bought the cheap securities of impoverished nations in a most prodigious manner and thereby laid the foundation for her future wealth. We must do likewise and do it within the next two or three years, by which time these abnormal conditions will have passed."

"With pound sterling 25 per cent or more below par England can sell to the United States at a great advantage. We can sell American goods abroad only at a great disadvantage because we must add the abnormal rate of exchange to the goods to get into foreign markets. Premier Lloyd George recently declared, when sterling was selling at a discount of 15 per cent, that the discount really represented a 'protective tariff' of 15 per cent on goods manufactured in England. Certainly it is helping to keep American goods out of that country."

"The only remedy for this condition is for the United States to buy foreign securities and extend long-time credit for merchandise. We are in a strong economic position. The nations of Europe must have our cotton and wheat and, since they are so heavily indebted to us and we must extend them many more millions to put them on their feet, what is the difference whether we buy their bonds or send them our merchandise?"

"Everyone in Wall street knows that if the peace treaty had been signed in Washington an international exchange committee would have been organized long before now to stabilize exchange and bring about other necessary readjustments. Never during the darkest days of the war, when the Germans were almost at Paris, did British and French exchange go to where it is now. The British, during the war, by a system of credits with the United States, had sterling 'pegged' to \$4.52.

"The tension over gold and exports curtailed there was nothing to keep it that close to parity. Indeed, unless the United States loosens its purse strings there are London financial experts who say the pound sterling will drop as low as \$2.50. That would be a calamity."

BLINDNESS AND DEATH FOLLOW DRUG DRINKING

"Whiskey" in Which Wood Alcohol Is Chief Ingredient Causes Three Score Deaths in New England and Middle Western States

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Authorities in many large cities of the east were stirred into action today against traffic in "whiskey" made from wood alcohol, following a wide-spread wave of deaths and blindness that followed indulgence in the decoction, especially in Connecticut and Massachusetts. The death list of victims of "Christmas cheer" in these states totalled at least 40 persons when a count was compiled today.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Authorities here joined hands today for a crusade against the sale of wood alcohol as a beverage. Five victims of wood alcohol poisoning are dead here and the sixth is dying.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—Nine new victims of wood alcohol poisoning are in a Cleveland hospital today, raising the week's total to 24 cases. Three have died during the week raising the month's death total to 14.

CHIOPEE, Mass. Dec. 27.—The total number of known deaths due to drinking wood alcohol at 3 o'clock stood at 31 men and two women here. At Hokyoke the death list contained the names of six men, and at Springfield three men and one woman are dead.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 27.—Thirteen persons have died here as the result of wood alcohol poisoning. The list of ten last night was increased by three deaths today. Three men are under arrest for the possible sale of the poison.

NEWARK, N. J. Dec. 27.—Two are dead here from drinking wood alcohol.

SUSPECT CONFESSES ROBBERY OF BANK

MARYSVILLE, Dec. 27.—Confronted with telegrams showing that he is wanted at Spokane, Washington, for bank robbery, Harold Sims, also known as Leo Hartman, hold for the murder of a bootblack and an automobile hold-up, confessed to the bank robbery, according to Sheriff McCoy. The prisoner, under the name of Hartman, is said to have recently escaped from the Oregon penitentiary.

PROHIBITION DIRECTOR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Johnston S. Smith of Portland was today appointed federal prohibition director for the state of Oregon.

It would be a two-edged sword injuring both England and the United States.

"Europe is like a man on the verge of death due to starvation. When you find such an unfortunate you feed him gradually until the stomach becomes accustomed to digesting food. Now, our aim has been all along to 'stuff' Europe with all kinds of American products. We have piled up a trade balance, according to former Secretary of Commerce Redfield, aggregating \$4,000,000,000 each year. Europe's financial system, like the starved human stomach, has been 'unable to assimilate.' Consequently, we thus contribute to the demoralization of foreign exchange and, incidentally, by inflation help to lower the purchasing power of our own dollar."

"When you consider, as Mr. Redfield points out, that \$4,000,000,000 represents American dollars at par and must be paid by those who owe it in depreciated currencies, making it the equivalent of \$5,000,000,000, the result cannot be healthful to future American trade and commerce. Foreign buyers are going into more favorable markets."