

WAITING FOR HIS FOOT TO SLIP.



STATE DEFENSE COUNCIL DEFENDS POLICEMEN

Claims That They Were Responsible For Saving Crops Is Ridiculous.

It was due to the state military police that there was less loss of crops in Oregon this year than in any previous year in the history of the state.

This astounding statement is made, in effect, in the first number of a monthly News Letter which is to be issued by the state council of defense.

Even when the world was at peace and prosperity and happiness reigned in Oregon, this state was not as fortunate in saving its crops in any year as it has been this year under the protection of the military police, it seems.

"It is a conspicuous fact," says the News Letter, "that there was considerably less loss in crops and less interference in the harvesting of them this year than any previous year in the history of the state. This was due almost entirely to the presence of the armed and trained force maintained in the very heart of the wheat belt by the military police."

My, what a terrible citizenship Oregon must have, that even in peace times crops were never saved to such an extent as this year when armed men were "maintained in the very heart of the wheat belt by the military police."

A considerable portion of the News Letter is devoted to a defense of the military police, which has been much criticized since the people of Oregon have begun to realize that an expensive organization has been thrust upon them under the guise of patriotism and is being used to advance the political fortunes of Governor Withycombe.

The News Letter also reveals that Governor Withycombe knew of the plan to launch a state police organization in this state long before the proposition was presented to the state emergency board on March 29, when in response to a vehement plea from the chief executive the board authorized a deficiency appropriation of \$250,000 for the police.

"Under these conditions," says the News Letter, referring to its claim that the ship yards were unprotected, "a special committee of the state council of defense, on authority from the governor, was engaged during the month of February in drafting a plan for the organization of state police."

The news letter says the average monthly strength of the state police has been 11 officers and 180 men, while the monthly payroll has averaged \$19,000.

The August payroll shows there were

four general or staff officers, receiving from \$141 to \$250 a month, four captains receiving \$200 each per month, four first lieutenants each receiving \$166.67 a month, four first sergeants each receiving \$113 a month, 15 sergeants each receiving \$100 a month, 18 corporals each receiving \$98 a month, two mechanics each receiving \$98 a month, and 147 privates on full time and 40 on part time, each being paid at the rate of \$90 a month.

This makes a total of 187 privates at \$90 a month and 51 officers, or persons with rank higher than a private, receiving all the way from \$98 up to \$250 a month.

The balance of the News Letter is chiefly devoted to a review of the work done by the state council of defense.

OIL EMBARGO DISAVOWED Companies' Sale Restrictions Held Unauthorized

(Oregonian Nov. 3.)

Disclaimer that the federal or state fuel administration has instructed the big oil concerns to refuse to sell to retail dealers who keep open on Sunday and before and after 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. of week days was issued yesterday by Fred J. Holmes, fuel administrator for Oregon.

Mr. Holmes declares he has investigated assertions that this or that government committee or bureau has ordered the oil companies to withhold supplies, from these not recognizing the general closing agreement, and says no authority for such action has been found.

"The position of this office should be clearly understood," said Mr. Holmes. "We are ready to enforce any instructions issued by the national fuel administration, but we do not sanction the enforced closing by the oil companies."

The Irvington Garage & Auto Company has told Mr. Holmes the Associated Oil Company notified it to sell only between the specified hours or go without gasoline and oils. Others have reported similarly.

The question whether the oil companies should be permitted to continue their practice has been referred by Mr. Holmes to M. L. Reina, director of the national oil division, fuel administration, at Washington.



To the Citizens of Salem, Greeting:

In the midst of the great struggle to establish international peace and safety, most every home has one or more loved ones at the front, and every heart and mind is taken up with the great work. I take the present opportunity, to remind you, for home protection, that I am a candidate for the office of city marshal. I also wish to again thank you for your hearty support in placing me in nomination at the primaries. As a resident and taxpayer of Salem since 1904, I have a special interest in the welfare of Salem. My experience as an officer, entrusted with public safety, embraces about four years government service.

I quote extracts from endorsements of such service. "From personal observation of Sergt. Wright, while on duty as chief of regimental scouts, during the recent campaign in the north, his services with the scouts was excellent indeed, showing that he possesses ability which qualifies him for a higher position, character excellent, I recommend him for a commission.—E. M. Hayes, Lieut. Col. 4th Cav. Comdg."

I wish to assure you, that if elected to the office of city marshal, I will discharge the duties of the office, in the same courteous, efficient and faithful manner, that has characterized my life work, as a citizen, a veteran soldier and peace officer of the Salem department. I will, without undue authority, or notoriety, seek in an unselfish manner, to aid and protect the public in every lawful way, and to cooperate with every move to guard and preserve the peace and dignity of our city, state and country. I respectfully ask your support.

J. E. WRIGHT,
Night Desk Sergt., Police Dept.
(Paid adv.) 11-4

Open Forum

Salem, Nov. 4, 1918.

Capital Journal: In Sunday morning's Statesman was a plea for the so-called Richardson amendment to be voted on Nov. 5th.

The author says, the streets are public property. Admitted. So are the sidewalks; yet the populace is not

taxed to pay for them. The owner of the lot pays for them and keeps them in repair, yet they belong to the public. Again, all of the streets that are paved were petitioned by a majority of the residents on that street.

If left to a vote of the people would South High street be paved?

I live on a mud street. The next street is paved. If that amendment is carried my property would be less salable thereby, and the value of the property on the paved street would be enhanced. No man should nor will vote against his interests.

—A VOTER AND TAXPAYER.

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RUGS		LINOLEUM		CARPETS		RANGES				
\$120 Karnack French Wiltons\$87.50		\$1.50 Best Quality Linoleum, 12 feet wide to close out at per yard\$1.00		\$2.50 Body Brussels, per yard.....\$1.75		\$95.00 White enameled, large size coal and wood range\$74.85				
\$85.00 Mahal Wiltons\$59.95		\$1.25 Linoleum, per yard 95c		\$2.75 Axminster, per yard\$1.90		\$75.00 Coal and Wood range.....\$59.95				
\$4500 Axminster Rugs\$34.85		95c Congoleum, per yard 70c		\$1.75 Tapestry Brussels, per yard\$1.35		\$67.50 Coal and Wood Range.....\$54.85				
\$55.00 Body Brussels\$39.95		\$3.50 Inlaid Linoleum, per yard.....\$2.25 (This is the best linoleum made)		\$1.50 Tapestry Brussels, per yard ...\$1.10		\$60.00 Coal and Wood range.....\$42.85				
\$38.50 Seamless Brussels\$24.85		\$2.50 Inlaid Linoleum, per yard.....\$1.95		\$1.50 All wool Ingrains, per yard.... 95c		Several second hand ranges and cook stoves from \$7.50 up.				
\$22.50 Wool and Fibre\$16.50		\$2.00 Inlaid Linoleum, per yard.....\$1.40		\$1.25 Ingrains, per yard 75c						
\$24.50 Congoleum\$15.00		\$1.50 Inlaid Linoleum, per yard..... 99c		90c Ingrains, per yard 60c						
\$18.50 Grass Rugs\$10.95				60c College Art, per yard 40c						
\$10.00 Fibre Rugs\$ 6.50										
\$20.00 all wool ingrain\$13.50										
All smaller sizes at same proportion of discount.										
MATTINGS		HEATERS		BLANKETS		DINING TABLES		DINING CHAIRS		
65c Fibre Matting, per yard 45c		\$26.50 Coal and Wood heater ..\$21.45		\$12.00 Wool Blankets\$9.50		\$16.50 6-foot extension, round \$12.45		\$3.50 Hardwood\$2.45		
50c Chinese Matting ,per yard ... 36c		\$18.50 Wood Heater\$15.95		\$9.00 Wool-nap Blankets.....\$6.50		\$19.50 6-foot ex., hard wood...\$13.50		\$4.50 Broncho leather seat....\$3.65		
45c Matting ,per yard 32c		\$14.50 Wood Heater\$11.85		\$4.50 Cotton Blankets.....\$3.25		\$22.50 6-foot ex., solid oak ...\$16.75		\$5.50 Best Spanish leather seat \$3.95		
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