

LEGISLATORS PROBING HIGH COST OF LIVING

Senate and House Price Investigating Body Will Take Testimony of Great Falls Business Men at Rainbow Today.

About a dozen Great Falls business men will offer testimony before a sub-committee of the joint senate and house price probe committee at Hotel Rainbow today and tomorrow. Members of the committee arrived in the city from Helena last night to conduct the investigation here in an effort to ascertain the cause of the high cost of living in Montana. A similar committee went to Butte for the same purpose. The committee here is composed of Edwin S. Booth, of Baker, chairman; Senator Henry Lowe, of Helena, and Representative J. B. Sinclair, of Kalispell.

"We have as yet formed no definite plan for the future," said Chairman Booth last evening, "the way demonstrated that the government could handle commodities and if it can do so in war times it certainly can in times of peace."

Mr. Booth announced the committee has on hand several letters received from Great Falls people, these consisting principally of complaints on the high cost of foodstuffs and wearing apparel. The first session will be conducted at 10 this morning in the palm room at Hotel Rainbow and Mr. Booth wishes it known that any one desiring information from the committee or wanting to offer any testimony or information for the benefit of the committee's records is cordially invited to be present. All matters which are of necessity private business affairs of a confidential nature will not be made public, according to Mr. Booth, but The Tribune will cover the things which do

SHERIFF BURNS IS AFTER THEM

Hard Sledding for the Gamblers About Great Falls From Now Out, Is Forecast.

No matter whether the winter continues all summer, there is a hard road ahead for the gamblers around Great Falls, according to Sheriff James P. Burns. In the first raid which he pulled he gathered some who are ready to confess they were violating the laws governing such subjects and it looks like some "real velvet" for the county treasury is coming up.

Sheriff Burns and some of his deputies gathered a quintet at the Club pool hall but it doesn't follow that this was allowed to dim the lights for a time and then turn them on again. Sheriff Burns promised the voters before and after election that he would make the gamblers' life much akin to the "dog's life" around Great Falls when he was in office and it is regarded as a good forecast that the work has been started and that it will be continued with rather consistent regularity as long as a green cloth table or a pair of bones can be found.

One of the interesting facts is that Sheriff Burns has gotten on to the new wrinkle of selling chips for goods on the house and then using them in a game. That is said to have been adopted by various places in the city and the rumor goes to the point that there are some rooms in which gambling is being conducted that it certainly would take an ax and might require a sledge to force an entrance unless the man getting in had the right stand in with the house. But those things can be beaten, even when there is a gambler's game back of the door, and rumor also has it that there may be expected some interesting developments in that line.

For some weeks, it is averred, there have been games going at divers places about the city and some of them were pretty good stakes. Poker and blackjack are declared to be the principal forms of entertainment with the kings and queens, and poker is said to be leading slightly. So far as gossip of the street is concerned, there are no rumors which are creating but the gossip might not have it all straight. It is the claim of certain people who have resided in Great Falls for many years that it would be easier to get action in a game of chance right now than any time within the past 10 years. The new officers have been in less than a month and it is fair to them to say that at the beginning of official terms, the gamblers some times feel the new incumbents out and it depends wholly on the officer whether there is anything doing. The officers soon get wise to the situation and what is required to stop the disposition. Sheriff Burns has demonstrated already that he is wise to the need and has the machinery to tighten down the lid, so far as getting the accused and the evidence. His duty stops at that point. County Attorney H. G. Bennett has also proclaimed that he proposes to enforce the law so with the two officers working together, it probably will happen that the gamblers soon will be getting with the post office. "This is the winter of our discontent," even the Great Falls has summer all winter.

"You can say for me," said Sheriff Burns last night, "that we haven't gotten started yet, but when we get going, there won't be a gambling joint remaining in Great Falls that we can force our way into. I propose to drive the gamblers out of the county and I know it can be done. I am against gambling in any form, whether they play for cash or buy house chips and then try to slip it over their heads. They have been hoping that they might get by had just as well get wise to the fact now."

FIRST OF SERIES SCHEDULE TONIGHT

Picked Indoor Baseball Teams Will Cross Bats on "Y" Floor at 7:45.

Two picked Y. M. C. A. league indoor baseball teams captained by Jack Arrantage and Bill Haven, the former star shortstop of the Volunteers, and the latter winners will cross bats at the "Y" gymnasium floor at 7:45 tonight. This will be the first of a series of five games to be played by these aggregations and every one of them promises to be warmly welcomed as from appearances on paper the nines are evenly balanced.

Interest in indoor baseball this season has been intense and good sized crowds of spectators have witnessed the league games. This series is an aftermath of the league schedule which closed last week. Physical Director E. E. Holdeman is confident the five-game series will be very successful in every way and cordially invites the general public to attend the contests.

One of the aggregations will be composed of players chosen from the following: Arrantage, Kremer, Des Jardines, Shanahan, McCormick, Trodick, McCall, Williams, Jardine, Stephenson, Marion, Cassidy, Thelen and Bragdon.

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DRUNKENNESS LESS POPULAR

Under Prohibition Only 19 Cases in Police Court in January, 112 Year Ago.

The number of police arrests in which drunkenness figured during the month of January, 1919, as compared with those made for similar reasons during the corresponding period in 1918 show rather emphatically the effect prohibition is having on the morals of the city. During January, 1918, there were 112 men and women taken to the police station on charges in which intoxication was the influencing factor, but this year the month of January saw only 19 inebriates listed on the blotter. And of these a considerable portion were taken during the first few days following the date when the prohibition law became effective. Two raids on south side shacks, where someone had taken a bottle of whisky, produced several others, leaving about 10 who have found enough loose whisky in the city with which to produce a "jag."

Nineteen drunks for the first month of prohibition is considered by the police a fairly good record, but Chief Marcus Anderson stated that there is still in the city practically all of the liquor stocks disposed of by the 30-odd saloons during the closing days of December. Much of this was purchased by parties who laid in a supply for their own use, but the chief is sure that a certain amount was obtained by men whose opinion of their own ability to evade the law will cause them to sooner or later engage in bootlegging enterprise. With a considerable amount of liquor in the hands of such people during the first month after its sale was prohibited, it is pointed out, it is not surprising that 19 people got drunk, but it is generally agreed that the showing is a good one.

An unexpected development in connection with the city's first dry month is that police court fines during the first 30 days of January were larger by over \$700 than collected in January, 1918. Up to Tuesday night Police Magistrate George Raban had collected \$2,828 in fines and forfeited bail, while last year, during the whole month of January, the total was \$2,100. The \$2,100 was taken in during a period when 112 drunks were picked up, but the amount which Magistrate Raban will turn in for January, 1919, was received then police court cases in which only 19 drunks appeared. Examinations of the blotters offers a rather lucid explanation; last year there were few drunk cases in which the offender was not either released on a suspended fine or committed, but this year, fines were not only imposed, but generally collected. The extra \$700 was not all obtained from this source, but it figured to an extent worthy of comment.

Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money
DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2825 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for pain in sides and back; rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic for constipation, biliousness, headache, and sluggish bowels. Great Falls Drug Co.—Adv.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR BELT TRIP

That Is Basketball Players Plan if 117 Patriots Are Found by Noon.

High school students will take a special train to Belt tonight for the Great Falls-Belt basketball game—providing enough students pay in their fares before noon to make it worth while to the railroad to run the train.

A special will leave here at 6 p. m. tonight and leave Belt again at 11 if the deal goes through. The fare will be \$1.75 for the round trip and it is necessary for 117 students and teachers to sign up before noon.

Harold Riley will be at the High school bank this morning from 9 to 12 and all parents, faculty members and students who will be able to go to Belt are asked to come for their tickets during that time.

A number of auto parties had been planned but these have all been abandoned unless there are enough for the train without them.

Coach M. L. Crouch will make the trip with the seven players, Walter Carmody, Walter Holkevitz, John Moriarty, Russell Heath, Roland Hoffman, Carl Bjorkman and Marion Restelli.

WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE
Mrs. Myrtle McDonald, home demonstration agent, and Clark Bumgarner, Cascade county farm bureau president, will leave tomorrow to attend the annual state conference of their respective departments which will be held Monday and Tuesday at Bozeman. The conference was scheduled for December 16, but as the influenza situation was at its worst in many parts of the state at that time it was postponed.

HIS BLUE RIBBON BRAND OUT TODAY

Parr Offers Selected Potatoes From Montana Soil to the Dealers.

Nine carloads of fine Montana potatoes are in Great Falls ready to go to the trade this morning from the headquarters of the National Produce company of which C. M. Parr is the manager. They will be handled to the dealers as the "Blue Ribbon Brand" which has no reference to something to drink but which Manager Parr says means something very fine in the spud line.

The National Produce company is making a specialty just now in potatoes and is sorting and grading the spuds into four classes. The first is the "Extra Fancy" which is a choice baker, the next is a "Fancy Baker" and would meet the requirements of anyone satisfied with a high quality spud; the third is the "Merchant's Pride" while the fourth is a grade intended for family use and because of its smaller size can be handled to the consumer by the dealer at a lower price than the other three.

The Produce company is paying the farmer from one dollar to a dollar and a dime per hundred pounds for the potatoes and then paying the freight from the point of purchase. Mr. Parr says he is finding a reasonable supply in the state and he hopes to build up a command among the consumers for the Montana product as he points out that there is no finer potato grown than those which are produced in this state.

MAJOR COWLEY SOON HOME
Major Stephen J. Cowley, who has been attached to the adjutant general's office in Washington for a number of months will return to his home at Great Falls in a few days. He has received his discharge.

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J. J. Bryant this week defeated Fred Birch two straight games. Mr. Bryant is a former resident of Dublin, Ireland, said to be the home of handball. He is a remarkably fast and clever game according to "Y" handball fans who have seen him perform on the courts and they predict he will lead the handball classifications in short order.

ANOTHER ZANE GREY STORY PICTURED AT ALCAZAR TODAY
Manager Johnson is very fortunate in securing another Zane Grey story of the lawless west for his patrons. This time "The Border Legion" not a war picture as the title may suggest but a story of the days of the "49." Featuring those noted stars such as Hobart Bosworth and Blanche Bates, "Riders of the Purple Sage" which ran at the Alcazar last week to capacity, and large crowds are expected today, so you had better start early or better yet attend the matinee.—Adv.

OF LOCAL INTEREST
W. P. O'Leary, the attorney, returned from Helena last night where he had been on important legal matters.

Chris Bennett of the field division headquarters of the U. S. land office at Helena was a business visitor at the local land office yesterday.

Ted Jenkins, who has been serving with the 163rd regiment in the overseas forces arrived in New York yesterday according to a telegram received by friends in the city.

See "The Border Legion"—Alcazar today.

MASQUERADE BALL

at Luther's hall Wednesday, February 5. Five big prizes for best costumes, \$5 gold for best ladies and \$5 gold for best gents' costumes. Handicaps \$3 prizes for each best Rub, best American and best comedy costumes. Music by Princess latest. Dancing till 11. Admission always 75c. SAM NEWMAN, Manager.

W. S. S. DANCE—\$25

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NOTICE

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