

PRICE OF OMAHA BREAD IN STATE SAME AS IN CITY

Yet Jay Burns Testifies at Bakers' Inquiry He Operates at Loss Under Existing Price Ruling.

Admission that Omaha-made bread is being sold at wholesale in Grand Island as cheaply as in Omaha and that he is absorbing the express charges; that he is maintaining a plant which can produce 50 per cent more bread than at present without increasing the cost, save for actual raw ingredients; and that he wrote a letter to Nelson Brothers, Newman Grove, Neb., telling them that they can sell bread at whatever price they wish and no one has the right to tell them what bread should be sold for, were some of the developments of the hearing of the Jay Burns Baking company Monday afternoon. Burns was called in the investigation into the price of maintaining bread before Referee Amos Keneley.

With some exceptions, the bakeries of Omaha are a disgrace, said Burns, during his testimony as to the quality of his bread. He said he maintained the best organization possible and produced the best bread. "Cheaper bread may be made," he said, "but bread cannot be made cheaper than we make it."

He testified he wouldn't believe a baker who said he could make bread for less than figures submitted by some of them, and that they didn't know what it cost to bake bread.

Cost of Delivery. Burns explained the absorbing of express to towns within a distance of 125 miles of Omaha by saying it cost as much to deliver bread to a grocer as it did to deliver it in Grand Island. When questioned as to his letter to Olson, he said there was no authority to fix prices, but later admitted to Attorney John W. Parish that the food administration had a right to determine what a reasonable profit was. The examination of Burns had to do with the business of the Jay Burns Baking company during last December, that month being the period covered by the questionnaires sent out by the food administration, but before getting into the examination the witness volunteered the information that of the 28,000 master bakers in the United States, 20,000 would be money ahead if they worked for wages instead of trying to run shops of their own.

Loses Money. The examination developed the fact that during December of last year the Jay Burns Baking company baked and sold 180,947 pound loaves of bread, 117,909 one and one-half pound, 885 two-pound and 1,035 three-pound loaves of bread. This bread, according to Mr. Burns, to produce cost 7 6-10 cents a pound and sold for a gross of \$28,166, while the total operating expenses of the plant, figuring cost of production, including salaries, ingredients, overhead charges, upkeep and other expenses, was \$42,753.

There was some money made on pies and pastries, added Mr. Burns, or the company would have sustained an enormous loss, and, as it was, "the balance was on the red ink side of the ledger." His total income was \$40,199, he said.

Draws \$5,000 Salary. Burns said that as president and general manager, he draws a salary of \$5,000 a year. The secretary and treasurer is paid \$2,000 and the superintendent \$1,800 a year. In the plant there are 72 persons employed and aside from the executive officers and the superintendent they are paid \$18 to \$40 a week.

As to the bread, Burns testified that of the sales, 95 per cent of the bread output of the bakery was

Brief City News

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Booth in Shoe Store—The Douglas shoe store has installed a private orthopedic booth, where women may go for foot comfort in privacy.

Thrift Persistency is what counts. Weekly and monthly deposits with Nebraska Savings & Loan Ass'n builds the thrift habit. 211 S. 18th St.

Nelson in Bankruptcy Court—Jesse William Nelson filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in federal court. His liabilities are \$1,500 and his assets \$570.

Rev. L. B. Holsapple—Rev. L. B. Holsapple, rector of St. Barnabas church, is confined to his bed with tonsillitis and will be unable to hold services this week.

Glidden to Lecture—Lieutenant Charles J. Glidden will deliver a lecture on foreign countries and other subjects before the Union Pacific council of the Royal Arcanum February 21.

State Bank of Omaha, corner Sixteenth and Harney streets, pays 4 per cent on time deposits; 3 per cent on savings accounts. All deposits in this bank are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska.—Adv.

Funeral for Infant—Funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Blakeley, 1405 South Seventeenth street, who died Monday, will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Wenceslaus church. Interment will be at St. Mary's cemetery.

Judge Woodrugh Back Home—Federal Judge Woodrugh arrived from Kansas City Tuesday morning to meet his wife and daughter, who returned from a six weeks' trip to New York. He will return to Kansas City to continue presiding in federal court there Wednesday.

Visits Parents in Omaha—Mrs. L. B. Flanders of Port Arthur, Tex., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Waiter, Mrs. Flanders was formerly Miss Eva Wallweber. After her visit Mrs. Flanders will join her husband, who has accepted a government position at Norfolk, Va.

Efficiency Class Meets—The second weekly meeting of the "personal efficiency" class was held at the Young Men's Christian association Monday night. About 50 members were present. The class was conducted by Lloyd Harter, graduate of Leland Stanford university, who gave a lecture on "Environment and Its Relation to Personal Efficiency."

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wrapped and that 35 to 40 per cent of the trade was out of the city. On the out-of-town business within a radius of 125 miles.

Unsold bread during the month covered by the questionnaire caused the bakery to stand for a loss of \$306.16.

The cost of the Burns plant was figured at \$275,000 and to replace it at this time would mean an expenditure of 50 to 75 per cent in excess of this sum. As a fair profit, Mr. Burns asserted, he should have 10 per cent on the investment, contending that this scale had been approved by the government. However, he added, nothing like this had been made.

Mr. Burns left for the south last night to take a rest, it was reported at the Burns home last night.

MORE PINTO BEANS IS ALLEN'S PLAN

County Food Administrator Wants Sandhill Farmers to Raise 900 Pounds of Beans Per Acre.

Will the Nebraska sandhills raise 900 pounds of pinto beans per acre? That is a question the food administration would like to have some sandhill farmer answer. Oscar Allen, county food administrator of Douglas county, who has just returned from Denver where he and A. M. Jefferey of Omaha represented the Nebraska food administration at a big meeting on the pinto bean industry, believes the Nebraska sandhills are capable of producing great quantities of these beans.

"One grower in Colorado told me that his sandhills produced 700 to 900 pounds of pinto beans per acre the first year he broke up the ground," said Mr. Allen. "That is a wonderful yield, and so far as I can learn there is not much difference between the soil condition in this Colorado sand region and the Nebraska sandhill section. Some of the growers in Colorado claim now to be raising 1,500 pounds per acre of these beans. There is a world of those beans in Colorado now."

At this meeting which was attended by representatives of the federal food administration, the government contracted for 5,000,000 pounds of these beans at once. The government then and there ordered all the pinto bean growers of that section of Colorado to deliver for government use, 75 per cent of their 1917 crop which they are holding.

"We found that the small grain elevators in western Nebraska are equipped to clean beans, and this, it seems, is very important if a community is going to produce beans to any extent."

One Killed, Two Shot in I. W. W. Raid at Hillsboro

Hillsboro, Ill., Feb. 19.—The attempt of members of a vigilance committee here today to force alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World to profess their loyalty, resulted in the death of Clifford Donaldson, 21 years old, and the serious injury of S. B. Emory, chief of police, and Ernest Flath.

Donaldson was shot when the vigilance committee called at the home of his father and demanded the surrender of L. B. Irwin, said to be an Industrial Workers of the World propagandist and believed to be concealed in the Donaldson home. The committee after a short parley was met with a fusillade of shots.

Daughter of General Grant Is Home From Russia

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 19.—Princess Michel Cantacuzene of Russia and Princess Cantacuzene, the latter a daughter of the late General U. S. Grant, arrived here today to make their home in the United States until after the war. Princess Michel served as commander of the personal guard of the emperor until he abdicated and later was in command at Kiev until the control of the army was taken over by the bolsheviks and his army demobilized. He was then permitted to leave the country, going to Finland and then to Norway.

LONGER TERM FOR COMMERCIAL HIGH

Board of Education Agrees to Lengthen Years of Study From Thirty-eight to Forty-eight Weeks.

The Board of Education Monday concurred in a resolution offered by its committee on teachers and course of study, making the school year of the High School of Commerce 48 weeks instead of 38 weeks.

The proposition was recommended by Principal Porter and was endorsed by Superintendent Beveridge.

The year at this school will be divided into four quarters of 12 weeks each as follows: First quarter, January, February and March; second quarter, April, May and June; one week's vacation at the close of June; third quarter, July, August and September; fourth quarter, October, November and December; the last two weeks of December and first week of January will be a vacation

of three weeks and will complete a calendar year.

In his report to the board Principal Porter made the following observations:

"In the pupil body of this type of school the economic pressure is a most serious one and must be taken into consideration if the school is to render efficient service to the community. The schools must prepare the pupil for business as early as is consistent with satisfactory training, and our experience has convinced us that this satisfactory training in the great majority of cases can not be brought about with less than the regulation four school years. Our plan is that these four school years be condensed within three calendar years if the pupil desires the saving of a year of time.

"As a matter of fact, the long summer vacation has never had any justification either in theory or in practice. Educators have long since learned that the first four or six weeks of the fall semester are an economic waste in the sense that they are required to bring the pupil back to the mental attitude which he had at the beginning of the summer vacation."

During the summer quarter of 12 weeks the High School of Commerce

will be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and will be closed a 1 o'clock p. m., thus avoiding the excessive heat of the afternoons.

Principal Porter commended this plan as a war measure, stating that the commercial field is being stripped of young men who are being called to the colors and the government is calling for thousands of clerks and stenographers.

Church to Give Lessons in Dancing to Working Girls

The gymnasium class of the First Christian church has made arrangements to give lessons in calisthenics and free dancing to working girls. The work is under the supervision of an expert physical culture teacher, Mrs. Musselman, who was formerly instructor of the Young Women's Christian association at Topeka.

A. O. U. W. Lodges in Big Union Meeting Tuesday

The Ancient Order of United Workmen lodges will hold a union meeting with lodge 198 at the Swedish auditorium Tuesday night. This will be an open meeting for the members and friends. Thomas W. Blackburn will address the meeting on "After the War."

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