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The hobo problem along the Southern Pacific is one giving police authorities in the various towns in southern Oregon much trouble. These wanderers vacillate north and south along this route and are much in evidence all of the time. The Roseburg News states the daily average at this time is no less than 100.

For the first time in the history of the prize ring a negro hold championship honors. As a result of the Johnson-Burns bout for the world's heavy-weight belt. Since what honor is thus attached to it remains in the black belt, let it remain there.

Medford socialists have nominated a city ticket.

**HAS OTHER FIELDS.**

**Henry Will Not Participate in Pittsburg Graft Prosecution.**

Washington, Dec. 28.—Francis J. Henry denies he intends participating in the Pittsburg graft cases when they come to trial. He denied his conference with President Roosevelt Saturday concerned these cases.

**More High Finance.**

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Dec. 28.—A warrant accusing Park A. Smith, junior member of the firm of Nugent, Smith & Co., of embezzling \$10,000, was issued today. Smith left here a week ago for Toronto. He moved in exclusive circles here.

**BUTLER MAY BE NAMED.**

**Columbia University Man May Take Leadership of Harvard.**

New York, Dec. 28.—It is reported on apparently excellent good authority that Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, was chosen successor to Dr. Charles W. Eliot as head of Harvard.

**Pope Has Relapse.**

Rome, Dec. 28.—The pope has suffered a slight relapse today. It is not alarming. He is afflicted with gout.

**Beats Brains on Wall.**

Seattle, Dec. 28.—Roy Wheeler, a soldier at Fort Lawton, failing to kill himself with carbolic acid, attempted to end his life by battering out his brains on the stone wall of the jail. It is said today that a love affair is the cause. He was overpowered and sent to the county jail, where he was placed in a straight jacket. He says an Indian girl jilted him.

**Probing Meat Trust.**

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Henry C. Dowling, department manager of the Nelson Morris Co., members of the meat trust, now undergoing an investigation by the federal grand jury, was the first witness today. He was questioned concerning the firm's accounts, which were seized by agents of the district attorney's office last week.

**Great Hen Show.**

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28.—With thousands of exhibits from all over the Missouri valley, the Trans-Missouri Poultry and Pet Stock association today opened its annual show in this city. Many millions of dollars are annually added to the wealth of this section by the industrious hen, and authorities say that the income from the poultry industry is rapidly increasing.

**LOCAL MEN CAN PROFIT**

**CANNERY PROPOSITION IS BEING PROMOTED.**

Vancouver Capitalist Has a Scheme Whereby Local Men Can Have a Cannery Built Under Expert Supervision Without Loss of Money to Home-Produced the Necessary Products Required in the Life of Modern Canneries.

The cannery proposition before the Commercial club, whereby a Vancouver man makes a logical proposition, is the most feasible one yet presented, and Assistant Secretary Colt is keeping the mechanism of his typewriter hot in writing the gentleman. It is different than anything yet set out as a plant in that the promoter does not build it for an investment, but to sell his machinery. Then, too, he bears every cent of construction and maintenance. As related before, he proposes to build a factory of almost any capacity up to \$13,000, and after he has it in working order, he sells it at cost to local men. There is no bonus in connection, and no rake-off anywhere; his profit being in the sale of the machinery required in the cannery, and which is manufactured by his concern. In all probability the Commercial club will give local fruit men an opportunity of taking the stock. A few of the wealthy fruit raisers about the city of La Grande, could take the required stock, which necessarily need not be over \$6000 or \$7000—and even less—and in that way keep all profits accruing from the much-needed industry at home.

Objections are sometimes raised here that there are not enough varieties of products to make a cannery a paying proposition. Some argue that the apples are sufficient in quantity, but that other varieties are lacking. Those who have studied the matter will say—and, truthfully, too—that peas and beans can be raised profitably in this county. Once the cannery is in working order, Union county's farmers are progressive enough to devote a small area of land each year to raising sweet corn, peas, beans and other products of the soil that can be canned and preserved. A home industry, in the end financed by local capital, is always far more desirable than outside money, where only salaries of employes become benefits to those not furnishing the necessary material.

The Vancouver capitalist who wishes to come here with his scheme, has done it elsewhere. He builds, equips and sets to running, a factory complete in every detail. An independent lighting and heating plant is a part of the equipment. This is undoubtedly the best cannery proposition that has yet been set before the community.

**BIG REDUCTION SALE.**

At Heacock's Jewelry Store, Beginning Monday, December 28.

Everything at one-half price. I am selling out every article in my store at a sacrifice. This includes a nice line of solid gold and filled jewelry, clocks, watches and a few diamonds.

Silverware in the solid and plated. A beautiful line of Donath's hand-painted china. Hawkes' cut glass, also Gans Bros.' umbrellas with finish covers and detachable handles.

HEACOCK'S JEWELRY STORE.

**Educational Meetings.**

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Educators of the Empire state to the number of several hundreds are the guests of Syracuse today and during the next three days will hold the annual session of the New York State Teachers' association. Many of the leading educational authorities of the country are on the program for addresses and papers.

**Kansas Farmers' Week.**

Manhattan, Kas., Dec. 28.—Farmers, stockgrowers, poultry raisers and dairymen of the Sunflower state are taking advantage of the holiday season to learn how to increase the agricultural productivity of Kansas. The State Farmers' institute was opened today at the Kansas agricultural college and many farmers, young and old, will listen to the papers and addresses and witness the practical demonstrations which the experts will give for their benefit.

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