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FARMERS LOOK INTO MEAT COST

COVE FARM BUREAU BRANCH
WILL GET AT FACTS IT
IS ANNOUNCED.

STOCKMEN BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD GET MORE

Low Prices Offered for Livestock
Result in Home Butchering—
County-Wide Investigation by the
Farm Bureau Talked Of—Farmers
Seem of Unified Opinion.

That the farmer of Union county who has small lots of livestock to sell does not receive a fair price, when compared with the market price of stock and the retail price charged in butcher shops for meat, is the assertion that has been made by many sellers of beef cattle during the past few months.

In order to lay before the public accurate figures on the amount the farmer receives and to determine whether or not he has a just grievance, C. M. Stackland, of the Cove branch of the Union county farm bureau, will, at the meeting of that branch on Saturday, ask that that organization make a thorough investigation with a view of finding a remedy for the unfavorable situation confronting the grower of livestock. If facts warrant the conclusions that just about every farmer who is approached on the subject has reached.

It is also highly probable that the county farm bureau as a unit will make a thorough-going investigation of the subject, farmers from all parts of the county being among those who are dissatisfied with the present situation.

Farm Butchering Pays.

Stackland related an experience he had several weeks ago when he had a steer weighing over 1,000 pounds for sale. He was offered \$31 for the animal "on the hoof." This offer did not suit Mr. Stackland, who thought that considerably less than 4 cents a pound was too little to receive for an animal that was

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TRADE WILL BE RESUMED

LONDON, Mar. 16.—The trade agreement under which the commercial relations will be resumed between Great Britain and Russia, were signed today by representatives of both the countries.

Stackland Sees Europe Struggling for New Life

The Observer is in receipt of several letters from Karl J. Stackland, of Cove, who left this vicinity several months ago for an extended trip through the European countries, to look up markets for Grande Ronde valley fruit, and from day to day will publish them.

Mr. Stackland, who is a keen observer, has summed up his impressions of conditions in the European countries, and his first letter reads as follows:

"LONDON, Jan. 9, 1921.—Editor Observer: I left New York on the Olympic December 29, and after an uneventful voyage reached Cherbourg, France, 8 a. m., January 5, and Southampton, 3 p. m. the same day, and by train to London, at 7:45 the same day.

"I found east bound travel light at this time, as the big ship had only a little over 1000 passengers, or less than one-fourth capacity; and the bulk of these were of foreign origin, most of them going back to their respective native countries to stay.

"London is getting back into pre-war conditions with unemployment and beggars. Although living is very high and there is bound to be a great deal of immediate hardships.

"Business seems fairly brisk and price cutting not as pronounced as in the U. S., but evidence is thickening of an early general drop—not collapse all along the line.

"A pall hangs over Europe, she is very sick and it will take a long time to even begin the real reconstruction and rehabilitation of the war organization. The U. S. will have all it can do to keep herself a position to trade with Europe while Europe is struggling for a new lease on life; nothing could be more so.

ARREST OF DOUBLE MAY CLEAR MURDER

LEROY LOVETT DECLARED TO
HAVE BEEN MURDERED

Body Was Placed On Railroad Track,
and Mother of Double Identifies
Body as Her Son's.

WARSAW, Ind., Mar. 16.—Following the findings that Leroy Lovett, of Elkhart, Indiana, was murdered and the body left on the railroad tracks, Virgil Decker, mother of Virgil, had identified Lovett's body as that of her son. The two youths were called doubles, because of their physical likeness. Virgil Decker was insured for \$10,000.

NEW COUNTY AGENT ARRIVES

Harry G. Avery, new county agent of Union county, is well pleased with his new home. In discussing his work here today he said that he had heard much about Union county while in Idaho. The annual livestock show at Union has been well advertised in southern Idaho, he said, and has made the county well and favorably known in other parts of the country. Mr. Avery is spending several days getting acquainted with the routine of his office and expects to definitely outline a program when he meets with the executive committee of the farm bureau next Saturday evening. At present the unfinished work which he will take up immediately will include the continuance of the squirrel poisoning campaign that was initiated several weeks ago.

QUESTION OF COACH SETTLED

EUGENE, Mar. 16.—"Bart" Spellman was re-elected line coach and "Brick" Mitchell chosen as end coach for the varsity football squad next season, at the last meeting of the university athletic council.

Spellman and Mitchell are both former team-mates of head coach "Shy" Huntington, and are well versed with the style of play presented by the head mentor. These three men featured prominently in Oregon's great classic with Pennsylvania at Pasadena on January 1, 1916, when Coach Hugo Bezdek's machine downed the Easterners 14 to 0.

With the coaching staff now complete, including the veteran Bill Hayward as trainer, the football situation seems to be well settled for next season.

FOUR L'S DO NOT ACCEPT LOWER WAGE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AFTER
MEETING IN PORTLAND, RE-
FUSE TO LOWER MINIMUM

ANACORTES AND TACOMA MILLS ARE EXPELLED

Between 2000 and 3000 Soft Coal
Miners Employed in Commercial
Mines of Washington, Are Idle
Because They Refuse to Take Low-
er Wages.

PORTLAND, Mar. 16.—The board of directors of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, after a two days' session, have decided to make no change in the present minimum basis of \$3.60 a day. Anacortes and Tacoma mills are expelled from membership, on the charge of paying less than the minimum.

Miners Are Idle Today.

SEATTLE, Mar. 16.—Between 2000 and 3000 soft coal miners employed in the commercial mines of the state, are idle today as a result of their refusal to accept the wage cuts averaging 23 per cent. The operators announced that the mines would remain closed until a settlement of the controversy is arrived at. Sixteen companies are shut down, including all but one of the larger commercial companies in the west side of the state, and one on the east side. The mines of the railroad are not affected.

LOCAL WOMAN PASSES AWAY

MRS. J. L. MARS DIES AT ALA-
MEDA, CALIFORNIA.

Is Survived by Five Children—Had
Been Living With Children in
California For Several Years.

Mrs. J. L. Mars, wife of J. L. Mars, a contractor of this city, died in Alameda, California, Saturday. Mrs. Mars had made her home in Alameda for several years with her son and daughter there.

At the time of her death Mrs. Mars was over 70 years of age. She is survived by five children, besides her husband. The children are John Mars, of Sweetgrass, Montana; Garfield Mars, who is living in Texas; J. D. Mars, of Ashland; W. J. Mars, of Alameda, and Anna Mars, of Alameda.

Mr. Mars was in Portland at the time of the death of his wife and he has gone to Alameda. Burial will probably be there.

EMPLOYEES START BALLOTING TODAY

CHICAGO, Mar. 16.—The balloting in the national referendum strike vote of the packing house employees, began here today.

Witness For The State Tells The Story of Sheu's Slaying

NEW FRENCH FORCES ARE IN DUISBURG

OCCUPATION OF MULHEIM-ON-
RUHR IS FORESHADOWED

Allied Reparations Commission In-
form Germany Billions Gold
Marks Must Be Paid

DUISBURG, Mar. 16.—New French forces arrived here and the belief is expressed that this foreshadows the occupation of Mulheim-on-Ruhr, four miles east of here.

March 23 Date Set.

PARIS, Mar. 16.—The allied reparations commission has notified Germany that it must pay a billion gold marks before March 23.

ACTION TO BE INVESTIGATED

NO DEFINITE ACTION IS TAKEN
IN BASKETBALL SCANDAL

Several Speakers, After Hearing Re-
port, Criticize Principal for
His Action.

BAKER, Mar. 16.—No definite action regarding the trouble which has arisen following the withdrawal of the Baker high basketball team from the state championship series because of the playing of "Red" Blakely, declared ineligible by Principal G. R. McIntire, of the local school, was taken at the public meeting held this week at the high school auditorium under the auspices of the alumni of the institution. About three hundred representative citizens of the city, alumni and students of the high school were in attendance and the matter was discussed pro and con.

Preceding the gathering a short meeting of the alumni was held and the report of the committee to investigate the eligibility of the player in question was read by William Sheppard. According to the report of the committee, it was found that Blakely, who is a senior, had 29 credits and during the last examination had successfully passed in one subject thereby making him eligible according to the state association rules. A committee of five was appointed to investigate high school conditions in general and report within a short time.

Mr. McIntire was called upon to present his facts. In opening, the principal stated that he was for clean athletics and if the people of Baker did not want them they did not want him for principal of the high school. According to Mr. McIntire, Blakely had five credits in English while six are necessary for graduation, and Blakely also had failed to make any

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Four Indictments Are Served on Persons in the Morris Bros., Inc.

PORTLAND, Mar. 16.—Four indictments, charging the misappropriation of a total of \$255,000, have been served on the persons figuring in the collapse of Morris Bros., Inc. Indictments charging larceny by embezzlement were returned against John L. Etheridge, the former president; Mrs. Stella Etheridge, his wife; Fred S. Morris, founder of the concern, and Forbes B. Pratt, secretary.

Court Trial of Clara Hamon Recedes; Judge Prepares Instructions

ARDMORE, Mar. 16.—The introduction of testimony ended at 10:23 this morning, and the court recessed until 3 o'clock, to permit the judge time to prepare his instructions.

There were numerous reports about threats against the state counsel and the jurors, should a verdict of guilty be returned. Sheriff Garrett said that the only report reaching him was that of a letter to the defense attorney, warning him of possible violence to the defendant if acquitted.

Judge Champion, during the trial ruled as inadmissible as evidence, the letters Hamon wrote to the defendant. The state has begun their rebuttal testimony.

FOREIGN LOANS OF \$1,051,900,000.00 ARE PAID SINCE PEACE

Foreign government loans totaling \$1,051,900,000 which have been floated in the United States have matured and been paid off since the armistice, while new loans, including those issued for refunding, total \$719,000,000. Maturities exceed new issues by \$332,900,000, showing that the amount of foreign loans outstanding in this country has been materially decreased since the armistice.

Great Britain has \$150,000,000 five-year notes maturing here November 1. Like other British loans of similar character, it is believed this is likely to be replaced by a new loan.

NORTHWEST MAN WANTED ON INTER- STATE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—A request that a man from the northwest be appointed to the interstate commerce commission was presented to President Harding by a delegation of northwestern senators and representatives today. The delegation also asked relief legislation for the stock growers, to be passed at the special session. An embargo on wool tops and wastes as an emergency measure until the protective tariff is passed, was suggested.

ALL MUST CLEAN UP

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP WEEK NEXT
MONTH.

City Will Furnish Teams for Hauling
Rubbish and Club Women and
Boys Will Supervise Work.

The civic improvement committee of the Neighborhood club, and the child welfare association met with City Manager George Garrett and Scoutmaster A. Edwin Pryke Monday evening and discussed plans for the annual clean-up week which is to be set for some time during the latter part of April or the early part of May.

Plans were formulated for not only making the annual clean-up week thorough but also for keeping the city spot and span during the entire year. It will be compulsory for everyone to clean out their yards and alleys. The city will provide wagons for hauling the refuse away, all citizens being asked to have their rubbish on the street. Only unburnable rubbish will be hauled away while all leaves and such other rubbish that can be burned is to be burned by the residents. Ashes will not be hauled away.

On the Saturday before the clean-up week the children of the city will be asked to help in getting things into shape for the clean-up. They will help in getting rubbish out on the street and will be so organized that the entire city is covered. The city will be divided into 32 districts and a boy scout assigned to each district who is to have the assistance of a lady of the Neighborhood club in supervising his district. This organization is to continue throughout the year.

Mrs. Frank Phy is chairman of the civic improvement society committee that is to arrange the details of districting the city. A. Edwin Pryke, scoutmaster, will assist her in this work. A. C. Hampton, superintendent of schools, will also assist in this work.

The committee urges all to do as much of the work as possible before the beginning of the clean-up week in order to avoid congestion at that time.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
PORTLAND, Mar. 16.—The price of cattle and sheep was weak today, hogs steady, eggs one cent lower, and butter three cents lower.

WEATHER FORECAST
Tonight and Thursday, r. s.

Woolmen Fear Emerg- ency Tariff is in Discard

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—Oregon wool growers are alarmed about the possibility of an emergency tariff being sidetracked in the new congress which will meet early in April. The president of the Oregon Wool Growers association has sent a telegram to the Oregon delegation, giving in detail the situation of the wool growers and saying that relief must come soon or the situation will become intolerable and many of the growers will quit.

This message was communicated to Chairman Furber by the house members from Oregon, and Senator McNary took the matter up with Senator Pease again, with the idea of emphasizing the absolute necessity for emergency protection at once, pending the revision of internal taxes and the formation of a permanent tariff.

CHINESE ON THE WITNESS STAND TODAY

DETAILS OF CRIME INVOLVING
WHITE WOMAN AND CHINA-
MAN TOLD.

HARRY WONG TELLS OF THREATS MADE BY CHIN

Third Day of Taking Testimony Given
on Continuing of State's Evidence—Police and Doctors Relate
Conversations with Accused—Huge
Crowd Throngs Court Room.

Today, the third day of the trial of Mrs. Charlie Jones, white wife of a Chinaman of Portland, and Chin Bill, for the slaying of Jee Sheu last December, the witnesses for the state continued their stories of the murder. The largest crowd attending a trial in La Grande in recent years packed the courtroom so that even standing room was at a premium this afternoon as old and young listened to the unfolding of the tragedy. Mothers with little children under school age, well dressed women and men of all walks of life were conspicuous in the crowd of spectators, intent on hearing every word that is being offered as evidence.

At this morning's session of court Harry Wong, who testified late yesterday afternoon continued his testimony. Wong told of being in a room adjoining the room occupied by Mrs. Jones and Chin Bill. About midnight of the fatal night Wong and a half-breed Chinaman whose American name is Bowers were drinking tea. Sheu came into their room and after staying several minutes he said that he was going to retire and then again entered the adjoining room.

Shortly after this, according to Wong, another man entered the room through an outside door. This man, Chin, was asked for a ring. Chin refused and said that he would not give Sheu the ring but would take his life. Shortly after three shots were heard.

Mrs. Jones ran out of the room to wake another Chinaman in the front part of the house.

Other words between Chin and Sheu were to the effect that the speaker, Chin, would kill Sheu, wanted to kill him and that he had killed several men in California.

Wanted Good Things.
Mary Wong, who runs a chop suey house on Adams avenue testified following the testimony of Harry Wong. She told of Chin Bill being in her place on the Sunday of the shooting and after eating noodles Chin asked her, as he was about to pay his bill, whether she would send him some good things to eat if he got into jail. Just as Chin was leaving she noticed that he had a gun.

Following the testimony of the Chinese police officers were placed on the stand. Chief of Police Roy Flexer this afternoon testified that in his conversation with Mrs. Jones

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J'ever Hear This?

By STRICKLAND GILMAN

Hick? He Was a Chesterfield.
"Say, Mame, you know that guy you introduced to me an' said he was a hick? You was wrong, Mame, all wrong! W'y, when he took me out and blowed me to a swell feed that set him back nearly a dollar, he poured his coffee out in th' saucer to cool an' I thought maybe he was what you said. But, Mame, he—never blowed a tail! He fanned it wit' his hat!"

