

LOCAL MENTION

C. E. Wright was in the city Tuesday from his Howard ranch.

R. E. Simpson is in Portland buying a new stock of winter dry goods.

D. J. Harris and B. F. Monger, of the Cline Falls Press, were in the city the last of the week.

E. N. Gillam was a business visitor from Culver several days during the past week.

W. F. Hammer was in the city the last of the week from his Haystack ranch.

J. B. McDowell was in the city from Haystack several days during the past week.

S. R. Slayton left the first of the week for Park Place, Oregon, where he will spend the winter.

B. F. Sheppard and Charles Parish were in the city during the past week from the Paulina country looking after stock matters.

J. R. Cornett was in the city from Summit Prairie the last of the week. He came down to bring the poll books from his voting precinct.

Call and examine my line of shirts and underwear. I can save you money on this line. Gornley the Tailor.

See the new line of Silver Ware at **The Winnek Co.'s** Headquarters for Santa Claus

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Vandeventer were in the city from Lava Friday on their way to Ashwood where they will spend the week visiting with the family of Tom Hamilton.

Friday night is the time Mrs. Jarley appears in the city with her work show. A tip to this office has it that the figures are going to be something immense. Better go.

Mrs. Ed Bradford returned the last of the week from Madras. While there she purchased a couple of town lots and will soon erect a store building on one of them.

O. D. Allingham, a brother of Low Allingham, arrived in the city from Paisley last week and will take an active part in the management of the Hamilton stables in this city.

You Can Save **\$1 to \$2 on Shoes** At the RACKET STORE

J. F. Houston was in the city from Cook Monday. He stated that the range grass was coming up again and that indications pointed to another winter in favor of the cattle and sheep owners.

Lee Steers, A. L. Smith and Chas. Hanes were in the city Tuesday from Suplee on land business. Mr. Hanes made final proof on a homestead, the two former gentlemen as his witnesses.

Rev. G. M. Booth, presiding elder of the Dulles district, came in on Tuesday's stage. He preached at Bend last night and will be in the city for the quarterly meeting next Sunday, when he will preach at the Methodist church morning and evening.

Levi Tillotson returned the last of the week from Portland where he has been looking after the interests of the Lookout mountain quick-silver mines. He left for the latter properties Saturday and stated that a working force would be kept in the tunnels during the entire winter.

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At ADAMSON'S

The Messinger brothers will give a turkey shoot on Tuesday the 22nd. The winners of the prizes, whose tastes do not permit them to partake of turkey, will be permitted to carry home chicken instead. All the crack sportsmen now have an opportunity to maintain their reputations.

S. D. Laughlin, father of E. E. Laughlin of Paulina, was in the city Tuesday on his way to Portland where he will spend the winter. Mr. Laughlin has recently returned from a trip through Grant county where he says all the sheepmen in that section are jubilant over the prospects for prices next season. He stated that Kern Brothers, large sheep owners of that county, had been offered 18 cents, cash in advance, for next season's clip.

Considering the difficulties under which the fire companies labored Tuesday the boys made an exceptionally quick run to the McFarland property. Both companies were compelled, owing to the fact that the Ochoa bridge is not completed, to make the descent into the basin, ford the stream and then make a hard pull up the opposite side. But they got to the fire in short order and the five or six hundred feet of hose was laid in about the quickest time on record.

It is plainly evident that a business of almost any kind pays in Prineville. As evidence of the fact Stone brothers recently opened a livery on Main street just to see how much trade could be drawn and now they're wishing their quarters were two or three times as large. The business has paid well from the start and the excellent class of goods they are selling insures them a steadily increasing trade from the public.

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What any other state in the Union has that is worth having, come to Oregon and you will find somewhere within the boundaries of the state. While we were aware that Oregon had some immense trees, we were hardly prepared to attempt to rival California in that regard. A picture brought in by F. G. Connelly yesterday, which was taken in southwestern Crook county, near Devils Lake, makes us hold to any we believe that state can't beat us. The picture represents a forest ranger in Mr. Connelly's party riding through a hole in an immense tree. It appears that the large opening was made by fire. At any rate a good sized horse and his rider were having no trouble riding through when the camera was leveled on them. The large California trees are Redwood, while this is Yellow Pine.—Dales Chronicle.

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The Story of Charley Tong Sing

Charley Tong Sing is the name of a Chinaman who came to the city last week from Portland to cook in O'Neil brothers restaurant. Charley speaks English fluently and is very reserved in his manner and speech. No one would for a moment suspect that some of the acts of his past life have received recognition from the government at Washington, and yet it is a fact that twice during the past twenty years Congress has awarded him gold medals as an acknowledgment that Uncle Sam appreciates such acts of bravery as this quiet and taciturn Chinaman has performed.

Charley Tong Sing is one of two or three survivors of the Jenette expedition which twenty years ago set out to find the north pole, and it probably due to the fact that Charley possesses a fine physique that he is able today to tell of the awful hardships endured at that time. The story of that expedition, when the ship coasted northward and finally entered the stretches of ice bound waters that were soon to entomb the vessel and nearly all of her company, is told as follows:

Nearly two years were spent in Arctic seas, the vessel often wedged fast in ice. Necessity compelled strict economy of provisions, and it fell to Charley's lot to supplement the ship's store by whatever strange dishes the north seas could furnish. Polar bear, seal and strange birds were killed and added to the mess.

On the night of June 11, 1881, the Jenette was lost, and the little company of explorers were forced to shift for their lives, battling against such odds as nature seldom brings to bear against men. Jammed tight in the ice, the vessel was already strained beyond her endurance, when on this night a tremendous impact heeled her over, and finally she broke in two in the middle. The two parts of the ship slowly sank and during the night as much of the ship's stores and boats and sledges as the worn out adventurers could handle were hauled onto the ice and the party began the long tramp over ice and snow to the northeast coast of Siberia. The dogs sickened and died until in August but two remained, and the sledges were hauled by some of the ship's company who had the strength to wear the harness. The stores were soon exhausted and for weeks the survivors subsisted on walrus, seals and even on seal skins and leather of worn out boots. Several of the men died on the journey over the mountains of ice.

When the open sea was reached the three boats were launched. A storm separated them. One cutter was lost with all on board. Another in command of Captain De Long reached land, but all of its party perished miserably on the desolate shore where neither food nor shelter could be found. The captain himself starved to death. The third boat, in which was Charley Tong Sing, rode the storm safely and reached the Siberian coast at the mouth of a river. After weeks of travel they came upon two Esquimaux huts where they obtained food and shelter.

It was on this journey that the Chinaman showed his courage, self sacrifice and tenderness. Stronger than the others, he often supported

them on the march, and was their main reliance for game to take the place of the exhausted provisions. The Esquimaux guided the travelers to a Russian settlement where good sledges were procured and a start made across Siberia. Reindeer later took the place of the dogs until the railroad was reached and the voyagers were carried to St. Petersburg, thence to London and to New York where they arrived in the spring of 1882. Lieutenant Donhue and two of the men became insane as the result of their awful experiences and shot themselves. Bontawain was tenderly nursed by Tong Sing on the voyage across the Atlantic, but in New York he, too, lost his reason and died in an asylum.

Upon his return to the United States, the navy department in recognition of Tong's bravery, presented him with a gold medal on which is inscribed: "Charley Tong Sing, Arctic Steamer Jenette-Fidelity Zen, Obedience" and on the reverse side is the presentation of the old frigate Constitution, and the words, "United States Navy." By special act of Congress, September 20, 1890, another medal was presented and both of these Charley Tong Sing wears beneath his vest today as he faithfully tends to the cooking at O'Neil brothers restaurant.

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Independent Packing Plant.

President Dunham, of the Crook County Cattlemen's association, has received the following letter from the officers of the Independent packing company which is being organized in Portland. The letter contains in full the scope of the organization and the lines upon which the new company will work and should prove of interest to all the stock men and a large percentage of the business men in this county. The letter is as follows:

In presenting some of the advantages Portland possesses as a packing center and livestock market, it is useless to dwell at length on the possibilities as a stock center, for that proposition has been thoroughly exploited and demonstrated beyond all reasonable doubt. All the stock raising districts in the whole Columbia Basin are focused to this point, from which territory the whole United States is to a considerable extent dependent upon their supplies. Moreover, we have demonstrated beyond question that we are prepared to furnish as fine a grade of livestock as is produced in any of the Eastern States, and in fact much more superior to that grown in any of the grazing sections of the Middle West, which facts were borne out by the awards recently made to Charles E. Ladd of this city at the St. Louis Exposition, where Oregon took first prize for high bred cattle. The fact that the supply of livestock far exceeds the demand, is too well known to admit of contradiction, as from actual investigation the supply of stock accessible to this market on a conservative estimate for the year 1903 was as follows: Cattle 1,600,000, sheep 8,000,000, hogs 685,000; while the number slaughtered by packers in this district during the same period was, cattle 61,000, sheep 180,000, and hogs 101,000. These latter figures are simply the number slaughtered by the packers, although as a matter of fact the consumption was much greater, as conditions here are rather primitive, for the reason that the farmers and local butchers are in a great measure doing their own slaughtering, as they formerly did in the Middle and Eastern States prior to the advent of the modern packing house and central livestock markets.

We also enjoy a material advantage in freight rates on livestock over Eastern packers, as we are situated at the very source of supply. The freight charges on the manufactured product from the East, occasioned by the long haul, is by far the greatest advantage we possess, especially on cured meat products. You are doubtless aware that the Chicago Board of Trade, establishes the price on these commodities for practically the entire world, and in making prices for other points they simply add the freight rate, which, for example, to this point is \$1.62 per hundred weight. Now providing we purchase our livestock at exactly the same price as the Eastern packers, and produce the manufactured product here at the same cost, we will reap a net profit on every hundred pounds sold of \$1.62 per hundred weight, which is exclusive of the natural profits accruing from the packing business. This understanding, is not intended to show how much more we will make than the Eastern packers, as we do not mention freight on the package, excessive shrinkage en route, extra cost of handling, refrigeration en route, etc., but rather what we gain by producing and dispensing of the products here at the ruling market price. While at the same time the stockmen will save on the freight and shrinkage to Eastern points at least 70 cents per hundred weight. Yet regardless of such excessive freight charges, strange to say the

Eastern packers alone are shipping annually for consumption, and export, into our markets upwards of 100,000,000 pounds of Pork products alone. Now it is reasonable to suppose that we should with a modern plant here be able to secure a good share of the present business without, however, infringing up the trade of our local packers, or considering the new business we would naturally create. You can readily see what this would amount to in dollars and cents as on even ten million pounds at \$1.62 per hundred weight would yield the handsome profit on this alone of \$162,500, which is over and above the usual profits accruing from meat packing business.

The local transportation companies have very kindly offered their support to an enterprise of this nature whenever they can conveniently do so, but aside from this, the present freight rates places us in fair competition with all points in the territory comprising the Columbia Basin and considerably beyond there, where in all we have a business of at least twenty-five million dollars annually to draw from, exclusive of the export trade. This is ample to support an establishment such as we propose no build, for several years to come and we might add that the present rates of freight to San Francisco of 15 cents per hundred weight by steamer, 25 cents by rail, will open up a new avenue in which to market our product in competition with Eastern packers of \$2.00 per hundred weight, which is even a greater advantage in freight than we now have to Portland. Still there are other advantages no less important, which we might call to your attention and that is, that the Eastern packers are not shipping fresh meats into this territory, which naturally leaves the local packers here in absolute control of the market on these products, and in a position to make legitimate profits on the business without any interference from outside competition. At the present time, however, there exists a rather peculiar condition in this territory, with relation to the consumption of fresh and cured meats. It is almost a universal rule that the consumption of meats is proportioned as follows: Fresh meats 70 per cent, cured meats 30 per cent; while here we find just the reverse, fresh meats 30 per cent, cured meats 70 per cent, and still situated in the very heart of the cattle and sheep country. This condition is due to the heavy shipments of Cured Pork products from Eastern points, and should be reversed in the interest of our home markets.

Hence, never in the history of the Packing business has there been a time more opportune, or conditions more favorable than at Portland for an improved modern plant. Similar conditions to these do not exist elsewhere in the country, as while being situated at the very source of supply we are also so far removed from the principal Eastern markets as to practically exclude such competition, after a market here has once become thoroughly established.

This city possesses more natural advantages than at any time did the principal centers East, where from natural causes the packing business and livestock markets have grown into the greatest industry of the present age. It is true they have spent large sums of money to attain their present state of perfection, but we expect to profit by their experience being familiar with many of the mistakes they have made in the past, and even will be able to improve in many respects on their present methods.

While this proposition has been exploited to a considerable extent for some time past, it is barely possible that sufficient thought has not been exercised, to consider it thoroughly from a strictly commercial point of view. Otherwise the business people of Portland and of Oregon, would not have been unmindful of the great opportunity before them.

To embark properly in this business here it will require an establishment fully equipped, to cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000, and should be constructed so as to make ample provision for additional buildings at any time the business will demand, and still not reduce our facilities for producing the product at the least possible cost. This would have a capacity of transacting a business of five million dollars annually, and judging from the present condition of trade, the first year should show a business of at least two and one-half million dollars, after which all will depend upon the future growth and extension of such business, through natural channels together with the development of this territory and export trade.

We have simply mentioned a few of the natural advantages and profits which would accrue to a concern of this nature here, purely from point of location, and based upon absolute facts as they exist. For this reason alone, we make no mention of the usual profits accruing from the packing business as that might possibly admit of some doubt to one unfamiliar with the business. Therefore, to judge of the above conditions you are not obliged to stretch your imagination, or accept the statement of anyone, as the facts speak for themselves. However, we might state that twenty per cent net profit under ordinary conditions, is not unusual in the meat business and you are well aware from own

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observations that the packing business is a profitable one, from the great success attained, and wealth acquired by the Eastern packers during the past several years. In view of the prodigious growth of the Northwestern States within the past few years, it is doubtless if anyone who has not given the matter special attention, can realize the enormous advancement in certain commercial lines. Oregon alone has made wonderful strides in commercial pursuits and has doubled in the consumption of meat foods and all other states in this section have shown a corresponding increase. Moreover, too much cannot be said of our export trade which is daily growing into immense proportions, and we naturally look forward for a much more extensive trade at the termination of the present difficulties in the Orient, when business shall again resume its natural channel.

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To the wife of Rev. O. W. Triplett, Sunday, Nov. 13, a 12-pound boy.

No Poison in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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