FOOD DESTRUCTION IS ONE ACCUSATION

Commission Men Said to Create Unnatural Condition in Produce Markets.

ASSOCIATION IS BROKEN UP

Government Will Proceed Against Dealers for Alleged Combination, Which Is Said to Control 90 Per Cent of Supplies.

Every person in Portland who eats vegetables, fruit or nuts, say the Gov-ernment prosecutors, has paid tribute to the alleged commission men's trust to the alleged commission members of against the Individual members of which the Federal grand jury on Wed-nesday returned indictments charging them with violations of the Sherman

them with violations of the Sherman anti-trust law.
Information in the hands of the United States District Attorney's office, it is said, tends to prove that the Produce Merchants' Association regulated and manipulated prices by stifling competition and by restricting the trade movement to an unnatural extent. While members of the association deny that they created unnatural shortages of food supplies, the Federal officials declare that they will bring forth witnesses who will testify that

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Such actions, the Government says, violate the spirit and letter of the antitrust law, inasmuch as they prevent free competition and thereby restrain trade.

Association Is Disbanded

But the Government's principal point of attack will be made against the al-leged combination itself. By pooling of attack will be made against the al-leged combination itself. By pooling their interests, it is declared, the com-mission men under indictment were able to control 30 per cent of the food products coming into Portland from California, Texas, Florida and the West Indian Islands, which are the princi-pal sources of supply in seasons when the local orchards, fields and gardens are not producing.

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So far as breaking up the alleged combination is concerned the Government has accomplished its purpose already. The Produce Merchants' Association, which the Federal prosecutors say is a trust organized and conducted in violation of the law, has disbanded. Its life ended about a week ago when J. W. Bunn, its secretary, was served with a subpena demanding his presence, together with the books and papers of the association, before the grand jury.

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Elton Watkins, the Federal investigator, who worked up the case against the commission men, said yesterday that the commission men received him with the utmost consideration when he appeared before them and explained the purpose of his wish to Front street.

Prices of Central Market Too High, Declare Builders, and Protective Italian Fruit & Produce Company last year. Other complaints drifted into the office of the "trust busters" at various times. Orders came to Mr. Watkins direct from Washington, D. C. Meanwhile John McCourt, United States District Attorney, prepared to lay the case before the grand jury. Mr. Watkins worked only ten days, when he had his case complete. E. A. Johnson, Assistant District Attorney, assisted Mr. Watkins in presenting the evidence. The indictments were the result. Of the 15 men against whom true bills were returned 12 have submitted to arrest. W. B. Glafke appeared at the United States Marshal's effice yesterday and gave bond in the sulmost the sulmost of 1000. John A. Bell, Fred H. Page and John J. Cole are still out of town. They have been advised of the situation and will return at once. The authorities will not send warrants out of town for them, as each man is individually responsible and bears the confidence of the Government officials. There are two counts against each individual. The law provides a maximum penalty of one year in the Federal penitentiary or a fine of \$5000 or both on each count. There is a provision of the same law for a civil suit by the Government in equity against the individuals, but the criminal process of some of the enterprise. Since January 1 prices for sand and gravel that the cost of sand and submitted bids on prices that had prevailed during the past year and when a submitted bids on prices that price the sand and gravel bade been doubled it caused considerable embarrassment in a few interaction of the same of \$5000 or both on each count. There is a provision of the same law for a civil suit by the Government in equity against the Individuals but the criminal process of some of the enterprise. Since January 1 prices for sand and gravel than for the sell-protection of a sand and gravel than for the selling firms and paving contractors are completed. Since January 1 prices for sand and gravel than for t

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A. Macquodale, a Spokane railroad man, is registered at the Portland. F. A. Seufert, a canneryman of The Dalles, is registered at the Imperial. E. S. Wilcox, an Estacada timber-nan, is registered at the Multnomah. J. D. Kerr, representative of the O. W. R. & N. at La Grande, is at the Im

Charles Theis, a brewer of Boise, is at the Oregon accompanied by his family.

Dr. W. D. McNary, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Asylum, is at the Joseph H. Spear, prominent in the usiness affairs of Spokane, is at the

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PORTLAND CHILD HAS BABY ROLE IN "MOTHER" AT BAKER.



Among the unusual distinctions attendant on being a child actress, Mayo Methot enjoys furactress, Mayo Methot enjoys fur-ther the emoluments that go along with being the first and, so far, only Portland child to de-serve rightly the title "child actress." There are many little elecutionists, dancers and artistic children in Portland, and almost all a mateur performances and home-grown entertainments have some talented child to contribute some talented child to contribute to the entertainment. But Mayo Methot is a reg'lar—nort a volunteer. She is just eight years old—and is a full-fledged member of the Baker Stock Company, appearing whenever there is a play that has a role for her. Last Fall Mayo starred as the child David in "The Awakening of Helena Ritchie," and, prior to her road tour, was with Cathrine Countiss at the Hellig. She has received an offer to appear as the boy Tyltyl in one of "The Blue Bird" companies to be sent out next season. Mayor is at the Baker as one of the frolicsome, mischeivous some talented child to contribute one of the frolicsome, mischeivous twins in "Mother." She is a one of the frontsome, macherous twins in "Mother." She is a beautiful little girl, and uses no makeup for the role. The other twin, who happens to be a brunette little maid, is wearing a blonde wig to match Mayo in celering.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

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Board of Education Grants Request for Commemorative Exercises.

EARTH TRAINING APPROVED

H. V. Carter, president of the Pacific States Electric Company, is registered Appointment of Special Instructor to Extend Work of School Garden League Heartily Approved by Board Members.

> Commemorative exercises in the public schools of Portland Lincoln day were decided on yesterday at the regular meeting of the Board of Education in response to a request made by G. L. Baker, representing other citizens. A petition by a large body of patrons for appropriation of funds for an instructor to help in the earth education movement was approved by the board and referred to the committee on teachers, following addresses made by supporters of the movement.
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> Bids for the supply of Indian clubs and fuel were received and the testination of H. C. Campbell, chairman of School District No. 1, was accepted. Mr. Campbell's term expires in June. He was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Richard Williams and was re-elected at the expiration of that term to fill the position for another five years.
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Marshall N. Dana addressed the beard on behalf of the School Garden League. He told of the extension in the work and asked for more definite assistance in the shape of an instructor, who would help the league in its work from the middle of February to the midde of June. He suggested that the board should also favor the incorporation of earth education work in the va-

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Portland has received the widest of publicity from the movement, said O. M. Plummer, who has but just returned from a tour of some dozen states, vis-iting all the agricultural colleges.

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garden contest was on wealthy Eastern capitalists paid a visit to the Woodlawn school garden and Dr. Lane, of Washington, who has entire charge of this movement in the states, remarked that it was nothing short of wonderful.

L. R. Alderman has had letters from numerous cities saying that Portland seemed to have the best idea of all in carrying out this work and asking for pointers. He had one even from Porto Rico, which tends to show the wide publicity the city is receiving."

After numerous other speakers had told of the support and the benefits.

L. H. Weir, Pacific Coast representative of the playground movement, told also of the benefits of publicity to Portland derived from the work.

I. N. Fleischner gave the matter his hearty approval, and told of his interest in this movement all along. "If there are sufficient funds and if it can be worked out feasibly I favor the appointment of an instructor," he said.

Lectures on Lincoln Programme.

Emil G. Kardell, secretary of the Multnomah County Pair Association, which holds an annual fair at Gresham, has been notified by the County Court that no appropriations in favor of fairs will be made this year. Mr Kardell had written requesting a conference on the question of financial assistance by the county and was told in reply that it will be useless to waste his time coming to see the court as fair appropriations were not taken into consideration in making the tax levy. At the time the levy was made the County Court sent letters to the various county officials urging them to practice economy and informing them that no salary raises would be permitted during the year or extra help. This was less than a month ago. This week the court made orders increasing the salaries of many county employes angiving two extra stenographers and investigator to District Attorney Evans.

County Commissioner Lightner signed

County Commissioner Lightner signed the order for only one of the salary rises, that of Mrs. D. D. Jackson, ma-tron of the poor farm, from \$40 to \$50 a month. The others were carried over his head by County Judge Cleeton and Commissioner Hart. The sending ou-of letters advising economy was Judge Cleeton's idea.

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J. K. Roming, a mining engineer of Baker, is at the Oregon.

Albert Allen, a Spokane attorney, is registered at the Perkins.

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OUST LEGISLATURE IS PLAN

Senator Kellaher Asked to Introduce Resolution for Commission.

Its ultimate object being the abolition of the Oregon Legislature and the placing of the state under a commission form of government, a petition drafted form of government, a petition drafted by L M. Lepper and signed by C. A. Bige-low and other critizens of the East Side has been forwarded to Senator Kella-her at Salem. It asks that the Senator introduce a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint a commission of seven members to prepare a com-mission form of government for Ore-gon, doing away with the Legislature entirely and placing many of its powers and functions in the hands of a com-mission, which is to divide up the work into departments and handle the busi-

HUMOROUS READING WILL BE FEATURE AT MUSICAL TOMORROW.



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The home of Mrs. George Hartman, Sr., will be the scene tomorrow afternoon of an attractive musicale and tea, at which Mrs. M. F. Stites will present a programme of song and instrumental numbers. Humorous readings will be contributed by Mrs. Adah Losh Rose, Mrs. Rose is a recent acquisition to the local artistic set. Her former home was in Council Bluffs. For tomorrow's affair she will interpret several of James Whitcomb Riley's verses, which are always so popular. About 50 guests will share the pleasures of the occasion.

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Little Girl Avolds Cycle and Rolls in Path of Car, Says Witness.

In an endeavor to avoid a cycle, Agnes Hill, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hill, 05 871 East Tenth street, North, collided with an automobile, license number, Oregon 1586, on Grand avenue and Mason street. Wednesday afternoon.

She was skating along the streets on the way home from school when a man came along on a cycle. In turning to avoid him she did not notice an on-oming car, and was knocked down, sustaining severe brulses to her left side and head. The driver, whose name is not known, stopped the automobile within 15 feet of the spot where the girl was struck, according to Mrs. F. E. King, who witnessed the accident. Melvin Stonebrink, of 354 Williams avenue, was knocked off his bicycle Wednesday afternoon on Fifth and Alder streets by an automobile driven by Walton Daniel, of 351 Oak street, Stonebrink was not hurt at all seriby Walton Danies, of the stonebrink was not hurt at all seriously, and was able to remount his nachine in a short time.

TELEPHONE MAN TESTIFIES Colonel Sumner Says Northwestern Company's Affairs Juggled.

The history of his promotion of the Northwestern Long-Distance Telephone

Need of Co-operative Demonstration Farms Shown.

FARMERS REAP BENEFITS

Emery Olmstead, Vice-President and Manager of Northwestern National. Points Worth of Measure Before Senate.

"The greatest need of Oregon today is the exploitation of the soil, its greatest asset." is the belief of the Oregon State Bankers' Association, as expressed through its spokesman, Em-Olmstead, vice-president and general manager of the Northwestern Na-

eral manager of the Northwestern National Bank, who is chairman of the agricultural committee of the bankers' organization. Mr. Olmstead spoke strongly along this line yesterday, saying that if Oregon is to develop its great resources it must do as the other great agricultural states are doing, namely, pay more attention to the proper tillage of its soil.

Mr. Olmstead believes the one greatest boon that could be bestowed upon the state by the present Legislature would be the passage of Senate bill 72, which provides for the establishment of co-operative demonstration farms throughout Oregon, under the direction of the Oregon Agricultural College. This, he says, will arouse greater interest in agriculture everywhere, will develop and populate the country districts as nothing else can and is about he only thing that could be suggested in the back-to-the-soil movement that would be worth while.

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Wear a "hand-ironed" shirt before you judge it. Then compare the results of "hand ironing" with the old-style way of a laundered shirt. Discriminating dressers are coming more and more to regard our "hand ironing" department as a ne-

the state are located. In our work last year I do not know what we would have done without the assistance of the college, since we had to fall back on that institution for builetins, of which 75,000 were 'exceed, to interest the children who were enlisted in the country life movement.

"All the benefits to come from this bill are for the farmer and the country town. Farm demonstration work provided for by the very modest appropriation asked from the state will aid the farmer to till his acres with the best results, making his work more profitable, his home happier and his land more valuable. It means better conditions throughout rural Oregon and more prosperous communities.

It will, unquestionably, have no little effect in arousing an interest in farming in the young and if we can

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These doctors represent but a fraction of the thousands of physicians who use Postum in place of coffee in their homes and in their practice.

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