

THE PACKERS LISTED BY PAPERS

Meat Barons' Secret Files Show How Legislation Was Influenced.

MORE SENSATIONS NEAR

Honey Offers Evidence Showing Attorneys for Packers Even Investigated Records of Trade Commission for Own Ends.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Confidential reports on the attitude of Congressmen toward legislation for an inquiry into the livestock and packing industry, taken from the secret files of big packing concerns were read today into the records of the Federal Trade Commission's meat packing investigation.

In addition to the continued recital of the efforts made by the packers to forestall affirmative action by Congress in 1916 on the Borland resolution for an inquiry, the commission obtained further indication of the ramifications of the packers' financial condition, which was said by Francis J. Heney, special counsel, to extend to the streets and highways of Kansas City to banks throughout the country and to the tin industry.

Alleged political contribution visited on Congressmen inimical to the packers' interests will be one of the major subjects taken up next week, according to Mr. Heney, who announced that he would offer evidence designed to show that one Representative was defeated with the aid of the packers after he made a fight for an investigation of their business. "Insidious" methods of endeavoring to influence Congressmen through business for their law firms and by appealing to their political welfare will be developed, Mr. Heney told the commission.

After it had been disclosed today that in 1916 the packers had caused for Swift & Company, a report to the commission filed with the commission and which was confidential until the commission's rules, notices were posted in the commission building that hereafter passes from heads of departments will be required to file all reports, notices, and other papers, who enter the building during the working hours.

Inside Facts Obtained. It appeared from the evidence today that the packers received advance information of a postponement of action against the Borland resolution by the House Judiciary sub-committee.

Close watch was kept on the views of Congressmen on the Borland resolution for several days in the Capitol. Washington, reports usually being cautiously devised so that identities were indicated only by initials or state.

Buying Agreements Charged. Buying agreements, tending to eliminate competition and to permit the packers to control the market for food supply, long have been charged by the livestock growers in their demands for governmental inquiry into the business. E. C. Lanning, of Waller, Va., Tex., a leading figure in the American National Livestock Association, took the stand to tell of conferences requested by the packers to promote a better feeling between the producing and purchasing ends of the business.

Activity is Denied. While on the stand Mr. Livingston said he had not been active against the Borland resolution. A letter from A. R. Urion, of Armour & Co., to J. Ogden Armour, said a request for additional compensation by Mr. Livingston for work in obtaining settlements for meat cargoes detained by the British blockade surely must refer to his efforts on the Borland resolution.

New Store to Open March 1. The L. Dinkelspiel Company, Inc., of San Francisco, through its Portland representative, S. Shirek, yesterday signed a lease on the three-story brick building at 47 North Fifth street. The company will occupy its new quarters March 1, and will move in a large stock of notions and other merchandise.

MR. TOMLINSON DEFENDS SELF

Packers Not Helped by Him, Says Livestock Association Officer.

DENVER, Jan. 26.—With a statement that he had "nothing to apologize for," T. W. Tomlinson, of Denver, secretary of the American National Livestock Association, today made public his alleged correspondence with R. C. McManus, counsel for Swift & Co.

Mr. Tomlinson's name was mentioned in reports in connection with evidence that the packers were kept informed of what cattlemen were doing in their fight to obtain an investigation of the meat-packing industry. "I would have given out the same information to the newspapers or anybody else," said Mr. Tomlinson. "Our plan had been published in pamphlets and elsewhere long before this time. There was nothing secret about them. The evidence that we intended to produce, however, was, and is, secret, and I have published today in which I am inking of that."

"As a matter of fact, the packers, many of whom I know personally, repeatedly asked me what they could do to allay the investigation that was being planned. I invariably told them that the matter was going to be threshed and that if their cause was just they should be willing to have the facts aired in an investigation."

W. J. Gates, ex-chairman of the Democratic state committee of Colorado, whose name also was drawn into the Washington hearing, gave out the following explanation: "My attention has been called to a dispatch which has been called to a dispatch to appear that I was in Washington in the Spring of 1916 lobbying for the packers to defeat the Borland resolution for an inquiry into the packing industry."

"The livestock producers of Colorado, or a great majority of them, were strongly opposed to this resolution, for the reason that past experience had shown that these investigations invariably disturb the market, cause losses to the stockowners, without any good being accomplished, and as I was going to New York on business, I agreed, at the request of some of the livestock men, to call on Mr. Tomlinson in Washington on my return and inform our Senators and such others as I could reach of the feeling here on this matter."

"I was in Washington two days and talked with about half a dozen Senators, explaining the position of the stockmen here, and was informed the resolution had no chance of passage at that time."

"On my way home I was in Chicago one day and while at the stockyards there met L. A. Carton, among others, and told of my observations regarding this resolution while in Washington. "Nothing whatever was said in regard to Senator Thompson's law firm being employed by the packers in any capacity, and if Mr. Carton had any such intention nothing was said to me about it."

"None of the Senators I talked with in Washington made any statement as to whether they were opposed or favorable to the Borland resolution, simply giving me their opinions that there would be no investigation during the year 1916."

NOISE IS ELIMINATED

"ROTARY VALVE" NEW INVENTION OF C. W. COMSTOCK, OF DILLEY.

Investor Says Use of Valve Will Do Away With Forty or More Parts of Ordinary Four-Cylinder Motor.

C. W. Comstock, of Dilley, Or., is the inventor of a device recently patented, which is known as a "rotary valve" for gas engines. By means of a hollow and tapered valve, the cylinders of the motor, the explosive mixture is admitted to the cylinders, and the products of combustion removed practically without noise and vibration.

Mr. Comstock says that by means of this rotary valve, 40 or 50 parts of an ordinary motor can be eliminated. Moreover, the new valve rotates next to a water-cooled surface, and is therefore free from the ailments caused by overheating which are common to cylinder valves.

ENGINEERS TO ORGANIZE

New Company is Open to All Men Subject to Draft.

Members of the local draft boards yesterday called attention of Oregon registered men to the new company of United States regular engineers, which is forming at Vancouver Barracks. This unit is open to all men subject to the draft, and they may enlist by the process of induction by merely applying to their local board.

THREE BROTHERS WHO ARE FOLLOWING THE FLAG, TWO IN OLD THIRD OREGON AND ONE IN UNITED STATES NAVY.

POPULAR FALLACY BARED

F. A. Ballin Talks at Luncheon of Oregon Civic League.

There is a popular fallacy that wooden ships are all sailing ships, according to F. A. Ballin, who spoke at the luncheon of the Oregon Civic League in the Multnomah Hotel yesterday.

This situation was largely true, said Mr. Ballin, at the close of the Civil War, when a ship of 2000 tons was considered large. Now, he said, the majority of the wooden ships are operated by steam, and a tonnage of 4000 is considered small.

Mr. Ballin said the chief difficulty in the way of construction is the high wages which the employers are obliged to pay. He said, however, that a fact that wooden ships are brought out in the war zone. They are designed, he said, only for trade along the coast and through neutral waters, to release steel ships for the trans-Atlantic trade.

Mr. Ballin characterized concrete ships as a joke. "Well, we are in England after a 15-day boat trip. We stopped at a port which has been wrecked by an explosion just before we left Camp Mills. It was a very wearisome trip."

MORALE IS CRUMBLING

GERMAN WILLINGNESS TO SURRENDER IS REPORTED.

Johan Poulsen Receives Letter From Brother in Denmark Telling of Escape of Nephew After Being Gassed.

Proof that the far-famed morale of the German army is crumbling is found in a letter received by J. Poulsen, of the firm of Inman-Poulsen, from his brother in Denmark. The letter recounts the adventures of Peter Clausen, nephew of Mr. Poulsen, who was captured in Germany in 1914, interned, later taken out of prison to serve in the German army, and who finally escaped into Denmark after being gassed last Summer.

POWELL FUNERAL IS HELD

Civil War Veterans Hold Services in Honor of Departed Comrade.

Veterans of the Civil War held services in honor of their departed comrade yesterday at the funeral of Captain William S. Powell, in addition to the regular impressive ceremony, which was conducted at the First Methodist Church by Rev. Joshua Stansfield.

Dr. Stansfield paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Captain Powell, telling of his character and his devotion to duty. He said that Powell was a man of integrity and strong position in the community. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hamilton sang "The Home of the Soul" and "Some Sweet Day" as a part of the services.

SUPPORT GIVEN TOO LATE

Testimony of Recently Wedded Wife Does Not Save Slacker Husband.

To face allegations that he conspired to evade the draft, Russell Haynes was yesterday bound over to the grand jury of \$5000 to appear before the grand jury, United States Commissioner Drake, after hearing the testimony of the young man's wife, to which he was wedded last December. He refused to reduce the bond under which he has been held in jail.

JOHN GILLAN PARDONED

Portland Man Had Served 60 Days for Liquor Violation.

Upon recommendation of Municipal Judge Reese of Polk District and Attorney Ryan, Governor Withycombe has granted a pardon to John Gillan, who was convicted in the Police Court a few weeks ago and sentenced to 60 days, being unable to pay the fine.

Auto Smashes Stone Fence.

To avoid colliding with another automobile at Fifth and Jefferson streets yesterday morning, Ed Popick swerved his car into the City Hall and tore out about 12 feet of the masonry fence surrounding part of the building.



(Left right) Sergt. Arthur S. Dustan, Corp. Ralph E. Dustan.

and I was glad when we arrived. I was not seasick. "We will not be in England very long, so if you send any letters address them Sergeant A. S. Dustan, Company H, 164th Infantry, U. S. 41st Division, A. E. F. France, and they will arrive here much sooner. The English people treat us very good, and I wish we could stay here for a while. We haven't been paid for two months, but we are not stamping this letter. Ralph and myself are both feeling fine, although Ralph was seasick on the trip."

"The closer I get to the front the more I want to get into the trenches. I talk with the English 'Tommys,' and it makes me wild to hear about the vile atrocities of the German soldiers. Believe me our allies are glad to see the American soldiers, and they think the United States will help end the war much sooner in the good country. It makes the blood run through our veins to see the good old Stars and Stripes, and I know that everyone of us will give a good account of ourselves when the time comes."

"I wish you could see the quaint little English houses and towns, as they are far different from our houses in America. "I must close for this time, as an English 'Tommy' friend of mine is going to mail this for me, as he leaves tomorrow."

of Nord Slewig, as the Danes still call it, or Schleswig, as the Germans have named the province wrested from the Danes in the last century, they consigned him to prison for his resistance to fight for Germany. After ten months of captivity he was taken out of prison and drilled, then sent to the front with a Hamburg regiment. He was thus placed because the city of Hamburg is a stronghold of Prussianism, and it was expected that he could not stir up sedition or successfully attempt to escape.

Clausen's surprise must have been great when (the regiment having been at the front for some time) he heard that the German army was planning to surrender in a body to the English at the first opportunity. While this plan was being launched Clausen never gave up his hope of escape. Here he was allowed some liberty, as a gas victim who needed fresh air. He saw his chance and escaped to a nearby port, where, for the sum of 2000 marks, or about \$750, he bribed a ship captain, evidently a German, to take him to a point on the Danish coast, a distance of less than 100 miles. Here Clausen, though they have been under the German yoke since 1864," said Mr. Poulsen yesterday. "Nord Slewig would never have become German territory if Germany had not deceived the people with promises of independence. The allies may take warning from the fate of that province, when the time comes to consider peace terms."

ROAD WORK IS PUSHED

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION IS SPEEDING CONSTRUCTION.

Progress on Lower Columbia Is Reported Satisfactorily by Engineer C. H. Whittemore. SALEM, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special)—C. H. Whittemore, engineer for the State Highway Commission, returned today after inspecting the two jobs on the lower Columbia River highway taken over by the Commission from the Warren Construction Company some time since, and reports that the Commission is taking out about 10 per cent more rock for the roads than was being taken out when the construction company had charge.

Completion of these jobs will leave a 10-mile stretch this side of Astoria to be completed, and this will be done by August 1, providing a hard-surface from Portland to Astoria, with the exception of about 20 miles from the Multnomah County line to Goble, which is gravelled and in good condition.

RANCH BRINGS COM

\$200,000 Paid for Big Wasco County Holdings.

Several more important sales of farm and ranch property have been closed in the up-state and Eastern Oregon districts within the past two or three weeks. For some time activity in ranch property, particularly, has been very strong and a number of deals involving \$100,000 or more have been made.

STOCK INCLUDED IN DEAL

Another Big Ranch Property Brings \$125,000 for 9000 Acres and Stock and Equipment—Farm Property Moves Actively.

One of the largest ranch deals occurring in Eastern Oregon recently is the one in which E. J. Clough and G. M. Blakely took over the Wasco County holdings of Ewen McLennan, which butted into the 1000-acre ranch of Ewen McLennan, together with other stock holdings, in Wasco County. Details of this and other sales, as recorded by the country press, here follow:

For a consideration said to be in the neighborhood of \$125,000, Smyth Brothers, prominent sheepmen, this week purchased the sheep ranch and plant at Horseshoe and Wheelhouse, south west of Arlington, says the Echo News. The deal involves 9000 acres of land, 129 head of cattle, about 2000 sheep, and all of the equipment. The ranch adjoins the extensive holdings of the Smyths near Arlington and will be merged in the big Arlington plant of the firm. It has a capacity of 6000 head of sheep and will be stocked to the limit.

Eugene, or "Klondyke" Smith, as he is familiarly known, is down from Seattle for a few days. Mr. Smith accompanied the Cloughs on their trip, and they have visited friends and relatives in Echo and vicinity. While here Mr. Smith sold 450 acres of land on this side of the Butte Creek-Tom Boyer line. Mr. Smith still retains his wheat land on the west side of Butte Creek, says the Pendleton Tribune.

On Monday of this week, Don McKnight concluded the sale of his farm near John Street to John S. and Mrs. S. C. Tribune. The purchase price was something over \$5000, which included a small amount of personal property. Mr. McKnight gave possession of the farm and has moved into town and is occupying the Wann property. Mr. Shimaneck is one of our progressive and successful farmers, and is a member of the state time board.

John Rice has traded his five-acre orchard tract on the west side of town to H. T. Hart, of Grangeville, Idaho, for a 300-acre stock and wheat ranch near that place, says the Hermiston Herald. Mr. Hart is already here, and expects his family shortly. In a week or two Mr. Rice will move with his family to Idaho and take possession of his new acquisition.

MANY LEASES NEGOTIATED

W. W. Metzger, of Stanley S. Thompson Co., Reports Activities.

The following leases were closed in the past couple of weeks through W. W. Metzger, of the Stanley S. Thompson Company: Store room, 50 North Fourth street, leased to C. Bones for restaurant purposes; 200 North Fourth street, leased to 55-7 Union avenue, leased to M. Tarlow for manufacturing of mattresses, Anna Johnson, owner; store room, 470 Hawthorn avenue, leased to P. O. and Jeffery for candy kitchen, Portland Trust Company, owner; southeast corner Third and Oak streets, rented to W. L. LeBeve, Grand Trust Company, owner; store room, 415 Alder street, leased to N. C. Kelly for delicatessen, D. P. Thompson, owner; store room, 427 Stark street, leased to Detroit and Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, owner; store room, 576 Jefferson street, leased to Journal Publishing Company, for printing purposes, J. H. Roberts, owner; three-story brick warehouse on Hood street, near Baker, leased to Columbia Shipbuilding Company, Mr. Fish, owner; entire building at 1025 East Broadway, leased to Frank C. Savage for a box manufacturing plant, Anna Kay Masson, owner; store room, 224 Gilliam street, rented to McNair Bros., Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, owner; store room, 423 Stark street, leased to H. C. Thomas for restaurant, E. O. Wheeler, owner; store room at 42 1/2 Washington street, leased to Herbert S. Pillsbury for "beanery," Charles E. Frost, lessor.

KLAMATH TO GET CONTRACTS

Money on New Building Work to Be Kept at Home.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 23.—To keep all the money possible in Klamath Falls is the aim of Houghtling & Dugan, of Portland, architects, who will start the construction of the new Klamath State Bank building at the corner of Sixth and Main streets, in the near future. The firm announces that the plans for the new structure are expected Monday, and that all contracts and sub-contracts on the construction will be given to local men wherever possible. The new building, which is to be two-story and of pressed brick is to be modern in every detail and will cost about \$15,000. The second story will be occupied by offices.

WEISER FIRMS MOVE ABOUT

Fire Causes Vacancy Which Starts Chain of Changes.

WEISER, Idaho, Jan. 26.—(Special)—Within the coming month the busi-

ness district of Weiser will see a number of changes in the business locations.

A recent fire destroyed the stock of the Palace of Sweets on State street. The building has been remodelled and will be occupied by the State Street Grocery firm. The Silver Grille Cafe, now located in the Vendome Hotel building, will move into the quarters vacated by the State Street Grocery. The present location of the Grille in turn will be occupied by the Mrs. C. H. Hulse millinery store.

KLAMATH STOCK RANCH SOLD

Marvin Cross Takes Over 400-Acre Tract on Sprague River.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 25.—A real estate deal was completed here today by which a 400-acre stock ranch three miles from Yainax, on Sprague River in the eastern portion of the Klamath Indian Reservation and about 50 miles northeast of this city, was taken over by Marvin Cross, who formerly operated a general store with Klamath Agency. The purchase was made from Charles Snelling. It is the intention of the new owner to raise cattle here on an extended scale. Some stock together with the implements, were included in the deal. The consideration involved was about \$10,000.

GRIFFITH PLACE IS SOLD

SEATTLE FOLKS BUY PROPERTY NEAR TIGARDVILLE.

Samuel Doak Makes This and Another Sale Near Tigard Station, and Finds Realty Moving.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Scott have sold their high improved 7 1/2 acres, including cattle pens, on modern building, near Tigardville, Washington County, to Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Pangborn, formerly of Portland, but who for some time have made their home in Seattle. This property is known as the Griffith place. It has for some time been considered one of the choicest suburban properties in that neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Pangborn expect to make their future home and are planning to take possession at once and make extensive improvements. The sale was made by Samuel Doak, who also reports the sale of an improved 1 1/2-acre tract near Tigard Station, in Washington County, to P. J. Irish and John Mills. This property is well improved, and the owners are planning to take possession at once and make extensive improvements.

Both sales were for cash. Mr. Doak reports many recent inquiries from prospective cash purchasers than he has had for several years past. He considers this an unmitigated sign that conditions are improving fast.

PASCO WILL SEE BUILDING

Apartment-House and Large Business Block Already Planned.

PASCO, Wash., Jan. 26.—(Special)—The present scene on premises to witness considerable activity in building operations. The old Koonz home on Columbia street, which is one of the largest dwellings in Pasco, has been purchased by E. D. Sheffield and will be moved to the corner of Second Avenue and Bonnaville street, and with another five-story house which Mr. Sheffield owns, will be remodelled and made into an apartment house. Contractor Palmer, who has built a number of houses in the city, has returned from Spokane, where he spent the winter, and is in consultation with a number of intending home-builders and realtors who are contemplating the construction of business buildings. One of these is a large business block to be located on Lewis street between Third and Fourth, the plans for which are already completed. Several local contractors also, have contracts for a number of residences.

Home Building Campaign.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special)—An advertising campaign to encourage home building will be launched here shortly by the Grays Harbor Realty Association, which is now working upon plans for this movement. A big pool of money is expected to be raised for businesses interested in home building. Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7070, A 6925.

Directory of Prominent Life Insurance Agencies

- Wm. Goldman, General Manager, NATIONAL GUARANTEE MUTUAL LIFE, 215 S. W. Third, Portland, Ore.
H. G. Celson, Manager, MARCHFOLDS MUTUAL LIFE, Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
Harmon & Cummings, General Agents, PENN MUTUAL LIFE, National Bank Bldg.
Horace Mackinnon, Manager, NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL LIFE, North-Western Bldg.
Very flexible contract, NEW WORLD LIFE INSURANCE CO., 215 S. W. Third, Portland, Ore.
Albee & Amesbury, General Agents, NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO., North-Western Bldg.
P. H. McCall, State Mgr., UNION MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO., Board of Trade Bldg.
Elder W. Smith, Manager, EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, 208 Oregonian Bldg.

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Portland Bank Deposits show a fine gain last year:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Amount.
December 27, 1916: \$89,104,000.00
December 31, 1917: 94,560,000.00

The entire Northwest is experiencing the stimulus of increased prosperity. Reports from Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon read the same—population increasing rapidly.

The real estate market is the last to recover from a period of general depression. Daily it is becoming more active. This is the time to buy, while prices are yet low. B-U-Y N-O-W. PORTLAND REALTY BOARD.