

# MORROW TIMBER CASES IN COURT

## Government Charges Prominent Oregonian With Conspiracy.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Heppner, Or., Dec. 17.—Testimony in the Morrow county timber land cases in which the government charges conspiracy, is now being taken at the court house before Referee Pruitt, who is assisted by Attorney F. C. Rabb of Portland.

Attorney Frank Melvin of Portland appears for the entrymen and Sam E. Van Vactor of Heppner is attorney for the Northwest Timber company. F. A. Head of Portland has been in Heppner a month securing evidence for the government. The present hearing is the preliminary for the final disposition of the case.

The case is a tedious one, owing to the large number of witnesses to be examined. There are about 20 entrymen. The case is brought by the government to determine the validity of title to the lands and to ascertain if any of the lands were obtained fraudulently.

The testimony taken here will go to the U. S. grand jury at Portland from there will go to Washington for final disposition. The lands are located in the extreme southeastern portion of Morrow county, in the La Grande land district.

The suit has gained considerable notoriety because of the large number of prominent people connected with it as well as the ownership of a big body of valuable timber land. The history of the case dates back to the Heppner flood in 1902.

At the time of the failure of the Farmers' and Traders' National bank at La Grande, in going over the papers and records of the defunct bank's cashier, it is alleged that valuable evidence was unearthed indicating fraud in the allotment of the timber lands in question. Since then agents of the government have been gathering evidence.

Since the filing of the entrymen's claims have been allowed to pass through the routine of the land laws and ownership of the lands has passed into the hands of the Northwest Timber company, a Spokane syndicate.

Notes From the Labor World  
There are 65,000 Chinese and Lascar seamen now on British vessels.

The Biennial convention of the Bricklayers and Masons' international union will be held in Boston in January.

The supreme court of Nebraska has upheld the Sibley act, which makes a cut of 5 per cent in express rates in that state.

In order of membership the first four divisions of America's labor army are miners, carpenters, painters and garment workers.

Shipowners in England have forced down the wages from \$25 to \$15 a month and this has greatly reduced the membership of the unions.

An increase of 10 per cent in the wages of its 2000 employees in the Lehigh Valley was announced recently by the Thomas Iron company of Easton, Pa.

The legislature of Saskatchewan, Can., recently adopted a clause to the Factories Act, fixing the legal working day for women at a maximum of eight hours.

The Railroad Telegraphers' union has members in Canada, the United States, Porto Rico, Cuba, the Hawaiian Islands and the Philippines and is constantly gaining.

robbed two families of wives and mothers and one of father and husband.

At 5 o'clock Tuesday morning John Mertie, aged 32 years, died at his home following a long illness of heart trouble. He is survived by his widow and three sons, the eldest of whom is 18.

Within an hour after Mr. Mertie had breathed his last, Mrs. John Shinn, wife of a lineman for the Yakima Valley Power company, died at the city hospital from the effects of an operation. She leaves a husband and four children, whose ages range from 14 to three years.

To Dine Commander Peary.  
New York, Dec. 17.—Commander Robert E. Peary will show for the first time several photographs of the North Pole at the dinner to be given to him

by the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity in the new ballroom of the Hotel Astor tomorrow night.

"North Carolina Day" Observed.  
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—In pursuance of an annual custom, special exercises of an annual custom, special exercises of the public schools throughout the state today in celebration of "North Carolina Day." One day each year is set apart for these exercises, the purpose of which is to give the pupils and the public in general a more intimate acquaintance with the history of North Carolina. The western part of the state, its history and famous men, was selected as the special subject this year.

Dominion Parliament Takes Recess.  
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—The Dominion parliament adjourned today for the customary Christmas recess. January 10 has been fixed as the date for reassembling.

Let Us Show You  
Our sample shoes at \$2.50 for men and women, worth \$5.00 to \$5.00. Room 300-944 Dekum building, Third and Washington streets.

## FRANK L. SMITH MEAT CO. "FIGHTING THE BEEF TRUST"

WEST SIDE: 641 First St., Koshar Market, 224 Sherman St., Twenty-first and Johnson Streets, 185 Gibbs Street, Eleventh and Montgomery Streets, Third and Jefferson Streets, 9th and Davis, ASTORIA, 253 Taylor Street (Valiantown), 675 Commercial Street, GRASIDSE—Bridge Street.  
EAST SIDE: Grand Ave., and East Morrison Street, 224 East 4th St., Union Avenue and Tillamook St., 19th Street and Tanino Ave., Sellwood, 512 Williams Avenue, Thirtieth and Belmont Streets, Grand Ave. and Hawthorne Ave., 358 East Burnside Street, Jersey Street, St. Johns, 898 Alberta Street, 791 Mississippi Ave., Milwaukee Ave., and Frankfort St.

Among all of Smith's Portland markets the following unusually choice Christmas meats and poultry will be distributed today and tomorrow. You can get them at the following prices. If you should come to our Alder Street market be sure you get in the right place. Avoid the markets of the Beef Trust down there. See that Smith's name is over the door.

- 580 CHOICE FAT CHRISTMAS KEEBS, today and tomorrow, per lb. 20¢
- 300 FINE YOUNG CHRISTMAS TURKEYS, today and tomorrow, lb. 25¢
- 100 FAT CHRISTMAS GEESE, today and tomorrow, 20¢
- 100 CHOICE CHRISTMAS DUCKS, today and tomorrow, 25¢
- 164,000 POUNDS OF FANCY CHRISTMAS BEEF
- Sirloin Steak 10¢
- Round Steak 10¢
- Tenderloin Steak 12 1/2¢
- Small Porterhouse Steak 12 1/2¢
- Best Pot Roast Beef 10¢
- Boiling Beef 6¢ and 7¢
- Short Ribs of Beef 8¢
- Prime Rib Roast of Beef 10¢ 12 1/2¢
- Tripe 10¢
- Buff Liver 5¢
- CHRISTMAS BACON 22 1/2¢
- SAME SIZED OR CENTER CUTS 25¢
- CHRISTMAS HAMS 18¢
- 46,000 POUNDS CHRISTMAS PIG PORK
- Pork Sausage 12 1/2¢
- Shoulder Roast Pork, shank end 12 1/2¢
- Loin and Rib Pork, shank end 17 1/2¢
- Loin and Rib Pork Roasts 17 1/2¢
- Shoulder Pork Chops 15¢
- Pigs Feet 5¢
- Pigs Heads 10¢
- 30,000 LBS. CHRISTMAS VEAL
- You will find it in all of our markets
- Veal Steak 15¢
- Loin and Rib Veal Cutlets 15¢
- Shoulder Roast Veal 12 1/2¢
- Breasts of Veal 10¢
- Veal Stew 12 1/2¢
- Veal Sausage 12 1/2¢
- Shoulder Veal Cutlets 12 1/2¢
- Calves Liver 15¢
- 24,000 LBS. CHRISTMAS LAMB
- Lamb Liver 10¢
- Shoulder Lamb Chops 12 1/2¢
- Shoulder Roast Lamb 12 1/2¢
- Lamb Stew 8¢
- Legs of Lamb 15¢
- Loin and Rib Chops of Lamb 15¢
- Loin and Rib Roasts of Lamb 15¢

All the above meats and the following groceries at Third and Jefferson Streets. Main 8751. Automatic A-4418.

- 18 lbs. Sugar, granulated, \$1.00
- 100 lbs. Potatoes, \$1.35
- 50 lbs. Patent Flour, \$1.55
- 2 cans Buttercup Milk, 25¢
- 3 cans Tomatoes, 25¢
- 3 cans String Beans, 25¢
- 3 cans Pumpkin, 25¢
- 3 cans Bartlett Pears, 25¢
- Sugar Peas, per can, 10¢
- Royal Club Apparat, can, 30¢
- Mushrooms, per can, 25¢
- 2 cans Mrs. C's Fig Pudding, 25¢
- 2 cans Barstavia Shrimps, 25¢
- 2 cans Apricots, 25¢
- 2 cans Yel. Crawford Peaches, 25¢
- Lemon Cling Peaches, can, 20¢
- 3 cans Pineapple, per can, 25¢
- 3 cans Salmon, tall or flat, 25¢
- 6 cans Sardines, 25¢
- 6 Loaves Bread, 25¢
- 5 lbs. Rice, 25¢
- 4 lbs. White Beans, 25¢
- 4 lbs. Lima Beans, 25¢
- 5 lbs. Tapioca, 25¢
- 5 lbs. Sage, 25¢
- 5 lbs. Sultana Raisins, 25¢
- Full Cream Cheese, per lb., 25¢
- 5 lb. box Domino Sugar, 65¢
- 2 lb. box Shaker Salt, 15¢
- 1 sack Rye Meal, 30¢
- 1 sack Corn Meal, 30¢
- 1 sack Flour, 35¢
- 1 sack Buckwheat, 50¢
- 1 sack Farina, 45¢
- Table Eggs, per pkge., 5¢
- Table Raisins, 3 for 25¢ pkge., 10¢
- Table Dates, per lb., 12 1/2¢
- 4 lbs. Dried Prunes, 25¢
- 3 lbs. Dried Peaches, 25¢
- 3 lbs. Dried Figs, 25¢
- 2 lbs. English Walnuts, 35¢
- Brazil Nuts, per lb., 15¢
- Almond Nuts, per lb., 20¢
- 3 pint bottle Catsup, 25¢
- 3 pint bottle Vinegar, 25¢
- 3 pint bottle Stuffed Olives, 25¢
- Shredded Cocoanut, per lb., 20¢
- Soda Crackers, per box, \$1.10
- Lang's Preserves, special, per jar, 20¢
- 3 French Jellies, 25¢
- Christchurch Sauce, per bottle, 15¢
- Cream of Tartar, per lb., 60¢
- Orange and Lemon Peel, lb., 15¢

## OLIVE OIL THAT IS PURE

Imported direct from Italy. Large shipment just arrived (famous Italy brand) at the Portland Custom House, in bond. Beware of Imitation — See That Our Name Is on the Package — No Family Should be Without It

REMEMBER From now until December 31, 1909, in order to further introduce our Olive Oil, we will make the sweeping reduction—

- Gallon - - - - \$2.90
- Half Gallon - - - - \$1.50
- Quarts - - - - 85c
- Pints - - - - 50c

A full line of Fancy Groceries. A full line of Fine Wines and Liquors always on hand.

DISTRIBUTORS High Life Rye and Bourbon, Gancia Sparkling Burgundy, Bosta, Nebiolo, Cook's Imperial Champagne, Pabst Milwaukee Beer. ITALIAN-AMERICAN WINE ASSOCIATION. Goods Delivered. Phones—Main and A-3631; Main 480, A-1481.

ARATA BROS. S. A. Arata & Co. 69-71 SIXTH, NEAR OAK. 104 THIRD, BET. STARK AND WASHINGTON.

## PAYING - CASH - SAVES - MONEY - WHEN - BUYING - GROCERIES

- Special 30 Lbs. Rice \$1.00
- 5 lbs. Sago, 25¢
- 5 lbs. Tapioca, 25¢
- Fancy Olives, quart, 20¢
- 1-lb. can Ghirardelli Chocolate, 30¢
- Mop Sticks, each, 10¢
- 6 cans Pet Milk, 25¢
- 7 bars Naptha Soap, 25¢
- 3 GLASSES JELLY, 25¢
- EGGS, 2 DOZEN, 65¢
- 3 bottles any kind Extract, 25¢
- All kinds of Spices, per can, 5¢
- Half Skim Cheese, per lb., 15¢
- 4 gallon keg Pickles, \$1.00
- Monarch Catsup, per gal., 60¢
- Quaker Oats, package, 10¢

FREE BASKET WITH EVERY \$2.00 ORDER YOU TAKE HOME.

- 3 bottles Vinegar, 25¢
- 3 cans milk, 25¢
- 2 cans Pineapple, 25¢
- 4 pkgs. Gloss Starch, 25¢
- Special Norwegian Stockfish, per pound, 15¢
- 25-Ounce Can K. C. Baking Powder, 20¢
- Large Bottle Salad Oil, 25¢
- Corn Starch, per Pkg., only 5¢
- 6 cans Deviled Meats, 25¢
- 3000 Matches, 15¢
- 4 lbs. Lima Beans, 25¢
- 6 cans Sardines, 25¢
- 3 pkgs. Gelatine, 25¢
- 3 bottles Monarch Catsup, 25¢
- 7 BOXES MATCHES, 25¢
- MT. HOOD WASHING POWDER, 15¢
- QUART BOTTLE CHOW CHOW, 25¢

Mutton Mutton Steak 12 1/2¢ Mutton Stew 6¢ Mutton Shoulders 8¢ Mutton Legs 10¢

Smoked Meat Eastern Ham 17 1/2¢ Cottage Ham 15¢ Picnic Ham 12 1/2¢

1ST. AND TAYLOR  
PEOPLE'S THE ORIGINAL CASH STORE  
PACIFIC MAIN 5700 PHONES HOME A-1412

## Buy Your Christmas Supplies Now

We urge our customers to anticipate their Christmas wants and BUY NOW. While we will do everything possible to expedite the rushing out of all orders, having added five extra wagons, Christmas week will be a mighty busy week, and it will help so much if you will order this week anything you KNOW you will want for Christmas. While we will deliver everything ordered, even if we have to work our delivery force day and night, we urge the placing of orders early and thus help greatly in making happy the Christmas of our drivers. Special price inducements are offered to that end in all departments this week.

## Meat Department

Our Meats are especially fine this week—"the just-right, eat well" kind—and when you see the meat and the prices you will wonder how we can do it. Try our Smoked Meat sale.

- Porterhouse Steak, 12 1/2¢
- Loin Steak, 10¢
- Round Steak, 10¢
- Hamburger Steak, 8¢
- Pot Roast, 8, 10, 12 1/2¢
- Boiling Beef, 7¢, 8¢
- Whole Rump Roast, 9¢
- Veal Veal Roasts, 8¢, 10¢, 12 1/2¢
- Veal Chops, 10¢
- Veal Stew, 8¢
- Veal Sausage, 12 1/2¢
- Veal Steak, 12 1/2¢
- Pork Pork Chops, 12 1/2¢
- Pork Ribs, 12 1/2¢
- Leg of Pork, 14¢
- Loin of Pork, 15¢

Mutton Mutton Steak 12 1/2¢ Mutton Stew 6¢ Mutton Shoulders 8¢ Mutton Legs 10¢

Smoked Meat Eastern Ham 17 1/2¢ Cottage Ham 15¢ Picnic Ham 12 1/2¢

## Sugar 18 Lbs. \$1--\$5.75

- 10-lb. sack Corn Meal, 30¢
- 10 lbs. Graham Flour, 35¢
- 10 lbs. Farina, 40¢
- 9 lbs. Rolled Oats, 35¢
- 4 lbs. Leslie Shaker Salt, 25¢
- 12 lbs. Sweet Potatoes, 25¢

1 LB. BLACK PEPPER, 25¢

10 lbs. Onions, 25¢

- 4 pkgs. Lulu, the Great Cleanser, 25¢
- 3 bottles Horseradish, 25¢
- 3 cans Tomatoes, 25¢
- 3 cans Corn, 25¢
- 3 cans Peas, 25¢
- 8 cans Beans, 25¢
- 2 cans Blackberries, 25¢
- 2 cans Peaches, 25¢

## BUTTER 70c-80c-85c ROLL

OUR SPECIAL FLOUR AT, SACK, \$1.50

- 5 BARS ROYAL SOAP, 10¢
- 2 cans Apricots, 25¢
- Raisins, per pkg., 5¢
- Dried Apples, lb., 10¢
- Pint Jar Honey, 25¢
- 6 cans Pet Milk, 25¢

Citron, Lemon and Orange Peel, per lb., 20¢

- Cleaned Currants, lb., 10¢
- Worcestershire Sauce, 15¢
- Hubbard Squash, each, 5¢
- 7 packages Toilet Paper, 25¢
- 7 packages Toothpicks, 25¢
- 10 dozen Clothes Pins, 10¢

## OLEOMARGARINE 45c ROLL

# Washington St. Public Market

CORNER FIRST AND WASHINGTON ST. Phones: Private Ex. Main 4654, A-6351

## BUTTER

Oregon State Brand, roll, 75¢  
Lanewood Brand, roll, 75¢  
Norway Brand, roll, 75¢  
Jersey Brand, roll, 70¢  
Ferdale (special) roll, 65¢  
Dairy Butter, 55¢-60¢

## Butterine

Mistole, roll, 60¢  
Coin Special, roll, 50¢  
Calumet, pound, 20¢  
EGGS, Dozen, 30¢-35¢  
Full Cream Tillamook Cheese, pound, 20¢  
CHICKENS, Pound, 18¢

## Elgin Dairy

Free Delivery Main 4654 Stalls 2, 3, 4, Section "D"

## OUR OWN BLEND 25c COFFEE IS A BARGAIN

MARXEN'S SQUARE DEAL TEA STORE AT THE CORNER We also carry a line of Teas, Coffees, Spices and Bakery Goods that cannot be beat elsewhere. Satisfaction guaranteed.

## Xmas Trees Free

With every 50c purchase from now until Xmas. MISTLE TOE, 10¢ LB. 3 LBS. 25¢

## Columbia River Fish Depot

EVERYTHING GOOD TO EAT Phone us your orders. Delivery free. Main 4654, Station 3, A-6351 Station 3. EAST END OF MARKET

## Mission Specials for Saturday Only

20 Lbs. of Best Sugar for \$1.00

With a \$1.00 purchase of Coffee or Tea

8 Bars Fels Naptha or Ivory Soap for 25c

With a 50c purchase of Coffee or Tea

40c ROSE CITY COFFEE AT 33c A LB. TODAY

AT THE MISSION TEA SHOP Center Aisle

Phone your orders—we deliver everywhere.

## Oakdale Butter, 2-lb. Roll 85c EGGS, per dozen, 30c

- Fancy Eastern, roll, 70¢
- \* Columbia Butter, 75¢
- Limburger Cheese, per pound, 20¢
- Best Oregon Cream Cheese, per pound, 20¢
- Wisconsin Cream Cheese, per pound, 22 1/2¢
- MOUNT VERNON MILK, 3 CANS, 25¢
- OAKDALE BUTTER STORE

## Hind Quarter Lamb 12 1/2 lb. Sirloin Steak 10c lb. T-Bone Steak 12 1-2c lb.

- Pot Roast, per lb., 7¢ and 8¢
- Hamburger Steak, 3 lbs., 25¢
- Soup Bone, 5¢
- Boil Beef, lb., 5¢ and 6¢
- Pork Sausage, lb., 10¢
- Shoulder Pork, per lb., 12 1/2¢
- Loin Pork, lb., 15¢
- Veal Roast, lb., 12 1/2¢, 15¢
- Rolled Beef Roast, lb., 12 1/2¢
- FAIRCHILD'S Little Wholesale Butcher—Five Big Stalls, Hunt Us up.

## Mixed Nuts NEW CROP 10c qt.

## New Seeded Raisins POUND PKGS. 4 lbs. For 25c

Give us a call for your Xmas wants. We retail at wholesale prices.

AT THE LARGE FRUIT STAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MARKET.

## Walnuts NEW CROP 10c qt.

## Fancy Fruit ALL KINDS Lowest Prices

AT THE LARGE FRUIT STAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MARKET.

## HAMS 12 1/2c

Boiling Beef, per lb., 5¢ and 6¢  
Prime Rib Roast of Beef, per pound, 12 1/2¢  
Round Steak, lb., 10¢  
Shoulder Steak, 3 lbs., 25¢  
Sirloin Steak, lb., 12 1/2¢  
Shoulder Pork, per lb., 12 1/2¢  
Pot Roast, per lb., 7¢ and 8¢  
Pearl Brand Compound, 5 lbs. for \$1.00  
Free Delivery—United States Inspected Meat  
GODD & DILLON, 106 and 112 First Street.

## DEATHS IN ONE DAY AT KENNEWICK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Kennewick, Wash., Dec. 17.—Three deaths within a few hours of each other.