

MEAT TRUST HAS SCHEMES TO KILL ALL COMPETITION

Through Health Boards and City Councils to Obtain Regulations to Put the Small Butchers Out of Business.

(United Press Special Wire.)
San Francisco, Jan. 25.—The beef trust has already entrenched itself solidly on the Pacific coast, but is now engaged in trying to make its position impregnable. The trust is going after city councils and boards of health in an effort to have laws passed with provisions that small slaughterers could not meet.

This was the statement of J. McMenamy, president of the local butchers' board of trade, when asked today for an explanation of the high prices of meat on the coast.

"The trust is trying to get control by influencing the supervisors here and the council in Oakland," he said. "It is asking for the passage of health and inspection laws which it will be impossible for a small slaughterer to comply with. And the demand has succeeded in Oakland. An ordinance has been passed providing that slaughter houses may not be erected except from plans approved by the board of health, and in addition, each slaughterer must employ an inspector at \$100 per month, the inspector to be appointed by the board of health. I have definite information that this ordinance was suggested to the board of health by the trust."

Trust Pays No Fee at All.
"It gives the trust a big advantage when a big inspection fee is exacted, but the trust will not have to pay any fee at all. Its packing house is under United States government inspection and the government pays its own inspectors. The Oakland city council thinks this inspection sufficient and so does not compel the company to pay the local inspection fee."

"This means that the slaughterers outside the trust will be driven out of business. They cannot get the free United States inspection if they want it, because they are not engaged in interstate or export trade."

"Once the trust has a monopoly of the slaughtering it can easily get control of the retail trade by refusing to supply outside butchers. That will mean that the prices will advance here. The small butcher will have to keep the meat frozen until the market is ready for them. The small slaughterers, having no refrigerators, keep their cattle until they are wanted by the butchers, and so the people always get fresh meat."

"Trust loses a great deal of its purchasing properties when it is thawed after being frozen. Besides that, the packers never trouble to bleed a carcass, as a butcher does, to produce the best meat. A steer has about 34 pounds of blood and that can be frozen into the carcass at a profit."

JUDGE J. O. BOOTH OF JOSEPHINE PASSES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Grants Pass, Or., Jan. 25.—Judge J. O. Booth, ex-commissioner of the Seattle Y. P. A. exposition, and a noted citizen of southern Oregon, died after a protracted illness at his home in the Western hotel, Grants Pass, this morning. He was 62 years old.

East Thirteenth Paving.

In spite of the remonstrance of a delegation of property owners from East Thirteenth street, the city council this morning adopted a resolution calling for a bituminous pavement on that street from Thompson street to Halsey street. The remonstrators did not represent the 80 per cent of property necessary to block the improvement.

Australians Celebrating.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 25.—The one hundred and twenty-first anniversary of the establishment of the first white settlement in Australia, in the present province of New South Wales, is being celebrated throughout Australia today. In all large cities celebrations of an official character have been arranged, including, in many cases, banquets with appropriate commemorative addresses.

To Discuss Forest Destruction.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 25.—The annual convention of the Pennsylvania Retail Lumber Dealers' association began in this city today, with headquarters at the Hotel Hamilton. President S. C. Cressy of Bloomsburg called the gathering to order. Freight rates and forest destruction are the principal questions to be discussed during the three days' session.

Sunnyside Girl Weds.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Freewater, Or., Jan. 25.—Miss Elva Forsythe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Forsythe of Sunnyside, was married at the Forsythe home on Wednesday night to Earl Snook of Walla Walla. Miss Anna Blomquist acted as bridesmaid and Dean Forsythe, brother of the bride, as groomsmen.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Effects its wonderful cures not simply because it contains sarsaparilla, but because of its peculiar combination of more than twenty great specifics.

Get it today in usual liquid form or tablets called Sarsatabs. 100 Doses \$1.

TRIP TO HOSPITAL MILLEN LAXTON

Jury Says Man Might Have Lived If Cared for Immediately.

All witnesses before the coroner yesterday afternoon investigating the death of Edward Laxton, the fireman, who was electrocuted Monday at 154 First street, gave evidence tending to show the patrolman who ordered the man sent to the hospital was to blame. Several patrolmen insisted the man be removed to the hospital, but the most blame is attached to William Richards. The jury came to the conclusion that the life of the man might have been saved had the firemen been allowed to keep up artificial respiration. Their verdict was as follows:

"We, the jury, find that Charles Edward Laxton came to his death in an ambulance enroute to the hospital from electrocution occurring on a pole owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. on First street on January 24, about 11 a. m., and that the evidence shows officer number 19 of the Portland police department ordered the deceased placed in a closed ambulance against the protest of fellow workmen of the said deceased who were making efforts to resuscitate the deceased. It is our opinion that if said officer had not insisted upon the deceased being removed in the said manner that he might have been saved."

The witnesses included B. F. Boynton, claim agent for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., and several firemen. The firemen claim they could not keep up their work of artificial respiration in the ambulance.

CONSERVATIVES 21 IN THE LEAD

London, Jan. 26.—Complete returns from yesterday's parliamentary elections show the strength of the contending parties to date to be as follows:

Conservatives, 254; Liberals, 232; Irish Nationalists, 73; Laborites, 87. But 16 seats remain to be filled this week.

COMET A, 1910

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gether form one of the most notable celestial phenomena of recent times."

IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL NEW COMET'S COURSE, SAYS PROF. HEWITT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 25.—I would not hazard an opinion at the present time as to whether or not the comet seen here Monday evening is Halley's or comet A, first seen by Professor Annes in South Africa," said Professor H. B. Hewitt of Whitworth college today.

"My information on Professor Annes' comet is not exact enough at present for certainty. It may be a third comet, which we would call according to the usual nomenclature, 'Comet B, 1910.' It is barely possible that it may be Halley's comet after all. If so, the calculations of astronomers were badly at fault and the comet has undergone a radical divergence from its apparent course."

"It is impossible to tell the course of this comet from present observations. It might even be bound for the earth. It is not an impossibility, though an improbability, that our comet may strike the earth."

If the sky remains clear as it was at noon it is likely that the comet may be visible again tonight, according to Professor Hewitt. Clouds obscured the last evening and citizens of Tacoma who anxiously awaited tonight were disappointed.

COMET CAN BE SEEN AGAIN TONIGHT, SAYS SEATTLE PROFESSOR

Seattle, Jan. 25.—Among those who have watched with deep interest the celestial phenomenon in Seattle was Professor James E. Gould of the department of astronomy of the University of Washington. Professor Gould has observed the comet during the entire time it has been visible. Professor Gould says the comet should be known as "C-1910." "Comet C-1910, with its appendage," said Professor Gould, "extends about one third of the distance from the horizon to the zenith, or is about the length of a fist. It is very near the sun and this is why that it can only be seen for short time and only when the sun is setting. Monday night it was visible for about an hour, but if the sky had been clear it should have been visible yesterday for half an hour earlier and half an hour later than it was seen Monday evening."

"I have been watching for the appearance of the comet for several days, but Monday night was the first time the sky has been clear enough at sunset to permit observation by the naked eye. I was informed of the discovery of the comet about 10 days ago by Professor R. A. Altink of the Lick observatory. I do not know by whom it was first discovered."

"Comets are named by the year in which they appear, and the number of their appearance during that year. This being the third one discovered in 1910, it is called, 'C-1910.' It is not known positively whether this is a new comet or the reappearance of an old one, but it is considered probable that it is a new one. The only naked eye comet for 35 years, until the one last evening appeared about a year ago, but was only 10 degrees in length and could not be seen unless the observer knew its exact location. The 'C-1910' is not to be confused with Halley's comet." It will probably be seen tonight."

Charged with Stealing Brandy.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 25.—Lester Deamond, Victor Bower, Earl Algire and Herbert Roth, Eugene youths, whose ages range from 15 to 17 years, are under arrest, charged with the theft of 10 gallons of brandy from Charles Knapp, who lives a short distance north of the city. Charles Blankenship, aged 28 years, is also implicated, and he was arrested. The boys were given a hearing in the juvenile court and all but Algire pleaded guilty. They will be sentenced Saturday. Blankenship pleaded not guilty.

MANY WANT TO BE ENUMERATORS

Census Supervisor Reports There Are Four Applicants for Every Job.

There are four applicants for every job as census enumerator, says Census Supervisor S. C. Beach. Senator Beach came back yesterday from eastern Oregon counties where he has been making arrangements for holding the census examination on February 6.

At various appointed places over the state postmasters will have charge of examinations. Tests last three hours and include questions having to do with a census enumerator's work.

The assembly hall of the Commercial club and the United States census office, 511 Lumber Exchange building, will be the scene of examinations held in Portland. All concerned in supplying applicants with informative literature are now very busy. Blanks to be filled out by applicants arrived a week late and prompt work alone promises to avert what otherwise might have been a serious handicap, asserts Senator Beach.

A bulletin being sent to all applicants reads in part:

"Under the provisions of the census act, the enumeration in April, 1910, is restricted to inquiries relating to population, to agriculture, to manufactures, and to mines and quarries, but, under the discretionary power vested in the director of the census, the inquiries relative to manufactures and to mines and quarries will for the most part be collected either by special agents appointed directly by the director or by employees of the census bureau specially detailed for that purpose."

"The census act provides that the enumeration of population and agriculture shall begin on April 15, 1910, and that each enumerator shall complete the work required in his district within 30 days in the case of rural districts and small towns, and within two weeks in the case of any incorporated city, town, village, or borough which had 5000 inhabitants or more under the census of 1900."

"It is desirable where possible that the enumerator shall live in the district he is to canvass. He should be familiar with its territory and the general character of its people."

"The census requires as enumerators active, energetic persons of good address. They must be thoroughly trustworthy, honest, and of good habits. They must have at least ordinary education and be able to write and read English with fluency. In general, preference will be given to former enumerators if they are at present physically able to perform the duties of the position."

"Each person seeking appointment as census enumerator must make a written application (see Form 3-1887) to the supervisor for the district of which a resident, and said application must be made throughout in the handwriting of the applicant, and must be indorsed by two representative business men of the community in which the applicant resides."

"All applicants for appointment as enumerators will be required to take an examination, to be prescribed by the director of the census, to determine their fitness for the work. This examination will be of a practical character, consisting chiefly of a sample of the filling out of a sample schedule of population from data furnished, and, in the case of enumerators whose work will be in rural districts, the filling out of a sample schedule of agriculture."

PENDLETONIANS DRINK CONTAMINATED WATER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Jan. 25.—If the opinion of William Sutherland, water superintendent, is correct, the citizens of Pendleton have been drinking water drained from the ranches and corrals along Wild Horse creek for the past week. According to Sutherland, Wild Horse creek has been so high and turbulent that the water has swept into the river and penetrated the feeder pipes and as a consequence the people have been drinking contaminated water.

Interstate Roads for Utah.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 25.—The good roads movement in the interstate country is promised a great impetus as a result of the interstate convention which began a three days' session here today. Delegates are in attendance from Colorado, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. It is proposed to adopt a system for the construction of interstate highways, the work to be particularly adapted to the topographical climatic and other requirements of this section of the country.

PRESCRIPTION FOR KIDNEYS

The following simple prescription works wonders for sick kidneys, liver or bladder. Buy from any good drug-gist one half ounce Mux compound in original sealed package, one half ounce fluid extract Buchu, six ounces good pure gin. (Be sure to get the genuine Mux compound in original sealed package.) Mix and take one to two teaspoonfuls after each meal.

Pain in the back, frequent or highly colored urination, scalding urine, rheumatic pains in the joints, puffiness under the eyes, dimmed vision, dizziness are signs of kidney trouble and should be given prompt treatment to prevent serious consequences. Bright's disease, chronic rheumatism or diabetes.

PERSONALS

A. C. Dixon of Eugene, secretary of the Boot & Shoe Lumber company, is a guest at the Imperial hotel.

Carl Abrams, editor of the Home-Steer, a monthly publication of Salem, is at the Imperial hotel.

State Senator G. S. Wright of McMinnville is registered at the Imperial hotel.

Grant Menefee, an attorney of The Dalles is at the Imperial hotel.

G. Wingate, a capitalist of Astoria, is at the Hotel Oregon.

Miss Marie Barnett, daughter of the well known banker, has been visiting at the Hotel Oregon for the last week and was removed to the Good Samaritan hospital today. Dr. Sanford Whiting is attending her.

G. M. Cornett, manager of the Princeton, Or., stage line, is at the Imperial hotel.

O. F. Huff, labor commissioner of Salem, is at the Imperial hotel.

O. I. Peterson, a stockman of Astoria is registered at the Cornelia.

Dr. J. A. Fulton and wife of Astoria are at the Cornelia.

J. F. Barker, a canneryman of Astoria is a guest at the Cornelia.

Fred W. Wilson, district attorney of Wasco county, is at the Cornelia.

Mr. Wilson registers from The Dalles.

WRINKLE ARTIST PLEASURES FOR HIS DOWNFALL

Frank H. Patterson, Who Took \$150 From Tull & Gibbs, on Bad Paper, on Trial—Telltale Letter in Evidence.

Frank H. Patterson, who employed agents for the sale of "wrinkles," a complexion ointment, made love to one of his agents, and finally induced a draft for \$150.30 on pay, is on trial before a jury in Judge Cleland's court.

One of the interesting features of the case is a letter written by Patterson to his "darling baby," while he was in jail. He attempted to pass the letter to her through the bars of his cell, but a "trustee" who was nearby took the letter from her and delivered it to Jailer H. P. Hunter, Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, who is prosecuting the case.

The letter identified by Jailer Hunter this morning, and will offer it in evidence this afternoon. In this letter Patterson gives the jail instructions how to acquire his account and get him out of jail.

The girl in the case is Miss Agnes M. Boyd. Her father is W. H. Boyd, a leading merchant of Echo, Or. The defense claims that Miss Boyd had drawn eight drafts on her father before she had been arrested, and that she had turned down the Patterson draft, on which Patterson had obtained \$150 from Tull & Gibbs. He did not get any more because there was no more money in the till. He and Miss Boyd were arrested as they were preparing to leave the city.

The "tootsie wootsie" letter that Patterson tried to pass to his sweetheart reads as follows:

"Darling Baby—No words can express the comfort your dear visit brought me last Friday, and dear, I want to thank you for the fruit and cigars and tobacco. I have a good time, and I still have four cigars and two cuts of tobacco. I don't give any away, and make a cigar last several days. I am smoking a cigar while writing this."

"I have written you four letters and torn them up, as I was afraid to mail them, and I had not time to do so. I have a good time, and I still have four cigars and two cuts of tobacco. I don't give any away, and make a cigar last several days. I am smoking a cigar while writing this."

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HIGHWAYMAN IN SAILOR DRESS

Fred Cobb, Sentenced to 15 Years, Tells Fellow Prisoner He Is Guilty.

Fred Cobb, one of the two young highwaymen who were convicted of robbery last November in Judge Gates' department of the circuit court and sentenced to serve 15 years in the penitentiary, confessed to a fellow prisoner in the jail before he was taken to the penitentiary. This was learned today when a letter was made public that was written by Fred Cobb to Patterson, who is now on trial on the charge of uttering a fraudulent sight draft.

Patterson was a prisoner in the county jail in November, and in a letter that he attempted to pass to his sweetheart he refers to Cobb. The letter was confiscated by a jail trustee and introduced in testimony today. In it Patterson says:

"A highwayman that was sentenced to 15 years at Salem was put in our corridor yesterday, Monday, November 23, waiting his appeal, and he coughed and sneezed. He had been in corridor No. 4 with Steele and Steele bragged to him."

Jailer H. P. Hunter was on duty at the time and he says Cobb is the man referred to as "coughing up." Cobb did not confess to the officers, however. He was confined with Bert Le Barge, of holding up C. M. Lee on the night of September 27. Cobb was sentenced to 15 years and Le Barge to 14 years. The case was not appealed, but the convicted men were in jail for some time after sentence until their motion for new trial was taken up and denied.

NEW AUTO CLUB FOR GOOD ROADS

Over 200 out of town automobile owners are expected to attend the meeting of the owners of the state called for this afternoon at the Armory. At this meeting the organization of an Oregon State Automobile association is to be undertaken. Invitations were sent out by the organization committee of the Portland Automobile club.

The session is to be held in the meeting room of the Oregon National Guard, in the southeast corner of the entrance hall of the Armory. It is to be in charge of Lawrence Therkelsen and W. Van Schuyver, the state organization committee of the Portland Automobile club. The adoption of a constitution and by-laws and the election of the state officers will be the principal business.

Members of the Portland Automobile club promise to attend the meeting in a body, for it is one of the steps toward the ultimate parallel of the entire state with good roads. They are very enthusiastic about the success of the state organization and promise their support.

The objects of the association are to be to promote the building up of automobile clubs in all the principal cities of the state and the creating of local interest in good roads through these clubs. The association will also attempt to promote a general appreciation of good roads and ultimately the securing of legislation much needed at present.

WOODMEN INITIATED AT THE DALLES

One hundred and twenty-five Portland Woodmen returned from The Dalles early this morning after having attended the initiation of a big class of Upper Columbia river candidates held last night. The initiation class was composed of 150 members, while over 500 Woodmen were assembled in the little town. So crowded was the city that many had to spend the night in chairs in the hotels, as every bed in the hotels and many in private homes were filled.