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Persecuting the Packers

To make political capital out of persecuting big packers merely because they are big is the obvious purport of the new report of the Federal Trade Commission.

This adverse report on the packers is sent forth with trumpets in spite of the fact that the big packers, through their efficiency, have been able to handle live stock at less and less relative cost year by year, so that a higher and higher proportion of returns from meat sales is paid to the growers. L. F. Swift is authority for the statement that 85% of the total receipts of the packers from animal products is paid to the live stock grower. Approximately 13% represents the cost of the packing industry and 2% the net profit of the packers. —Oregon Voter.

We agree with the above opinion of our esteemed contemporary. It has long been the custom to knock the big business interests, and probably will continue as an amusement for politicians seeking to curry favor with the unthinking proletariat. It is true, as the packers are men of like passions to ourselves, that they have in the past used questionable methods to increase their profits, as the rest of us no doubt would have done if we had been in their place. But there has been a decided change for the better during the last few years as big business has found that square dealing with its employees is the better way in the long run, and that it does not pay to hog the profits.

Commercial development follows along a natural line of evolution, and the big packing industry with its innumerable by-product lines, is in keeping with this. Our civilization is so complex that former simple trade methods are becoming obsolete to a great extent. As time goes on and our national development proceeds with it, there will be more and more consolidation of small interests, out of sheer necessity. The fact may as well be recognized, and nature allowed to run its course without meddling interference. The government should act as a governor on an engine, to insure smooth running and an equitable adjustment of all parts, and not attempt to throw monkey wrenches into the machinery at the demand of those who have neither the brains nor ability to build up business of that national and international size and scope, such as the situation demands.

Disabled Soldiers Doing Practical Work

While most of the disabled soldiers sent to the Oregon Agricultural college at the expense of the government are continuing their work at the college this summer, four are now on Oregon farms receiving practical experience. James J. Eaden is on a poultry ranch belonging to G. B. Coon near Corvallis where he is working out problems under C. S. Brewster, assistant professor of poultry husbandry. W. H. Hill is on a farm near Eugene doing farm management and farm mechanics work. H. W. Markart is on a farm near Dufur installing a poultry plant. L. R. Markle is overseeing and helping with orchard work on a farm at Hillsboro.

Sugar, Sugar, Sugar!

A sugar man says: "The world is short perhaps 3,000,000 tons a year of its sugar needs. Europe is making less than two-thirds of its normal crop. Many regions there are famished for sugar.

"Some sections of the United States, now that the canning season is nearing its height, are reporting shortages. Prohibition, with its assured increase in craving for sweets, has arrived."

Candy was never in such demand as during the war and since peace came. Millions of people in Europe who had but little sugar before the war have acquired a desire for more sugar through closer contact with American ways of living. The war proved beyond a doubt that sugar is a main article of diet today and there is bound to be a greater consumption per capita than ever before.

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Come in and line up while the lining is good. One more week and the apricot crop will have been in its prime and passed.

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