



**The Shevlin-Hixon Company.**  
So critical has the car shortage situation become locally that it has become necessary for the Knapp-Cheney Company, operators of the box factory of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, to close down its plant for a week to enable it to relieve the congestion in its dry sheds and to make what shipments of stock for which cars will be available.  
The suspension of operation, according to Manager G. W. Cheney, will probably continue for a period of only one week, during which time he believes that the congested condition of their shipping rooms will be relieved.  
"For the last several weeks," said Mr. Cheney, "we have been able to get only about 25 per cent of the cars necessary to fill urgent orders. Business is good, but cars are not obtainable anywhere."  
Three, and possibly four, summer camps will be established by The Shevlin-Hixon Company as soon as the winter weather breaks, according to Ernest F. Nichols, superintendent of the logging department of the company. The winter camp will probably break up into smaller groups early in May.

The growing of moustaches and near moustaches is becoming contagious around the offices of The Shevlin-Hixon Company.  
General Manager T. A. McCann leaves tomorrow evening for a two weeks' trip to San Francisco.  
Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co.  
With no immediate relief in view, the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co. may be compelled to close down a part of its plant for a short time until shipments now on its books can be made and the store rooms cleared of the large amount of stock that is on hand. According to General Manager J. P. Keyes, the mill may operate only the day shift and the men in the dry sheds may work only eight hours daily. If it is found that sufficient cars can be had to warrant the using of the men in the shipping department on two shifts, while the mill is closed down, this may be done to relieve the situation.  
Of the 300 cars that were needed last month to handle the company's shipping business, only 55 cars were received.

## Purposes of Merchants Potato Contest Discussed by M. G. Coe

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
Further offers of assistance which insure success of the potato contest inaugurated by Montelle Coe have been received by Mr. Coe since announcement of the contest in The Bulletin last week. Following is a further discussion of the purposes of the contest and of the benefits to be derived from modern potato growing methods in this section, prepared by Mr. Coe.

By Montelle G. Coe.  
The purposes of the "Bend Business Men's Better Potato" contest is not primarily more acres of potatoes. We would not advise anyone without experience to plant the crop extensively on the start. The aim rather than more acres, is more potatoes, and better potatoes to the acre, with a consequent lower cost of production per bushel, greater profit to the farmer and more prosperity to the community.  
The stockman invariably keeps his prize heifer for breeding stock, and sells his scrubs for beef. The potato grower often sells his fancy potatoes and plants the culls. The result in most every old kind of potatoes. This year anyone can sell any kind of potatoes. But, without doubt, next season, or at least in the very near future, prices will be different, and those sections which produce a uniform potato of the highest quality will suffer the least depreciation in value. Potatoes from Maine of the same variety as those from Wisconsin sell for a higher price in the same markets, because they are graded and handled more carefully. While Long Island potatoes sell at a premium, even over those from Maine, because they are still more uniform, and are graded to a higher standard.

In view of these facts it is time to wake up, get together and have a product that will not be a drug on the market in a season of low prices, but one that because of a well earned reputation for quality will sell anywhere any time. By persistence and organized effort Deschutes Valley potatoes will be made as famous as Hood River apples, and will be renowned as strong disease free seed stock, as well as for fancy table purposes.

Here are facts to show that the above statement is not an idle boast. Cars of graded potatoes, shipped this year by the Deschutes Valley Potato Growers' association, have in every instance commanded a higher price than the highest market quotations at the time of their sale. The first car sold in October for \$1.50 per 100 pounds, when the top of the market for extra fancy was \$1.25. At other times our potatoes sold at a premium of 50 cents per 100 pounds, and at no time did a car bring less than 25 cents per hundred more than the highest quotations for extra fancy at the time of sale. An old established association at Creswell, Oregon, could not obtain the same price in the San Francisco and Stockton market. More evidence of quality is as follows: In cooking tests at Corvallis, in competition with samples from all over Oregon and several samples from other states, potatoes from Central Oregon baked the best and boiled the best with the jackets on, or the jackets off, and were finest of all in flavor and texture.

Besides producing a potato of fine quality, this section is favored with other advantages. There is practically no blight or rot, no Colorado beetle or flea beetle. No spraying is required to hold in check insect enemies, or to protect the vines from fungus diseases. Both climate and soil are especially adapted to producing the potato at its best. Comprehensive experiments in France showed that seed from the higher altitudes gave consistently higher

yields. The same thing has been noted in Colorado.  
Our timber, because of its vast extent, is a great resource. One claim of 160 acres with 100,000 feet of standing timber at \$2.50 per 1000 feet is worth \$15,62 1/2 per acre, and another crop will mature in 150 years. What is the cash return from an average acre of potatoes grown on the same ground, one-fourth of the time in 150 years? One county (Aroostook) in Maine, ships annually 15,000,000 bushels, of 30,000 cars of potatoes, besides having some 60 odd starch factories for utilizing waste and inferior potatoes. Let us hasten the day when exports of potatoes from Deschutes county will be next to our timber exports in importance.  
By giving prizes to induce hill selection of heavy yielding, high quality potatoes, a long start has been made in the proper direction. These hills used for seed the next year, will in one season increase the yield and value of the crop many times the amount of the prizes. The detailed reports it is planned to require of contestants as to their methods, expenses and results, will be of inestimable value to guide future operations under our peculiar conditions. Finally the concrete results of the contest will be such in quantity and quality, that "Deschutes Valley Potatoes" will be widely advertised, and future markets more easily secured.  
It is planned to give weekly, through the papers, for the benefit of the contestants, results obtained at the various experiment stations, bearing upon the different phases of potato growing. It is expected by next week to have all completed details of the contest ready for publication.

### STATEMENT ISSUED FOR LAND SEEKERS

Official Communication Received by H. C. Ellis in Regard to Filings on 640 Acre Tracts.

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
Of interest to entrymen under the 640 acre homestead law, is an official statement received this morning by U. S. Commissioner H. C. Ellis. The communication says as follows:

Under the regulations recently issued by the Department, the district land office will not accept or reject petitions for designation, but in cases where they consider the petition defective or insufficient, they will mail to the entryman by ordinary mail a copy of Circular No. 523, and a copy of Circular 524, which explains the requirements. If an applicant under the Stock-raising Homestead law receives these circulars from the land office it is a notice to him that his petition is defective, and that it will not be sent to Washington for 30 days, during which time he may file a new petition if he desires. If he does not do this the old petition will be sent to Washington and await its turn for action by the Classification Division. When it is reached it may be rejected, or held up for further evidence causing much delay and possibly the loss of the entry.  
Practically all of the petitions filed before the regulations were issued are defective, so every entryman under this law should make a new petition if needed.

See J. Ryan & Co., for farm land loans.—Adv.  
See Edwards for paper hanging.—Adv.

## No Cheap Goods— But Goods Cheap

The Buying of Foodstuffs Today is a Housewife's ONE BIG PROBLEM!  
WE ARE HONESTLY ENDEAVORING TO BUY IN MARKETS, IN QUANTITIES AND AT PRICES THAT ENABLE US TO SAVE MONEY FOR OUR PATRONS  
IT MAY NOT BE MUCH, BUT A LITTLE SAVED ON A FEW ARTICLES HELPS.  
TRY US ON THIS  
PHONE BLACK 11 Auto Delivery  
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JOHNSON BLDG.

## THIEVES GET FLOUR IN EARLY MORNING, LEAVING NO TRACE

(From Monday's Daily.)  
Unlocking the warehouse door at the Bend Flour Mills plant early Sunday morning, thieves appropriated 22 sacks of flour, presumably removing them in an auto or wagon. They left no trace as to their identity or the direction taken.  
The loss was not discovered until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when a slight twisting of the inside of the lock, making the opening of the door difficult, showed that the catch had been tampered with. When the loss was noted, the ground was soft and muddy, and had been passed over repeatedly by vehicles of different sorts, while the depredation is believed to have been committed while the road was frozen hard.  
Sheriff S. E. Roberts is of the opinion that the thieves may be the same ones who recently stole a quantity of flour from the depot at Deschutes.

## KILL 640 RABBITS IN MILLICAN DRIVE

Bend and Millican People Combine to Exterminate Rodent Pest—Will Repeat Drive Sunday.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
Six hundred and forty rabbits were killed yesterday afternoon at the rabbit drive held in Millican valley, and so enthusiastic are the residents of the section over the success of the drive that another will be held next Sunday. Bend residents who were present reported today. Among those from here who attended were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Engbreton, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gless, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tanzev, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Clemens, E. Meistad, K. E. Sawyer, F. W. Cox, Billie Minter, and Ed. Lyons.  
Some 65 ranchers of Millican valley took part in the drive after a picnic dinner had been served at noon. No guns were used, the members of the party being armed with clubs. The rabbits were driven down the valley into a woven wire corral, and boys from the neighborhood dispatched the bunnies with sticks.  
Those attending next Sunday are assured excellent sport, as it is stated that as many rabbits escaped as were slaughtered. All who go are requested to take basket dinners.

## BEND STUDENTS' WORK THOROUGH

FIND MUCH OF VALUE IN CITY SURVEY.

History of Bend, and Reports on Local Industries Given by Boys and Girls, With More to Follow Tomorrow Afternoon.

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
The students of the Bend high school found out lots of things about their own home town that they did not know before they conducted a few days' survey this week into the civic, historical, political, commercial, social and industrial aspects of the City of Bend.  
Their campaigns were virtually "Know-Your-City," and many business and professional men took several minutes off their daily routine to explain some of the phases of their work.  
Students Outline Surveys.  
In both oral and written expositions several students yesterday afternoon outlined to the high school student body the findings of their survey, each of which was remarkably well explained and some of them quite in detail.  
Arthur Norcott and Albert Case took various phases of the plat of the city of Bend describing in some detail the features of the location and extent of the original plat and the additions that have since been made to the city.  
The history of Bend was vividly portrayed by Ruth Vandeventer, a native daughter of Bend, whose parents have resided at the Old Homestead for many years. Her story the progress, from a historical standpoint, was traced from the first inhabitants to the early settlement of the town, followed later by Hilar Brick, who told of the later building and activity of the town and the massing of population, and the development of the tributary country.  
Real Estate Noted.  
Ralph Curtis told of the real estate activity of the town, described at length the nature of the enterprises that twelve real estate firms were conducting and the special features of each firm.  
Uncle Sam's institution, the post office, its special features, methods of handling mail, the routes of rural deliveries and the work of the local office were described by Craig Coyner.  
Field Generally Covered.  
More or less complete details were given on the following subjects by: Mabel Sphier, "Churches"; Leslie Holmes, "Newspapers"; Margaret Thompson, "Society"; Eugene Fulton, "Telephone System"; Cleon Flagler, "Unions, Labor and Wages"; Floyd Grabe, "Power and Ice Plants"; Florence Gilson, Calvin Smith and Robert Fulton, "Business Houses"; Cecil French, "Foundry"; Ruth Fleming, "Cost of Living"; Stanley Bond, "Forest Reserve"; Albert Nelson, "Flour Mill"; Evelyn Bedient, "Natural Wonders of Bend"; Hattie Dick, "Bend Public Schools"; Marie Brosterhouse, "Laundries."  
The reports on "The Greenhouse," "Flour Mill," "City Government," and "County Government" will be given Friday afternoon.  
In all the reports there was a strain of youthful optimism, through all their extemporaneous talks, each student being a booster for the enterprise upon which his survey touched.

## NEW INN OPENED TO MANY GUESTS

FIRST MEAL SERVED AT THE HOSTLERY YESTERDAY—BIRD-SALL DENIES RUMOR OF HIGH PRICES TO BE CHARGED.

(From Monday's Daily.)  
Although the formal opening of the new Pilot Butte Inn is still to be held, the big hostelry was thrown open to guests yesterday morning, when the first meal was served by the culinary department. A large number of guests is already registered, and the old inn from now on is to be used only to accommodate any overflow from the larger building.  
Indignant over the report that exorbitant prices are to be charged for dinner at the opening, Manager Bird-sall issued an official denial this morning. "We aren't running any Jesse James game," he said, "and I should like to have it understood that this talk about \$5.00 per plate is absolutely false. A charge of \$1.50 a plate will be made."  
Mr. Bird-sall stated that already heavy reservations for tables have been made, a sufficient number having spoken for places to fill the dining room twice to capacity.  
It was officially reported this morning that the B. P. & S. is making preparations to run a special train from Portland for the opening.

For sign painting see Edwards.—Adv.

## RANCHERS PETITION

Stockmen Ask That Forest Boundaries Be Left Unchanged.  
(From Monday's Daily.)  
Fearful that the government range may be lessened, ranchers of the Fort Rock country have petitioned the Forest Service to leave unchanged the boundaries of the National Forest. A copy of the petition, signed by 30 stockmen and homesteaders of the district, reached Superintendent W. G. Hastings this morning.  
The petition states that the land on the south edge of the Deschutes forest is valuable chiefly for range purposes.  
Four chairs at your service at the Metropolitan. No waiting.—Adv.

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