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AFTER BIG PACKING-HOUSE

PORTLAND PAPER SHOWING ADVANTAGES OF THAT CITY.

Seattle and Tacoma Strong Competitors for Branch House to be Established By Swift & Co.

Louis F. Swift, manager of the provision department of the big Swift & Co. packing house concern of Chicago, has been looking over the situation in Portland, Seattle and Tacoma with a view to establishing a branch packing-house. It is learned that this concern will enter largely into the meat trade of the Pacific Coast, Alaska and the Orient. Only the question of a location remains to be settled, and to settle this is the purpose of Mr. Swift's excursion.

He claimed to be only reconnoitering and in an interview said: "We will not establish a large plant in the Northwest if we find we have to ship such stock from the east to be slaughtered."

The fact that there is a likelihood of the big plant going to one of the Washington towns has caused the Portland papers some concern and they are bringing the big stock interests of Eastern Oregon into prominence and more surprising still, recognizing the stock interests of the state as one of the great industries. The Oregonian has the following to say in showing the advantages of Portland for the packing-house:

Nearly half the livestock packed and consumed at Puget Sound passes through Portland.

All the livestock available for Puget Sound can reach Portland at least as easily. And two-thirds of of the Portland supply cannot reach Puget Sound without paying additional freight charges.

All the market that is open for Seattle and Tacoma is equally open to Portland, except the local Puget Sound consumption. And Portland commands a large field that cannot be reached from Puget Sound except at added cost.

Th se facts are at the foundation of the success of the meat packing industry in the Pacific Northwest. They practically determine where any large plant must be located—any plant large enough not to be governed by the purely local demand for meat and meat products. Of course, the local consumption must be met, regardless of cost, regardless of the location of the sources of supply or the condition of the general market; but this does not govern the large business which comes in competition with the whole world. That must largely ignore the purely local incidents and take into account the factors that are of general application.

Oregon is today one of the greatest livestock sections of the United States perhaps the greatest. Our cattle go by the trainload to finish in the feeding pens of Kansas and Nebraska, or on the ranges of Montana and Dakota. In the past it was the custom of Oregon cattle-growers to send all their stock to be finished elsewhere, but there is now a strong tendency to finish at home. The number of animals thus finished at home for the block has more than doubled in the past two years. Most of these find market in the large cities of the coast, but a few go East.

In the production of hogs, which are the chief packing-house animals, the Northwest has not attained to the position it occupies in regard to cattle and sheep.

A glance at the map tells the story. The whole Columbia basin drains naturally into Portland. No part of it is more accessible from Puget Sound. It must pay more than Portland to get shipments from Eastern Oregon and the Willamette Valley. The same map shows Portland's advantage in the matter of distributing the cured products of packeries. All markets (except the purely local Puget Sound) are reached from Portland at least as easily as from Seattle or Tacoma. And the heavy demand of Eastern Oregon, Southern Idaho, the Willamette Valley, Southern Oregon, the Lower Columbia and the Oregon coast cannot be supplied from Puget Sound except by the payment of extra freight charges.

It is estimated that Portland could get annually from the region east of the Cascades 2,500,000 hogs and from the Willamette Valley 1,000,000.

Concession To Stockmen.

Commissioner Richards, in view of the many demands made upon his office, has issued a general order, authorizing sheep and stockowners who heretofore grazed their stock on lands that have, within the past year, been withdrawn from entry with a view to their permanent reservation, to graze on these lands during the coming season, as if no withdrawals had been made. He finds that to prohibit grazing on these areas on such short notice would work hardship on many stockmen, and has decided on the liberal course. His order applies to the withdrawals in the Blue Mountain regions of Eastern Oregon, and to withdrawn areas in Washington and Idaho.

Wants Both Conventions.

Representative Bartholdt, of St. Louis, told President Roosevelt that St. Louis would endeavor to secure both the Republican and Democratic National conventions next year.

"It will be World's Fair year in St. Louis," said Mr. Bartholdt, "the greatest year in the history of the city, and we will be able to offer such attractions to the National conventions as never before have been offered by any city."

President Roosevelt, of course, is taking no part, and told Mr. Bartholdt he would take no part in the selection of a place for the Republican convention. Mr. Bartholdt discussed with the President some of the arrangements for his visit to St. Louis at the time of the dedication of the exposition, on April 30.

Heavy Loss in Cattle.

That there will be a heavy loss in this county of cattle, sheep and horses, caused by the severe winter and lack of feed, cannot be denied. Many horses that have been left to winter on the range, have already "winter-killed," and many others will go the same way before grass comes. The feed for sheep and cattle is now exhausted and many stockmen are turning out on an almost barren range covered with a foot or more of snow. Much of this stock will undoubtedly perish unless there is a very sudden and favorable change in the weather. A few stockmen who have exhausted their hay supply, are shipping in corn from Nebraska and other points, but the almost impassable condition of the roads makes this kind of feed very expensive for those living remote from the railroad.—Vale Gazette.

Religious Services.

Services at Christian Science Hall every Sunday at 11 a m and 8 p m. Service Wednesday evenings at 8. Subject for Sunday, March 22, "Reality."

Rev A. J. Irwin will preach at Harney the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every sabbath at 2 p m.

Sunday school at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock a m. On the second, third and fourth Sunday of each month at 3 o'clock p m. Preaching service every second Sunday at 8 p m.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

Preaching services at the Baptist church every 1st and 2nd Sundays, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday at 11 a. m. prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

IYRIGATION PLANS CHOSEN

FIRST WORK TO BE DONE THE BY GOVERNMENT.

Oregon Not Among States Benefited, but Surveys Will Continue on Butter Creek and Other Sections.

Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior Department, has granted authority for the acquisition of necessary property, rights of way, etc., prior to the construction of irrigation works in five localities. These projects are: Wyoming, Sweetwater Dam; Montana, Milk River; Colorado, Gunnison Tunnel; Nevada, Truckee; Arizona, Salt River reservoir.

These projects are estimated to cost $7,000,000, and will provide for the irrigation of about 600,000 acres of arid land. In addition thereto the Gray Bull reservoir project is to be taken up immediately.

The construction remains subject to the possibility of obtaining the necessary rights and the adjustment of private claims in such manner as to comply with the act approved June 17, 1902.

The authority granted relates to the projects upon which the examinations have been made in sufficient detail to justify estimates of cost and results. Several others in other states are as well advanced as regards investigation, and it is expected that further recommendations can soon be made.

The Secretary has also authorized the expenditure during the present calendar year of $450,000 on surveys, borings for foundations and other examinations, which will be carried on in all of the states and territories included within the provisions of the law.

Does Not Prejudice Oregon.

The Oregonian Washington correspondent, referring to the above, says:

The announcement that Secretary Hitchcock has decided to begin the construction of National irrigation works in Wyoming, Montana, Nevada, Arizona and Colorado does not prejudice the project which is to be carried out on Butter Creek, Oregon. The five projects referred to are those that have been under investigation by the Geological Survey anywhere from three to 12 years, and are the ones on which the most detailed examinations have been made. But in no case have the examinations been completed nor are plans ready for advertisement. This announcement means that the department will immediately turn its attention toward acquiring full title to the reservoir sites and rights of way of canals by purchase or condemnation, wherever private ownership conflicts with the proposed work, and if in any instance the title cannot be obtained the project will be abandoned. The Geological survey, as a result of former study of these several localities, now has rough plans for reservoirs and canals, and final plans will be hastened and contracts let.

As heretofore stated, the Geological Survey has two experts now making surveys and examinations on Butter Creek, and a third will soon join them. These examinations will be final, and when their report is made and a project is roughly outlined, provided no unforseen obstacles arise to show the project impracticable, this work will be added to the approved list, and steps be taken looking to construction.

Part of the funds to be used in other states are those derived from sales of Oregon lands, but a major portion of the Oregon fund for the past two and a half years remain to its credit, and is more than enough to build the favored irrigation system in that state.

The report of the Oregon irrigation committee recently forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture finally found its way to Mr. Newell, and has been by him referred to the field officers in Oregon. He was somewhat surprised that the committee made no recommendation, and has therefore asked the field officers to examine all the projects named, as they can conveniently reach them. The field force will be augmented by new men from time to time, and examinations and surveys will be continued throughout the summer, although the first work will be the completion of investigations on Butter Creek.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Harney.

John W. Biggs and Dalton Biggs, composing the Co-partnership of Biggs and Biggs, Plaintiffs,
vs.
C. W. Rann, Defendant.

To C. W. Rann, the the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the above complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and if you fail to so answer or appear, for want thereof plaintiffs will take judgment against you for the sum of $471.76 and interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the 21st day of February, 1903, together with attorneys fees and costs and disbursements of this action, being the amount of the judgment, demanded in plaintiffs complaint herein.

This summons is published by order of Hon. H. C. Levens, judge of the County Court of Harney County, Oregon, dated the 27th day of February, 1903, which order requires this summons to be published in The Times Herald, a weekly newspaper published at Burns, Oregon, once a week, for a period of six weeks. The date of the first publication hereof is February 28, 1903.

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