

KENDRICK BILL WILL HURT STOCK INDUSTRY SAY BIG PACKERS

Chicago, August 22.—Every man who feeds or raises livestock, no matter how few head, will be interested in a statement which the Institute of American Meat Packers will address specifically "To the Livestock Producers of America."

The Institute is a national body, including among its members the five big packers at Chicago, as well as over a hundred smaller concerns. This will be issued in reply to United States Senator Kendrick's statement giving his reasons why his bill should be passed.

The statement to the producers, which is now in preparation, will say in part:

"You should realize that the organized propaganda against the packers, for which Senator Kendrick is partly responsible, injures the livestock industry. It not only has caused Americans to eat less meat but it also has affected England's desire to buy meat from us, thereby curtailing our export market and lessening the demand for our products."

"The Senator's principal reason for favoring legislation is that since the packers have become large and national in scope, they must be controlled by the Government. If this principle is established for the packing industry, there is no reason why it should not be extended to other industries. There are other corporations that are 'national' in character, and if we keep on in this direction, we shall have half the people controlling and managing the business of the other half. It would be a step toward Socialism."

"Consider our experience in government interference with the railroads and telegraph. If our credit were injured, as in the case of the railroads, we could not borrow money to keep our plants going and to pay you cash for your animals."

"The Senator does not mention a single evil that needs to be remedied by legislation."

"The most dangerous feature of Senator Kendrick's bill is the provision that packers engaged in interstate commerce can continue in their business only by taking out a license. The Secretary of Agriculture has the power to grant, suspend or revoke such licenses practically at his own whim. This is a step in the direction of Government ownership. It would mean a paternalistic control of business by inexperienced and theoretical men in Washington."

"All this could mean nothing but lower efficiency and higher cost, which would result in a lower price for livestock as compared with the price we could get for meat."

"You know perfectly well that if this license system is adopted there will be all kinds of ridiculous and expensive regulations. This not only will increase the cost of running the Government, for which the taxpayer will have to pay, but also will increase the cost of handling livestock and cattle. Just think of the railroads again."

"Remember also that this proposed legislation is based largely on the report of the Federal Trade Commission. Although the Commission hates to make this admission, it discovered two vital things: First, that the packing industry is conducted with the highest degree of efficiency; secondly, that it operates at only a fraction of a cent profit per pound, so that the packers' profits could be eliminated without noticeably affecting the price of livestock. Our books have been checked by the Federal Trade Commission and the Food Administration. They are also subject to audit in connection with the income tax. Therefore, anyone who continues to question the amount of our profits either does not know the facts or willfully juggles them. The volume of our business enables us to operate on such a small profit."

"The bill also aims to deprive us of our refrigerated cars and stock yards. There is no guarantee that the purchasers of the stock yards will know anything about them or will continue to render good service. This will mean poorer handling of your stock, more delay in unloading and weighing—a situation greatly to your disadvantage."

"We can not buy live animals unless we have refrigerated cars in which to ship the meats to eastern markets. We had to build our own refrigerated cars because the railroads would not furnish them. We hardly have enough cars of our own

now. There is no discrimination of any kind in our favor.

"The Federal Trade Commission has obtained the co-operation of the wholesale grocers in trying to get legislation which will deny the packers the right to handle anything but meats. If deprived of the volume raised by handling other products, this increase in our selling costs would make it necessary for us to pay less for meat animals or charge more for dressed meats."

"These proposals vitally affect you both as a producer and as an American citizen. Producer and packer really ought to face this situation together, because our interests are mutual. We want your views on this subject and shall be glad to give you further information about the proposed legislation."

Institute of American Meat Packers, Majestic Building, Chicago, Illinois.

J. B. Huddleston returned to Heppner last Monday after spending several weeks in the East, where he went with a shipment of cattle from Lone Rock.

LIVE CECIL NEWS ITEMS

Russell Ross, who has been visiting among some friends around Heppner, spent the week end with his brother A. E. Ross at the "Bungalow," previous to his return East.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Logan and family of the Willows spent Sunday with J. W. Osborn of Cecil.

R. S. Wilson and sons of Rhea were visiting friends in Morgan on Saturday.

W. G. Hynd and A. C. Lowe of Sand Hollow spent the week-end in Cecil and took in the dance.

J. H. Miller of "Boardless Barn" spent Sunday at the Franklin home.

Glen Van Schoick of Dorena arrived in Cecil Monday and spent a few days at "The Last Camp" before proceeding to his brothers on Skinner creek.

Clifford Henriksen of "Willow Creek" left for their mountain ranch Monday, where he is going to round

up a bunch of cattle ready for shipment to the Portland market.

E. J. Fairhurst of "The Busy Bee" ranch was doing business in Cecil on Monday.

Ralph Winter of "Shady Dell" accompanied by his father, were lone visitors Monday.

A. Henriksen of "Willow Creek" ranch and Gilbert Mahoney left for Heppner Tuesday. Mr. Henriksen will proceed up to the mountains to assist his son Clifford with the cattle.

Jack Hynd of "Butterby Flats" left on the local Wednesday for Heppner, returning home Friday.

Joe Marcus, who is working on "Fairview" ranch, was an lone visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Peter Nash and grandson Francis, who have been visiting at the John Nash home for the past few days, returned home on Friday.

J. E. Crabtree of "Dotheboys Hill" and J. H. Miller of "Boardless Barn" were doing business in the Eight Mile district Tuesday.

J. J. McIntire, who has been up in Washington visiting his sheep camps, returned to Cecil Thursday. John reports that the feed is very good where his sheep are at present.

A lawn party was held at "The Last Camp" Thursday evening, the honor guest being Miss Margaret Krebs of Portland. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present. Games and amusements of all sorts were indulged in and refreshments served during the evening.

G. W. Whitcomb and Mr. Gray of Morgan were business men in Cecil on Thursday.

F. R. Brown of Heppner was a busy man in Cecil and vicinity Friday and Saturday.

O. W. Barber of Mahomet, Ill., accompanied by Chas. H. Rickman of Goleta, Calif., who are taking an ocean to ocean trip, camped in Cecil Thursday evening, leaving for Portland Friday. Mr. Barber said that with what their purchases were in Cecil, their expenses amounted to \$145.00 since starting on their trip over the continent in a Ford car.

Grover Curtis of Grand Dalles, who has lately been discharged from the army, spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mahoney, returning Sunday to Heppner after their wedding trip, were invited to leave the train at Cecil for a few moments. They were greeted by friends with all good wishes and food lemonade was handed to the happy couple. Old shoes would have followed, but owing to the high cost of living not a "sole" was to be found in Cecil.

Geo. Krebs and sister Miss Margaret of "The Last Camp," accompanied by Miss Etta Barnes of "Poplar Grove," left on Friday morning for Portland.

Echo Men Visit Here.

Waldon Rhea and son Hugh, Carl Rhea and Ben Spencer drove over from Echo in Mr. Spencer's car last Saturday and spent Sunday visiting with friends and relatives in Heppner. Waldon Rhea is a prominent alfalfa rancher and stockman of the

lower Butter creek country but for several years was a leading merchant in Heppner. Carl Rhea is assistant cashier of the Bank of Echo and only a few months ago returned to civil life after serving in the aviation branch of the United States Army. Ben Spencer is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Spencer of Butter creek.

Car Made Rapid Descent.

One of Jeff Jones' hired men made a flying leap from the Jones Truck which he was driving down Heppner Hill last Friday. When the brakes failed to hold, and as the car gained more momentum with every second, the driver of the car headed the front wheels toward the inside bank of the road and he then made a flying leap to safety. The right front wheel of the car soon came in sharp contact with the high bank and the impact was so terrific that the wheel was smashed to small pieces. The front axle was also bent almost beyond recognition. The man was on his way to town after a supply of oil for the Jones thresher when the accident occurred.



Heppner, Ore., Sep. 11, 12, 13

MANY BIG ATTRACTIONS.

There Will be Something Doing Every Minute

Every Department More Complete than Ever

Big Parade

ON THE second day of the Fair will be held a big civic parade in which the school children and grown-ups will participate.

The "Welcome Home" feature will be carried out, Soldiers and Sailors and Marines who went from Morrow county to fight our battles in the late war will be in the line of march.

Merchants will make this their day by having representative floats in the Parade.

See the School Children Drill

Prizes will be awarded for the best float in the various divisions.

Things You Will See

Airplane in thrilling maneuvers. Fair visitors will have the opportunity to take a plane ride should they so desire.

Round-Up Features—Bronco busting, etc. Some of the best young riders in the Northwest will compete in the round-up contests.

FIRE DRILL, HOSE RACES, BICYCLE RACES, FOOT RACES AND OTHER SPORTS.

Hear

Campbell's American Band

The stellar musical organization of the northwest. Campbell's have been engaged to furnish music for the 3 days

Dancing Every Night

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 13 will be Farmers' and Stockmen's Day. It promises to be the biggest get-together occasion for farmers and stockmen ever witnessed in Morrow County.

There will be speakers of statewide renown who have made farming and the stock industry a life study.

With the multi-varied features of the three days, Saturday's program will be a fitting climax to this great annual event.

Heppner is getting ready to welcome you when you

Come to Morrow County Fair

on September 11, 12, 13.




Farmers, you will be interested in the great display of tractors. A number of the best will be on display and demonstrations given



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