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## TRADE MONOPOLY COSTLY TO AN IDAHO CREAMERY

A special dispatch from Boise, Idaho, to the Oregonian last Sunday says that the Jensen Creamery company, the largest creamery company of the Northwest, through its attorney James H. Hawley, entered a plea of guilty Saturday in the United States District Court to an indictment returned February 24, 1917, charging, "Combination in restraint of interstate trade and to obtain monopoly thereof." Judge Dietrich imposed a fine of \$7500, which was paid.

February 17 is the date set for the trial of the managers of the other companies indicted at the same time, the remaining companies being the Henningsen Produce company, a corporation of Butte; Schallinger Produce Company, a corporation of Spokane; the Hazelwood Company, a corporation of Portland; Klock Produce Company, a corporation of Seattle.

The indictment was one of the most far-reaching ever returned by a Federal grand jury in Idaho. The gathering of evidence against the defendant companies began in 1915, when the government sleuth, Leon Boone, of the Department of Justice, was placed on the case, which took him over seven Western states.

The specific charges were: The payment temporarily of high prices in order to control the market; the issuance of false weights and tests to injure competitors; attempted bribery; improper use of employes of competitors; preventing storage for perishables; giving of short weight influencing legislation against competitors; apportionment of territory after a false showing of competition; using coercion in the fixing of prices for raw materials, and charging excessive and unwarranted prices to consumers.

### Drolshagen Discharged

A. F. Drolshagen will soon be on his way back to Hermiston from army duty, according to a letter received from him Tuesday by Postmaster Young, in which he asks that his mail be held here until his return. Tony shows his disappointment in not getting across the big pond in the following excerpts taken from his letter to Mr. Young:

"Didn't get a chance to go over the pond to help smash the Hindenburg line and you can't imagine how disappointed we all were in failing to get over on the other side.

"When the flu broke out in our camp we were under orders to leave within three days and when the armistice was signed we were all ready to leave at a moment's notice; had everything packed ready to go.

"As I understand the Jack rabbits are very bad out there now, I guess that which we missed by not getting across to fight the Germans we can make up by cleaning up on that pest."

### Years Ago

A. C. Hunt, who in 1905 was acting as a railroad detective for the O.-V. R. & N. in the yards at Umatilla, and who is now traveling representative for the Pacific Northwest Farm Trio, with headquarters in Spokane, was renewing old acquaintances in that town a day or so the latter part of last week. He took occasion to run to this city, and was surprised to see a flourishing town and a well improved country surrounding, and made the remark that it looked like "a paying proposition right from the grass roots, all the talk in the early nineties that it was only fit for jackrabbits and coyotes to the contrary notwithstanding."

### Weather Report

The maximum temperature during the past week was 55 degrees, minimum 27 and precipitation .43 of an inch.

### New Fire Department

If the council sanctions the payment when a committee of the Hermiston Volunteer Fire Department wait on the members at the next regular meeting, this city will have a paid fire department consisting of 15 members instead of the present volunteer organization.

Yesterday was Saint Valentine's Day.

### Tickets on Sale

Preparations are under way for the Father and Son banquet which will be held at Mack's Hall, Friday, Feb. 21, at 7 p. m. Tickets for the event are on sale by the merchants and are going fast. The menu prepared by the ladies of the Civic Club looks good to a hungry boy and to an ordinary man. Music by the school orchestra and the Hermiston male quartet will add to the pleasure of the evening. Mr. Hinkle, in his characteristic manner, will act as toast master, and he will call on some of the returned soldier boys to tell what they think of their dads when away from home. You will want to be there to enjoy the evening. The Civic Club will use the net proceeds for some good purpose.

MENU—7:30 P. M.  
Salmon Loaf Meat Loaf  
Tomato Sauce Scalloped Potatoes  
Winter Salad (Cabbage)  
Baked Apples Vegetables  
Parkerhouse Rolls  
Jelly Butter Pickles  
Pumpkin Pie Apple Pie  
Cheese Coffee

### PIGGIES LEARN FOOD VALUE OF GOOD MILK

There are eight little Poland-China pigs out on the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy that are fast acquiring knowledge of the "food value of milk." These little piggies have everything cheated when it comes to nosing out a good thing. One day recently the family cow failed to give the usual quota of milk, and from that time the milk flow kept dwindling. It was hard to find a reason for this, but it came a few days ago when Mrs. McElroy had occasion to visit the barnyard lot, for there before her astonished eyes were the eight piggies taking turns getting their dinner from the four teats of old bossie as she placidly lay chewing her quid and playing mother to the bunch of swine. The mystery of where the cow's milk was going to was solved, but the joke was so good that the McElroys have decided to let the pigs continue to deal shoot the turn and get meals from their own and their adopted mammy.

### Ten Days in Guard House

One of the boys just home, who answered the draft and was then disappointed in not getting to "go across" and get into the scrap, tells his woes in this shape: "They took me from cool Spokane and sent me down south where it is summer all winter and hell all summer; took me from a comfortable home and billeted me in a leaky tent; took my clothes away from me and gave me red-hot khaki; took away my good name and gave me 494; took me from a good job and set me to digging ditches; they made me go to bed when I wasn't sleepy and get up when I was; made me go to church on Sunday whether I wanted to or not. In church the preacher said: 'Let us all turn to No. 494—'Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Footsore?'—and I got ten days in the guard house for yelling: 'Hell, yes!'"

### Again Superintendent

R. G. Dykstra of the Umatilla schools has been reelected for a consideration of \$1500. for the school year 1919-20. Mr. Dykstra hails from Polk County, Ore., where he is well known in the educational world. His high standards and excellent quality of work has brought comment from the leading educators of the state.

Mr. Dykstra, who is a graduate of the Oregon Normal School, Weiser college, Weiser, Idaho, 1907. Student Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon 1901, Oregon Normal, 1917. Taught school in Morrow county for three years, Polk county seven years. He has always made good in the school room, and his reelection is only an additional honor.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. F. Gorham had as their guest over Saturday last C. G. Blyden of Boardman, the gentleman being the father of Mrs. Gorham.

### Pioneer Visits

J. A. Yeager, county sealer of weights and measures with headquarters at Pendleton, passed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in Hermiston testing scales in the various business establishments, and at the same time renewing old friendships. The gentleman was one of the pioneer residents of this project, and is still owner of considerable land several miles east of town.

### Attending Meeting

W. R. Longhorn, secretary of the local I. O. O. F. lodge, is in Pendleton today attending a board meeting of the county executive committee of the order, he being one of the vice presidents that constitute the executive board. The business to be transacted is, among other things, the making of arrangements for the holding of the annual convention of the order a year hence and designating a place for its holding. It is Mr. Longhorn's intention to make an effort to have Hermiston designated as the place for the convention.

### COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simmons very pleasantly entertained in honor of O. Hammer last Thursday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lou Brownell of Umatilla, Miss Gertrude Simmons, Miss Mary O'Rourke and Wm. Sanders of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beddow and Ed. Beddow. Masters Russell and Wesley Blessing and William and James Waugaman took dinner with George Beddow, Jr., last Saturday.

Dr. Holsington, wife and daughter, of Pendleton, were callers in this district Sunday.

Leo Clark now has a phone in his home.

Mrs. F. P. Phipps was a guest at the H. J. Ott home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Felthouse were Pendleton visitors Thursday.

County Commissioner Dunning was here Tuesday going over some of our roads.

Mrs. John Lucus and little son of California arrived one day this week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hannan.

O. Hammer will finish pruning the Ft. Wayne Fruit Co. orchard this week and will begin on the A. E. Robb orchard Monday.

W. L. Blessing and family took 6 o'clock dinner on Sunday at the Ott home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jene Skoubo have returned home from a visit to Portland.

A meeting of the Neighborhood Club will be held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, the 19th, at the home of Mrs. R. A. Stuart. A good attendance is desired.

Dr. J. L. Stillings and family of Greenmount, Ky., arrived last Saturday to visit his brother, J. H. Stillings, and possibly make this their home. The Dr. has just received his honorable discharge from the medical reserve corps at Camp Chickamauga, Ga.

G. R. Roberts of Reith is here spending a few days at the Waugaman home.

Leo Clark's smiling countenance can now be seen at the steering wheel of a Grant Six.

The school bus was out of commission a couple of days this week, leaving the children to walk. We have a very good attendance at school and several new pupils started this week.

R. Gillbrath has purchased 80 acres of the McMillan tract of land and O. O. Felthouse is already at work improving it for him.

W. Rhoads received a message from Pendleton Wednesday bearing the sad news of his father's death, and left here Thursday to attend the funeral. Deceased was 76 years old.

Mrs. Phipps and Mrs. Sommerer have been selected to solicit for the Father and Son Banquet to be held next Friday evening, and Mrs. Waugaman and Mrs. McKeen have been placed on the kitchen committee.

### Strychnine Here

Col. J. F. McNaught, who has charge of the distribution of rodent poison among the farmers of this part of the country, advises The Herald that he has received a shipment of strychnine, and that any of the ranchers desiring to destroy pests on their places can secure the quantity desired at cost price paid by the county by calling on him.

### Tobacco Revenue Bill

The pending tobacco revenue bill will no doubt be passed before the middle of February and it is obligatory on all dealers in cigars, tobacco and cigarettes to ascertain the date of the passage of the act and inventory their stock before commencing business on the next day thereafter.

Arrangements have been made to have the inventory blanks in the hands of postmasters in most places, and they may be obtained there. In case dealers do not receive an inventory blank in time, they should list their stock and write to Milton A. Miller, Collector Internal Revenue, Portland, Ore., for proper blank.

### Coming Home

Walter Beasley, electrical engineer on the battleship North Dakota, is now in Cuba on his way home, according to a letter received from him by his parents in this city the first of the week. When the big boat reaches its destination in the United States Mr. Beasley will receive his discharge papers and immediately return to Hermiston.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Frances Hinkle)  
The W. S. S. and thrift stamp contest was closed last Wednesday afternoon with the Golds winning. The amount sold by the Golds was \$3,800 and by the Purples \$2,400. Friday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Voelker gave the Golds a reception. A talk on navy life and experiences overseas by Herbert Sullivan Friday morning of last week was very much enjoyed. Mr. Sullivan having been a former student of the Hermiston high school.

Miss Parker and Mr. Gunn of Pendleton gave a talk to the classes on economic subjects one day recently.

A program will be given next Friday morning by the Purples.

The first semester will close next week and examinations will be held Monday and Tuesday.

The band, orchestra and glee club are working faithfully and each hope to give concerts by spring.

### BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

Hay hauling is going on in full swing in Butter Creek. Both baled and chopped hay is being loaded at Westland. There are now two blowers instead of one. H. Moore installed the second blower and is expecting to ship about 150 carloads of hay. Jess Richards is shipping about 80 carloads and has about 50 more to ship.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Nation left Sunday for Prosser, Wash., where they will look into the new irrigation project near Rattlesnake butte. Then they intend to go to Ellensburg, Wash., to visit some relatives of Mrs. Nation.

Geo. Wurster finished shipping his baled hay this week. He is expecting his brother John home soon.

Mrs. N. B. Stephens was called to Salem Tuesday on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. S. J. Basy, who has been bedfast for over six weeks with stomach trouble.

Friday, Feb. 7th, near 11 o'clock, a fine big boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wheatly.

J. W. Messener has been working on the low line ditch preparatory to turning in the water.

Poor old Butter Creek, the water is running full length of it this week for the first time in nearly a year and we have had so much rainfall we can't possibly see where we will get any more this year.

Some people on Butter Creek have been very busy the past two weeks making statements. A handsome reward will be given to the first person making a statement containing any truth.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Berry are visiting on the Creek.

I. D. Basy has installed a gas and oil station at Westland.

Lincoln's birthday was fittingly observed in this city Wednesday.

There will be services in the Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. G. L. Hall of McMinneville will deliver the sermon. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

## INSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM FOR DAIRY-IRRIGATION SCHOOL

**Strike Fiasco Over**  
All of the 30,000 sympathetic strikers that have been out in Seattle the past three weeks returned to work Tuesday, and since then business in that city has about reached normal again. Butte, Montana, is still in the throes of a crippling strike, and Camp Lewis infantry men with machine guns have been rushed there.

**Filed Two Suits**  
On Monday of this week two suits were filed in the circuit court at Pendleton by the Western Land & Irrigation Co., one action being against George Pullen and the other against S. C. May and Iza Jessup for money alleged to be due on irrigation assessments. W. G. Drowley of Vancouver, Wash., and W. S. Levens of Baker, Oregon, are the attorneys representing the above company.

### + RED CROSS +

The work room will be open Thursday afternoons hereafter. A shipment of refugee garments has been received, which we are urged to complete as soon as possible. Those who find it inconvenient to come to the room to sew are asked to take work home. Those having the black pinafores at home are asked to finish them and bring them in.

**Get Ready**  
It will not be long now until time for lime sulphur and arsenate of lead spraying. Every grower should get his requirements on hand in plenty of time.

### THIS DOUBLY PROVES VALUE OF IRRIGATION

Irrigation on the experiment station farm at Corvallis last year gave gains in crop yields of 50 to 100 per cent.

Alfalfa unirrigated yielded 4,472 tons an acre, while that irrigated with two six-inch acre-inches—1 acre-inches—produced 7,311 tons per acre.

Potatoes yielded 127 bushels with out irrigation and with three inches depth of irrigation yielded 183 bushels an acre. Beets yielded 11,425 tons without water and with nine inches of irrigation during the season the yield was increased to 21,125 tons.

Beans yielded 16.3 bushels under rainfall farming and 24.2 bushels with one irrigation of 3 1/2 inches depth, equivalent to a 3 1/2 inches rainfall.

### RIVERTON-ON-UMATILLA

R. D. Miller was in Seattle last week on business.

Mrs. Rudolph Schachermeyer was in Pendleton last week.

Lotys Davis has recovered from her recent attack of pneumonia and is at school again.

The Harnack family were Sunday guests at the Mathison home.

Jack Waller and family and guest, Mrs. Cockran, called on Mrs. Davis and Lotys on Sunday.

Recent word from E. F. Hancock, a former resident, states that he is in New York city doing provost duty for Uncle Sam.

Mrs. A. E. Benschel of North Ridge entertained at dinner on Friday of last week. The guests were Messdames Prime, Voelker, Gunn, Bodkin, Davis, Misses Cressy and Davis.

Mr. Smith of Lane Lake has recently purchased a few very fine Leghorn chickens.

### Adds Line of Stationery

P. B. Siseel, proprietor of Siseel's Confectionery Store on Main street, believing in a little expansion in business now that the war is over, has installed a line of stationery. Mr. Siseel extends a cordial invitation to all to come in and inspect the new writing tablets, envelopes, pen, ink, and all the other accessories that go to make up a complete stationery stock.

A good program has been arranged for the Dairy-Irrigation School to be held in this city Monday and Tuesday of next week, and every farmer and citizen of Hermiston should take advantage of this opportunity to gain expert knowledge of the subjects to be talked on by being in attendance. Here is the program:

February 17—  
10 a. m. Building up the Herd.  
11 a. m. Silos and Silage.  
2 p. m. Economical Use of Water, W. L. Powers, O. A. C.

2:40 p. m. Preparation of the Land for Irrigation, R. W. Allen.  
3:30 p. m. The Organization of Reclamation Projects, J. T. Hinkle  
7:45 p. m. Illustrated Lecture—Irrigation Practice.  
8:30 p. m. Illustrated Lecture—Dairy Herd Management.

February 18—  
10 a. m. Care and Handling of the Dairy Herd.

11 a. m. Herd Record Keeping.  
2 p. m. Irrigation of Special Crops, W. L. Powers.

2:40 p. m. Operation and Maintenance of Reclamation Projects, M. D. Scroggs.

3:30 p. m. Measurement of Irrigation Water, W. L. Powers.

7:45 p. m. Practical Results of Irrigation Experiments, H. K. Dean.  
8:30 p. m. Drainage of Irrigation Lands, W. L. Powers.

Closing Remarks, W. L. Powers. Miss Lorene Parker, home demonstration agent for Umatilla county, will be in Hermiston on Tuesday to give demonstrations and talks to the ladies as an additional feature.

The afternoon meeting, which will be held at 2:30, will be a demonstration in the manufacture and use of a home made fireless cooker. At the evening meeting Miss Parker will give a talk on the conservation of clothing. An exhibit of patching and mending will be shown.

### Join The Club

Owing to a desire on the part of some of the residents of the Project for late books not to be found on the Library shelves, a Readers' Club has been formed through the efforts of the Library Board, to be handled through the circulating department of the library. The Club is open to anyone wishing to join, the membership fee being the purchase price of one book, \$1.50. Each person subscribing for one book is entitled to read all the others in the club list. Owing to the fact that all the books are late and in much demand, they will be issued as 7-day books, with a fine of 1 cent a day over that time.

When all the books have exchanged hands among club members, they are to go on the library shelves as the permanent property of the Hermiston Library, to be circulated on the regular cards to the public at large. By this plan, members of the club will be enabled to read the latest books, carefully chosen along the best lines. About 25 books will be put on the Readers' Club shelf for circulation on Saturday, and memberships are being rapidly sent in for a second list.

Father Butler is to be especially commended for his interest in the Club, as he has purchased and given to their shelves an expensive set of five books, Frank H. Simmond's History of the World War, an authoritative work recommended by Theodore Roosevelt and others, and so up to the minute that each copy is being sent as printed directly from the presses.

Memberships are being accepted by Mrs. J. T. Hinkle or by the librarian.

### Secures Agency

Ed. H. Graham has secured the agency for the distribution of the J. R. Watkins remedies in Umatilla county. He expects to have his stock in and everything in readiness to "hit the trail" over the county about the first of the month. His contract with the above concern calls upon him to make at least four trips a year over the entire county.

The road bond election in this county has been set by the county court for March 4th, and the election notices have been posted.