

## PACKERS MULCT STOCK PRODUCERS OUT OF MILLIONS

WASHINGTON, April 5.—How livestock producers are losing more than \$2,500,000 a year through natural shrinkages in cattle and an untold amount through alleged stifled competition due to the packers postponing the dying hour in the stockyards, was described by Edward L. Burke of Omaha today, to the house sub-committee considering the Borland resolution to investigate the packers for violation of the anti-trust laws.

Mr. Burke represented the American National Livestock association. The average steer will lose from 15 to 20 pounds during the three hours he is forced to stand in the yards as a result in the change in settling time, Mr. Burke estimated, and he pointed out that as the closing time for scales remained at 3 p. m., as formerly, producers must sell hurriedly once the buying starts or hold their stock until the following day.

"Less than twenty years ago the working capital of the leading concern, Swift and company, was a little over \$16,000,000, their earnings a trifle over \$2,000,000, and the volume of business about \$100,000,000. It has gradually increased until now the working capital is approximately \$120,000,000, the earnings for 1912 were over \$14,000,000 and the volume of business over \$500,000,000. Armour and company have expended almost the same rate, while the three smaller concerns have emulated the example of the leaders, although on a much smaller scale."

## ADVANCE IN RAIL PRICES ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, April 5.—An historic event in the steel trade, an advance in the price of steel rails, is confidently expected in trade circles to take place shortly. The advance, according to a high trade authority, probably will amount to \$5 a ton. The base price of rails has stood at \$28 a ton for more than fifteen years.

Today Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation, issued a statement saying that the railmaking subsidiaries of the corporation would maintain present prices until May 1, but would make no commitments beyond that date.

Railroads lately have been breaking all precedents by placing their rail orders almost a year in advance.

As reasons for the proposed advance, it was pointed out in steel circles that in spite of higher costs of labor, transportation and material since the price was fixed in 1901, the \$28 figure had been maintained, even though other steel products had advanced.

## JACKSONVILLE PHONE RATE CASE HEARD

The Oregon Public Service commission this morning finished its hearing of the toll-rate case of the Home Telephone and Telephone company, the tolls involved being those on the line to Jacksonville.

The Home Telephone company petitioned to have the Jacksonville exchange placed upon a toll basis, as Central Point and other exchanges are and presented a largely signed petition to this effect. The people of Jacksonville filed a protest.

Messrs. Campbell and Miller of the commission leave Thursday for Klamath Falls, where the rate hearings in the California-Oregon Power Co. will be continued.

Commissioner Clyde B. Aitchison leaves Medford tonight for Portland and goes from there to Washington, D. C., where he has been appointed a solicitor for the interstate commerce commission at a salary of \$8000 a year. His work as commissioner for Oregon has won nationwide recognition and resulted in his unsolicited appointment to this most important office.

### DIED

MORRIS—Ulla S. Morris, of Butte Falls, died at his home on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock of appendicitis, aged 42 years, 5 months and 19 days. Deceased leaves a wife, Mrs. Myrtle Morris, and three daughters, Wima, Melba and Hazel. He was a member of Medford lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F. Funeral will be held at the Butte Falls Presbyterian church on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Butte Falls cemetery.

Why Smoke Bit Cigars When La Gondas are only 14c.

## COUNCIL ORDERS PAPERS DRAWN FOR BOND ISSUE

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at the session of the council to be held April 18.

### The Bullis Proposal

To the Commercial Club of the City of Medford, Ore.:

Gentlemen: In accordance with the verbal understanding, I herewith submit to your honorable body the agreed proposition for the construction and building of a railroad to connect the city of Medford with the Blue Ledge mining district. The said proposition being in detail as follows:

1. The Southern Oregon Traction company will sell and convey to the city of Medford all its right, title and interest in and to, the Medford electric line and to the Medford-Jacksonville line, together with all the equipment of all kinds, including powerhouse, subject to a mortgage of fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000) now held by W. S. Barnum, and will build a continuation of said railroad line from its present terminal near Jacksonville to a point at or near the junction of the Little Applegate and the Big Applegate rivers, for the proceeds of the sale of a bond issue of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) of the city of Medford.

2. The Southern Oregon Traction Company will build and construct a railroad from the terminal of the line above mentioned at the junction of the Little Applegate with the Big Applegate, to the Blue Ledge Mining district, south of the California line. Both units last mentioned above to be similar in all respects to the Medford-Jacksonville line, except as to electrification. The construction of the last unit to be commenced immediately after the completion of the Medford line to the Applegate river and work carried on continuously until the line is finished, except that such an agreement shall not operate in case of inability because of strikes, acts of God and other causes over which it has no control.

3. The City of Medford to select a committee of not more than five to serve as a city railroad commission and to represent said city in the afore said matters.

4. The City of Medford to forthwith call an election for the purpose of authorizing the issue of its bonds in the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, (\$300,000) which bonds shall be placed in the hands of said committee for sale or other disposition and the proceeds thereof, shall be paid to the Southern Oregon Traction company as follows:

At such time and in such amounts as may be agreed upon by the said railroad commission and the Southern Oregon Traction company, and it is distinctly understood that every dollar of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds issue of Three Hundred Thousand dollars, (\$300,000) shall be expended under the supervision of the city railroad commission upon construction. First, upon completing the unit of the City of Medford to the junction of the two Applegate rivers, aforesaid, and secondly, upon the unit to be constructed and owned by the Southern Oregon Traction company beyond that point.

5. Upon the completion of the line to the junction of the Applegate rivers, the Southern Oregon Traction company will lease said unit and agree to pay therefor, the sum of One Dollar, (\$1.00) and all interest charges on bonds, taxes and assessments levied against it. Upon the completion of the unit to be built and owned by the Southern Oregon Traction company to the Blue Ledge Mining district, the Southern Oregon Traction company will purchase the property belonging to the City of Medford for the sum of Three Hundred Thousand dollars, as follows:

Interest shall be paid on said amount semi-annually at the rate of 6 per cent per annum for five years and interest thereafter at the rate of all unpaid amounts until the whole amount is paid. Commencing with the termination of the five-year period, Seven Thousand Five Hundred dollars, (\$7,500), of said principal, shall be due and payable and a like amount semi-annually thereafter until

### HOW TO PROLONG LIFE

By adopting a simple diet men like Conaro have lived to be 100 years of age, but with our complex diets of today, the vitality of the aged is taxed to its utmost endurance. A simple diet, therefore, is conducive to a long life, and if the vitality becomes impaired and weakness seems apparent, our local druggists, the Medford Pharmacy, have in Chiol a reliable, non-secret remedy which contains just the elements needed to restore strength to weak, feeble old people, and prolong a healthy, happy life.

all the whole purchase price shall be paid, with interest.

The Southern Oregon Traction company to have an option of paying on any interest paying date during said contract, the total unpaid balance of said purchase price and thereupon to receive title to said railroad. Pending the purchase reciprocal traffic agreements will govern the operation of both roads.

SOUTHERN OREGON TRACTION COMPANY.

Dated at Medford Oregon, March 4, 1916.

The foregoing proposition, made at our request by the Southern Oregon Traction company is approved and recommended to the people of the City of Medford.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Action on the immigration bill, which recently passed the house and is now before a senate committee, is being delayed and, in the opinion of a great many senators there is no pressing demand for such legislation at present.

It is now conceded by physicians that the kidneys should have more attention as they control the other organs to a remarkable degree and do a tremendous amount of work in removing the poisons and waste matter from the system by filtering the blood.

The kidneys should receive some assistance when needed. We take less exercise, drink less water and often eat more rich, heavy food, thereby forcing the kidneys to do more work than nature intended. Evidence of kidney trouble, such as lame back, annoying bladder troubles, smarting or burning, brickdust or sediment, sallow complexion, rheumatism, maybe weak or irregular heart action, warns you that your kidneys require help immediately to avoid more serious trouble.

An ideal herbal compound that has had most remarkable success as a kidney and bladder remedy is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. There is nothing else like it. It is Dr. Kilmer's prescription used in private practice and it is sure to benefit you. Get a bottle from your druggist.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention the Medford (Ore.) Mail Tribune.—Adv.

# Mann's Easter Sale NOW GOING ON

## Pongee Silks

To be worn extensively this season. Owing to our having placed our order on pongees early last fall before the rise in price, we are able to sell them at about actual wholesale prices. It will pay you to buy now, as no more can be had at these prices.

1000 yards of Genuine Imported Pongee Silk, good weight, 33 inches wide, worth today \$1.00, our price, yard..... **69c**

500 yards of extra heavy Pongee Silk, suitable for coats and suits, full 34 inches wide, worth today \$1.50, our price, yard..... **98c**

500 yards Heavy Pongee Silk, full 33 inches wide, warranted all silk, worth today \$1.25, price, yd. **89c**

Awning Striped Pongee Silks, the latest fad in New York, very special per yard, **\$1.39**

See Display in Windows

## Buy Wash Goods Now While Our Stock is Complete

50 pieces Flaxon Cloth, in the new stripes and floral patterns, special, yard..... **15c**

Beautiful New Voiles in stripes and fancy floral designs, special, yard..... **29c**

White Piques, 36 inches wide, for skirts, worth today 50c, special, yard..... **35c**

5000 yards new Zephyr Gingham, new patterns, very special, yard..... **10c**

36-inch Dress Linen, in blue, rose, tan, grey and pink, special at, yard..... **59c**

White Gaberdine for suits and skirts, worth 35c, very special, yard..... **28c**

## Get Ready for Easter Specials in Suit Dept.

25 Brand New Suits, made of all-wool materials, good range of colors and sizes, up to \$25.00 values, now..... **\$18**

10 Beautiful New Black and White Checked Suits, good as most \$35 suits, on sale Thursday, each, **\$25**

## See Our New Line of Parasols

### New Coats

25 Brand New Coats, this season's latest styles and colors, values up to \$18.00, on sale Thursday **\$13.50** each.....

### Silk Dresses

New Taffeta Silk Dresses, in black, old rose, navy, Copen and green, on sale Thursday, **\$16.50**

## New Middy Blouses Now on Sale

## Underwear and Hosiery BEST VALUES IN MEDFORD

Women's Summer Vests, fine quality, all sizes, worth 15c, special, each..... **10c**

Women's Union Suits, fine quality, all sizes, worth 35c, special, suit..... **25c**

Kayser's fine Lisle Vests, many new styles, special at, each..... **29c**

Fiber Silk Hose, in all colors, worth today 35c, special, per pair..... **25c**

Kayser's Lisle Union Suits, all styles, worth today 85c, our price, suit..... **69c**

Kayser's Silk Hose, all colors and black, very special, pair, at..... **\$1**

## GENTLEMEN:

We take great pleasure in introducing to you

# "DRESS-UP WEEK"

SOME people call it "Fashion week." It is the latest national institution, and a very worthy one.

Like "Paint-up week" and such events, "Dress-up week" is intended to stir things up; give a man a few thoughts about his duty to himself and his associates.

The purpose of "Dress-up week" is to remind you that maybe you need new clothes and furnishings; that maybe you ought to take more interest in your appearance; that maybe your wife and children are tired of that old suit; that the new spring clothes are ready for you.

Now don't say to yourself, "I am a practical business man, no time for fussing about clothes." If you feel that way, look around at some of the other practical business men of this town; see if some of them don't look more business-like because they do "fuss" a little about clothes.

The day has gone by when men are ashamed to dress well; nowadays we find that most all ages like the confidence given by wearing a well cut, smart looking suit or overcoat.

So take account of stock; look over the "stand-bys" and see if they haven't stood by you too long.

Take a little interest in the "dress-up" idea; we're ready to help you when you do.

The home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes



The latest in spring hats, caps and haberdashery