

### MEAT PACKERS MAY WIPE OUT GROCERY FIRMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Retail and wholesale groceries on a competitive basis will be wiped out within a few years unless present tendencies in the meat packing industry are eliminated, Chairman Colver, of the federal trade commission, told the house interstate commerce committee today at hearings on the administration bill to regulate the packing business.

The cause, he contended, was that the packers had obtained control of numerous industries not directly related to the packing industry.

"The consumer pays more," said Mr. Colver. "I can cite cases for proof of my belief. Since the packers have become heavily interested in the salmon industry, prices have advanced without economic reason except control."

### Personals

It is very evident that the farmers living near the river north of Eagle Point are progressive, and will be able to show by a large increase of crops next season what irrigation will do, as they are digging a ditch that will furnish water for three to four hundred acres of land. They have just finished a concrete culvert seven hundred feet long that is three and a half feet on the bottom and will carry a depth of two and a half feet of water. The balance of the system will be an open canal five feet on the bottom and two feet depth of water. This ditch which will be finished next spring will furnish water for the farms of George H. Stowell, George N. Givans, A. G. Bishop and may be continued to other land below them.

We are offering the finest assortment of wrist watches we have ever shown. Johnson, the jeweler, 232 1/2.

Furniture upholstering, mattress making, crating and packing. Douglas, 201 S. Riverside, phone 162-J.

Mrs. A. W. Morton left on the afternoon train yesterday for Chicago. She has been visiting her brother, H. E. Rosa on Forest creek and expected to remain here all winter, but received a letter from her son who was wounded in France, that he expected to sail for home soon and she wanted to be at home to meet him.

De Voe has a fine line of assorted chocolates at 60c per lb.

All phonographs in one, the Brunswick, see it, hear it, before buying, at Palmer's Piano Place, 28 South Central.

Lingel Scantlin who has been attending the officers training school at Berkeley, arrived home last evening. He has been released from the service and will remain home until after Christmas, when he will return to the University of California to resume school.

Handicraft Shop for hemstitching and peccoting at 10c per yard.

Dr. H. P. Hargrave, physician. Rooms 409-410 Garnett-Corey Building, phone 230.

Several autos are appearing on the street with the 1918 license which should not be used before Jan. 1. The owners probably do not know that it is a violation of the law, and that they are liable to arrest. So far the officers have been lenient with them, but if it continues they will have to arrest those who continue to violate the law.

Electrical Xmas goods. Electric Home Supply Co., 111 West Main St. 11\*

We carry only the highest standard in quality and our prices are always a little lower. Johnson, the jeweler, 232 1/2.

Watermaster Cummings left yesterday for Evans creek to establish gauges for Evans and Pleasant creeks for the measurement of those streams for the Evans Creek Irrigation district. As the farmers in different parts of the valley are getting interested in irrigation, it has kept him very busy the past season getting the measurement of the different streams in the county.

Try a Stromberg carburetor on your car. Power Auto Co. 11\*

Hemstitching, peccoting. All work guaranteed. Variety Hat Shop. 11\*

Owney Patton was much interested in the news of the death of "Silk" O'Loughlin. "Silk" was an old time friend of Owney's when the latter was in the big league circuit in the east. "The greatest umpire who ever called a strike," is Owney's tribute. "a fine quiet, gentlemanly fellow. He placed the umpiring profession on an entirely new plane and had a marvellous power over the players, who all liked and respected him. He wasn't a mixer, when traveling would keep by himself. When he was needed as a friend, however, he was always there."

The flu is under control, but you can't control Silliman, he will sell Xmas mixed candy for 25c lb.

In today's official casualty list appears the name of L. Hoxie of Medford, among the dead overseas. No details are given but it is presumed he died of disease at one of the military hospitals abroad. Hoxie was a member of the Canadian overseas forces.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Valley and their sons and daughters rush to the Japanese Art store to find out something out of ordinary for Xmas gifts.

RELEASE MILLIONS TONS OF SHIPPING FOR AMERICA

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Arrangements have been made by which 1,000,000 tons of shipping will be released from the army supply service and diverted to American export trade to aid home industries in changing from war to a peace basis.

BOY PLEASE PAGE VANCE MCCORMICK AND B. BARUCH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The expected call for Vance McCormick, chairman of the war trade board, and Bernard M. Baruch, chairman of the war industries board, to join President Wilson in Paris and act as advisers to the American peace delegation was received today.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—Twenty-one of the twenty-two unions forming the metal trades council of the Columbia river district, representing 30,000 workers, will take a half holiday tomorrow, according to an announcement that all Saturday afternoons will be workless hereafter.

### LOCAL CHURCHES AND LODGES TO HELP SOLDIERS

The following letter has been sent to all of the church, civic and fraternal organizations of this district by M. S. James, local superintendent of the Federal Employment service:

"As the matter of finding employment for returning soldiers and sailors is the most important that the U. S. Employment service has to face at this time, it is absolutely necessary that every citizen and every organization co-operate, advising the employment office at once as to any possible opportunities for employment for the boys as they return.

In several districts, throughout the country, the different organizations, through their well merited but misplaced zeal, have thoughtlessly worked independently of the service and of each other, to the detriment of the common object in view. Benefiting by this experience, it is the wish of the department of labor, working through the employment service, to avoid any such mistakes hereafter; combining all the organizations, such as the American Red Cross, all of the lodges, Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Federation of Labor, etc., in the work of finding positions for returned or discharged soldiers.

"This effective combination, working jointly through the U. S. Employment service, and at all times reporting to the service any available positions for the boys.

The U. S. Employment Service, as no other organization, is equipped to do its part, but must have the unstinted co-operation of all these organizations, and of each citizen, to make this work a success.

"With all this in mind, will you immediately advise the members of your organization of the object in view; asking each one and the organization as a whole to work with the service whole heartedly and advise this office whenever a possible position is open that could be filled by one of the boys as he is discharged from service.

"The U. S. Employment Service is the central organization, and with all the others co-operating, this district should experience little or no trouble in finding work for all of the boys upon their return."

FAVORS PLACING FLEET IN PRIVATE HANDS

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 30.—Brainbridge Colby of the United States Shipping Board, in an address here last night advocated placing the millions of tons of shipping built by the government into hands of private concerns for operation either through lease or purchase. The government, he said, should absorb the initial cost of re-establishing America's merchant marine and this would be justified by the large benefits flowing to the nation's trade.

### HUN DELEGATES EXCLUDED FROM FIRST MEETING

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The opening meeting of the inter allied conference will be confined to representatives of the allies and the United States who will arrange for the formal sessions of the peace congress which will open toward the middle or latter part of January.

It is expected that the German delegates will then be present for the first time. It is pointed out that this is not a negotiated peace, but a victorious peace based on virtual unconditional surrender. The main purpose of the preliminary conference beginning early in January is to arrange a common front for the peace congress.

For that reason the conferences going on between the president and Premier Orlando of Italy, the later with Premier Lloyd George in London, have an important bearing on this preliminary adjustment.

MRS. LARSEN HAS GAINED 14 POUNDS

Says the Way Tanlac Helped Her In Nothing Short of Wonderful

According to the testimony of multiplied thousands who have tried it there is nothing so well adapted to the needs of a run-down system as Tanlac, and in every case where a fair test of its powers is made another enthusiastic witness is the invariable result. Recently in telling of the remarkable benefits she has derived from the medicine Mrs. Agnes Larsen, residing at 1948 South G Street, Tacoma, Washington, said:

"The way Tanlac has relieved me of my suffering and built me up is nothing short of wonderful. Why, I don't only feel like a new woman, but I have actually gained fourteen pounds in weight besides. I was in an awfully weak, run-down condition for two years and so nervous that the least little thing out of the ordinary would upset me. I suffered all the time with a pain across my kidneys, which was so bad at times, my back felt like it would break. I was very restless at night, up and down at all hours, unable to sleep. I also suffered a great deal with dizziness and faint feelings, and was so weak that I could not get through with my housework without stopping several times to rest.

"One day I was telling a friend of mine how I felt, and she advised me to try Tanlac. So I got a bottle, and that was one of the best things I ever did. My husband, who was suffering a great deal with indigestion and gas on his stomach, commenced taking it the same time I did, and between us we took eight bottles, and are in splendid condition. His stomach is in such a good condition that he eats just anything and it all agrees with him fine. And as for me, it has built me up until I feel altogether different. My nerves are so much stronger and better that I can sleep all night long, and my appetite is just fine. I no longer have those weak, dizzy spells and the pain has left my back entirely. Both myself and husband think Tanlac is great, and if I ever feel my system getting rundown again I shall take more Tanlac because I know so well what it will do."

Tanlac is sold in Medford by West Side Pharmacy, in Gold Hill by M. D. Bowers, in Central Point by Miss M. A. Mee, in Ashland by J. J. McNair. Adv.

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Articles mostly in vogue not present are fancy set rings, bracelets, watches, wrist watches; also neck ornaments, brooches and bar pins are more popular than ever.

While for men the necessary jewelry articles are scarf pins, cuff links, Waldmar chains, watches, dress sets and set rings, made up of green gold, platinum and enameled are exceedingly good.

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Electric Iron from \$6.00 to \$8.50	Electric Washing Machines from.....\$110 to \$137.50
Electric Grills from \$8.00 to \$10.00	Vacuum Cleaners.....\$40 to \$47.50
Electric Percolators .....\$10 to \$20	Sewing Machine Motors.....\$15.75
Toasters .....\$6.35 to \$6.50	Electric Tree Lighting Outfit.
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