

HOOVER THINKS PACKERS POWER IS TOO GREAT

Believes Stockyards Should Be Out of Their Control

REPORTS TO WILSON

Reaffirms Opinion That Here Is a "Growing and Dangerous Domination of the Nation's Foodstuffs"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.

A confidential report made to President Wilson by Herbert C. Hoover six months ago on the big meat packers was made public today by the food administration at the direction of the President.

It is a little difficult for me to reconcile Mr. Hoover's criticism of the fact that the large packers have eliminated middlemen and gone direct to the retailers with the general opinion that marketing should be as direct as possible from producer to consumer.

Mr. Hoover accepted as economically sound the federal trade commission's recommendation regarding federal control of animal and refrigerator car service, and said stockyards should be "entirely disassociated from the control of the packers."

TRAIN LOAD OF BEEF SHIPPED

FIFTEEN CARS OF BEEF GO TO SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS. ARE PICKED UP IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF COUNTY

A train load of Klamath County beef was shipped to the Western Meat Company yesterday, by George Watt, a prominent local buyer.

Mr. L. F. Swift, president of Swift & Company, made the following comment with regard to Mr. Hoover's letter to the President on the packing industry:

NEW MERCANTILE HOUSE STARTED

J. E. Hall, an enterprising resident of the Chiloquin Lumber Company at Chiloquin has launched the latest mercantile establishment in the county, known as the Sprague River Trading Company.

spection, and hundreds of local houses that are not subject to inspection. All large cities have packing houses that compete directly with the five largest.

I have publicly stated that we have no serious objection to being relieved of our interests in refrigerator cars and stockyards. But we have pointed out that it is decidedly questionable whether any efficiency or benefit can be gained by such procedure.

I quite agree with Mr. Hoover that there is no reason for the government to take over the branch houses of the packers, but I do not feel that sufficient consideration has been given to the question of handling other products than meats.

I hardly think that the government should assume authority to dictate what products any business concern may or may not handle. There is not only no need for such a step in connection with the packing business but it would act as a dangerous precedent which might be extended to all other industries.

Since there is no monopoly, the facts do not justify the statement that "as time goes on this efficiency cannot all to diminish, and like all monopolies, begin to defend itself by repression rather than by efficiency."

However, I welcome such sincere and disinterested views as those expressed by Mr. Hoover. The public and our legislators need to understand our business much more thoroughly than they do now, before they are in a position to undertake restrictive regulation.

BACK FROM CENTRAL POINT.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Obenchain and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilson have returned from Central Point, where they went for a birthday surprise on Mr. Obenchain's and Mrs. Wilson's mother.

CONFERENCE IS ADJOURNED BY PARIS TRAGEDY

Premier More Seriously Hurt Than First Supposed

BULLET ENTERS LUNG

Celebrated Patient Has No Fever Today and Condition Is Declared Satisfactory—Was Shot in Shoulder Yesterday Morning on Way to Confer With Americans.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Peace Conference at Paris has decided to adjourn as a result of the shooting of Premier Clemenceau, according to a dispatch received today from Paris.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Ex-ray examinations showed that the bullet which wounded Premier Clemenceau, penetrated his lungs.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Premier Clemenceau who was shot in the shoulder yesterday by Emile Cottin, the anarchist, was in satisfactory condition this morning, and had no fever.

The Premier who was shot yesterday morning as he was about to enter his car to go for a conference, was at first declared to be only slightly injured. Reports today, however, declare that he was seriously hurt but that his condition today is satisfactory.

PRISONERS GIVE SHOW AT SALEM

DEVIATE FROM THE ANNUAL MINSTREL SHOW AND GIVE MUSICAL COMEDY FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF FRIENDS

SALEM, Feb. 20.—The Oregon State Prison Players' Club is planning its annual entertainment, and, different from the annual minstrel show of past years, it this year takes the form of a musical comedy in two acts, to be given tonight and tomorrow night.

The purpose is not only to give a high grade entertainment for the inmates and friends of the prisoners, but also to raise funds for the proper equipment of the prison baseball team. The musical comedy chosen for the entertainment, "The Midnight Cabaret," will be presented by professional entertainers now in the institution.

"In the original toast used in act 2, No. 7, the company drinks in honor of those who were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to leave from within these walls and rally to our colors on foreign soil. Almost 100 men from this institution gave a good account of themselves, some of whom smilingly went to their deaths in this great war of world freedom. Is their debt to society paid?"

ESPEE ENGINE IS DERAILED AT KIRK

Owing to the snow and ice on the Southern Pacific track at Kirk, the engine on the local train was derailed about noon today, according to telephone reports. A switch engine was immediately sent up to assist in getting it back on the track.

MERRYMAN BILL IS WITHDRAWN.

SALEM, Feb. 20. (Special) House bill number 436 will not come before the house for adoption. The House Committee on Public Lands is working on a bill to submit the range question to the voters of Klamath County. Why can't the cattle men and sheep interests get together and settle this question between themselves. Otherwise I fear that there will be a statewide herd law.—George T. Baldwin.

The above telegram was received in the Herald office just as the paper was going to press. The attention of the stockmen and others interested in the welfare of the county is called to the intimation by the senator that there is the possibility of the passage of a state wide herd law.

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MARSHALL OFF ON LONG TRIP

PASTOR OF SACRED HEART CHURCH LEAVES FOR EXTENDED TOUR. PLACE FILLED HERE BY LOS GATOS DIVINE

Rev. Hugh J. Marshall left Tuesday morning for San Francisco where he goes to look after matters pertaining to the interests of his parish. From San Francisco, he will go to Seattle, where he will be one of the officiating clergymen at the consecration of Rev. Father McGrath, who has been appointed Bishop of the Baker City diocese, in which Klamath Falls is located.

The new Bishop is one of the big churchmen of the Pacific Coast. As in the case with all priests elevated to so high an office in the Catholic Church Father McGrath is an intellectual giant, a brilliant orator and well known executive and organizer. Of a very retiring disposition he has shrunk from publicity and devoted all of his energies and talents to the interests of his parishioners, and the clergy of the Baker diocese are delighted with the advent of so worthy a superior.

During the absence of Father Marshall, the affairs of the parish will be administered by Rev. Father Levasseur S. J., of Los Gatos.

WILSON HOME MONDAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—The steamer George Washington on which President Wilson is sailing for America, will arrive next Monday, according to a special dispatch received from the vessel today.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Mrs. R. Vance Hutchins today underwent an operation at the Klamath General Hospital at the hands of Drs. G. A. Massey and Katherine Schloef. Mrs. Ida M. Tetz will attend her during her recovery.

ASSERTIONS OF OFFIELD BRING QUICK DENIAL

R. E. Bradbury Answers Head of Water Users

REFUTES STATEMENTS

Director Bradbury Asserts That He Was Not a Party to Signing Contract Which Lost Power Rights to Corporation—Treats Other Statements in Detail.

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TO THE VOTERS AND WATER USERS OF THE KLAMATH IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

In the argument submitted by G. W. Offield, which accompanies the question you are asked to vote on, Mr. Offield makes statements which are misleading and not in accordance with the records and data which he refers to.

It was my understanding that arguments were to be presented by Mr. Offield and myself, setting forth the reasons why the district should or should not join with the Water Users to determine the question at issue. I wish it distinctly understood that the question is not merely a difference of opinion between Mr. Offield and myself, but one that affects the property rights and financial liability of every land owner of the district.

Mr. Offield has a right to hold an opinion which is different than mine, and to present the same in his argument, but I do not grant him the privilege or right to misstate matters that are of record.

The election of this contract was held April 13, 1918. Note the date Mr. Elder's article was published. His second reason: "Mr. Bradbury represented the Water Users when the contract between the Secretary of Interior and the California-Oregon Power company was made."

The government has required an assessment to be levied against the lands of the district. This assessment causes the Water Users to make two payments in one year. One by taxes and one by the regular Water Users Association levy. The contract between the government and the district provided that when the construction charges were paid as taxes, the lands of the district should be released from the liens. Therefore, there is no plan necessary on the part of the directors to secure the release of these liens.

tract between the government and the Irrigation District does not contain any charge for power." The Ankeny canal is a power canal, and is charged to the lands of the district as is shown on the books of the government and by the statements of operation and maintenance costs, rendered to the directors of the Water Users.

And because certain land owners presented a petition asking that the directors of the district protect their interests in the Ankeny canal, and other features of the district, and hold opinions which differ from Mr. Offield's opinion, he appeals to you to sustain him, and launches forth in an insulting tirade against all those who oppose his views. He attempts to flood the question at issue by introducing a mass of personal opinions and insinuations and upon such arguments as these, he asks you to rely upon his judgment as to the proper procedure of the district in a matter which involves property and interests aggregating hundreds of thousands of dollars.—R. E. Bradbury, Director Klamath Irrigation District.

BIG CATHOLIC JUBILEE TODAY

HIGHEST EVENT IN THIRTY YEARS FOR THIS CHURCH IS HELD IN HONOR OF CARDINAL GIBBONS AT CAPITOL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—The clergy and laity of Roman Catholicism have gathered here to pay homage to James Cardinal Gibbons, the head of the Church in the United States on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee, which is the most notable gathering of the Catholics in this country for the past thirty years.

APPREHENDED FOR SLANDERING U. O.

EUGENE, Feb. 20.—James Fullerton, a farmer, was arrested here today following an indictment of criminal libel for printing in his publication "The Hornet" charges of graft and gross immorality at the University of Oregon and accusing President Campbell of the desponsibility.

B. P. O. E. REGULAR MEETING TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the Elks Lodge will be held this evening at the Club rooms and as there is much important work to be brought up in connection with the coming State Convention here, it is very desirable that all members be present.

EX-EMPEROR'S SON HELD ON SUSPICION.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 20.—Prince Joachim, the youngest son of the former Kaiser has been arrested at Munich. This dispatch says that he has been suspected in connection with certain intrigues.

DIVORCE SUIT FILED.

Cruel and abusive treatment on the part of the defendant since their marriage in 1915 and desertion of the plaintiff on February 18th, 1919 are cited as cause for divorce in an action filed yesterday by W. H. Owens against Mary Owens. There are no children. Rutenic and Yaden represent the plaintiff in the action.

FOURTH LIBERTY BONDS HERE.

Officials of all three banks of Klamath Falls announce today that the Fourth Liberty Loan bonds have arrived and are now ready for delivery to the subscribers.

HOME ON FURLOUGH.

Frank Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Griffith of Poe Valley, who has been in the Naval Service since early in the war, returned last night for a ten day furlough with his parents.

NEW CLERK IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Miss Henrietta Fisher has taken a position as clerk in the Sheriff's office here and assumed her new duties this morning.

SIX MILLION OREGON BOND ISSUE IS UP

Program for State Reconstruction Work Submitted

NEW PENITENTIARY

State Schools and Hospitals Will Get Big Help if Proposed Measure Goes Through—Auto Licenses Will Be Doubled and Portion of Money Remain in County.

SALEM, Feb. 20.—The State Reconstruction program as finally settled by the reconstruction committee for presentation to the Legislature carries a proposed bond issue of five million dollars. It includes appropriations for a half million dollars each for a new penitentiary, the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural College.

The Eastern Oregon Hospital at Pendleton gets \$150,000 and armories at Medford, La Grande, Astoria and Baker are to get \$100,000. The soldiers home at Roseburg gets \$25,000.

The automobile license bill has been approximately completed. It doubles the present license and provides that one third of the collections be turned back to the counties. The Senate has adopted a resolution protesting the War Department's leniency and pay extended to the slackers at Fort Leavenworth Barracks.

CHICKEN PIE DINNER CHANGED TO LUNCH

The ladies of the Sacred Heart parish have decided not to give the chicken dinner on March 4, as announced, but instead will serve buffet luncheon. Special attention is to be paid to this feature of the bazaar, and it is their intention to make it one of the important parts of the affair.

As the plans for the bazaar are developed, the decision is also growing to make the affair more in the nature of a Mardi Gras and if it develops into the success that the preliminary work indicates it will be, it will be made an annual event and instead of being a purely local affair, the promoters will endeavor to make it take on something of the nature of state importance. There is no question but such a celebration would have the hearty co-operation of all interests, for it would result in bringing to the city not only great numbers of people, but it would also attract attention of strangers who are usually on the Coast at this season of the year seeking new locations.

HARD LUCK FOR KLAMATH BOYS

TWO ENGINEERS FROM CITY AFTER BEING HEADED FOR HOME ARE TURNED BACK FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK

The distressing news that Hal Ogle and Edmund Gowen, among others of the Twentieth Engineers, who were started for home on reaching the French port received orders to remain until more construction work was done there, has been received by Mrs. S. K. Ogle mother of the former in a letter written January 25th. The boys were most anxious to get back now that the war is over and their families, who were waiting to welcome them were very sorry to hear of the change in the orders.