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In a Dilemma.

Contrary to general expectation on the Pacific Coast, the senate has decided upon the Panama route for the isthmian canal.

Who Is Responsible?

Somehow, when there is a law prohibiting the use of nickel-in-the-slot machines, it does not look exactly right for the city dads of Astoria to tax the machines \$7.50 a quarter.

Not so Antiquated, After All.

People coming to Tillamook from different parts of the country, where they have transportation facilities which enable them to develop, manufacture and market their products, naturally think Tillamook people are slow and antiquated.

With a change of administration in county affairs next month, the question of free roads should occupy the attention of the board of commissioners, and if they can devise some plan whereby free roads in and out of the county can be introduced they will be doing the proper thing for the interest of the county.

The Headlight has persistently contended for several years that the improvement of Tillamook bar is of vital importance to the development of the county, not only so, but that it will make Tillamook county the lumbering center on the Pacific Coast.

found here as anywhere in the state, even if we are hemmed in with: Toll roads to the East of us, Toll roads to the South of us, Necarney mountain to the North of us, Briney billows to the West of us,

AX ON RENOVATED BUTTER.

"The recent legislation by congress, known as the oleomargarine bill," said Major Henry E. Alvord, the chief of dairy division of the department of Agriculture, the other day, "gives an official stamp upon two grades of butter heretofore unknown officially."

"The second grade of butter stamped officially is the process, or renovated, the method of manufacture of which is known to almost every dairyman. On this a tax of one-fourth of a cent a pound is placed, besides which a nominal tax is required to be paid by every manufacturer of this grade. The latter is done merely that track may be kept of every maker of process, or renovated, butter. A severe penalty is provided for selling renovated butter."

"The Department of Agriculture must affix the stamps and see that the packages are properly marked in order that the contents may be identified. This requires considerable work at the factory, in transit, both interstate and foreign commerce, among the retailers, and inspection among consumers. The Department of Agriculture will also make sanitary inspections of all renovated butter factories."

"Our special agents will be required to see that every package of renovated butter leaving the factory bears the stamp, while our inspectors, who are at the large cities inspecting butter packages intended for export, must see that all process butter sent out still retains the stamp showing its character."

"A conference committee selected by the secretary of agriculture and the secretary of the treasury is now at work framing the necessary and proper regulations for this later work, as it will be under the joint supervision of these cabinet officers. The committee, I believe," continued Major Alvord, "will report in about one week, so that we hope to have everything in readiness for the inauguration of the work on July 1."

"The regulations and restrictions on renovated butter are a distinct step forward in the direction of pure food, as some of the renovated butter factories have been operating under filthy conditions and then selling their products as pure creamery butter."

A Condition, Not a Theory.

From the beginning of the recent beef trust agitation the news press of the country has been practically unanimous in showing up cattle supply conditions in a false light, says the Chicago Live Stock World. None of the papers has admitted any shortage in the available supply of cattle.

The actual supply of cattle as compared with former years has been totally ignored. Five months of the present year have low expired and up to within a very short time there have been strong indications for the country to market all cattle that were salable. Corn was, and still is, selling high; rough feeds were high, and cattle of all kinds were making the highest prices seen in a period of twenty years.

In the face of three incentives to sell cattle the total supply at Chicago for five months ended last Saturday shows a shortage of 60,000 head compared with last year. At this same ratio the year's shortage would be 160,000 head in round numbers. But there is ample reason to believe that the marketing of native cattle for the remaining months of the year will show a proportionally larger falling off. There is, therefore, only the narrowest margin on which to hope for bringing the total year's supply up to that of last year.

With continued favorable conditions that will let the cattle on the ranges ripen into good market stock there is little doubt that the northwestern ranges will send in more cattle than they did last year. But it is also doubtful whether the increased supplies from that source will be large enough to counterbalance the increased shortage of native cattle that is almost sure to assert itself between now and January 1, 1903. This is a condition, not a theory.

Had Merrill and Tracey decided to have carried on a guerrilla war after they had escaped from the state penitentiary among their pursuers would have of the dust, for modern fire arms in the hands of desperate and determined men is something to be reckoned with in the future. The Boer war was an instance of this, for when a few thousand men could harass a well disciplined army of 200,000 it can be seen what havoc a few hundred men like Merrill and Tracey could do in a guerrilla war in States like Oregon and Washington.

As General Miles has been aching for a fight for a number of years he missed the opportunity of his life to show his courage by not consenting to come out West and engage in the warfare on Merrill and Tracey.

The Frenchmen, when they sell their rights in the Panama canal, will have money to burn for the Fourth. But has Uncle Sam been tickling the Frenchmen, or vice versa.

If reciprocity is not privileged free trade and privileged free trade is not reciprocity, what in the name of common sense is it? Tariff for revenue or free trade in disguise?

Many a good man bleeds boots, and many a bad one bleeds characters.

ANOTHER FIGHT FOR LAND. More Contests in Famous Tillamook Entries.

OREGON CITY, June 20.—Additional complications were introduced in the famous Hays contest cases this afternoon by the filing in the United States Land Office of junior contests against 37 timber entries, involving about 6000 acres of the best timber land in the state, and all of which is situated in Tillamook County. This makes the third contest filed against these claims. The original contests were filed by Charles E. Hays, who alleged that the entries were fraudulent and made with the purpose of defrauding the Government.

The 37 contests instituted this afternoon were made by William J. Law, a Michigan timberman, who recently arrived on the Coast. The contestant's representative said today that these contests would be vigorously prosecuted. The contest affidavits of Law are corroborated by Lem Parker, of Bay City, Tillamook county, and William L. Riefenberg, of Tillamook. The latter is one of the contestants in the Hays cases. In his contest affidavit, which is duplicated in each case, Law alleges:

"That said entry was made collusively, fraudulent and speculatively, and was not in good faith for the exclusive use and benefit of the entryman."

"That said entryman, so affiant is informed and believes, never went upon said land prior to the date he made said timber land application, nor did he personally examine said land prior to filing his timber land application therefor."

"That said entryman, on or before the date of making said application, conspired with one Claude Thayer, M. Leich, Clark Hadley, Charles E. Hays, G. O. Nolan and others fraudulently to obtain title to the land and to divide the proceeds of the sale of said land, and that said application was made in pursuance of such conspiracy with said parties above named."

"That one Charles E. Hays and G. O. Nolan have filed a pretended contest or contests against said timber land application; that said contests of the above-named parties so filed are collusive and speculative, and that the same were made in the interest of applicant and Claude Thayer, Maurice Leich, Clark Hadley, Charles E. Hays, G. O. Nolan and others, who are co-conspirators in trying to obtain title to the land; and that said contests were made in the interest of the above-named parties and for the purpose of delay, and not in good faith."

"That said application is illegal, fraudulent and void, together with the pretended contests of Charles E. Hays and G. O. Nolan, all of which operates to deprive this contestant of his rights to make application for said tract of land, and that this contestant is ready to prove."

There is a well defined rumor current in land circles that all but six of the contests in the Hays and Nolan contests have relinquished their entries. With this rumor comes the report that both Contestant Hays and Junior Contestant Nolan have withdrawn of their contests ready to file in the land office. This move would have made the land vacant and subject to entry. Then a selection as school indemnity land or on forest reserve scrip could have been made as soon as a price was agreed upon.

A similar line of action has been pursued in a number of other cases. In the contests filed this afternoon put a direct block in the way in 37 cases.

In one of the 37 contests the entry of Frank Severance is not contested by Nolan as junior contestant, as proof was made on his claim and a certificate issued to him December 19, 1899, before the junior contests of Nolan were filed.

Real Estate Transfers. U. S. to Richard Redmond, Ne 1/4 of sec. 18, tp. 6 S., R. 9 W.

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