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Too Many Irons.

The packers are now being blamed for the price of meat, and the usual remedy is demanded. The government must take over the packing industry.

The government took over the railroads, and although it succeeded in making the railroads poor, it also made the shipping public poor. Any one who dislikes the packers can feel quite happy about that.

But while the government is making the packers poor, will it make us any richer? That is what we want to know. Will it

make our meat cheaper?

If the packers have conspired to jack up prices, so as to fleece the public, we don't merely want to see them impoverished. We want to see them ruined—pauperized. But this is a matter for accountants. If they have done so, we can easily find it out by investigating the ledgers.

Investigations up to date merely indicate that the packers make a small profit, but that the turnover is large—in a word, that the high prices is due to the high wages paid to employees, and to the cost of transportation, for which we really pay the government. Future investigations may tell a different tale; but we should ask for more proof before we ask the government to seize the packing houses.

It is a highly specialized industry, needs a lifetime of experience to learn, and is very delicately organized. The government knows nothing about it, and would begin as an amateur, with everything to learn. In a few months it would dislocate the organization, and by dissipating its energies instead of concentrating them it would develop ruinous expenses which the consumer would have to de-

fray in the increased cost of meat.

It would be an excellent thing if the government could handle all staple industries. If it could. But it will have to learn how first, and during its apprenticeship the experts must be kept close at hand to show how economies can grow out of systematizing.

The Impending Storm.

Profiteering may yet be the undoing of this country. No nation ever is greater than the government it maintains, and if the government does not conserve the interests of the people the people in time lose confidence in that form of government.

The greatest crime in the history of our country is that of profiteering, wholesale and deliberate robbery of a helpless public.

Prices have been artificially forced to such a high altitude that it is becoming more and more difficult for a poor person to even sustain life.

The law of supply and demand no longer prevails. It has been substituted by one of gouge and grab.

Already many people, men and women of sound and patriotic principles, are predicting revolution as the only means of checking this wholesale and lawless thievery.

Our government should take warning while there is yet time. Protection of profiteering should cease at once, and prosecution should be swift and relentless.

We can not afford to have our great country wrecked upon the rock of greed and avarice. And yet today, because of the supine inactivity of our public officials, we are heading straight toward destruction.

The government should heed the impending storm, before it is too late to prepare to meet it.

"Heart of the Hills" by John Fox, Jr., in the Movies.

By the way, Mary Pickford has selected her third and last First National Photoplay and is now completing her contract with that concern. The story is John Fox, Jr.'s "Heart of the Hills." In it Miss Pickford will be seen with a cast which will include A. D. Sears as leading man, Miss Betty Bouton, Jack Gilbert and Harold Goodwin. Sidney Franklin is the director. The heart of the Sierra Nevada mountains has been invaded for the location. Upon the conclusion of this photoplay, Miss Pickford will start work on her first United Artists production. This will either be "Pollyanna" or "Hop o' My Thumb."—From Photoplay Magazine.

They say, however, that the devil is much concerned over the future of his realm. He has no place vile enough for a profiteer.

Presidential bees are again buzzing around looking for the entrance to the official hive. We suspect, however, that some of them are only bumblebees.

Business on a Boom.

W. G. Coutts, the plumber, reports the heating business is on a boom and the past week he has landed some nice business. The heating job for the new commissary at Dunbar runs into big money.

The heating plant for Mr. George L. Taylor's new house is to be hot water using Peerless pattern radiators.

Mr. Coutts has sold 4 pipeless heating jobs so far this season and hopes to handle a car load this fall. These heaters cost but one-third of hot water and are fully guaranteed to give as good service and do it on less fuel.

Mr. Coutts does business on a flat 10 per cent. basis, so no one can make an excuse for high costs of heating in Big Stone Gap.—adv.

To Knoxville and Back the Same Day.

We understand that arrangements have been made between the Southern and Louisville & Nashville Railroads so that persons desiring to go to Knoxville can do so and return the same day, with a stay of about five hours in that city. By leaving on the early morning train over the L. & N. connection is made at Cumberland Gap, with a margin of forty minutes for the train for Knoxville, arriving in that city about eleven o'clock. Returning the train leaves Knoxville about four o'clock and makes connection at Cumberland Gap with the L. & N. which arrives here about nine o'clock.

A baseball team composed of Big Stone Gap and Keokee players under the leadership of Dan Richmond, of Ewing, went over to Lynch, Ky. Sunday and tackled the strong team at that place and won by the close score of 2 to 0. Kelly, of Big Stone Gap, pitched for the visiting team, allowing the Lynch hitters only five hits. The Kentucky pitcher only allowed four hits, but they were bunched in the seventh inning which accounted for the two scores.

First Lieutenant Henderson N. Horsley, who returned from service in France about ten days ago, is in town this week visiting his father, Mayor W. J. Horsley. He will return to Camp Gordon, Ga., Sunday where he expects to be mustered out of service soon. He brought back several interesting relics of the recent war.

E. F. Tate, is in receipt of a valuable present from the Osaka people, where he has been superintendent for several years. A handsome gold filled Howard watch was presented him upon leaving for Stonega, where he takes up the position as superintendent, which place was held by C. G. Duffy for many years, who recently resigned.

A party of young people carried a victrola in a sack to the High Knob Saturday evening and had one great time dancing in the spacious reception room at the Inn. The young folks observed Sunday school hour by reading a Sunday sermon in a newspaper which they also found in the sack with the victrola, and after a pleasant afternoon descended to the city.—Crawford's Weekly.

Judge Preston W. Campbell, of Abingdon, passed through Gate City Sunday afternoon en route to Wise to hear a case for Judge H. A. W. Skeen in which the town of Coeburn seeks to enlarge its territory. The Judge was in fine spirits and was in company with President Wilson's brother-in-law, Mr. Maury, of Big Stone Gap, Va.—Gate City Herald.

Miss Jess McCorkle, who spent a couple of weeks visiting friends in the Gap, left Tuesday for Nora, where she will spend a few days with home folks, before returning to Washington, where she holds a position in the navy department.

E. G. Buck, who conducted a handle factory and who until recently conducted a broom factory in Big Stone Gap, while sitting at his typewriter at his home in Norton on last Friday evening was stricken with heart failure and died before any medical attention could be given. He has no relatives except a wife in this country and was very well known, having made his home at Norton for some years.

Elbert King, who is employed as a lineman with the Electric Transmission Co. here, while on a pole last Wednesday cut the wires loose from the pole in front of the Smith Hardware Company causing the pole to fall, catching his foot, breaking a bone in his ankle and otherwise injuring his leg.

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NOTICE

W. W. Taylor, chairman of the Street Committee, will receive bids for repair and construction of the road from the bridge to the town limits in the Gap.—adv.

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Clint Morrison, - Big Stone Gap