

## STOCKMEN SAY PACKERS SLICE PRICE UNFAIRLY

Scottsbluff Feeders Form Organization Following Losses Due to Sudden Drop in Quotations.

Scottsbluff, Neb., April 27.—(Special Telegram.)—More than 20 of the prominent live stock feeders of the North Platte valley attended a meeting held here Monday at the call of Floyd McCaffree, chairman of the live stock committee of the Scottsbluff Chamber of Commerce at which an association of feeders was effected which will have for its purpose the protection of stockmen against the objectionable methods employed by the packing companies. Two weeks ago the stockmen of this section were urged to ship their stock immediately upon advice of packers and commission men if they would take advantage of a good market. The resultant consignments were quite heavy, but, according to the stockmen, when the markets were

reached there was no immediate demand for their stock and the shipments were necessarily held an entire day. The following morning, without showing just cause and without explanation, it is alleged, the price dropped \$1.50 a hundred below what it had been at the time of the receipt of the shipments, causing the stock owners a loss of from \$10 to \$20 per head.

Comparing notes, the feeders found there had been no discrimination, but that all had been subjected to the same decrease in price. The forming of the association is the result, a statement says. Those interested, while aware of the fact that they are going against powerful interests, will do all possible to cause the packers to desist from such practice.

A committee to place the matter before the congressional legislative committee was appointed. A permanent organization will be formed and all stock feeders will be asked to join that the protection desired may be obtained through the strength of the association.

### Mullen in Washington.

Washington, April 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Arthur Mullen of Omaha, democratic national committee man from Nebraska, who will be succeeded on the committee by Bryan's candidate, Thompson of Grand Island, is in Washington for a conference with Homer Cummings, national chairman of the democratic committee.

## MAN IS CONVICTED IN STANTON COURT OF MANSLAUGHTER

Harry Thompson Found Guilty Of Fatal Attack on Dale Chambers.

Stanton, Neb., April 27.—(Special Telegram.)—A sentence of from one to 10 years will be pronounced on Harry Thompson, convicted in the district court here today of manslaughter in connection with the killing of Dale Chambers during an alleged attempt by Thompson to hold up a gambling game in which Chambers was a participant during the race meet in the fall of 1918.

The state's evidence showed that Thompson assaulted Chambers when he resisted the robbery attempt, striking him over the head with a loaded cane.

Thompson pleaded self-defense, declaring that he struck Chambers to prevent him from drawing a revolver. Denial was also made to the charge that Thompson was attempting robbery at the time of the fight.

Thompson escaped following the fatal fight but was arrested later in Iowa and convicted on a robbery charge and served a term in the Fort Madison prison. At the expiration of his term there he was returned here for trial on charges of murder and robbery. The case opened last Friday and developed that Thompson has a long criminal record.

## BANKERS SCOUT ALARM SPREAD OVER DISCOUNT

Omaha Financiers Would Dispel Possible Fear at Move of Federal Reserve Board.

The 9 per cent discount rate charged by the Federal Reserve bank of Kansas City need cause no alarm in this section of the country, in the opinion of Omaha bankers.

"I believe the basic principle on which Omaha territory is doing business is sound, but somewhat overextended," said Walter W. Head, president of the Omaha National bank.

"It will be necessary to cut down on loans, however. I believe there is plenty of live stock and grain in this territory to take care of the situation if cars can be furnished to get it to the market."

### Business Too Active.

"Business has been too active for the amount of money available," declared John L. Kennedy, president of the United States National bank.

"A lack of cars for shipment of grain and live stock to market has prevented farmers from realizing on

shipments. An improvement in the situation is to be expected.

"An inflated credit condition due to the liberal policy of the federal reserve bank of financing the country during the war has resulted in the present condition," said John W. Gamble, vice president of the First National bank. "The return to normal conditions will probably be orderly."

"The impression should not spread that this section of the country is in a bad way at all, just because the Federal Reserve bank officers decided to raise the rate in this district before they did in any other section of the country," said A. L. Schantz, president of the State Bank of Omaha.

"The State bank is not now a borrowing bank, nor was it at any time during the war period," added Mr. Schantz. "The idea should not prevail that the banks are paying 9 per cent for money which they will again loan out. It is just a case of some banks being overloaded, and it will be but a question of a few weeks before they are all straightened out again."

"There is no need for any uneasiness at this time because this section of the country is in fine condition."

## Judge Douglas Drops Dead In Home at Plattsmouth

Plattsmouth, Neb., April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge J. E. Douglas, formerly county judge of Cass county, and now city attorney here, dropped dead at his home tonight after a stroke of paralysis.

Judge Douglas leaves a wife and two daughters, Miss Vesta Douglas, who is a teacher in the Plattsmouth schools, and Mrs. O. E. Steinhilber, wife of coach for the foot ball team of the University of Indiana. He also leaves a brother, Dr. Douglas of Elmwood.

## Parents to Funeral of Son Drowned in Service

Washington, April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Larison of Chadron, Neb., are in Washington to attend the funeral of their son, Arthur, who was drowned in the sinking of a motorboat with the Atlantic fleet, while on maneuvers at Guantanamo bay.

The body is now being brought from Manzanillo, Cuba, by the U. S. S. Solace, and is expected to reach Washington Wednesday. Burial will be made in Arlington cemetery.

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## Aged Grand Island Man Run Down by Automobile

Grand Island, Neb., April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—George D. Netzel, 74 years old, was struck by an automobile and is unconscious as a result of serious injuries near the base of the brain. He was crossing the street in a rain with umbrella lowered and did not see the approaching car. The injury was received in the impact with the pavement rather than from the collision with the car.

### Daughter Visits Parents.

Washington, April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Ruth Anderson, daughter of O. C. Anderson of West Point, Neb., who is attending school at the National Park seminary of this city, spent the week-end with Congressman and Mrs. Evans.

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