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## **ELMER JACKSON**

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He was born in 1881 in Kansas and was just two and a half years old when he came to this section with his parents. They settled on a homestead near Dewey where Elmer grew up.

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His next destination was Australia where he stayed and worked for eight years. Australia was just being settled at that time and there was an influx of immigrants from all parts of the world.

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After coming back to the United States for a while he left for Alaska where he mined for six years.

Wherever he travelled "I always have called Oak Harbor home," Jackson said. "The climate of Washington compares favorably with any that I have encountered, though

I also like Southern Australia." Jackson has been in the meat business five different times. He would sell out, go on his way for a few years, and finally come back and buy the shop again. He built the present meat market 11 years ago.

Jackson has been married for the last sixteen years and he and his wife have lived here most of that time.

In reference to the depression, people on the Pacific Coast really know nothing of poverty as compared to droughts and "depressions" that have taken place in Australia, was Jackson's opinion.

He enjoys a trip in the hills, prospecting, for a vacation and for pleasure likes horse-racing. "I'll probably never go on any more world trips," Jackson concluded reflectively, "Because it's not so easy for a married man to travel."

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During Jackson's life he has spent only about three years working for other persons. The remainder of the time he has been in business for himself. He has always "paid his way"