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DEFENDS PORTLAND STOCK YARDS

The Stock Yards Reporter, published at the stock yards in Portland, reprinted an editorial that appeared in the Observer recently relative to the alleged story going the rounds of the press that the stock yards had a prize bunch of cattle which were sold occasionally to themselves at \$8.00 but that no cattle raiser could get such a price for his cattle on the Portland yards. The Reporter then goes on to say:

"The La Grande Observer, published at the gateway to the great Wallawa country may be surprised to learn that livestock from its own section of the state brings top prices. W. B. Hunter, of Lostine, sprung the steer market here last December. The Eastern Oregon Experiment Station, of Union, near La Grande, sold lambs here last Friday at \$8.50 per cwt., the highest price paid in open market here in year. The same institution got \$7.00 for hogs when the prevailing price was \$6.90 per cwt. Quality did it.

"Kiddle Bros. and Warren Chandler, of La Grande, ship some very good livestock to this market and often top the market. To our recollection the highest prices paid for livestock in the car load lots at this market in the last six months have been paid to shippers from La Grande country, and there was no trick about it other than the trick of good feeding.

"The Portland Union Stock Yards Company does not sell or buy livestock; it runs a livestock hotel with meals a la carte. It is now buying wheat at \$62 per ton f. o. b. Portland and serving it to its swine guests at \$60 per ton, which allows a meager profit after switching and unloading charges and the waiters' and trough-washers' salaries are paid.

"These pulps and grain-fed steers are owned and shipped by the Portland Feeder Company, of which Frank Burke is president and manager. Mr. Burke contracts the pulp output of sugar beet factories and feeds pulps and grain to cattle at the plants. Mr. Burke is an expert judge of cattle and is able to select from his large herds carloads of fat, even steers which will satisfy the market demand. He shipped a part of his cattle to South Omaha last month and a part here with the result that South Omaha paid \$7.90 to \$8.00 while Portland paid \$8.00 straight. And buyers here competed for these cattle, paying \$8.00 per cwt. until the cattle market slumped and they dropped to \$7.75.

"These \$8.00 sales and all top sales are not recorded to delude the shippers into thinking that their hay feeds will bring such prices, but to show the feeder that this market will pay such prices for prime, extra well finished stuff. But at the present price of feed, very little money will be made by putting on the extra finish unless the feeder has a contract to buy beet pulp or some other good feed very cheaply. We think that

most livestock men understand this. "We think that the commission men have a good excuse for living and they are very much alive. But no shipper is required to accept the services of a commission man to sell his livestock; he can represent himself on the market if he wishes to. The shipper who has livestock ready for the market may wire at the expense of his commission man and will be advised to ship or hold his stuff, according to market conditions. He will also receive market letters from the commission men. When the consignment arrives on the market the commission man sees that all animals are fed, after which he gets as many different buyers as possible to bid them and sells to the highest bidder. For these services the commission firm gets about one-half of one per cent of the sum received. This is the commission man's excuse for living, but if the shippers wishes to forego the advantage of market letters and telegrams and save the commission, that's up to him.

"And now Brother Dennis, let's give Idaho and Utah credit for what they raise and take credit for the excellent livestock shipped from Wallawa and Grande Ronde. And let's try to uphold an Oregon livestock market for the advantage it gives to our livestock raisers. At present practically all of the packers on Puget Sound and at Portland buy livestock on this market. The competition of these buyers insures the highest possible prices to the Oregon shipper, and the expense to the shipper in yardage, feed and commission will only be about 1 1/2 per cent. A closer acquaintance with the livestock men of your community or a visit to this market may serve to give you a better opinion of us."

RATE HEARING OVER.

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was in fairness to the other patrons of the company.

"We found such a contract in existence when we bought the Grande Ronde company," said Mr. Harmon, "and as part of our obligations in the transfer of ownership, we have lived up to it."

"Do you not think," queried Mr. Dixon, "that it would be just and equitable to break such a contract?"

"I am not in the habit of breaking contracts," was the reply.

Just how long it will take the commission to make a ruling in the case depends on the length of time required by the attorneys to prepare their briefs. Possibly the case will not be argued, this not having been intimated one way or the other. "It will not take the commission long to make a decision," said Mr. Aitchison last evening, "when the arguments are presented, or the case is ready for final action."

Baker March 16.—A total of \$542,000 was outstanding in mortgages against the Baker Light & Power company at the time the plant was taken over by the E. O. L. & P. Co., according to the testimony given on the stand this morning before the state railway commission, by F. A. Harmon, general manager of the Baker division of the E. O. L. & P. company. He stated that \$360,000 was outstanding in mortgages on the Fremont plant when it was taken over. Mr. Harmon was on the stand yesterday but was recalled this morning.

He said that although the Baker plant, as well as the plants at Grande Ronde and Elgin had to be practically rebuilt, that he considered that they were well worth the amount paid for them. He submitted the contract in force between the power company and the Hot Lake sanitarium, substantiating the testimony of yesterday.

C. W. Bore, manager for the company of Chicago, who worked under G. F. Madock in compiling the inventory of the E. O. L. & P. Co., was on



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the stand for nearly two hours this morning, and for an hour this afternoon, testifying to details incorporated in the valuation of the appraisement

IRISH CELEBRATE.

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the blood tingling—the songs that have lived throughout ages; that have mastered the world with their quaintness of verse and harmony of music. And the jokes are guaranteed fresh off the griddle. A reward is offered for any stale ones that will be sprung, and proper punishment is promised by the management of the show for any member of the company who sees fit to inflict on the public any joke that is more than a yearling in age.

Be on hand at the appointed hour for the Irish never wait and the fun begins when the curtain goes up.

Evidence of St. Patrick probably appears strongest today in the window of J. H. Pearce & Son. While almost everyone is wearing the green and every store has some appropriate decoration, this firm has gone one better and fitted up a window which would take any native of the old sod back to the days when he "fed the pig in the parlor," etc.

The base of window is covered with Irish green cloth, over which is spread the Irish flag. In one corner is the stacked sheaf of wheat peacefully, close to which the black thorn club is handy. Hockey sticks are plentiful and an old fashioned bellows used to assist the fire in getting its breath in the early morning is convenient. The candlestick stands over a bunch of genuine Shamrock and just behind this is a specimen of old Irish poet or turf which is used over there for fuel. Out from the bob oak is a cross and a little pot that are of interest. The pewter pint, an Irish measuring vessel is in evidence, but

one of the most interesting things is the pewter measure for the glass and half glass. One Irishman explains it thus: "You see its like this. In Ireland when one asks for a drink the glass and half glass measure is used. No setting the bottle out over there like they do in America, for if they tried that those Irishmen would drink the entire contents of the bottle at one sitting." The old Catholic breviary, the most ancient book in America, adorns the collection, but over all swings the stars and stripes.

Administratrix' Final Account Notice.

In the County Court of Union County, Oregon.

In the matter of the Estate of James M. Kohl, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account as administratrix of the Estate of James M. Kohl, deceased, and the county court of Union County, Oregon, has set Tuesday, April 13, 1915, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at its court room at the Court House in La Grande, Union County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing any and all objections to the allowance of said final account, approval of same and settlement of said estate.

Dated at La Grande, March 10, 1915.

MARY I. KOHL, Administratrix, Estate of James M. Kohl, Deceased. Dly—Mar. 10, 17, 24, 31; Ap. 7.

A Specific Against Colds.

"If there is such a thing as a specific against colds, it is to be found in the sleeping porch or the open bed room. Next to that comes the cold sponge bath in the morning," says the Youth's Companion. Be as careful as you can and you will occasionally take cold and when you do you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a great help in enabling you to get rid of it. Try it. Obtainable everywhere.

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