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## THE STOCKMAN TO HIS OWN DEFENSE.

If the full effects of the establishment and successful operation of an independent packing plant in Portland could be felt at this time by the individual stockgrower in Central Oregon, there is no question but that every man, jack of them would be off with his coat in an enthusiastic effort to push along the good work. It might be added that at the recent livestock convention in Portland the way was paved for the organization of a company which will bring about desired results and create an era of prosperity and independency for this great industry.

But the success of the undertaking rests materially upon the stockman himself. He must not at this time lie down expecting others to do his share when a successful culmination of united effort means as much prosperity to one as to the other. Particularly must this be applied to Crook county. The scattered districts must get in touch with each other and work in unison through the county organization, which in turn will voice the sentiment and feeling of the whole community and apply the force where it is best needed. The most opportune time to act is now while enthusiasm is stirred and the speeches made at the Livestock convention are still fresh in the public mind. There ought to be sufficient argument to enlist the undivided efforts of this county in the fact that an independent company means an open market for the stock grower and freedom from the merciless prices and dictations of the beef barons. An independent and open market is the zenith to be reached by the stock industry in any state, and Oregon's stockmen now, if interest does not lag, will realize the moment of these words.

Stockmen, too, appreciate the gradual slumping off in prices and demand which has been characteristic of the Oregon stock market for the past few years. This is accounted for by the tyrannical methods pursued by the beef barons who will not hesitate to cut the stockmen's throats in their efforts to bring prices down to their own profit paying basis. A striking example of this style of procedure is readily recognized in the operations now being conducted by the trust's representatives. Only a short time ago, as related by president Springer of the Livestock association, a buyer for one of the packing companies was in Montana purchasing cattle and sheep for his coast markets at bankrupt prices. When approached on the subject and inquiry made

as to why he bought in Montana when there was plenty of stock in Oregon, hundreds of miles nearer his point, he replied that Oregon stockmen would come down in time after fighting a hard winter and sell for the prices he was offering. And Crook county bore witness this last year that the packer's trust has put its knife in this section to make the stockgrowers beg for mercy. The prices offered during the past fall were insultingly modest in size, and the entire county is waiting now for the spring quotations which may be a few cents higher or a few cents lower just as the beef baron's syndicate sees fit to dictate.

It is time, therefore, that Crook county joined with the other stock counties in the state and took hold of this independent packing house business with a bull dog tenacity. A fight will have to be made against the trusts, of course, but the Oregon spirit has conquered greater evils than that and a little time and the intelligent array of forces will remove the obstacle. It is simply a case of each stockman for himself in an united effort fighting to bring about a decided change for increased wealth and a profitable and honest price for his products. Let every stock grower lend a hand in keeping up the interest and effort to produce results and in the end ample return will be made to those who now put forth the energy and aid in making the stock industry a greater industry both to the state and those engaged in the business for themselves.

## THE NEED OF A BOARD OF TRADE.

The attention of the business men of Prineville should again be called to the urgent need of establishing some kind of a commercial body to look after the industrial welfare and growth of the city and the territory surrounding. A Board of Trade, an organization which could be formed and carried on successfully with very little expense attached, is needed badly, and Prineville and Crook county would profit immensely by such a business move.

Oregon is fast approaching the time when it will witness a great influx of citizens from all sections of the east. The railroads are preparing for it. Arrangements are being made to handle with all dispatch possible this increased immigration and the railroads are pretty good criterions when it comes to matters of traffic and passengers.

This addition to present numbers will be dispersed to every portion of the state, and it is reasonable to suppose that Crook county, with two irrigation schemes on foot and a myriad of resources to be developed, will receive its share of increase.

Prineville, surrounded as it is with rich farming and stock districts and the county seat besides, will naturally attract attention, and some kind of an organization should be affected to take charge of the newcomers when they come. Already the real estate men and newspapers are besieged with letters of inquiry regarding the country and its resources, and there is not a printed pamphlet or a circular to send back in answer, and letter writing is a tedious job when the same subject is handled several times a week. With a Board of Trade in operation such matters could be handled quickly and satisfactorily, besides advertising the city and county as a district ready for home building and the investment of capital in varied industries. If accomplishing nothing more, it would show a spirit of enterprise and the eagerness to keep the city and county abreast of the times.

## BUILD A GOOD BUILDING.

It is to be hoped that the County High School Board at its meeting next Saturday will see fit to re-advertise for bids calling for a structure of either stone or brick. The day of frame buildings for school purposes is past, and Crook county is well able at this time to afford a good substantial stone high school building.

The bids received in response to the last advertisement ranged from \$8000 to \$24,000 in excess of the estimated cost of the building. The latter figure perhaps places the cost to the county at too high a figure, but the others should not again be thrown down, if a satisfactory contract can be made even at \$20,000 or a little more. In the first place specifications on a stone building, such as will meet the needs of Crook county, calling for the expenditure of only \$12,000 place the amount altogether too low, and the fact should be given consideration at the next meeting of the board.

Crook county is free of debt and a goodly sum is forthcoming this year for school purposes. The honor that has been bestowed upon Prineville as the site for the county High school should not now be marred by the erection of a ramshackle wooden building. The boys and girls are worthy of something better, the parents should demand a building requisite to the educational needs, and it is the general opinion expressed among the people that a stone building is none too good. Let the wishes of the tax payers be respected.

The Prineville Review accuses the Crook County Journal of "smarting under the palchrious poverty of campaign material," and calls the editor of that journal a "succeedaneous political editor," and the people of Crook county

have been wondering ever since whether it was a case of "pied type" or an assault with a deadly weapon.—Antelope Herald.

All wrong The editor of the Review was afflicted with a temporary aerothermia and colorific effulgence of the physiognomy, ideologized by a perceptiveness of the sensorium from a sense of shame, anger and some other analogous instigation when he penned the above.

## Additional Locals

Jess Windom was a business visitor from Culver Tuesday.

B. B. Helfrich was a business visitor from Lamona the first of the week.

John Palmehn was in the city from Madras Tuesday transacting business matters.

Miss Edna Hamilton, of Antelope, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Hazel Howard.

John Ryan left Wednesday for Deschutes to attend to his timber business in that section.

Miss Wava Morris, of Portland, arrived in the city Tuesday and is the guest of her brother, J. F. Morris.

Don Rea and Martin Pratt have returned to their ranches at Palmyra after a two week's visit in Portland.

Several freezing nights during the past week have enabled the ice men to get up almost enough ice to last during the coming summer. Another short cold spell will fill the store houses.

Rev. Z. W. Commerford left Tuesday for Bend where he will hold services this week assisted by Rev. W. O. Forbe of Portland. He will return Friday and conduct the Sunday services here.

Hugh Dobbs, who has been seriously sick with an attack of typhoid pneumonia, is slowly recovering. Dr. Rosenberg, who is attending him, states that unless a relapse occurs he will soon be around again.

In cross-cutting to the hanging wall in the lower tunnel at the Dixie Meadows mine, miners struck a feet of higher grade ore than any they have been working in heretofore. It is estimated that it will go no less than \$50 per ton.

## Grand Clearance Sale.

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