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CATTLEMEN NOW HAVE CONTROL OF MARKET

Hundreds of Fine Beeves Being Held in Crook County for Higher Prices

Cattlemen, and not the buyers and packers, reign supreme on the Portland stock market.

For two months past the packers have offered unusually low prices for good beef cattle, due they contend to a surplus supply and consequent glut in the market early in the fall, and after one or two cattlemen had undersold at Portland the word went forth throughout mid-Oregon not to ship any more cattle until a firmer tone prevailed. Prices are now becoming stronger again.

Several hundred head of fine beeves are being held for shipment on the Powell place on the McKay, and this is only one instance of many such bunches of marketable cattle held in all parts of Crook county.

Have cattlemen control of the market and its prices within their grasp?

This is the question livestock commission men have been asking themselves, and they have usually answered the interrogation in the affirmative.

Buyers, too, have been doing a tall amount of questioning among themselves and perhaps they are of the same opinion.

In any event there was a much greater demand for cattle during the past week than there were supplies to fill it.

A great call soon brought out a higher range of prices and it became evident, at least for the time being, that the shippers of cattle and they alone could dictate what prices should rule in cattle—providing, of course, that they did not lose their heads and ask so much that it would put beef beyond a consumptive demand.

The run of cattle in the Portland market during the past week was not of the quality that is generally expected from feeders at this period of the year. While cattle were sold during the week as high as \$4.25, as compared with \$4 for the very same grade a week ago, it is quite likely that a premium over this amount would have been obtainable had select quality been shown. During holiday time there is always a better demand for choice quality than during other periods and it is generally during these periods that the best prices of the year are obtainable. The trade wants good quality and around Christmas time is in a mood to pay for it.

Junior Champion of Pacific Coast

Prineville Breeder Congratulated on Securing Best Young Hereford Shown This Year.

In the North Pacific Rural Spirit of December 2 appears the following:

"J. H. Gray & Son" write from Prineville, Oregon—

"Our salesman, George Luckey, has returned from a trip into Harney county, where he had been with young Hereford bulls from the Bonny View stock ranch, and disposed of them to good advantage.

"We have just received by express the show calf Fulfillment, No. 288215, by Fulfiller 3rd, from

Paul Clagstone, Clagstone, Idaho. He will be kept on the Bonny View ranch for breeding purposes."

We congratulate Messrs. Gray upon the acquisition of this calf. Fulfillment was the junior champion of the Pacific coast this season, and a more sappy, mellow, deep-fleshed calf is seldom brought out. He is of the low down, blocky type, with an ideal feeder's head and one that gives promise of a sire of exceptional merit. He should make his mark at Bonny View farm."

CAMPERS HAVE UGLY VISITOR

Stranger Routs the Sylvester Boys Out of Their Camp—Molests Nothing But the Grub.

George Sylvester the first part of this week reported a very peculiar incident which transpired on Dry creek, 8 miles south of Prineville, Monday night. The culprit, if such he may be called, is unknown, left no clue and it is therefore unlikely to be apprehended.

Two of the boys in the Sylvester party had camped on Dry creek, pitched their tent, stocked it with provisions and left their guns in the tent while they went forth in the vicinity to cut wood. When they returned for supper they found a tough-looking stranger in possession of their tent and armed with one of their rifles. The stranger was cooking supper for himself and acted in a very threatening way.

As the two owners of the tent approached, the intruder warned them off with a gunplay and said he would shoot them if they came nearer. The boys, unable to make a rush or effect the capture of the stranger by any stratagem at their command, slipped back into the bushes and stole quietly but swiftly around to where their horses

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SCHOOL LAW ON TRUANCY

State Rules for Pupils Who Play "Hookey"

HABIT SEEMS TO BE GROWING Many Inquiries Induce County Superintendent Ford to Answer by Publication of Law.

Truancy has become so prevalent in certain parts of the county, notably at the county seat itself, and so many questions about the law on this subject have been put to the county superintendent of schools, that Supt. Ford believes the most comprehensive way of answering these questions will be to publish broadcast the law itself. The Journal takes pleasure in printing this in part, as follows:

As soon as the school opens, the district clerk must give to the teacher a revised copy of his last census report, showing the name and age of every child, and the name and address of each child's father or guardian. It is necessary for the teacher to have this information in order to comply with the compulsory education law. Every child in the district who has reached the age of nine years must attend school regularly during the whole time the school is in session. After the child reaches the age of fourteen he is not required to attend, provided he is regularly and lawfully engaged in some useful employment. If not so employed he must attend until he becomes sixteen years of age.

In Rule XLIV, page 107, of the School law of 1907 teachers are authorized to require excuses from parents, either in person or by written note, in all cases of absence or tardiness, or dismissal before the close of school. Section 194 of the same law provides that the teacher must count all unexcused absences, and that no excuse shall be accepted

except sickness of the pupil, or of some member of the pupil's family, which makes attendance impossible.

The compulsory law does not apply to eighth grade graduates who are attending some other school regularly. It does not apply to children between nine and ten years of age if they live more than one and one-half miles from school, nor to older children if they live more than three miles from school by the nearest traveled road. At the beginning of the term, and every four weeks thereafter, the teacher must compare the names of the children on the register with those on the clerk's report, and if the census shows that there are children who are not attending school in the district, whose age is nine years and over, and under sixteen years, the teacher should carefully inquire into the cause of such nonattendance. If at this time, or at any other time during the term, the truancy of any child amounts in the aggregate to more than seven half-days during four, or less number of consecutive weeks, the teacher must immediately report the truancy of such child.

When truancy is reported, the District Boundary Board will send an order to the truant officer to investigate the case. A copy of this order will be sent to the teacher. If after investigation, the truant officer finds that the law has been violated, he will send a letter to the father or guardian by registered mail ordering him to start the child to school the following Monday morning. He will also send a copy of his letter to the teacher, and if the child does not start to school the day named, the teacher must immediately report the fact to the truant officer, so that he may bring action against the parent or guardian.

In the administration of this law it is the duty of district clerks and directors to give such information and assistance as they may be able to give, and any teacher, director, clerk, or other officer who neglects to perform his duty may, upon complaint of any parent or taxpayer in the district, be arrested and fined from five to twenty dollars. See page 91, School Laws of 1907.

Postponed.

The masquerade ball which was advertised for December 18 at Templeton hall on the McKay, has been postponed indefinitely on account of sickness.

Templeton & Arnold.

TIMBER LANDS WILL BE SOLD ON STUMPAGE VALUES

No Longer Can Entrymen Secure Claims By Paying Flat Rate of \$2.50 per Acre.

Inspector Pollard, of the Department of the Interior, who has been in Prineville and vicinity during the past week or ten days on business connected with his branch of the government service, was asked while here about the provisions of the order issued by Secretary Garfield, effective December 1, directing that all timber claims taken up in future be appraised at their actual stumpage value instead of being sold to the claimant at the minimum price of \$2.50 an acre.

Inspector Pollard said that this law had been on the government statutes for a long time, but that no one up to the time Secretary Garfield had issued the order saw fit to invoke its maximum provisions. Now, with the rapid decrease in the amount of available timber in the country at large, the government believed it to be wisest to charge claimants a price at once fair to itself and entryman.

Hence, persons who have already taken up timber claims at the former price of \$2.50 an acre, irrespective of the timber cut thereon, may deem themselves very lucky indeed to have exercised their right as American citizens while yet nature and Uncle Sam offered such choice opportunities to obtain the country's timber resources at a nominal figure.

The inspector was asked about what the average claim would be worth in future. He replied by saying that such a question would be impossible to answer for the reason that some claims might still be bought for \$2.50 an acre where the timber is comparatively sparse, while other tracts like those west of the Cascade range will run into the millions of feet. But the new order will add approximately \$100,000 or more annually to the federal income in the Portland (Oregon, Washington and Alaska) district alone.

STOCKMEN ADJUSTING RANGES

In Conference With Forest Officials in Regard to Division of Sheep and Cattle Territory.

B. F. Johnson and L. C. Morgan, of the Prineville forestry office, have drafted a large map of the Deschutes national forest to be used at the stockmen's meeting in this city Dec. 10, 11 and 12. The stockmen who are here for this meeting, which began today, will be asked to suggest and agree upon changes where such are desired in the grazing areas as they now exist.

Contemporaneously with the showing of this latest map, which depicts no boundary lines whatever as between the sheep and cattle interests, will be shown the old

map with all boundary lines drawn. In each instance where changes are decided upon the same will be noted and marked on the new map, to become effective during the ensuing season.

The large blue print which constitutes the map shows everything of a physical and geographical nature except the grazing lines such as mountains, streams, springs, prairies, forests, local names, Indian trails, roads, paths and deeded land. It has been approved by Forest Supervisor A. S. Ireland.

SANTA CLAUS IS IN CHARGE HERE

From now until Christmas we have given over our store to Santa Claus and his helpers, who are daily adding to their grand display of all sorts of Holiday Goods. Santa Claus wants everybody in this county to be remembered so he has put the prices at our store very low so that you can buy much more for a dollar than anywhere else. You will not see the best things unless you see them here.

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Are exceptionally hard to decide on, but consult us and we will save you time and money, and aid you in selection. What could be a nicer Xmas gift for husband, father, brother or sweet-heart than something selected from our immense display of Gents' Holiday Furnishings in individual holiday boxes. This elegant line includes the most beautiful patterns in Neckwear, Silk Suspenders, Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs & Ties to match, Suspenders and Ties to match and many other equally attractive articles. We can also show you an almost endless line of Sweater Coats, Dress Shirts, Pocket Books, Razors, Shaving Sets—but come and see—space forbids us going entirely over the list.

BEAUTIFUL GIFTS FOR THE LADIES

Are as numerous and varied as "sands on the shore." As useful gifts we recommend Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Fascinators, Sweater Coats, Hosiery, Scissors

SWELL NEW CLOTHING FOR MEN

New line of Swell Clothing for men. If you want correct styles it important that you see this display. The highest type of art tailoring, elegant finish, in the sensible, serviceable goods

The Gotzian Shoe

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YELLOW CUSHION INSOLE - CORN RUBBER LEATHER

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"Health and Walk Easy", in several leathers, selling at \$5.50 and Up

Holiday Groceries, Candies, Fruits, Nuts

BOYS' KNICKERBOCKER SUITS

Boys' Knickerbockers and Overcoats. Buster Brown School Shoes Dress up the boys for the holidays in some of our swell togs

GAMES FOR YOUNG AND OLD

An immense assortment for both old and young. Nothing nicer for the long winter evenings.

LADIES' SUITS AND DRESS SKIRTS

One-Fourth off on all Ladies' Suits, \$20 suits now \$15; \$25 suits now \$18.75; \$37.50 suits now \$28.15.—All wool Panama Dress Skirts, elegantly trimmed and finished, regular price \$6.50, now on sale at \$4.75



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