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BEEF CATTLE BRINGING TOP NOTCH PRICE OF \$5.25

Indications Are That Prices Will Go Higher Yet
Before Grass-Fed Cattle Are Ready

Never before in the history of Crook county have cattle sold for prices now obtained at Shaniko. Think of 525 a hundred, live weight, with demand exceeding the supply. Yet this price has been offered for good hay-fed beef steers at Shaniko recently. Nor is the end in sight. There is every reason to believe that the price will go higher before grass-fed cattle come into the market. The 5.25 a hundred, however, leaves a good fair profit to the grower on his winter's operation. Only once before has the price reached even the 5.00 mark.

Unfortunately many of the cattle fed in Crook county were marketed sometime ago—before the above figures could be had for them. Owing to the high prices

demanded for feeders last fall and the low prices that obtained for beef a year ago, less cattle were fed this winter than usual. All the cattle fed were grown in the county.

There is no gainsaying the fact that Crook county should become a great feeding ground for both sheep and cattle. Our large areas of range land when fully stocked will produce an abundant supply of feeders. Much of this land is not adapted to any kind of farming and will continue to be a breeding ground which, under proper management, can be made to support much more stock than at present. The constantly increasing acreage devoted to the different forage and cereal crops will insure an abundant supply of material

for finishing stock for market.

Give us a railroad within easy reach and Crook county will do its part toward supplying the Portland market with the prime stock it demands. Under present conditions, with a long drive over bad roads and often in bad weather, a heavy shrinkage and consequent loss in quality is unavoidable. To the feeder this drive is a serious thing. The loss in weight and the lower price he must accept for damaged quality often makes an unprofitable season out of what would be a profitable one. And further, because of the length of time required on the road the shipper is unable to take advantage of any sudden rise in the market, but must take chances on a slump that might occur at any time.

There has been some improvement in the breeding of cattle in the county in recent years, but there is room for much more. Our cattle are said to compare favorably with those of other counties, but growers should not be satisfied with them as they are. There is too much in-breeding which in turn is sure to lead to lack of quality and weight. New blood, therefore, should be introduced. Yet another criticism might be made without becoming too prolix, and that is stock should be better fed in winter thus insuring a better growth of young stock and earlier maturity at greater weight.

TOO MUCH BOOZE CAUSES ACCIDENT

H. J. Healy Falls From
Rig, Team Runs

MAN THOUGHT TO BE DEAD

But Revives Later and Has
Good Chance to Recover—
Bad Scalp Wound

H. J. Healy, a prominent rancher of Haystack started home from Prineville last Saturday morning with a supply of liquor in his hack and at about noon was found lying in the road near Lone Pine Gap by John O'Kelly, of Culver.

O'Kelly thought Healy was dead when he found him, and he was taken to the E. T. Bateson home, about a mile and a half distant, and the county authorities notified. Later Mr. Healy's family was notified and in the meantime the

man showed signs of life and at about 8 o'clock that evening Dr. Belknap was summoned from Prineville to attend him. Dr. Belknap reached there at 11 that night. Healy is supposed to have imbibed too much liquor on the road and to have gone to sleep and fell from his hack, as he does not remember anything about how his accident occurred.

Shortly after noon that day Mr. Bateson discovered a runaway team hitched to a hack running about in his pasture, and knowing that something had gone wrong started out to find the owner. In the meantime Mr. O'Kelly had found Mr. Healy.

The team had covered about five miles in its run and finally landed up against a juniper tree in the Bateson pasture. They had gone through four barb wire fences and were not seriously injured, although one of them was pretty badly cut up.

Dr. Belknap states that Mr. Healy's injuries consist of a bad gash on the right side of his head covering several inches, and that the wound was full of mud from the road, and that unless poisoning results, that he has a fair chance to recover.

It is said that Mr. Healy made the statement that he had sent out for a shipment of liquor and was taking it home with him.

SOUND OF THE HAMMER HEARD AT COUNCIL MEETING

City Fathers Drive Few More Nails in the "Lid"
Minors Barred from Billiard and Card Rooms

The city council made a noise like nailing down the "lid" last Tuesday evening. A new ordinance prohibiting the sale of "near beer" was enacted. And that, too, just as the warmer days are approaching nearer, and the near-joy of extracting the amber-colored liquid from beneath its near-froth had begun to be near-appreciated. The new ordinance is also a drastic one in regard to the frequenting of billiard, pool and card rooms by minors. No minors will be allowed to spend their time in such places or to loiter about any building any part of which is devoted to such use. Neither shall any minor be permitted to use tobacco in any form whatever in Prineville, and the sale of the weed in any form, or the giving of it to minors, is prohibited.

All forms of gambling and card playing for drinks or anything whatever is also prohibited, and it will hereafter be impossible for anyone to be lawfully "stuck" in a game of "hell-bender", "razzle-dazzle" or "solitaire".

The dog tax ordinance was also passed. This law provides for the payment of \$2 annually on each male dog running at large, and \$4 for each female dog, the licenses to be issued for the entire year and expiring on December 31 of each year. Pups under 3 months of age, are exempt. Any dog found running at large is to be impounded by the marshal and kept for five days, and the owner must pay \$1 to redeem his dog from the pound. If no one appears to claim the animal within five days, the marshal is to kill or otherwise dispose of it. If the marshal is unable to catch an unlicensed dog, he is to pursue it for five days, and then kill it at long range if he can. The permitting of female dogs running at large during period of sexual excitement is covered by a fine of from \$5 to \$50 or imprisonment.

The dog ordinance was passed unanimously. When the ordinance restricting the sale of spirituous, malt and vinous liquors came to passage, Councilman Clifton moved to lay it over until next meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Lippman, but on being put to a vote was lost. The vote for its passage was 4 to 2, Councilmen Adamson, Shipp, Yancey and Cram voting "Aye" and Councilmen Clifton and Lippman, "No."

These ordinances have both been signed by the mayor and are now in force.

The investigation of the legality of Councilman Lippman's appointment by the former authorities, which matter had been postponed until Mr. Lippman could be present, had a hearing at the meeting. The question arose over the fact that at the time Lippman was appointed to fill the vacancy made by the change of residence of Councilman Walter O'Neil, that he was on the bonds of Wm Draper, ex-recorder. M. E. Brink, representing Mr. Lippman, explained the matter to the council, and upon motion the matter was dropped and Mr. Lippman declared entitled to his seat.

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A remonstrance against the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Main street, running north from the Ochoco bridge was read. As there was no petition asking for the building of this walk, the council laid the matter aside for the present.

Marshal Huston's report showed that there were no arrests for drunk and disorderly conduct during the month of February. Bills amounting to \$104.20 were audited and allowed, a number of bills presented being referred to the finance committee for investigation. This motion was seconded by Councilman Lippman, but on being put to a vote was lost. The vote for its passage was 4 to 2, Councilmen Adamson, Shipp, Yancey and Cram voting "Aye" and Councilmen Clifton and Lippman, "No."

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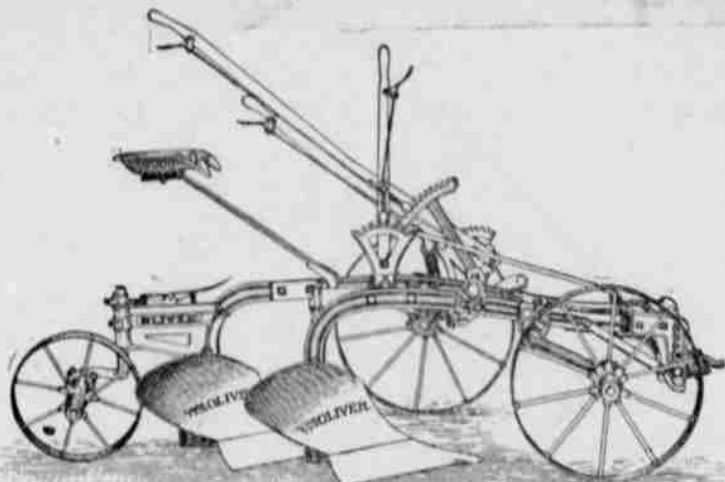
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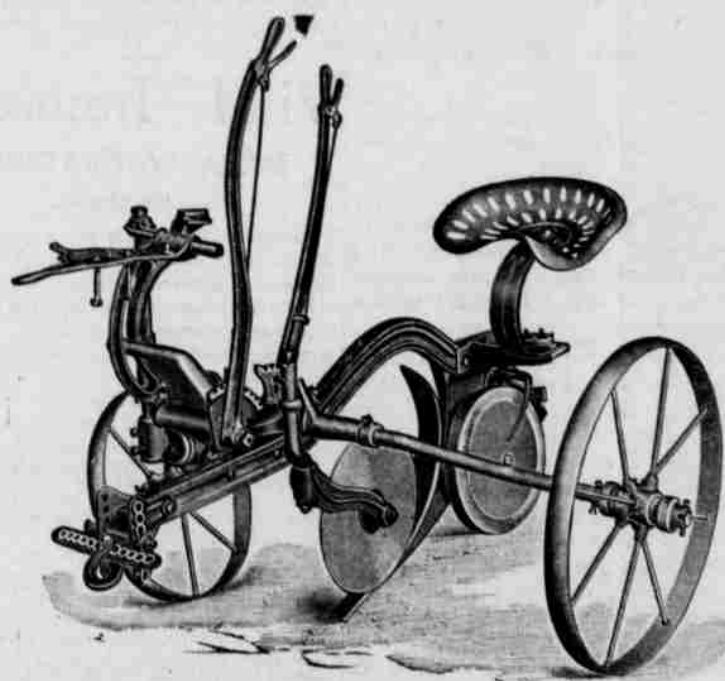
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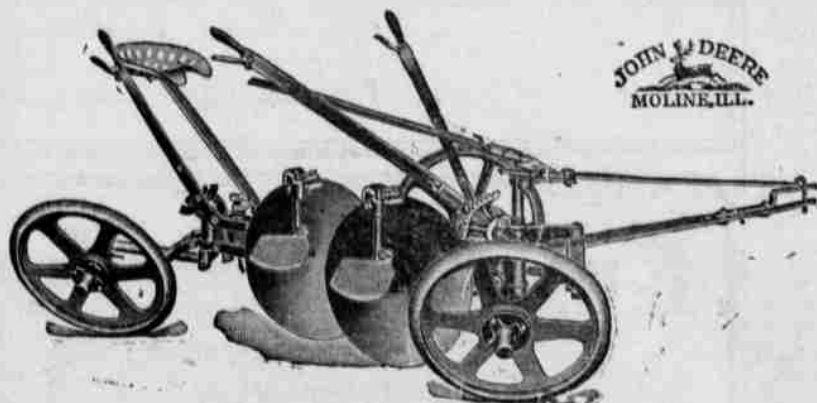


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Notice of Special Meeting.

Prineville, Or., March 2, 1909. Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the members of the Prineville Amateur Athletic Club will be held at the club hall on Tuesday, March 16, 1909, at 7:30 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to close up the affairs of the Prineville Amateur Athletic Club, the redemption of its outstanding bonds, and the sale of the property and the effects of said club to the Prineville Commercial Club, and for such other business as may be proper.

J. H. HAYNER, President.
Attest: J. H. ROSENBERG, Secretary.

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