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IMPORTANT TO CATTLEMEN

Uniform Contract for Use of Railroads.

MUCH BETTER THAN OLD ONE

Considered Fair to Both Ship- per and Transportation Company.

A Salem dispatch says that the State Railroad Commission, which has been investigating the livestock contracts in use on the railroads of Oregon, entered an order prescribing a uniform contract for the use of all railroads in the state.

All parties interested have been heard and it is believed that the labor of the Commission represents the fairest form of contract, when the interests of all concerned are considered, that it is possible to frame at this time.

At the request of the Railroad Commission the last Legislature passed an act which makes it un-

lawful for a carrier to change or limit its common law liability when handling livestock shipments, unless permitted to do so by the Commission. The act also makes it the duty of the Commission to prescribe a uniform contract that shall be just to all concerned.

Many of the one-sided provisions of the old contracts have been eliminated. Salient features of the new contract are:

1. If the shipment is over more than one line the contract will serve as a through bill of lading, its provisions inuring to the benefit of and being binding upon all connecting carriers. This will do away with the present practice of requiring shippers to sign a new contract every time the shipment passes to a connecting carrier.

2. The carrier is held liable only for loss or injury caused by its own negligence.

3. The carrier not liable for loss or damage due to acts of God, the public enemy, authority of law, or acts or defaults of the shipper.

4. Shipper agrees not to load a car if he finds defects which make it unsafe or unseaworthy, and agrees to notify agent and demand necessary repairs before loading.

5. Shipper agrees to load and unload his stock and to see that

the shipment is accompanied by attendants to look after it. He must see the doors are fastened and kept fastened. The company is liable for loss or damage in loading or unloading only when same is caused by its own negligence.

9. If shipper neglects to send attendants and railroad employes act as attendants it is done at shipper's risk.

7. Shipper assumes risk of loss or injury to stock when caused by any of them being wild, unruly or weak or from ill effect of being crowded in cars.

8. Shipper agrees to protect the carrier if his stock is infected with any disease.

9. Lien of carrier for freight charges is not affected by removal of stock from train or yards.

10. In event of loss or injury shipper agrees to notify agent of carrier before removing the stock.

11. It provides that all suits or actions for recovery of claims for loss or damage must be begun within 60 days after the shipper has received notice that his claim is refused.

12. The valuations covering ordinary livestock are as follows: Each stallion or jack, \$100; horse, mule or ass, \$75; horse, mule or ass colt, \$25; burro, \$20; burro colt, \$5; bull, ox or beef steer, \$40; stock or range steer, \$25; beef or milk cow, \$35; stock or range cow, \$20; calf, \$10; fat hog, \$12.50; stock or range hog, or pig, \$7.50; fat or mutton sheep, \$4; range or stock sheep, \$3; goat, \$2.

GEORGE E. BANTA WRITES LETTER

From His New Home in Alberta.

HAS NOT BEEN DISAPPOINTED

Brief Historical Sketch of the New Country—Its Re- sources, Etc.

Norbo, Alberta, Dec. 2, '09.

Dear Editor:
I promised to write a letter to your paper about Alberta and will now endeavor to do so.

We arrived in Alberta all O. K. and found the country as good as we expected.

The province of Alberta, the great stockraising, dairy-farming, agricultural and mineral country, embraces an area larger than that of England, Ireland and Scotland combined. But little was known or heard of this country, until the advent of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1883. Since then

steady progress has been made in developing the ranching and mineral interests. Up to 1883, Alberta had no direct communication with Eastern Canada. The postal service was through the United States and American money was in circulation.

Alberta has a length of some 350 miles from east to west and 800 miles from north to south. The province in its 275,000 square miles has every variety of forest and stream, grazing and agricultural lands, mineral and oil. In it are found 45,000,000 acres of very fertile soil and some of the largest and best deposits of coal, metals and petroleum on the continent.

The district is divided into two great sections—northern and southern Alberta. Northern Alberta is adapted to mixed farming, with stock raising as an adjunct, while southern Alberta is at present chiefly devoted to winter wheat production and stock raising. Considerable mixed farming is also conducted under irrigation in some localities.

Large yields of oats, barley and wheat are common. Livestock of all kinds is raised extensively, including horses of all grades, from heavy draft to Indian ponies, cattle, sheep, pigs, and poultry. Horses do well without stabling all the year round.

The plateau of Southern Alberta is the country of the great winter wheat farms and cattle and horse ranches. The whole region is marked by an equable temperature, with freedom from rapid and extreme fluctuations in the growing season. Range stock needs little or no shelter. The soil is fertile and deep, varying from a rich sand to clay loam, and is adapted to the growing of all classes of cereals, grasses and vegetables. The variety of winter wheat most extensively grown is Kansas Turkey Red (Alberta Red). It requires rich soil, a limited quantity of moisture and short growing season for best production. So much for historical facts.

There are lots of railroad building going on and the towns look very prosperous, and there seems to be lots of business going on in them.

The crops were very good this year although they say not as good as usual.

The grain elevators along the railroad are sufficient to handle the grain as it comes into market, and in some places elevators are being built ahead of the railroad. The price of No. 1 grade wheat per bushel is 77 cents and No. 2 is 75c. The price of oats is 21c per bushel.

Dry goods and groceries are about the same here as there. Cattle are also about the same price here as there. But horses are a higher price.

We haven't had any very cold weather. The 20th of October was the first snow of the season, but it lasted till the last of October. Fair weather and sun shining until the 5th when there came another little snow and it lasted until the 27th of November and snowed some during that time. Rut on the 27th there came a chinook wind and by the last of November the snow was all gone. Yesterday, the 1st of December there came a little snow, and there is about half an inch of snow on the ground now.

There seems to be plenty of water here, at least there is everywhere I have been.

There isn't any tame fruit in this part of the country, but there is plenty of wild fruit such as strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, saskatoon and cranberries, cherries and black currants.

Yours respectfully,
George E. Banta.

Patients Received.

Persons needing hospital accommodations can find them at my home. I am prepared to care for patients, or patients may employ their own nurses. Maternity cases may expect special attention.

Mrs. P. B. POINDEXTER.

Heifer Estrayed.

Light roan heifer about 15 months old, came to my place about the middle of Feb. 1909. No brand noticeable. Ear mark, crop off right, under slope left, owner call and pay pasture bill and costs, and recover.
W. S. CARROLL,
Prineville, Or.

CROOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Basket Ball Wednes- day Eve Next

AT COMMERCIAL CLUB HALL

Proceeds to go into Gymnasium Fund—Other School Notes.

We notice in the "Oregon Emerald" that David Pickett, a graduate of the C. C. H. S. last year and this year a student of the University of Oregon, is one of three freshmen to enter the trout debate for inter-state honors. This speaks well for his alma-mater training and we feel that the high school is to be congratulated upon the place taken in the higher institutions of learning by her graduates.

The high school is to celebrate Christmas in a fitting manner by the Alphas entertaining the Ochoconians on Thursday evening, December 23rd.

Athletics.

The basket ball suits have been ordered and the boys are anxiously awaiting them, as they are desirous of having a few practices in them before appearing in public.

"When is the first basket ball game to be played?" is the question we have been asked again and again and now we can satisfy those eager questioners, for the date has been set and on Wednesday evening, December 22d, at the club hall, the Ochoconians will meet the Alphas in the first of a series of games which are to be played to decide the championship. Both societies feel confident of victory and a spectacular game is promised.

Ochoconian.

The program of the Ochoconian Society for last Friday was one of the best of the year. It opened with a duet by Misses Lotta Smith and Agnes Elliott and both the selection and encore were much appreciated by the students. Following this, Miss Ethel Moore recited "St. Peter at the Gate" in an especially pleasing manner. The next number was an essay, "The American Boy," by Lawrence Lister; the thought as well as the rendition of this selection deserves commendation and was one more of the many evidences that go to prove that 1913 can do things and do them well. The Ochoconian News, edited by William Criswell, followed, and although lacking in quantity was not in quality. Then came Miss Carolyn Christiani's talk on "Liquid Air," which showed careful preparation and gave some information concerning this wonderful contradictory feat of science. The "Little Red Hen" given by Walter Larwood was followed by the closing number on the program, a talk "On Society Work," by Clark Morse, in which he reviewed the past work of the society showing the advance and progress made since its organization a few short years ago. After the report of the critic, Miss Parrott, the society adjourned and will not meet again until Father Time has marked off another mile-stone in his relentless race.

Alpha.

The Alpha Society is pleased to welcome Miss Fay Baldwin into its sacred precincts.

The committee appointed to draw up a new constitution submitted its report and the society accepted it in toto.

The program for Friday was well given and the debate, "Resolved, That street railways should be owned and operated by municipalities," was decided in favor of the affirmative. This was followed by several good readings and impromptus. The subjects for the impromptus were posted and the student prepared on all four and the president then se-

lected one for his talk. The improvement in the talks shows the wisdom of this innovation. The closing number and one of the best on the program, was the review of the "Great Stone Face," by Miss Lulu Montgomery, in which she forcibly brought out the lesson so widely portrayed by Hawthorne, of always keeping the best before us. After the critic's report by Miss Conway, the society adjourned for 1909, as the next meeting will be in the new year.

Freshmen and Seniors.

The freshmen are being initiated into the mysteries of the "Iliad" at present and while we fear it is not unalloyed pleasure to the freshmen, they will realize the benefits later, when as seniors they are expected to know what they have never had.

Each senior has selected an oration for delivery. They are committing them and using a part of the English period to perfect them in oratorical work. With this additional practice, we hope to carry the fame of the C. C. H. S. abroad and not only keep up the past reputation for excellence but make our contests more pleasing and enjoyable than ever before.

Juniors and Sophomores.

The junior class have just completed "The Last of the Mohicans" and the critical and commendatory remarks heard in the halls show that the class of '11 have found Cooper interesting, in fact so interesting that every member of the class has read another of his productions.

The juniors are also practicing oratory and the society work is showing the advantage of the work already. This is something the high school has long needed and the interest taken in it by the students shows that they have felt the want of it.

Railroad Activity at Madras

[Madras Pioneer.]

Railroad construction in this vicinity has not been retarded by the severe weather on either the Deschutes Railroad or the Oregon Trunk Line. The contractors at the Harriman camps south of Madras are working a large force of men and Twoby & Dwyer, on the same line, are working steadily on the deep cut near the Monroe place, two miles northeast of town.

The Oregon Trunk Line contractors are equally as busy getting their camps constructed and equipped down Willow Creek canyon, and blasting upon the wagon road being built into the canyon is heard at intervals every day. Porter Bros. have three camps established at different points between Madras and the Deschutes River, the second camp west from this place being located in the vicinity of the two tunnels which are to be cut near the Deschutes canyon in order that there may be a smaller degree of curvature in the line. The work at this point will be comparatively slow as all of it is through rock. Several station crews are working in the canyon below town, being strung out for a considerable distance down the line.

While the railroad builders are pushing their lines north from Klamath Falls, work is being pushed equally as fast toward the south from the Columbia River, and it is predicted by the officials of the Harriman line that its trains will be running into Madras by the latter part of next summer.

The principal reason for the great haste of the Harriman contractors north of Madras is that track-laying upon that line will come to an abrupt halt when it reaches Willow Creek canyon, and it is desired to get the Deschutes Railroad completed thus far as soon as possible so that the steel can be brought in for the large bridge which will span Willow Creek. This bridge will be an undertaking of considerable magnitude, and the Harriman line will be stopped at this place for some time while the false works are being erected and the steel placed in position for this immense structure.

Christmas Fair!!!!



SAY—if you are searching for suitable, sensible Gifts, allow our assistants to aid you. Our suggestions will relieve you of responsibility; save you both time and money and secure you selections that will surely please.

What to Buy for Ladies, Sister or Sweetheart.

Lady's coat or suit \$15 to \$25. Skirt; set furs, or sweater; stylish winter hat, \$4.50 to \$10; slippers; kimono; handkerchief; wool hosiery; street gloves; wool shawl; pair Stroatman's shoes; night dress; silk or woolen waist; comb; hair ornaments; jewelry.

Buy for Men.

A Gordon hat, \$3; stylish suit, \$17.50 to \$25.00; or overcoat; The Howard shoe; slippers; tie; handkerchief; muffler; gloves; razors; knives; pipes; sweaters; watches; and some of our elegant new jewelry.

Free 42 piece Dinner Set of Beautifully Decorated Ware, valued at \$10.00.

Toys, Dolls, Children's Books, Enough for Everyone. Are Moderately Priced.

For the "Home Beautiful."

"What makes home attractive?" We mention a few gifts that will help. Beautiful table linens and lace curtains; beautiful bed spreads and blankets; beautiful silverware and China; beautiful Punchbowl set, and water sets, and carving sets; beautiful Aluminum ware and not least—a good range and heater. Now, friends, you can get them at only one store in Prineville—at our store—ours only—at modest prices.

During the Month all Boys' Clothing and Overcoats Reduced.

You do not know what elegant clothing we have until you have seen the line. Bring your boys to us for clothing. By far the best in the city, and prices much the lowest.

Every purchase of \$1.00 and upwards gets you tickets. Dishes drawn (free) every Tuesday and Saturday at 3:30 p. m.

FREE---Dolls, with purchases from our dry goods and clothing, footwear department, ammunition to \$5.00 and up. Large, handsome dolls. Your friends and neighbors are getting them free simply on account of trading with us. Why not you?

The Freshest of Nuts, Candies, and Christmas Groceries at our store.

"THE CHRISTMAS FAIR" AT C. W. Elkins Company