

Stockraising

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bordered more, in fact, during the two months just closed than in all previous years combined.

We do not presume to state that Crook county has furnished the majority of the grand totals given above, yet every stockman knows that there is a constant shipment from Shaniko, all of which is Central Oregon stuff. While there is no means of comparing this year with former years in the matter of livestock shipments, there is every reason to believe that in the matter of finished stock, the shipments are heavier from year to year, and that this country will always be one of the foremost in producing finished food animals for the markets of the northwest.

The report shows also that more than 55 per cent of the total beef stuff shipped were shipped during the feeding months, from November 1st to April 30th, and that the heaviest month of the year was January when the total number of beef shipped reached 8000. This means that central and northeastern Oregon is feeding Portland and the other cities of the coast their meats during the high priced season, and it means also that the producer in this territory, not only the cattle grower, but also the hay and grain producer, is finding a very satisfactory market for his product.

Many things may be noted by said producer however, for he is as yet just beginning to develop the feeding business. One of the very noticeable features of the report shows that there were very few shipments of fat sheep, in fact the Southern Pacific brought about 50 per cent of all sheep into the yards from the farms of the Willamette Valley, and that the total from northeastern Oregon was less than 40 per cent.

Note another fact. During the spring months when the O. R. & N. shipments of cattle were at their lowest, the Willamette sheep shipments were at their highest, supplying the meat for the market our producer could not supply for the reason that he had but few sheep. Shipments of hogs were much lighter than they should have been, the total number reaching but 95,000, but of this number the O. R. & N. hauled in about 75 per cent, of which we should not complain, for the majority of them came from the large wheat counties along the Columbia. To date, the proposition of raising any quantity of hogs for shipment was out of the question in Central Oregon, from the fact that there were no transportation lines, but this obstacle is now removed, and the production of pork will soon be one of the very best openings in this great country of wealth producing possibilities.

Touching the hog question the report of the Union Stock Yards gives a table showing the comparative weights and prices of hogs as offered in the yards. The average weight per year was 204 pounds, the maximum being reached in September when the hogs from the stubble fields were being marketed. During this month the average was 237 pounds while in February the average dropped to 176.

The average price for the year was \$10.00 per 100 pounds or a total average of more than \$20 per animal. The highest prices were received in March when the market reached \$11.50 and the lowest was paid in September, being \$7.90.

When the various products of the soil are marketed in hogs, the returns are as high as \$40 per acre annually, which should justify the "high price of real estate" in Central Oregon.

In a summary of the conditions as seen by the producer in the northwest, which is of great importance to every resident of Central Oregon, the Union Stock Yards report says the following:

Feeding cattle for the market does not receive the attention in the Pacific Northwest that its importance deserves. Foodstuffs that are as good as corn can be produced in great abundance. Cattle that are fed on alfalfa hay make good killers. The value of alfalfa can be increased from 20 per cent to 25 per cent by running it through a cutter. By finishing with wheat, barley or even oats, cattle can be finished that will equal the "natives" of the middle states. The difference between the value of grass-fed cattle and those that are finished with hay and grain, renders the business of feeding one of certain profit.

With the ideal conditions for sheep-raising and feeding west of the Cascades there should never be a scarcity of finished mutton. East of the Cascades alfalfa and screenings or grain can be profitably utilized in preparing sheep for the market. The over-supply of thin range sheep and the scarcity, most of the year, of finished lamb and mutton, are conditions that should not prevail in the Pacific Northwest.

No part of the United States offers better opportunities for profitable hog-raising than this. The hog is essentially a grazing animal, and barley or wheat are the ideal finishing food. The numerous experiments show that there are from 500 to 700 lbs. of hog growth to an acre of alfalfa, and besides paying well for the alfalfa the wheat or barley necessary for finishing a hog for the market brings the farmer better prices than if marketed in sacks. Field peas are receiving attention and have been found to be extremely profitable.

It is the experience of farmers that field peas alternated with wheat leaves the soil in better condition than when summer fallowed, both as to moisture and wheat-producing ability, and in addition to this, field peas are worth from \$10 to \$20 an acre when harvested by hogs. Freedom from disease is another advantage that hog raisers have in the Pacific Northwest, and in no part of the country are the profits more secure or as great.

City Council

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This will make compulsory the matter of candidates announcing their intentions to become such and all names must be filed with the city recorder not later than December 11, in order to get position on the ballot,

which will be printed after the same plan as the county and state ballots.

The report of the finance committee, as given by Councilman Shipp, chairman, shows that the finances of the city are in excellent shape and that there is enough funds on hand to pay all warrants and have money left in the treasury. A total of \$6211.00 was received during the year, which amount is sufficient to pay all warrants to date.

Councilman Shipp was authorized to instruct the treasurer to borrow from the funds in which there is a surplus and pay all warrants that have been issued, and to replace the amount in the respective funds when the general fund is replenished again.

It was recommended by Mr. Shipp that a 10 mill tax be levied for the coming year, stating that the people were in favor of many public improvements, all of which were badly needed and that they were willing and ready to pay for them.

The 10-mill tax passed without a dissenting vote. The millage is subdivided for the various funds as follows: Fire fund 1 1/2 mills; park fund, 1/2 mill; road fund, 2 mills; and general fund, 6 mills. The levy last year was 9 mills. The additional mill this year is given to the road fund.

The recorder was instructed to buy another docket book, as the large number of arrests require more docket room. A total of 39 cases have been called before the recorder since the last meeting of the council, sixteen of the arrests being made by Marshal Kelso and twenty-three by Nightwatchman Yancey.

C. L. Shattuck of the P. L. & W. company was asked to submit figures of the cost of installing a system of street lights.

The reports of Marshal Kelso show that seven arrests were made in October and \$32.60 water rents were collected and \$106 road and poll tax collected during the month. Three crosswalks were built during the month. In November nine arrests were made by the marshal.

A. W. Yancey, as special officer, reported seven arrests in October and sixteen in November.

Recorder Breece reported \$105 in fines in October, and thirteen licenses issued that month, bringing an income of \$143.33. His report for November shows \$191.50 collected in fines.

The following bills were allowed for October and November:

Prineville Light & Water Co., \$56.30.

Joe Kelso, marshal \$102, two months, one arrest, \$101.50.
A. W. Yancey, salary, \$150.00
R. W. Breece, recorder's fees, \$31.00
T. E. J. Duffy, prosecuting six cases, \$17.50
R. E. Gray, witness fees, \$1.50
Thomas Phillips, repair jail, \$10.00
M. R. Elliott, fees concerning water right for city, \$33.50
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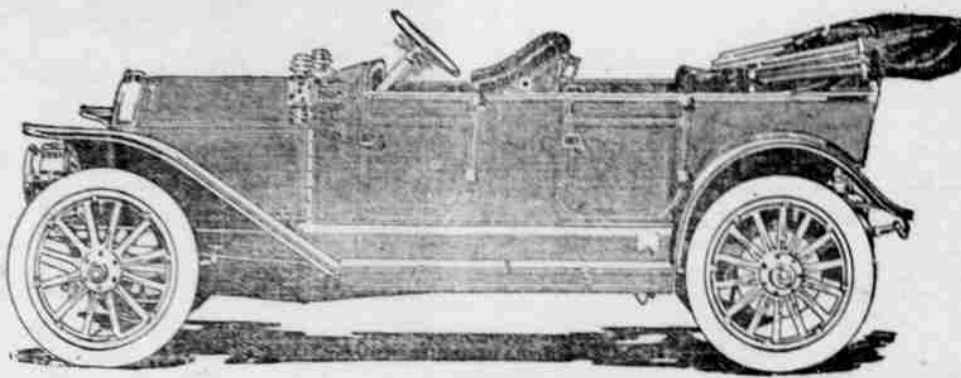
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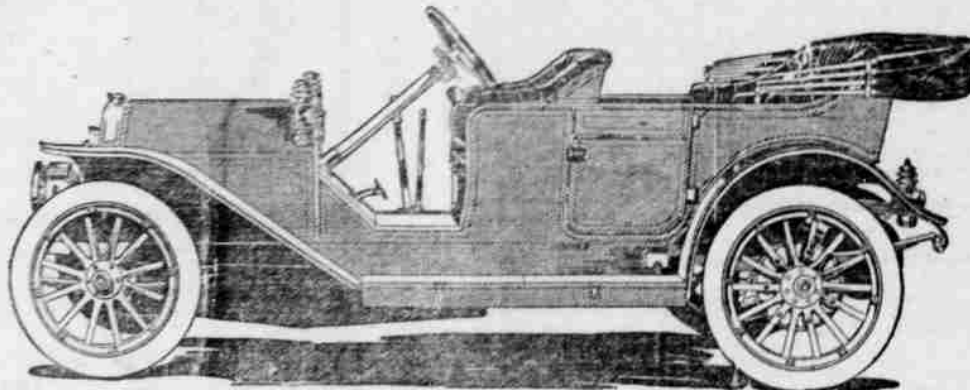


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