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NOW AND THEN

Livestock Prices—Something About Them Now and in the Past.

Fat hogs, weighing 175 pounds and upwards, continue to be quoted by local buyers at six cents per pound on foot. Smaller hogs bring five and a half and five and three quarters. Though hogs are scarce, the excellence of the prices is a surprise to both buyers and growers. At such figures, hogs are believed by many to be the best property on a farm, especially when wheat for feeding purposes rules so high.

Beef steers are quoted at three cents, with a slightly better figure for prime stuff. Mutton rules at about two and a quarter. Figures of the past five years in Portland market are interesting. The Rural Spirit publishes a table on the subject, from which the following figures are taken. The prices are for the month of September:

Prime steers, 1902, \$3.75 to \$4.00; 1901, \$3.75 to \$4.00; 1900, \$4.00; 1899, \$3.75; 1898, \$3.50; 1897, \$3.00.
Common steers, 1902, \$3.25 to \$3.50; 1901, \$3.00; 1900, \$3.50 to \$3.75; 1899, \$3.25 to \$3.50; 1898, \$3.25; 1897, \$2.75.
Prime cows, 1902, \$3.25; 1901, \$3.25 to \$3.50; 1900, \$3.50; 1899, \$3.50; 1898, \$2.75; 1897, \$2.35.
Common cows, 1902, \$2.75 to \$3.00; 1901, \$3.00; 1900, \$3.00 to \$3.25; 1899, \$3.00 to \$3.25; 1898, \$2.50; 1897, \$2.25.
Sheep, 1902, \$3.00; 1901, \$3.25; 1900, \$3.50; 1899, \$3.50; 1898, \$3.35; 1897, \$2.40.

Large fat hogs, 1902, \$6.75; 1901, \$6.00; 1900, \$5.75; 1899, \$5.25 to \$5.50; 1898, \$5.10; 1897, \$4.60.
China fat hogs, 1902, \$6.00 to \$6.25; 1901, \$5.50 to \$5.75; 1900, \$5.25 to \$5.50; 1899, \$5.00; 1897, \$4.00.
Stock hogs, 1902, \$5.25 to \$5.75; 1901, \$4.75 to \$5.00; 1900, \$4.50 to \$5.00; 1899, \$4.50; 1898, \$5.00; 1897, \$3.50.

HAS PRUNES NOW

They are Big and Good—First Good Crop in Ten Years.

They have a crop of prunes this season in the Nashville orchard. Time has been when people believed that the orchard would not bear. Three or four years ago it bore a few prunes, and after that, apparently quit the business. But now, after 10 years of existence, and at a time when other orchards of the kind are making a poor showing, the trans-Summit orchard is resplendent in a vigorous crop.

The prunes are of large size, and the quality excellent. On the twenty acres of the orchard devoted to prunes, there is an estimated crop of 2,500 bushels. The prunes are to be shipped to Granger to be dried by the Benton County Company's evaporator. Picking is to begin next week.

In the same orchard there is a large acreage of apples, pears and other fruit. In all, the orchard comprises 70 acres. The chief portion is in winter apples, and the crop is good. There are also many pear trees, but the pear crop is practically a failure.

For Sale.

Seventy wether lambs at \$2 per head. So four year olds at \$2.50 per head.

S. H. Moore,
Box 45.

Call and See!

My book cases and writing desks combined, from \$5 to \$15 per piece. Also a lot of other furniture, all new. Must close out within three weeks. All kinds of woodwork made and repaired. Shod and storeroom opposite Farmers Hotel. August Weisman.

PASSING OF H. F. FISCHER

He Died Tuesday—Laid to Rest in Crystal Lake Cemetery Thursday.

H. F. Fischer, one of the most prominent milling men in Oregon and a leading factor in the business arrangements of Benton county, lies under the sod in Crystal Lake cemetery. He died at 7:20 o'clock Tuesday evening, and his remains were laid to rest in the family burial lot Thursday afternoon.

The end was not unexpected. For two years Mr Fischer has been in failing health. Early last July, with his son Ernest, he went to Sulphur Springs, twelve miles beyond Ashland, in quest of health. For a time, he improved slightly, and then took a turn for the worse, and rapidly declined. While there, he gave up all hope of continued life, and declared that he was coming home to die. About two weeks ago, he returned from the Springs, and thereafter kept his room until the end came.

The funeral occurred from the family residence Thursday afternoon. Many old neighbors and friends attended the service and followed the remains to the grave. The service was conducted by Rev. Carrick of the Presbyterian church. The ceremony was simple, and in keeping with the quiet, earnest life of the deceased. Beautiful floral emblems and flowers in vast profusion covered the casket and the mound, and bore silent, but sweet witness of the high esteem in which the dead was held. The pall bearers were, P. Avery, E. Allen, M. S. Woodcock, Caleb Davis, Levi Oren and W. C. Corbett. The surviving members of the family are, the widow, four sons, August, Ernest, and Fred of Corvallis, and Louis of Silverton, and Mrs. Richard Kiger and Miss Martha Fischer of Corvallis.

Henry Fred Fischer was born in Lansburg, Hanover, Germany, March 25, 1838. With his parents he came to America in 1842, and settled in Du Page county, Illinois. The site of the new home was about 14 miles west of Chicago. The parents lived on a farm, and young Fischer engaged in the early part of his career in agricultural pursuits.

From boyhood, Mr Fischer manifested a deep interest in machinery. While on the farm he conceived the idea of operating a chopping mill with wind as the motive power. He built a large windmill, provided a chopper, and had the satisfaction of seeing his experiment work out successfully. After the success of this project, he concluded that flour could be manufactured by the same agency. He set to work and soon constructed a windmill, the arms of which were 160 feet across. On these were fitted four immense sails. The machine was then attached to two sets of burrs, and the experiment began. Like the experiment with the chopper, the new modelled mill was a complete success, and it continued in operation for a number of years. The success of the experiment was so marked, that many mills of the kind were built in various parts of the state. Competition became great, and the development of the corn industry indicated a decline in the wheat business. Mr Fischer determined to seek a new field, and in 1877, he sold out and came with his family to Oregon, settling in Corvallis. He purchased immediately a one third interest in the Corvallis Flouring Mills, then owned by Gray and Korthauer. The business was at the time in bad financial condition. The plant was not of the kind that Mr Fischer desired, and after two years, a proposition was made by him to his partners to either buy or sell, and in negotiations that followed, Mr Fischer became sole owner. He set about immediately to make improvements on the property, and success rewarded his efforts. His whole time, thought and energy were devoted to study and development of the property. For eighteen years thereafter, the enterprise continued to grow in business and reputation, until finally other mills of the valley had to be hired to fill a portion of the orders. The capacity was increased time after time, until it reached 200 barrels. At last in order to meet the demand for his flour, Mr Fischer bought and improved the Silverton mill in Marion county, also with a capacity of 200 barrels per day. This happened in 1898, and the combined plants have since had all the business necessary to keep them constantly in operation day and night.

The thought and ambition that was uppermost in the mind of the well known miller was present with him when the period of his decline began. Realizing last June that his life work was about done, he expressed the wish that the great enterprise built up by his thought and industry and business acumen should continue in coming years as

his hand and brain left it, and he made arrangements accordingly. Papers were drawn up and executed by which the business should continue as in the past, when various awards were taken for excellence of its flour product, and a reputation almost as wide as the world was achieved. After the execution of documents necessary for carrying out this desire, Mr Fischer set about to husband the little health that was left him, or to wait the inevitable end as fate should decree it.

December 19, 1861, Mr Fischer was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Rathje, who survives him. Six years ago, the deceased made a trip to his old home in Germany. Though but five years old when he left the land of his birth, he remembered still some of the landmarks of his young childhood. Among these, as he looked about the old home, was a certain curbed well that seemed to be missing. Fifty four years had elapsed since he had seen the farm, but the old well curb and the sparkling water from beneath, he remembered. He enquired for it but the occupants knew nothing of the ancient watering place. Finally a search was instituted, and under the floor of an outbuilding the old well was found. The curb was still there, but for years had been hidden from view by the building. A result of the incident, was that shortly afterward the well was cleaned out, and the use of the famous water was resumed.

HIS DEATH

Charles H. Moor Passed Away in Portland—Burial in Corvallis Today.

Charles H. Moor, son of C. H. Moor, and a former Corvallis boy, died at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. His home was at Stevenson, Wash., and he had gone to Portland the first of the week for medical treatment. His affliction was bright's disease, and he was well enough when he arrived in Portland Tuesday to walk ashore from the steamer to the hospital. The news of the character of his ailment and that his case was hopeless was communicated to the family in Benton county, who supposed that his decline would be gradual and that the end, as is usual with the disease, would be slow to come. Thursday morning, however a telegram from Mrs. Moore, who was with him at the hospital, conveyed the intelligence that her husband was no more. Judge Moor went to Portland by Thursday's train, and will accompany the remains of his son to Corvallis today.

The burial is to be in Odd Fellows cemetery. A regular funeral service was held in Portland yesterday afternoon. On the arrival of the westside train at noon today, the hearse and carriages will be in waiting, and the funeral party will go direct from the station to the cemetery. At the grave there will be a simple burial service, conducted by Rev. Noble of the Baptist church.

Charley Moor, whose youth, boyhood and young manhood were spent in Corvallis, was universally esteemed by all who knew him. He was born in Polk county, January 15th, 1858. When but a few years of age, he came with his parents to the farm north of Corvallis where Judge Moor still resides. In time he came to Corvallis and learned the printing trade, working on the Gazette, Benton Leader and other publications. He aided in the composition for the first issue of the Times, and continued for two or three years in the composing room of the paper.

In 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Vineyard, and in 1890 they went to Portland to reside, where Mr Moor became deputy weigher and gauger in the custom's service. While serving in the latter capacity, Mr Moor studied law at odd hours, and in 1895 was admitted to the bar. In 1896 he went to Stevenson, Skamania county, Washington, and engaged in the practice of his profession. There, he arose rapidly in political prominence and in 1900, was elected prosecuting attorney of his county, in which, he made an enviable record. During his term he prosecuted the Hood River murderer, who formerly resided near Philomath, and succeeded in bringing him to justice and the gallows. In the community of his late home, the death of Mr Moor is deplored, as it is here in the scenes of his earlier career, where the melancholy news of his passing, awakened profound regret.

To Let.

Fifty good Ewes. L. N. Edwards, Dusty Ore.

GOING TO UTAH

Former Corvallis Man—Facts About the Sensational Fay Case.

M. H. Kriebel has been appointed general agent for Utah of the Washington Life Insurance Company of Portland, and is to leave about October 2nd, to reside at Salt Lake City. He is in town for a few days with Blair T. Scott, manager of the company.

Mr Scott was the moving spirit in securing recently the release of Charles I. Fay, taken from Portland on an unjustifiable charge by Wisconsin officers and discharged after a hearing in a court at Mandan, Dakota. The abduction of Fay was sensational in its details, and occupied much space in the Portland papers at the time.

A man named Dufer, of Wisconsin, had purchased timber lands in Oregon, and subsequently discovered that the timber has all been burned off. The land was purchased on the report of a cruiser named Briggs. Fay had called the attention of Briggs to the land, but beyond that was not concerned in the transaction, either financially or otherwise. Dufer came to Oregon, and demanded \$2,500 from Fay, and declared that unless the amount be paid, Fay would be taken to Wisconsin, and be sent to the penitentiary. Fay would not pay, and his sensational arrest and subsequent discharge was the result. Dufer, who is worth \$250,000, has since disappeared and cannot be found. A warrant is out for his arrest on a charge of attempted extortion.

In the affair scores of detectives, dozens of lawyers and the governors of three states were involved. The telegraph bill incurred in a single day by those working for Fay's release was \$255.

MUSK FOR MOTHERS

And Red Daughters—Siletz Denizens Bought it and other Things in Corvallis.

Corvallis has been full of Indians for the past few days. They are fresh from the hop fields, and as their pockets were well filled with money, they have almost had the freedom of the city. They hail from the Siletz country, and to the number of 100, men, women and children, have been camped on the flat near Mary's river bridge. Their stay has been a source of special interest to Corvallis dealers, with whom they have done a lively trade. Their purchases have included everything from a cambric needle to a suit of clothes or a family range. At one drug store they bought liberally of musk for perfumery purposes. Generally speaking, the buyer was of the female persuasion, and she invariably asserted that the loud-odored drug was not for her own use. If an aged mother she avowed that the stuff was wanted for her daughter. If a buxom young maiden, she lisped out in "Bosting" English that her mother wanted it. Thus, the universality of the female mind to hide its vanity seems so complete as to possess even the red woman scarcely over the border line of civilization.

The red men also frequented the drug stores. None of them, however bought musk or other perfume. Their tale of woe was one of sickness. They wanted medicine. Their physical inwards were debilitated, and they wanted something to bring them back to health. Out of the condition, the drug clerks did a thriving business. They dished out powders, pills and bitter solutions to suit the exigencies of the different cases and in amounts to fit the money the buyer wanted to spend.

In the stores, too, the red buyers were in evidence, and the clerk who could mix a little chinook with his own vernacular was valuable to his employer. In one store, an elderly squaw, when told that the price of a certain article was 50 cents, informed the dealer that she could do better than that at Toledo, and whisked indignantly from the establishment.

Bridge Wanted.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by me up to 1 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1902, for the construction of a bridge across the slough near the residence of F. H. Hughson on the Corvallis-Albany river road, in accordance with the plans, specifications, train diagrams and instruction to bidders on file in my office. Said bridge to be a 60-foot span, covered Howe truss upon stone or concrete piers at the option of court.

Each bidder shall be required to deposit with his bid 5 per cent of the amount of such bid, as by law required. The court reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

THOMAS A. JONES, Co. Surveyor.

Wanted.

Young men of fine character, willing to work and anxious to please, wants to do chores for board while he attends college. Inquire at Times office.

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The arrival for the past two weeks has placed in our store one of the largest and best selected stock of merchandise we have ever had, comprising all the late novelties in dress goods, silks, trimmings, ribbons, etc. In shoes you have the largest and best selected stock in the city to choose from. Our aim is to carry everything to be found in an up-to-date dry goods store. Prices to please.....

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