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ADDRESS OF HON. C. E. MOORE

Delivered before the Corvallis Farmers' Club, April 5, 1873.

In all of our operations we should move with prudence and care, and all of our decisions should be marked with candor. It is not only unprofitable, but very disastrous, that we should deceive ourselves.

Now let us see if there is not really something in the shipping business. I take the following figures from the Oregon Bulletin, of March 1, 1873:

Table with 2 columns: Description of wheat (e.g., Cost of 1 bush, wheat on ship) and Price/Rate.

On examining these figures I find them correct, except the amount for commission on the selling price of the wheat in Liverpool. I make it a trifle more.

The amount of wheat stored by us the past season was 55,074 bushels, at our warehouses in Corvallis. The amount weighed out does not exceed the amount weighed in, so there is no increased weight.

They (the Hamiltons) bought for Comstock & Co., and this company bought for Hewitt, Wilson & Co., of Portland, who are agents for a heavy English company, the principal shippers from Oregon.

Major Bruce thinks there is an increased weight of 7 per cent, or more, which will considerably more than balance the wastage. Mr. Holman, who stored wheat at Buena Vista, says there is an increased weight over the wastage of some 5 per cent., or 50 bushels on the 1,000.

Now, suppose we had been smart enough to hold our wheat until the price had reached 75 cents per bushel—14 cents higher than the average estimated price at our warehouses; 14c plus 90c equals \$1.04, as the cost to the shipper, ready for sea, and the figures will stand thus: One bush, wheat on board ship \$1.04

Total cost of one bush, wheat, \$1.83.2 We will now reduce the price of ocean freight to \$20 per ton. This will make 13 cents difference in the cost of a bushel of wheat delivered in the Liverpool market; \$1.83 minus 13c equals \$1.70, so that upon this last figuring we find that the shipper can get \$1.74 for a bushel of wheat that has cost him \$1.70.

It is hinted by some that the farmers of Oregon had better hold out the idea that they intend to ship, so as to scare the shippers, and make him pay us a higher price. I am of the opinion that this course will, if attempted, prove a failure, if not a disaster.

From the beginning of the farmers' meetings here and elsewhere in the valley, I have had no idea but what the shipper was paying about as high a price as he could afford, or was going to pay for our surplus products.

The fault is with ourselves, and the remedy is in our own hands. We can, if we will, always get good prices. There are some who always do. It has been said the farmers could do nothing for themselves by holding meetings. I think we can do much.

The whole system of wheat storing in Oregon is wrong, because it has a tendency to get the producer a lower price, and make it cheaper to the consumer.

There is nothing wrong in the mere matter of 5 cents a bushel for sea and handling. If this is all the warehouseman gets, he will not get rich very fast. But he is generally the paid agent of the buyer, and it is his business to get the producer as low a price as he can; or, in other words, to buy for his employers as cheap as he can.

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W. B. and Jas. Hamilton made the following statement, in substance, to me, at my request, on Saturday, March 8, 1873:

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Comstock & Co. were paid something for buying wheat, and they gave us a part of what they got. That is, they paid us the 5 cents per bushel storage. Comstock & Co. made a strong effort to keep the price of wheat down, so that they could afford to buy.

Hewitt, Wilson & Co. gave us orders to send the wheat down by Holladay's boats, and not by the opposition line. If we were the agents for the farmers, instead of being the agents for the buyers, we could do some better for them; or, if the wheat was under our control, we might, at times, get better prices.

Mr. Hyland says he stored 15,000 bushels, and thinks there is an increase in the weight of wheat from the time it is weighed in at harvest until it is weighed out in February or March. Comstock & Co. got 5 cents for buying. I bought for them, and got nothing for buying.

Major Bruce thinks there is an increased weight of 7 per cent, or more, which will considerably more than balance the wastage. Mr. Holman, who stored wheat at Buena Vista, says there is an increased weight over the wastage of some 5 per cent., or 50 bushels on the 1,000.

It is stated by some as high as 10 per cent., or 100 bushels on every 1,000. I find no fault with the Hamiltons. I assume they state the truth. They are high-minded, honorable men. The fact that they find no increased weight goes to show that they have been, or

intended to be, very liberal with the farmers in the matter of weight, and of taking wheat out for to be stored. I am well satisfied, and the evidence I have presented goes to show, that there is considerable increased weight. If wheat is in good condition when weighed into the warehouse at harvest time, it will weigh out in January, or later, with an increase of 7 1/2 per cent; or, at any rate, it is as good as 5 cents per bushel to the warehouseman.

Then Comstock & Co. were paid, say 5 cents per bushel for buying, and the price of freight to Portland from Corvallis is, and will continue to be reduced, if we manage wisely, say 7 1/2 cents per bushel. The unnecessary expenses that kept the price of wheat down this year are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description of cost (e.g., Increased weight per bushel, For buying, Freight) and Amount.

Total, 17 1/2 cents is over and beside of the 5 cents per bushel paid to the Hamiltons and Mr. Hyland, for storing, handling and buying, 17 1/2 plus 75 equals 92 1/2 cents. But says the warehouseman the increased weight will not increase the price, but the quantity. Very well, we can pay the Hamiltons with the increased weight, and take the 5 cents storage ourselves.

Five cents is as good to us, whether it comes from the increased weight or from storage. With prudent management we may just as well have 92 1/2 cents per bushel as to take 75, and add nothing to the price paid by the shippers. I am inclined to believe that every encouragement should be given to the opposition line of boats, for they have put freight down.

Our surplus products must be put in the very best condition before they are delivered to the warehouseman or offered for sale. This being done, we may employ an agent to receive, store, and sell our wheat, paying him, (the being the owner of the warehouse) 5 cents per bushel for his services. His business will then be to get us the highest price instead of the lowest, as heretofore; or, we may insist that there should be no discrimination against wheat on the wharf. So that the farmer can get his grain on board a steam boat at the same price as the merchant can his bacon.

The farmer has been, and is, charged 5 cents per bushel, or \$5 for 100 bushels of three tons, while the merchant is charged less than one half this amount for his bacon. I am credibly informed that the opposition freighting company are making arrangements to establish wharves for their boats to land and take freight at all the principal points along the river, and make these wharves free to all freight.

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There is no discrimination against the farmer's freight. For if the farmer will continue to patronize this town, while this discrimination exists here against him, he ought to remain in the future, as he has been in the past, the mental slave of the middle-man. If a wharf be established here upon the basis of equal rights, the farmer can sack and store his surplus grain in any wharf storing any farmer. Grant, first Monday in June, and third Monday in September; Baker, third Monday in May, and first Monday in October; Union, first Monday in May, and third Monday in October; Umatilla, last Monday in April, and the fourth Monday in October.

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Oregon Official Directory.

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FEDERAL OFFICERS. U. S. District Judge.....M. P. Deady. U. S. Marshal.....Thos. G. Young. Clerk U. S. Court.....R. Wilcox. Surveyor General.....A. W. Odell. Sup't Ind. Affairs.....A. B. Mescham. U. S. Assessor.....Thos. Frazer. U. S. Collector.....W. Bowly.

LAND OFFICERS. W. R. Willis, Register, Roseburg. B. Herman, Receiver, Oregon City. Henry Warren, Receiver, Salem. H. Stevens, Register, La Grande. D. Chaplin, Receiver, " "

SUPREME COURT. P. P. Prim, Chief Justice, Jacksonville. A. J. Thayer, Corvallis. B. F. Bonham, Salem. W. W. Upton, Portland. L. L. McArthur, Baker City.

JUDICIAL DISTRICTS. First District: Jackson and Josephine. 2d District: Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas and Lane. 3d District: Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill. 4th District: Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Tillamook and Washington. 5th District: Grant, Umatilla, Union and Wasco.

TERMS OF CIRCUIT COURTS. First District—In the county of Josephine, on the fourth Monday in October; Jackson, second Monday in February, June and November.

Second District—Douglas, third Monday in October, and second Monday in May; Coos, fourth Monday in May, and second Monday in September; Curry, first Monday in June; Lane, third Monday in April, and first Monday in November; Benton, second Monday in April, and third Monday in November.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

DR. E. W. BIDDLE, DENTIST. Having purchased the interest of Dr. D. S. Stryker, in the DENTAL BUSINESS, would respectfully announce to the citizens of Corvallis and vicinity that he is now prepared to perform FIRST CLASS DENTAL OPERATIONS in the most approved styles, on short notice, and at reasonable charges. 47

JOHN BOSWELL, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, CORVALLIS. Will attend promptly to all calls in the line of his profession. Office at Graham & Bayley's Drug Store, Residence—Southwest corner of second block north of Court House. October 25, 1872. 2:27tr

L. FOLEY, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, OFFICE AT Graham's Drug Store, 2:15y1 CORVALLIS.

T. V. B. EMBREE, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, LEWISVILLE, Polk County, Oregon. Office at Residence. 2:50 6m*

ERASTUS HOLTGATE, Justice of the Peace. CORVALLIS, OREGON. WILL GIVE PROMPT ATTENTION TO THE Collection of notes and accounts. Particular attention paid to all business entrusted to his care. Office in New Engine House, Up-stairs.

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SOL KING'S STAGES RUN TO THIS HOUSE. October 28, 1872. 2:28tr

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