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VALUE OF A GOOD TEAM.
 How many farmers stop to consider the real difference in value between a good, heavy, well-mated, prompt team of horses and even an average one, not to say a poor one. Almost every day in the year the farmer has to drive some kind of a team. In fact his out door life is spent largely in their company and how much more satisfaction he can get in driving a team of horses that are not only pleasing to the eye and handling pleasantly, but one that will do vastly more work and do it better than an inferior one. Almost every piece of machinery on the farm work better when drawn by a well-mated, prompt pair of mowers. This is particularly true when drilling grain and planting and cultivating corn. No man can drive a drill or a planter straight when one horse is lagging behind.

Generally speaking, I think our farm horses are far too light to do their work profitably and pleasantly. Nearly all our farm machinery is much heavier than in the past and requires stronger teams. We not only plow deeper, but take a wider furrow than we did 20 years ago. Our harrows are made much wider and dig better. We also do vastly more cultivating, a lot of which requires more horse power. Every engineer will tell you it is not only easier on an engine but less liable to accident to have an engine large enough to do its work without crowding its fire box. It is equally true with a team of horses. A team that has sufficient size to pull their load with their weight, so to speak, and that does not have to work on their nerve will not only keep easier, but last longer and be less liable to accident than a smaller one.

While it may be well to keep one lighter team for the running about and light work, the farm horses in general should not weigh less than 1400 lbs., and for my own use I should prefer even 1500. I know from years of experience that it takes no more grain to feed them and only a little more hay. A small horse may seem to do the same

work nearly as easily for a few days, but he cannot hold up under it for a long stretch like the heavier one. The tendency is also to plow more shallow and to fling the work where one has a light team, when if he had a stronger one he would do it as it should be done. A good heavy horse will even do a good day's work if he is thin in flesh, while a light one is of little account if he gets poor. I do not mean by this that it is advisable or economical to let a work team get run down, but I have been so situated in my early farm days that I could not keep my team in condition. It would have paid me better if I could have fed them better or done less work with them, but I then had to do the best I could, and not as I would. It is always more economical to keep an extra horse where one is situated so he can, than to overwork them.

If you have a really good, pleasant working team on the farm, do not part with them even if you can buy another not as good for a hundred dollars less. The difference in price will not pay you. Soon your hundred dollars will be gone and you will never get any satisfaction in working them. Nothing on the place makes the farmer more contented and the boys feel more like staying on the farm than good horses to work and drive.—Forest Henry, in Pacific Homestead.

BE CONTENT.
 A man in his carriage was riding along,
 His gaily-dressed wife by his side;
 In salt and facet she looked like a queen,
 And he like a king by her side.
 A wood-sawyer stood near the street as they passed;
 The carriage and couple he eyed,
 And said, as he worked with his saw on his log,
 "I wish I was rich and could ride."
 The man in the carriage remarked to his wife,
 "One thing I would do, if I could:
 I would give all my wealth for the strength
 and the health
 Of the man who is sawing the wood."
 A pretty young maid with a bundle of work,
 Whose face like the morning was fair,
 Went tripping along with a smile of delight,
 While humming a love-breathing air.
 She looked at the carriage; the lady's eye saw,
 All dressed in her clothing so fine,
 And said, in a whisper: "I wish from my heart
 Those salt and faces were mine."
 The lady looked out on the maid with her work,
 So fair, in her calico dress,
 And said, "Ah, how gladly I'd give all my wealth,
 Her beauty and youth to possess."
 It is thus in this world; whatever our lot,
 Our minds and our time we employ
 In longing and sighing for what we have not,
 Ungrateful for what we enjoy.
 —Anonymous.

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Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by the County Court of Crook County, Oregon, on or before November 3, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the erection of a bridge across Willow Creek at or near Madras, Crook County, Oregon, according to the plans and specifications now on file in the County Clerk's office. Successful bidder to furnish bond and contract and deposit a certified check or cash to the amount of 5 per cent of bid. Bidder to also state time when work is to be completed. Envelopes containing bids should be marked "Bid for bridge across Willow Creek, Crook County, Oregon" addressed to County Clerk, Prineville, Ore. Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Done by order of the County Court of Crook County, Ore., October 15, 1904. [Seal] J. J. SMITH, County Clerk.

All parties indebted to me are hereby notified that all accounts not settled before November 15th will be put into the hands of a lawyer for collection. I need my money and think I have waited long enough. L. M. Hahn.

CONTEST NOTICE.
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
 United States Land Office.
 The Dalles, Ore., Sept. 30, 1904.

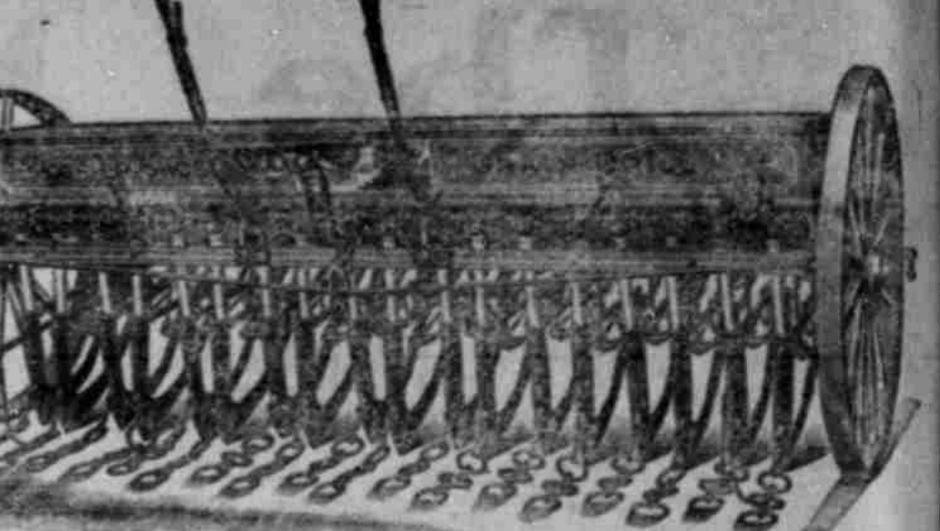
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Fred Fisher, contestant, against the homestead entry No. 10,557, made March 24, 1892, for SE quarter, Section 10, Township 11 S., Range 13 E., by Walker Luther Harris, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Walker Luther Harris has wholly abandoned said land for more than six months next prior to date of said affidavit, and has failed to improve and cultivate same as required by law, and that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, and parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 8, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in the Dalles, Oregon.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed September 30, 1904, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
 Oct 6 ANNE M. LANG, Receiver.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
 United States Land Office.
 The Dalles, Ore., Sept. 30, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Don P. Bea, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Madras, Oregon, on the 8th day of November, 1904, to wit: James I. Chiles, of Madras, Oregon, on homestead entry No. 10,222 for the NE quarter of Section 11, T. 10 S., Range 13 E., W. M.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation or said land, to wit: Calvin C. Fox, Miles Fox, William Brownhill and George Bra-stetter, all of Madras, Ore.
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