

STOCKMEN PUZZLED.

Under this heading the Portland Oregonian discusses the range and stock question as follows:

Stockmen in the great Rocky Mountain state ranges are unable to account for the low price of beef. Inquiry has brought out comparative data which shows that there is no more stock, sheep or cattle, on the market than there was a year ago when prices were up, while every consumer of meat knows that the prices of beef and mutton from the block have not in the least declined. On the contrary, in some local markets, including our own, meats of all kinds are higher than they were a year ago. It is specifically stated that the price of cattle on the great ranges is now \$2 to \$3 per hundred less than they were a year ago.

To add to the anxiety of the stockmen the grasshoppers have been more numerous than for many years, in certain sections eating the range clean and even invading the alfalfa fields. Cattlemen of such sections will be forced to sell at the reduced prices offered, while those more fortunately situated will continue to buck the "beef trust" for another year with a good chance of winning out when the "six markets," viz., Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, St. Joseph and Sioux City, run short on meat.

In the meantime the "unorganized public," as a late writer on unionism and trusts puts it, is at the mercy of whatever scheme is behind the livestock situation that has for its object the reduction of the price of cattle and sheep on the range and a further increase in the price of meat products in the great supply depots.

To what extent the lower prices of livestock have extended to the Oregon ranges the public is not fully advised. But that there is at least partial stagnation in the shipping movement on the ranges is indicated by a dispatch published a few days ago, which stated that in the John Day valley there is at this time fully 50 per cent more cattle than can be fed through the winter, notwithstanding the fact that the hay crop in this valley is better this year than for many years past. This overstocked condition is due, it is said, to the lack of cattle buyers. Indeed, according to a prominent stockman, "there have been no buyers at all in the valley this season."

Of course there is a reason for the stagnation in the cattle industry. Clearly this is not due to any decrease in the demand, as the Pacific coast market is constantly widening. Nor is it due to the price of meat, as that is higher than ever before.

It is evident that a master hand is at work shaping these conditions and a little later, before the shipping season closes, it will probably show itself in sending cattle buyers into overstocked valleys, who will offer prices that, though ruinously low, will be better than to permit the stock to starve to death while waiting for higher prices. Stockmen are said to be puzzled at the situation and unable to account for it. They will probably be enlightened in due time as to the cause which makes cattle shrink while the high price of beef is maintained and the market widening.

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FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the County Court of the state of Oregon for the County of Grant.

In the matter of the estate of Mary A. Bremer, deceased.

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Dated at John Day, Oregon, this 27th day of August, 1903.

M. W. MYERS, Administrator.

M. DUSTIN, Attorney for estate.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE AT BUREAU, OREGON, Aug. 16, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Neil Myers, County Clerk of Grant county, at Canyon City, Oregon, on Sept. 22, 1903, viz.: Henderson Ruffley, No. 286, to John Benson for the E. 1/4, N. W. 1/4, NE 1/4, NE 1/4, Sec. 8, T. 13 N., R. 31 E., W. 3.

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