

Shifts in Livestock Marketing

It wasn't so many years ago that the anti-trust busters were forcing the big packing interests to divest themselves of ownership and control of stock yards at the big meat-packing centers. The packers finally disposed of their interest in stock yards and apparently it turns out to be a good thing they did because with the shifts that have come in transportation the scheme of "direct buying" is being followed out so much through the hog-belt that the affected interests are putting up as big a "holler" as they did when the packers owned the stockyards.

"Direct buying" is where the packers go direct to the farmer and buy his stuff, pick it up in trucks and haul it to their plants. It is becoming quite common in the Willamette valley. In the Middle West the old plan was for livestock buyers to operate in all the country towns, buying small lots of hogs or cattle from farmers, making up a carload and consigning them to commission firms at the stockyards at Chicago, Kansas City or other packing centers. This meant of course a commission charge to the commission house and a profit to the local buyer, provided he guessed right on the market, which our experience showed was a gamble.

Then the bigger farmers began shipping in carlots direct to commission houses; and finally the last few years under the fever of co-operative marketing, farmer-controlled organizations have acted as commission houses in the chief packing cities. Theoretically this gave all the selling price to the farmer with nothing out for profit of local buyer or city commission firm. Now when all this machinery has been set up the whole scheme of marketing is threatened with change because good roads and motor trucks permit "direct buying" and farm pick-up.

We have noticed in Iowa country papers ads of the Chicago Stock Yards itself advertising for shipments to their yards. And the manager of the Farmers' Union livestock commission outfit in Chicago wound up an appeal in the rural press on this subject as follows:

"Now is the time for organized farmers to 'rare up' and stop this vicious system of sapping the public markets—to stamp out the spreading fire of false propaganda and above all to support cooperative live stock marketing under Government supervision."

Without a doubt the packers are guilty of the sin of trying to buy livestock at the lowest price. Aside from this however the fact sticks out that the business revolution isn't confined to chain stores, rayon for silk and cotton, and motor buses for street cars. A man can't do business just like his forefathers did—he may even have to advertise, just like the Chicago stock yards.

No Starvation for Higher Institutions

OREGON is not being "bled white" in support of its higher institutions. Oregon can well afford to deal with these plants in a more liberal manner. We poke much fun at the frills of our colleges and universities, but after all they are performing a vast service in the development of this state. President Hall was fully justified in appealing to the legislators for additional support for the university and President Kerr was likewise on sound ground in stating that the college was severely taxed to make its resources meet its obligations.

We rate as real twaddle all this talk about shutting out students from other states or putting a head tax on them as though they ought to be barred. Some people seem to think that young people from California ought to be classed with Chinese, or Japs and rigidly excluded. We ought to realize that while many come from other states to attend our schools, hundreds from Oregon go to the schools of other states. There ought to be and there must be some reasonable reciprocity in this. It is fair to charge a heavier tuition against out-of-state students, but that is now being done. But don't class them as objectionable aliens.

The coming of these young people to Oregon to attend school may bring some cost to the state, but this cost is probably more than offset by the attendance of Oregon young people at institutions outside this state. Hundreds of these young people who are coming to Oregon are going to locate here permanently. At least they are getting acquainted with our state and its resources and opportunities. The money we expend on their education is money well invested. We cannot live in a narrow shell, and insulate ourselves from outside contacts. Education is an entrance into a larger freedom and for one we are proud that our institutions are so outstanding that they are attracting youth from other states.

Branch Banking

BRANCH banking may arise in Oregon if Senator Schuler's bill is given favorable consideration in the senate, house and by the governor. The senator, believing that his own interests in Sherwood and Hillsboro could be more efficiently handled and the depositors made more secure by joint stock ownership, seeks to allow other county seat bankers to merge the banks of smaller communities with their own.

Opposed to the measure will be citizens and who dislike the thought that their bank in their own small town, even as the grocery store and telephone company may shortly become but a branch of another bank in the county seat town or in the largest city adjacent to the community. To own and operate that bank confers a certain pride on the stockholders of community; when the bank merges into a branch of another town, the pride of local ownership wanes and the town feels itself without a financial headquarters.

Offsetting such arguments of sentiment and community unity, are weightier matters of sound finance. Banks of small capital cannot extend sufficient accommodations to their best customers. Banks of limited capital and small deposits, seldom show much profit because of an irreducible minimum cost of operation. Banks in the smaller towns often do not show the margin of safety possessed by institutions with huge assets and distributed liabilities.

Senator Schuler's bill merely paves the way for branch banking, when and where it seems desirable. As a measure of enablement it should be passed; determination of the wisdom of branch banking in various counties in Oregon will be worked out in those districts themselves as the facts in these places warrant.

Moonshiner Pays With Life

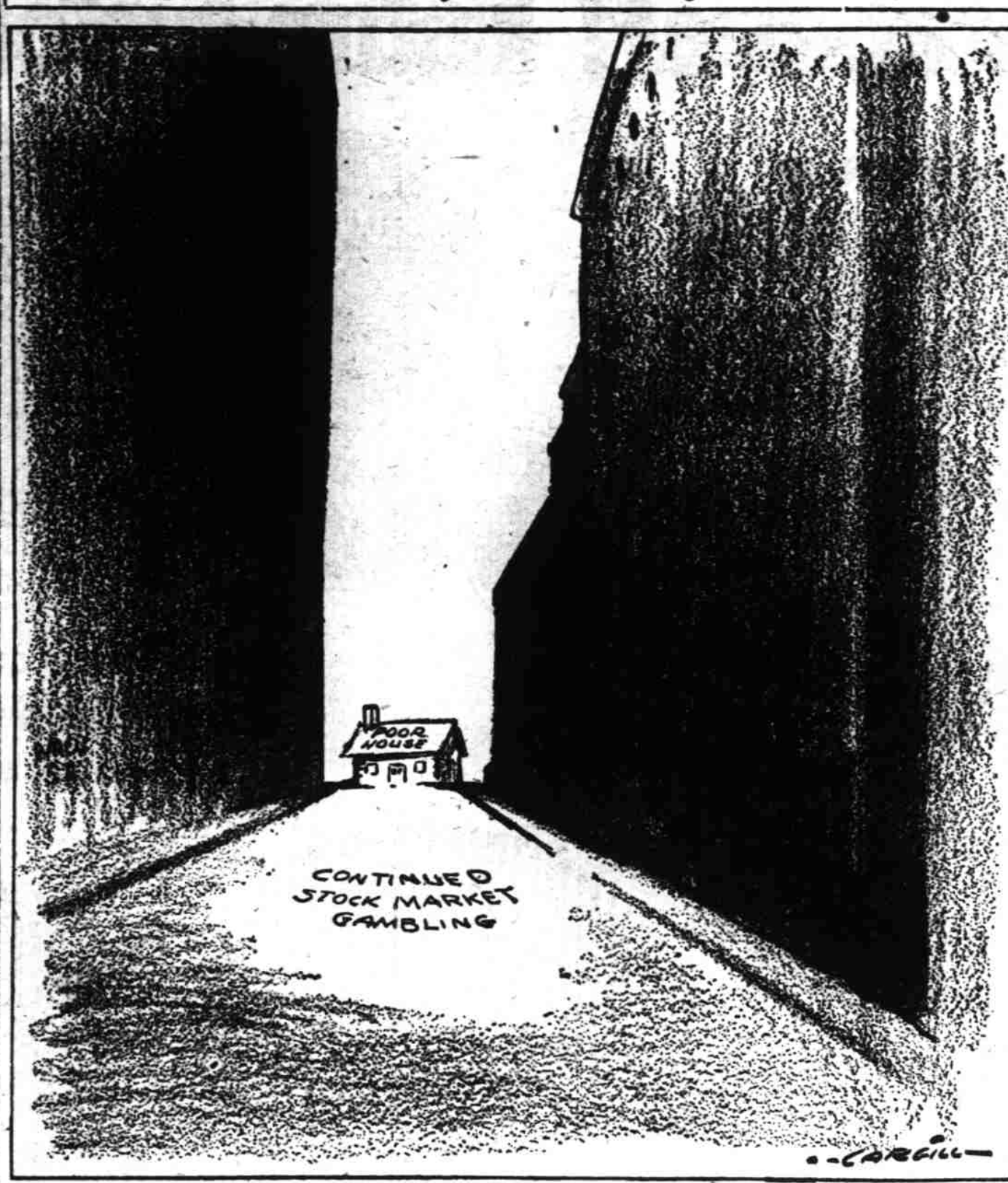
AT Toledo this week a moonshiner paid his life for his defiance of the law. His house surrounded by officers, warned to surrender, this man Kelley opened fire at the officer at the door, shooting three times, one bullet grazing the officer's head. Here is an instance where the wet press will find no chance to berate the officers and accuse them of hair-trigger shooting and abuse of their authority.

There have been unfortunate instances where officers have shown poor discretion and where wild bullets have slain innocent persons. But a far longer record could be made of the killings and wounding of officers by bootleggers, gunmen, moonshiners and racketeers. Law enforcement is no easy task whether it is prohibition or property protection. Officers deserve public support instead of condemnation for their work.

Liquor is outlaw, always has been and always will be. Defiant of any restraint, liquor interests know no limits in the breakdown of authority. No one likes to read of the killing of a moonshiner, but so long as moonshiners resort to shooting and bombing, officers will have to go armed and ready for action.

It's bad enough to hear all this talk about "old man Deficit". But when they keep calling it Deficit with accent on the "fiss"—for heaven's sake stop it, stop it.

One Way Traffic Only!



Editors Say:

LONE EAGLE? NOT MUCH LONGER

Slim, our lucky Lindy, our lone eagle, our good will ambassador, our peace-time ace of aces, our Colonel Charles L. Lindbergh, is going to get married. Here is one engagement announcement whereof it seems permissible to name first the fiancée. Nevertheless the distinguished bride-to-be is Miss Ann Morrow, is she, daughter of the United States ambassador to Mexico. Big news? The world will say so.

This, folks, is going to be our most notable American wedding in many years. Not even the Nicholoman of two decades ago could have approached the degree of interest that it will arouse. President Cleveland's White House wedding was no more important than this event is to become. Lindbergh is the national idol. The nation will take to its heart also his prospective bride.

They have been saying that Lindbergh was girlish. Apparently it was not so much that as that he knew whom he wanted in the pursuit of his duties he met his chosen one. In the pursuit of those duties he has wooed and won her. It seems a little clearer now why Lindbergh has found it necessary or expedient to fly so beautifully or two, but Lindy has quickly stopped that. Now, in their own good time and in the conventional way the bride-to-be and her father have announced the truth.

There will be no royal wedding in Europe this year or soon that will approach in popular and whole-hearted interest the Lindbergh-Morrow wedding. Royalties of all nations would better postpone their announcements until after this really big event is out of the way.—Morning Register.

GARDEN CLUB WORK

Last night the Grants Pass Garden club entered another year of activity when officers were named and work outlined for the season. The club has passed through several years of activity and has brought to Grants Pass a lot of fine publicity through its flower shows and has helped in the beautification of the county by encouraging the planting of flower gardens.

Garden club work, such as that undertaken by the local organization, is a fine thing for the community. It helps bring a better appreciation of the natural beauty to be found in southern Oregon and aids in awakening the public consciousness to the necessity of conserving this gift.

One line of work to be undertaken this year is the protection of the wild flowers and shrubs from the inroads of the dealers in nursery stock who find the hills of Josephine county a wonderful propagating ground for them. The worst offenders are the California dealers, who find it necessary to obey the California laws relating to the digging of the wild plants but come to Oregon where the laws are not observed to any extent. Last winter truck loads of huckleberry, rhododendron and other native shrubs were taken into California, from the hills of Oregon concealed under a thin covering of Christmas trees.

We hope that the garden club will take an active leadership in the campaign against the shrub "bootlegger" and that the full support of the people of the county may be enlisted to aid in their efforts.—Grants Pass Courier.

URGES INCOME TAX

What, then, is to be done to get Oregon out of the "red"? Governor Patterson advocated an income tax, which the people promptly repudiated. Therefore, he and Sam Kozer are balancing their budgets on the best of their abilities and looking to the legislature for the next move. And the legislature is in a turmoil, with no one faction as yet showing the power to put across any of the various "cure-alls" under consideration.

Personally, the Chronicle is convinced that the only way out is through a compromise income tax law, the money to be used first to get the state out of debt, and then to reduce taxes on real property. The income tax should be augmented by an excise tax, such as recommended by the Carlin tax commission as a means of obtaining revenue from national banks, holders of tax-free securities, and business generally that is operating in Oregon in such a manner as to escape its full share of taxation.—The Dalles Chronicle.

The Way of the World

By R. J. Hendricks

Did you get yours—
Meaning your valentine

Oregon having attained the scripturally allotted age for man of three score and ten year, is only in her swaddling clothes in living up to her territorial and state motto.

"Alis volat propriis," "she flies with her own wings," was a true vision of the commonwealth builders, but there is a long way to go still in attaining this distinction. When it is realized, Oregon will be the true empire state.

The Octogenarian society of Marion county, proposed to be organized at the celebration of the 80th birthday of W. T. Rigdon today, will be capable of large usefulness in keeping alive the historic memories of this section, which have had all too little attention.

The coming 1934 celebration of the centenary of the arrival of the Methodist missionaries will, if given the attention its significance justifies, go far in fixing Salem and the mission site and old Champeok in the positions of their historic importance. Salem will one day be the American and the world Mecca of Methodism. But

Others speak of the "expense" of buying a house or a piece of property. A house may be a rich investment. Savings is a subject which demands thought and understanding. It demands analysis. Because somebody does not save the way you save, does not mean he is a spendthrift. He may just be giving more thought to it than you are.

COMPETITION

In a large way this is an age of increasing cooperation. But it is to be hoped there will always be competition in this world. Competition makes men strong. Says John E. Rovensky, vice president of the National Bank of Commerce, New York: "As long as a boy is in school, he has no idea what life really is. When he gets out of school and meets other men in competition he learns what a serious piece of business life is. Then a man is tried and the weaklings are sorted out from those made of sterner stuff. The quality of men is tried out in competition."

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. Hendricks

For the opportune arrival and the timely efforts of Jason Lee in the Oregon country, all the country above the Columbia river and west of the Rocky mountains would now be flying the British flag, and possibly the rest of the Pacific coast above the center of California, if not clear to the international line between the United States and Mexico.

And the events that prevented this were centered in Salem, and at the mission cabins a few miles below, and at old Champeok.

The Portland Journal of a few days ago spoke of the Stafford pickle factory at Aurora, and of this industry generally in western Oregon. The producers of the cucumbers received last year around \$200,000 for their part in the industry. The retail prices of the manufactured product range around five times the cost of the cucumbers. So here is already a million dollar annual industry, built up from small beginnings in a few years.

It is capable of going much farther; of reaching out to wider and wider markets; of bringing a mountain sum of money each year from long distances to be distributed among our people.

"Specialist production in the Willamette valley, where soil and climate create exceptional advantage in many directions, ought to be worth the work," says the Journal. Yes; and the organization and the necessary capital.

Asked by an inquisitive reporter if electrical discovery had reached its limits, on the occasion of the celebration of his 82nd birthday, Edison answered that he does not yet know one per cent of a millionth part of anything.

Was it Plato who said he knew one thing only, namely, that he knew nothing?

And what other old Greek philosopher was it who declared that he could not prove even his own existence?

27 SHEEP KILLED
WOODLAND, Calif., Feb. 13.—(AP)—Twenty-seven yearling sheep were killed by a Southern Pacific train near Yolo today.

High Pressure Pete



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Eugenics Law to Go Farther, Aim

Inmates of the state training school for boys and state industrial school for girls, would be subject to the state eugenics law under a bill introduced by Senator Elliott. The state hospital and state institution for the feeble minded already are under the eugenics law.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read
Feb. 15, 1904

Orders have been issued by Adjutant General W. E. Finzer disbarring the medical corps of the Oregon National Guard, the order to take effect February 29, 1904.

Approximately 2,000 acres of hops will be set out in Oregon this year according to a preliminary survey. T. B. Jones will set out 100 acres in this vicinity.

Justice of the Peace W. H. Queener of Stayton was in Salem yesterday. His train ran away as he approached the city, considerable damage being done to his marriage.

Miss Edna Parrish of Dallas college has been visiting friends in Salem.

REALTORS HEAR HOW WILLAMETTE HELPS

Willamette university should and does mean much to Salem from a purely selfish business standpoint and from the moral standard it has set and maintained which is second to none in all the colleges in the land. C. M. Duncan, manager of the Willamette university financial drive which begins intensively here next week, told the Salem Realty board in addressing them at their regular Thursday noon luncheon.

Mr. Duncan pointed out that for the university to secure the \$148,000 endowment offered by the Rockefeller Foundation, approximately \$300,000—allowing for shrinkage—must be raised from friends of the institution. Of this latter sum, Salem will be asked to raise a dollar to every two dollars from other coast districts. In other words, the financial benefit is largely Salem's, as every dollar this city puts in will bring in to the city \$3.62 from other sources.

\$1000 Daily to Spend
Already Willamette university spends an average of \$100 a day every day of the year in Salem, the campaign manager said. Ninety per cent of the institution's monetary output is spent in Salem.

The appeal of Willamette to Salem citizens should be even greater from the aspect of Christian education and culture, from the high moral standards and the scholastic standards which rank above those of the state's larger and more materially-minded institutions. Mr. Duncan pointed out.

Leadership Developed
The leadership that Willamette has already developed in many walks of life is but one proof of the worth whiteness of promoting the university, and by not to the financial drive alone, but to the continuous backing and boosting it is possible for Salemites to give.

UNIVERSITY DEAN IS SPEAKED AD CLUB

The last 16 years has been outstanding development in the field of advertising and succeeding years will find even more marked improvements in the profession. Dean Eric W. Allen of the University of Oregon told members of the Salem advertising club Thursday noon.

Unethical practices in the profession are being discarded, the dean stated, and in their stead are arising proved methods of advertising which are successful in merchandising goods.

The function of the university, the dean said, is to provide knowledge which will lead to results of ultimate value, rather than immediate value. For this reason, schools of journalism are becoming repositories of knowledge where the best books and trade journals as well as scientific investigations, are collected for the use of succeeding generations.

C. S. Spill
Dean was introduced as a new member of the club and expressed his pleasure with Salem and its future.

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