beEy packing im bastery orkgon. The most important question that now
arises in connection with the future of Eastern Oregon is: How can the yast
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become a fair source of profit to the probecome a fir source of profit to the pro-
ducer? The home market for beet is lim ited, there is no foreign market opened up as yet, and the resources of that vast rege natural source of wealth and pros perity cannot be made avallable, as very limited.
Mr. Thomas Cross has frequently conversed with us on this subject, and ex-
pressed the opinion that the quality the Eastern Oregon beef being considered,and the excellience of climate for packing and curing meats properly improved it would be possible to cure and pack
beef for the European market and so cre beef tor the European market and so cr-
ate a demand for the growink samples beef that seems likely to beconme a drug which serves to discourage the ranch men of Eastern Oregon.
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Mr. Cross has considered thè matter for several years and has corresponde with parter we the markets, but with curt much encouragement. The suceses with which his meats have stood the voyage twice through the tropies to Liv-
erpool, and the admiration they com erpoo, and the admiration they com-
manded there, form an addititional inducement for hinn to turn his attention in that direction, and have induced him
make a visit to Wasco county, the result of which we copy as follows from the The following is a copy of the contract
that Art. Thomas cross nod John Michel-

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 consideration therefore to be $\frac{21}{2 / 2}$ cents pee
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known on this const as a successful and pork packer, has recently made hi
first visit to this upper country. H Whs in our ecty two weeks since, and ha
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