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BETTER STOCK.

Over in Carlton, Oregon, last week a Jersey cattle breeder sold 32 cows for a total of \$26,224, or an average of \$1132 each. The highest price paid for one animal was \$5100 and the lowest \$300. One man paid \$6200 for five cows.

In various quarters the results of this sale are taken as evidence of the supremacy of the state of Oregon in the business of breeding Jerseys, and, indeed, if any proof were necessary this should be sufficient. For this section, however, the lesson to be drawn is not that these cattle were Jerseys, nor that they were raised in the state of Oregon, but simply that it is possible, by care and skill to raise cattle that will bring high prices.

Here in Deschutes county \$100 is a good price for a cow. Yet conditions are as favorable here as in Carlton for the production of higher priced stock. It costs no more to raise the better kind and results are far bigger. Paraphrasing the famous artist's remark as to what he mixed his paints with, if the cattle men will only mix brains with their breeding the effort will show.

Fortunately the local farmer does not have to travel alone along the road to better stock. Local banks are giving their aid and the farm organizations are promoting the idea. Only the individual impulse is needed and such prices as those reported above should furnish that.

We have an idea that the suggestion to remove the state capitol from Salem to Portland grew out of an idea to advertise Prineville rather than to punish Salem or reward Portland. Do you remember what a stir the Salem Commercial club secretary created when he wrote to all the other Salems asking them to change their name?

Germany wants to make membership in the league of nations a condition of signing the peace treaty.

BAPTIZING AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY IN INDIA



This photograph, used through the courtesy of the centenary commission of the Methodist Episcopal church, shows the baptism of an entire community in India. The missionary in order to effect this first Christianizes the chief of the community. The chief, realizing how good it feels to become a Christian, orders his entire tribe to become Christians, and the missionary does the baptizing.

while a bunch of Republican senators want to make non-membership a condition on the part of the United States. What's the answer?

Looking back, we are sorry that that telephone strike was not called. There are some operators we should like to see walk out and stay out.

They Wouldn't Suit Her.

Mary Pickford was talking about the new French fashions. "The French," she said, "are trying to bring the long skirt back again." She frowned slightly. Then, as she glanced down at her little shoe, her brow cleared. "There's no doubt," she said, "that long skirts would suit some girls down to the ground."

"Key Money."

In many districts of England, and particularly in Yorkshire, where the dearth of houses is acute, the practice of paying "key money" is growing. So keen are prospective tenants to get into a house directly it is vacant that as much as \$50 to \$100 is offered to the occupier for the key, this transaction generally carrying with it the understanding that the landlord will accept the succeeding tenant.

SEES PICKWICK AS JOHNSON

Canadian Writer Believes Dickens' Famous Character Was Sketch of the Great Lexicographer.

A discussion has arisen between E. R. Thompson in the Nineteenth Century and a writer in the Toronto Mail and Empire as to whether Dickens'

famous character of "Mr. Pickwick" is an adaptation of the personality of Dr. Samuel Johnson. The magazine writer holds that this is the case; that the novelist was inspired by James Boswell's "Life of Johnson" and that the alleged plagiarism is proved by a certain characterization of Pickwick which coincides almost to a word with one of Boswell's descriptions of Johnson.

The Toronto writer believes if Dickens did copy his character from the noted lexicographer he did it unconsciously and without any attempt to steal the fruits of Boswell's writing. It is admitted that there are many points of resemblance between Pickwick and Johnson. Both were rather portly, burly men. They had a common weakness for the use of resounding and dignified speech; both had little difficulty in summoning immense reserves of dignity to suppress the impudent or the flippant, and both had great hearts.

"But," says the Mail and Empire writer, "we have not the imagination to picture Doctor Johnson disporting himself on skates after the fashion of Mr. Pickwick, and there is a sort of kindly credulity about the latter that we find distinctly lacking in Johnson. Moreover, we never suspect Mr. Pickwick of being a bully, although it is to be admitted that when he orders the skates of Mr. Winkle to be removed he shows a Johnsonian sternness and impatience with pretense."

LITTLE KNOWN OF ST. MARK

Facts as to History of Evangelist Have Been Lost in the Passage of Years.

St. Mark, the evangelist, is believed to have been born of Jewish parents, deriving their origin from the tribe of Levi. He is also thought to have been "sister's son" to the apostle St. Peter, though some have confounded him with John, surnamed Mark, "sister's son" to St. Barnabas. He was probably converted by St. Peter, and was his constant attendant in his travels. He is traditionally said to have founded the church in Aquileia, and there to have written the gospel which bears his name. St. Mark suffered on April 13, though the certain year of his martyrdom is not precisely determined by the ancients. St. Mark's symbol is the lion, because he has set forth the royal dignity of Christ; or, according to other writers, on account of his beginning with the mission of St. John the Baptist, which is figured by the lion; or to a legend that was popularly believed in the middle ages, that the young of the lion was born dead, and after three days was awakened by the voice of its sire, symbolical of the resurrection.

No Novelty.

"How did you find the fellow that runs the Busy Bee store?" inquired an acquaintance.
"I just rummaged around till I unearthed him," replied a citizen of Sandy Mush, Ark., who had been shopping in Tunlinville.
"Yes, but I heard that he was in mighty bad health?"
"Mebby so. He may have been puny, but I didn't notice it. I found him asleep in the back room setting on a keg, and when I asked him if he had any axle grease he 'loved' he had, but wanted to know if I couldn't just as well come around later, when he'd prob'ly be standing up. Nope, I didn't see anything peculiar about him."
—Kansas City Star.

Muscular Music.

"Thank goodness, now the Hun has shown himself in his true colors, our ears are no longer shattered with the noisy music of Richard Strauss."
The speaker was Handel Booth, secretary of the Denver Philharmonic society.
"I know a chap," he went on, "who said to his music teacher:
"Professor, I'd like to take up the study of Strauss with you. What will it cost?"

"Dot, mein friend," said the old professor, "I'll depend on how many times der piano will have to be rebuilt."

Business Women Federating.

The first national convention of business women of America will be held in St. Louis, Mo., July 14. One of the important subjects to be discussed is housing for business women. This convention is a step toward the federation of business women. Behind the movement is a national committee of keen business and professional women, representing every section of the country, with headquarters at 600 Lexington avenue, New York city. Lena Madelin Phillips is the executive secretary of the federation.

No Escape.

"Good morning, Mrs. Jagsby. We are peace delegates."
"Peace delegates?"
"Yessum. We were sent by Mr. Jagsby, who was unable to get home last night. He wants us to arrange the armistice terms and settle on the size of the indemnity he owes you."
"Umph! You tell Mr. Jagsby if he don't show up here in the next hour I'll come and get him. He's not in Holland."—Birmingham Age-Herald.



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