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UNION STOCK YARDS REPLY

CLAIM PORTLAND MARKET BEST OF THE COUNTRY.

Gives Copy of Letter Sent to Stockmen Before Opening of Yards Explaining Yard Charges Which Have Not Been Exceeded.

Replying to the article which was printed in the Enterprise of October 8, regarding the management of the union stock yards, the general manager comes forward with a letter of explanation, as follows:

Editor Enterprise: I have just been handed a clipping from your publication of October 8, in which you take the Portland Union Stock Yards Company to task for making an excessive charge to the stockmen of Oregon for its facilities.

Having been a newspaper man for some time and knowing the craft generally, I can say, without imputation of seeking to flatter, that the true member of the fourth estate does not want to misrepresent. If into the columns of his paper there creeps a perversion it is in nearly every instance due to the fact that the source of his information is bad.

Now as to facts: Before the Portland Union Stock Yards Company on the peninsula were opened for business I sent to every shipper whose name I could secure in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and western Montana a letter, copy of which I attach. At Independence, Boothby & Lewis, W. W. Percival and F. J. Fryer were each sent a copy of this letter; at Corvallis, C. Leifer, W. M. Jones, E. F. Brown, J. N. McFadden, C. W. Taylor, Pon Avery, George M. Brown, McFadden & Brady, P. A. Kline and Dick Kieger were each sent a copy of this letter, under a two-cent covering. You will note in the third paragraph of this letter that feed charges would remain the same as at the old yards but that yardage charges would be changed to conform with the schedule in effect at the other live stock centers in the United States. Permit me to say in this connection that in 1908 there was marketed at Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha, St. Joseph, Fort Worth and Denver, 719,453 cars of live stock and the yardage charges on this entire amount were just the same as those in effect at Portland.

In the second paragraph of the article regarding these yards, you state that owing to the limited number of buyers in the Portland market there is a chance that the market will be cut to pieces. I attach hereto a letter which shows the business done here in thirty days from the time of opening until October 15. You will note from this that nothing has remained unsold and if you will take the trouble to compare the market the points above referred to, you prices with those in effect at all of will conclude that Portland ranks higher in nearly every class of live stock offered for sale, without considering the quality.

In the third paragraph you speak of a shipment which arrived in Portland shortly after 4:00 p. m., or just after the fixed time of the union stock yards for handling stock. Regardless of the time of arrival, live stock is received and cared for at the union stock yards but the scales are closed at 5 o'clock in order that the day's transactions may be terminated. At all of the eastern markets, the scales are closed at an earlier hour and it is seldom that anything arriving later than noon is offered for sale on that same day. It is distinctly to the advantage of the live stock shipper to give his animals a chance to rest and get a good feed before they are offered for sale. There was an example of the wisdom of this here this week. A shipper of cattle who sold a part of his consignment on the day of arrival, suffered a shrink of ten pounds per head as compared with the weights at which he bought in the country. Cattle that were held over until the next day showed a gain of fourteen pounds over their country weights, thus making a difference of twenty-four pounds for his day's holding in the stock yards.

In this same third paragraph you speak of the meeting of the stock exchange for regulating the prices of the union stock yards. The Live Stock Exchange does not hold any meetings in the mornings. The Union Stock Yards Company does not buy or sell live stock and the Live Stock Exchange has no more to do with the fixing of the price of live stock than you have.

While we are on the matter of prices, I want to call your attention to the fact that Chicago and Omaha quoted the cattle market yesterday ten cents lower;—the market here was steady to higher and weights and quality considered, cattle brought a better price here than at either of the markets named. The hog market yesterday was steady at Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha, the top at Chicago was \$7.85; the top at Kansas City was \$7.65; the top at Omaha was \$7.45; the top at Portland was \$8.90. With the exception of the quotation on lambs, prices paid for sheep at this market compare favorably with any of the eastern markets and the quality of lambs and sheep sold on the eastern markets, or, which the higher prices are quoted, is quite superior to the offerings here. You will notice that Chicago quotes western lambs from \$4.25 to \$7.10; Kansas City quotes yearlings from \$4.25 to \$5.25. Taking the market by and large, I am quite safe in making the statement that it will run higher than any of the eastern markets.

Near the top of the second column of your article, you state that the union stock yards charges are "Commission \$10 on each car of stock sold in the yards; for the privilege of stock standing in the car at the yards, for cattle twenty-five cents a head, maximum \$8.00 per car." The real truth of the matter is, that the stock yards company does not charge any commission as it is not in the commission business. The commission firms make a charge for selling live stock for the account of shippers, but there is nothing that will prevent a shipper from selling his own stock. Long experience has pro-

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AGED PIONEER CALLED HENCE

The death of Mrs. Nancy Solomon Johnston-Brouse, which occurred in this city Wednesday at 1:55 p. m., at her home, removes one of the most interesting pioneer characters from the Northwest. She was born in Mulenburg county, Kentucky, November 23, 1815, when that state was a savage frontier. She gradually emigrated westward and during her career did probably what few others have done,—helped colonize three different states. She emigrated to Illinois in 1824, was a pioneer to Missouri in 1834, and in 1864 crossed the plains to Oregon, making her a pioneer of three states, and a resident of four while in their infancy. She had been married three times, first to F. Solomon, with not a single relative and who died in 1840, to Josiah Johnston in 1842, who died August 26, 1897, and to Joseph Brouse October 17, 1901. She was the last of a family of fourteen children, and was not present at the burial of father, mother, brother or sister. She was the mother of fifteen children of whom there were two pairs of twins. Five daughters and one son survive her, namely: Mrs. Nancy Wilson of Reno Nevada, Mrs. Wm. Burns of Lucklmutte, Mrs. S. B. Irvine of Independence, Mrs. H. Stumberg and Mrs. T. House of Vancouver, Washington, and George W. Solomon of Bushnell, Illinois.

All who knew Mrs. Brouse recognized her fine business ability. Even at her advanced age she was able to more than cope with many of the shrewdest business men. Though almost ninety-four years of age she was as active as many women are at sixty or younger.

She had been ill for some time and without suffering and on her features rested the calm of resignation.

The funeral will be held from the residence today, her remains to be interred in the Knights of Pythias cemetery near Monmouth.

NEILSON SELLS ENTIRE HERD

JERSEY BLOOD IS DISTRIBUTED OVER STATE.

Sale of the Nelson Herd, Comprising Finest Band of Cattle of Polk County, Built in Seven Years, Brings Sum of \$7000.

What is considered as the most successful sale of blooded cattle ever conducted in the Northwest was held at the farm of A. Nelson, one mile north of this city, Tuesday afternoon, when Ross Nelson disposed of his entire herd of Jersey cattle. That the stock at this sale was exceptionally fine is evident from the large attendance at the sale of prominent breeders of thoroughbred stock from all parts of Oregon as well as large numbers from California, Washington and Idaho. Evidence more potent still of the superior strain of Jersey blood in this herd was shown in the manner in which bidders from a distance were raised out by stockmen nearer by, men who were perfectly familiar with the stock of Mr. Nelson. There were fully three hundred and fifty people in attendance at the sale, a third of that number having come from a distance, a large number coming from other states.

A. L. Stevenson of Corvallis, who conducted the sale, would have the promise of making a successful livestock auctioneer were he a younger man that he might study the pedigrees of the registered herds of the country. He conducted the recent sale of the Miller herd at Halsey which at that time was one of the most successful sales of blooded stock. This sale, however, put all others in the shade. At the Miller sale the highest price recorded was \$265. Comparison shows the Nelson sale a stride forward in strengthening the strain of blood in the better herds of the country. The scattering of this fine herd to all corners of the state of Oregon means more for the building up of the livestock blood than anything that has happened in the past. Still better, not a single head of this valuable herd went out of the state.

The highest prices paid for stock at the sale were for Emma's Perfection, a two-year-old which was bought by Emmett Staats of Airle at \$319 and Chief's Arrah Wanna, dropped February 5, 1907, also purchased by Mr. Staats at \$310. Ardella B, a four-year-old, brought \$300 and Chief's Wildrose, also four years old, brought \$257.50, the last named being a full sister to Chief's Arrah Wanna. Chief's Queen Ena, a yearling and a full sister to Wildrose and Arrah Wanna, was sold at \$145 to Emmett Staats. These heifers were all sired by Upright's Chief, out of Chief Engineer and Upright Maiden, owned by J. B. Stump of Monmouth and sold to Ross H. Nelson. Chief's Lady Etta was bought by Moss Walker of the Independence Hotel at \$225. Besides the list of registered cattle there were quite a number of full bloods sold that were not registered at the time of the sale. There was one that was only seventeen days old that was sold to E. M. Young at \$70. The bulls were bought mostly by those who bought cows. These went at prices lower than those paid for the cows. One thing is evident, that all who bought at this sale and who are looking for a foundation—a worthy substructure—for a herd, have made no mistake.

It may not be generally known but it is a fact nevertheless, at least it is claimed by most stockmen of this section of the valley, that Polk county has more registered stock than any other county of the state.

Buyers from a distance who attended the sale, were very much impressed with the country they saw in Polk county and were agreed that it is ideal for all purposes.

The lunch was well patronized as well as Mr. Nelson's cider. As a result of the sale he says there are three empty cider barrels.

The following is a partial list of the cattle and their purchasers at the sale:

Oregon Beauty to B. W. Harris of Corvallis at \$50; Emma Jinks to Frank Ellison of Hood River at \$80;

Western Wildrose to Chas. Groskey of Blodgett at \$87; Augusta M to B. W. Harris of Corvallis at \$47.50; Lavice to A. L. McDonald at \$95; Nellroe Beauty to E. L. Davis of Corvallis at \$140; Victor's Brunette to G. W. Bacon at \$140; Sallie Eva to P. A. Logsdon of Corvallis at \$229; Blondy N to J. B. Stump of Monmouth at \$82.50; Exile's Beauty N to Geo. F. Brown of Dallas at \$109; Blondy's Spotted Wonder to Ed Shoel of Albany at \$80; Ruth Ellen M. to Geo. W. Bacon of Deer Island at \$135; Ardella B. to D. Burkhalter of Hillboro at \$300; Chief's Wildrose to D. Burkhalter at \$257.50; Brunette's Luta Bell to W. H. Murphy of Independence at \$199; Chief's Beauty of Polk to Geo. F. Brown of Dallas at \$125; Chief's Kitty Dell to F. W. Wilson of Tillamook at \$190; Chief's Lady Etta to Moss Walker of Independence at \$225; Chief's Arrah Wanna to Emmett Staats of Airle at \$310; Emma's Perfection to Emmett Staats at \$319; Chief's October Lou to J. B. Stump of Monmouth at \$190; Chief's Dorothy N. to W. H. Murphy of Independence at \$105; Chief's December Babe to Scott Campbell of Monmouth at \$202.50; Chief's Gray Mabel to W. H. Murphy of Independence at \$132.50; Croole Bess to J. B. Stump of Monmouth at \$182.50; Blondy's Snowdrop to L. L. Swan of Albany at \$75; Chief's Queen Ena to Emmett Staats of Airle at \$145; Chief's Neola to C. L. Hawley of McCoy at \$85; Chief's Lucile to R. B. Chaney at \$90; Wildrose's Little Maid to Walter J. Domes of McCoy at \$89; Luta Bell's Irene to Walter J. Domes at \$70; Chief's Lady Lou to Walter J. Domes at \$72.50.

At last we are going to have a game of foot ball for sure. The Independence high school boys have arranged to meet the team from the Corvallis high school next Saturday afternoon at Hill's ball park in this city. The game will be called at 3 o'clock and everybody is invited to come out and help boost the boys to victory.

Mrs. Eaton was a Salem visitor last Monday.

OFFICERS MAKE FINAL REPORT

A meeting of the officers of the Independence Free Library Association was held Wednesday night at which time the following report was prepared for publication in the Independence Enterprise that the public may know what transactions the association has made:

Receipts, General Fund.	
Feb. 22, proceeds from dance,	\$ 35.70
Mch. 8, Lyceum entertainment,	8.40
Feb. 23, donation,	20.00
Apr. 14, dramatic club (play),	42.75
Mch. 17, City of Independence,	100.00
May 1, May Day dance	16.80
May 1, donations,	5.00
Sept. 25, fines and donations,	6.00
Total	\$235.65

Disbursements, General Fund.	
Mch. 2, Williams Bros,	\$ 2.00
Mch. 22, Chas. E. Hicks,	2.25
Mch. 22, Craven & Moore,	1.00
Mch. 22, Mrs. Owen, stamps,	2.00
Mch. 22, Chas. E. Hicks,	.60
Apr. 29, Mrs. Johnson,	10.00
May 24, J. R. Collins, labor,	25.05
May 24, D. A. Hodge, lumber,	13.25
May 24, J. S. Bohannon,	24.42
May 24, R. M. Wade,	3.70
June 12, Williams Bros.,	1.55
June 14, Electric Light Co.,	16.70
Aug. 9, Electric Light Co.,	2.35
Aug. 18, Mr. Riggs, labor,	33.00
Aug. 18, Bice & Calbreath,	22.20
Aug. 18, Wade & Co.,	4.10
Aug. 18, Craven & Moore,	.50
Aug. 18, J. S. Bohannon,	1.75
Aug. 18, J. S. Cooper, ins.,	3.00
Aug. 18, Library supplies,	9.25
Oct. 7, Electric Light Co.,	2.00
Oct. 19, desk,	3.00
Oct. 23, M. S. Goff,	1.75
Oct. 23, Hanna Bros.,	11.00
Total	\$196.42
Bal. on hand general fund,	39.23

Book Fund.	
Cash subscriptions received,	\$234.41
Paid out for books,	122.41
Balance on hand,	12.00

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