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THE CATTLE MARKET IS BAD

PRICES OFFERED IN THIS SECTION NOT SATISFACTORY.

Possibility of Better Prices Later With Outside Buyers in the Field—An Effort Made to Get Them.

The Times-Herald has been flooded with inquiries during the past week in regard to the cattle situation. Particulars have been asked regarding the supposed buyers' trust and if it were possible to get outside buyers in here, if the prospects were favorable for a better price later, etc. Others have asked if it would be business to sell at the prevailing prices now offered rather than carry the stock over.

Just why these men have asked for such information The Times-Herald does not know. This great religious weekly is no better posted on the cattle market than a majority of these individuals and in fact not so well.

Buyers are now writing here for information and asking for prices. They are given the prevailing prices and there is a possibility of some coming this month, although this is not definite and cattle raisers are asked not to depend upon it. If any buyers do come we will certainly give our readers such information at the earliest possible moment.

We find that some are awaiting the return of Wm. Hanley as the report is current that he will raise the present price \$1 per head upon his return. Upon investigation The Times-Herald finds no authority for such a statement.

Other buyers claim that the P. L. S. Co. prices are not justified by the market and that the company is buying only a few choice bunches. They also assert that the P. L. S. Co. has an advantage in that they can drive the stock to market more cheaply and get the stuff there in better condition and account of their own pasture en route. The Times-Herald finds that the company has bought considerable stock and are still in the market for more. This firm is paying \$13 for yearlings, \$20 for two and \$26 for three. These prices will continue for the next two weeks or until the company cattle are all gathered.

After that date the company will not be in the market as this will be the last drive for the season. Those who are willing to take the above prices should therefore gather their stock before the time expires. The apparent combination of buyers may interfere with prices to a certain extent but if the sellers can also combine and will stand by their agreement the buyers' trust cannot interfere in the least. The only way to get the market price is to investigate, pool the stock and send out for buyers.

There are at least 10,000 head of cattle in this section ready for market and with proper management these can all be sold at the market price.

The Times-Herald has no means of knowing what the price will be next spring therefore will not venture any advice as to holding stock. It certainly would not advise holding stock, feeding \$5 hay and borrowing money at 10 percent.

CULTIVATION MORE THAN IRRIGATION

Sampter Valley Will Produce With Only Rainfall if Properly Tilled.

What this country lacks is not cultivation instead of lack of irrigation," said a prominent man in a section to The Times-Herald the other day. The gentleman has experience in cultivating dry land and has great confidence in the valley as an agricultural one. He also considers the farming lands of the valley open to entry and that men understand farming would in short time, demonstrate the fact that proper cultivation of the soil and sufficient moisture to insure a crop every season.

Of course farming is in its infancy yet here and land owners have taken very little interest in

finding out what the soil will produce. It takes study and systematic work to make good crops in any country, and therefore few have made a complete success so far.

The matter of furnishing flour for the local consumption is quite an item and is now commanding serious attention of farmers of Harney county who have been in the habit of paying out hard cash for the product of some other section. The success of this season can be followed each succeeding year with like results, if the ground is properly cultivated.

The gentleman who made above remark states that our foothill land is certainly the best for wheat growing—especially winter wheat—and backs his judgment with many instances and statistics that show the advantages of these rolling or sidehill lands.

The fact that fruit grown on the bench land almost always escapes the heavy spring frosts shows one advantage; the thaws and freezes of winter that prove detrimental to winter wheat on the lower level lands does not effect the bench land, in that the water does not collect on the surface to freeze and kill out the grain. He gave as instances the wheat lands of the upper Columbia where most of the wheat grown in Oregon is raised and where crops never fail.

The altitude, of course, is somewhat lower, but nevertheless they have frosts with almost the same regularity as here and with more disastrous results. Vegetation grown in the higher altitudes stand harder frosts because of the general nature of things. This is a well known fact.

Men who have been making a scientific study of the soil and climatic conditions of this valley all agree on this and some experiments are now being made in a small way that shows every indication of verifying these theories.

The Times-Herald is confident that enough wheat can be raised by next year to supply the local market with flour and hopes our land owners will get to work. There is no danger of flooding the market and reducing the price of grain. We never have had too much grain and are not likely to for some time. Good prices will prevail.

A WONDERFUL INVENTION.

It is interesting to note that fortunes are frequently made by the invention of articles of minor importance. Many of the more popular devices are those designed to benefit people and meet popular conditions, and one of the most interesting of these that has ever been invented is the Dr. White Electric Comb, patented Jan. 1, '99. These wonderful Combs positively cure dandruff, hair falling out, sick and nervous headaches, and when used with Dr. White's Electric Hair Brush are positively guaranteed to make straight hair curly in 25 days time. Thousands of these electric combs have been sold in the various cities of the Union, and the demand is constantly increasing. Our agents are rapidly becoming rich selling these combs. They positively sell on sight. Send for sample. Men's size 35c, ladies' 50c — (half price while we are introducing them.) The Dr. White The Dr. White Electric Comb Co., Decatur, Ill.

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SURVEYORS STILL AT WORK

PUSHING ON TOWARD BURNS, THE TERMINAL POINT.

The Sampter Valley Railroad Company was instrumental in Opening the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve.

Chief Engineer West, of the Sampter Valley railway, was out to Tipton Wednesday, beyond which point he has a couple of surveying crews in the field, carefully selecting a route to John Day country, and endeavoring to find a feasible grade into the Quartzburg mining district. Mr. West announces to the Sampter Miner that no extension will be built beyond Tipton this year.

It was largely, if not mainly, through the personal efforts of Chief Engineer West that the recent withdrawal of a large area of timber land was ordered from the Blue Mountain forest reserve. Mr. West went to Washington on such a mission, presenting to the administration the fact that the withdrawal of a tremendous acreage made impossible the extension of the Sampter Valley railway through the John Day country and on to Burns, the terminal point named in the company's articles of incorporation. The Oregon congressional delegation heard Mr. West's plea and offered to use its influence with the department of the interior, provided the railway company could and would give assurances that the John Day and Burns extension would be built. Mr. West evidently made good, because it is a matter of record that all the members of the Oregon delegation exerted their influence toward bringing about the throwing open of various townships described by Mr. West.

Strenuous opposition to Mr. West's petition was met with from Secretary Hitchcock, who, according to reliable information, was forced to accede to the delegation's demand by President Roosevelt himself, whose evident desire was to placate the people of Oregon and pour balm upon many political wounds inflicted on influential Webfoot republicans by the honorable secretary of the interior, whose bitter policy against Oregon and Oregonians is undoubtedly due to the feud existing between himself and Congressman Binger Herman.

Mr. West enlisted the support of Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry division of the Interior department whose representations, and the representations of Mr. West to the Oregon delegation, resulted in President Roosevelt taking the matter out of the hands of Secretary Hitchcock and ordering a big area of land restored to entry in the Blue Mountain reserve.

Mr. West says that the area so restored was not so large as that petitioned for by him and recommended by Mr. Pinchot. There is reason, however, to believe that when the present temporary Blue Mountain forest reserve is finally made permanent, other tracts will be eliminated therefrom, so that the original petition of Sampter Valley company will ultimately be granted.

WILL ENFORCE THE LAW TO THE LETTER.

To the trustees of the various school districts of Harney County: Upon investigation I find that at least two thirds of the school districts of this county have been in the habit of using money apportioned from the county and state funds for repairing, furnishing school buildings and placing in order school grounds, thereby, not only shortening the term of their school, but lessening the salary of their teachers to trustees of such districts I will quote school law. "Sec. — 32. In all districts at least 85 per cent tax of the amount received from the five mill school tax and the irreducible school fund shall be applied to the teachers' salaries, and no part of said 85 per cent shall be applied for fuel, already prepared for use, expense of lawsuits, chalk, brooms, blackboards, erasers, stoves, or other apparatus necessary

for use of schools nor for repairs or furnishing schoolhouses, nor in paying interest or principal on bonds issued by the dist.—(Code, section 3372.—)"

In connection with the above I have written to State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, who indorses the above section and requests me to enforce the law to the letter.

Regarding the above I will say, for the protection of our schools I intend to hold trustees responsible for all money apportioned, and to strictly enforce the law in support of the salary and interests of our teachers.

If any repairs, furnishings or other features are necessary special tax can and should be voted.

M. E. Rigby,
School Superintendent.

Horse Heaven on the John Day.

The discovery by the driver of Kitchen's California mine stage of a cayuse with saddle turned and bridle with broken reins, has called attention to the fact that horse heaven is not over 100 miles from Sampter. The last cayuse is question, which from the nature of its equipment belonged apparently to a range rider, bears evidence of having been out in the woods for perhaps a month. No range riders are nearer Sampter than the Grand Ronde valley, so that the presumption is strong that the lost equine is far from home.

Sam Stott relates to the Sampter Miner a weird and wonderful tale of a horse heaven on the middle fork of the John Day river. Stampedede horses from all parts of Oregon, said Stott, head invariably for the country. Lost cayuses are found without fail, and the attractions of the place to homeless horses is almost canny. Stott said that was because horse heaven is located on the Middle Fork. He pointed out that paleontologists from dozens of big eastern universities have visited the place and made startling discoveries, bearing out the horse heaven theory. Fossilized remains of three and two-toed horses were found. This means that prehistoric horses inhabited the spot many millions of years ago. Horses, it will be remembered, began life some few million before history began to be written, with three toes, instead of hoofs. A million or so years later they developed into two-toed brutes. The hoof age is comparatively recent. In the light of Stott's hypothesis, the cayuse found yesterday was undoubtedly headed for the middle fork, perhaps to visit the grave of his two-toed ancestors of the Eocene age. Being hampered with a saddle on his belly instead of back, he failed to make good.

The animal is emaciated, docile, friendless and forlorn. His color is light bay. He has been turned out to pasture to recuperate and await the advent of an owner.

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THE RACE MEET VERY GOOD

HEAVY TRACK AN IMPEDIMENT TO RECORD BREAKING.

No Races Monday on Account of Downpour --Attendance not up to Former Years--Some Good Cards.

An almost continuous downpour of rain Sunday and Monday prevented the races beginning on the date scheduled. As a consequence the cards are one day later than advertised.

The racing has been very good but owing to the rains the track is heavy and the time made correspondingly slow. The attendance has been smaller than in former years, and the conflicting dates of other meetings has prevented a large number of fast horses from being here to compete for the purses.

Tuesday afternoon the first race 1/4 mile and repeat was quite interesting. Three horses were entered: Monte Christo, by Lee Caldwell; Humming Bird, by Geo. Brisbois; Gray Dandy, by Henry Richardson. Gray Dandy took the first two heats, Humming Bird second. Time, 25 25.5. There was a kick made by the rider of Humming Bird after the first heat, claiming foul, but the judges did not see it that way.

The second race, 1/4 mile dash for Harney county saddle horses was run for the money. The riders were vaqueros with big saddles and there was no fancy riding. The boys sat down in the saddles, gave the horses their heads and quitted from the word go. No kick was coming after this race for the riders didn't try any foul play. Five horses entered: Respond, by W. M. Stewart; Foxy Jim, by Clay Clemens; Big Bill, by H. Richardson; For Sale, by Harry McClain; Pat, by Lee Thornburg. Foxy Jim won, Pat second.

Wednesday's card consisted of a 1/2 mile dash free for all for a purse of \$125, and a 1/4 mile dash for Harney county maidens for a purse of \$75.

In the first race there were four entries: Baby May, by Frank Hardman; Humming Bird, by Brisbois; Prospector, by Frank Wilson; Gray Dandy, by H. Richardson. The horses got away badly and Gray Dandy was left at the post. Baby May came under the wire first with Humming Bird a close second. Time, 38 1/2. Some dissatisfaction was expressed at the result of this race on account of the start but the judges decided the race as the horses came under the wire. Considerable money was placed on Prospector by local sports and of course they were sore.

The second race was another one for blood. Three horses were entered: Sullivan, by Clay Clemens; Hush, by Richardson and Monte Christo by Lee Caldwell. They got away from the post in a bunch and it was close all the way around the turn but upon coming into the stretch Hush moved up to first place and held it to the finish with Sullivan a close second. Time, 54 1/2.

A match race between Gray Dandy and Baby May was the first race Thursday. The distance was 1/2 mile and the stakes amounted to \$120 aside. Both horses had many backers and considerable money changed hands. Baby May came under the wire first.

The regular card consisted of a 1/2 mile dash free for all for a purse of \$150. The following horses entered:

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