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To the Parents of Children of the Bandon Schools.

We have occasionally had excuses presented both for absences and tardiness which are not really excuses. In order to make plain the law as to excuses and absences I have written out certain extracts from the law which are as follows:

EXTRACT AND EXPLANATION FROM OREGON SCHOOL LAWS.

Sec. 234. "Every parent, guardian, or other person in the State of Oregon having control or charge of any child or children between the ages of nine and fifteen years of age, shall be required to send such child or children to the public schools for a term or period of not less or more than the number of school months of public school held annually in the district in which such parent or guardian may reside." "Except (a) those being taught in private school,

etc. (b) those physically unable to attend school. In such cases the written statement of a competent physician is necessary."

Sec. 235. Penalty: "In case any parent fails to comply with this law he shall be guilty of misdemeanor and liable to fine, or imprisonment, or both."

Sec. 238. Attendance: "Attendance at school must be consecutive."

Sec. 244. Excuses. "No excuses can be received except for absences caused by sickness of children or in the family. Other absences must be considered as truancy and reported to the truant officer."

By this you will see that all children between 9 and 16 are required to be in school except for reasons as above shown.

Your attention is also directed to the law as to regular attendance and to excuses.

H. L. HOPKINS, Supt.

Bury Hammer at North Bend

"Burying the hammer" is to be made a feature of the starting of clearing of right of way for construction of the Southern Pacific lines in North Bend Saturday morning. It is expected that the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce will unite with the North Bend Commercial club in arranging this ceremony as part of the big jolification.

H. C. Diers and J. M. Eddy of North Bend were in Marshfield this afternoon to take the matter up with W. S. Chandler, A. H. Powers and others to get Marshfield to unite in it.

Henry Kern is going to make a big hammer to be used in the mock ceremonies. A speaking program will be arranged. A eulogy on the "hammer and the knocker" will be delivered by some leading citizens. —Coos Bay Times.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Coos.

A. M. Hitchcock, and Emma Hitchcock, husband and wife; Hedwig Peterson and Oscar Peterson, wife and husband; Ude Anderson and Sigma Anderson husband and wife; Plaintiffs

SUMMONS
Partition suit
in Equity.

vs.
Mae Pearce-Burk and F. W. Burk, her husband, and their lien and judgment creditors, Defendants.

To Mae Pearce-Burk, and F. W. Burk, her husband, their lien and judgment creditors, the above named defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon:

You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit:

Within six weeks from the 31st day of January, 1913, and if you fail to appear and answer on or before the 14th day of March, 1913, that date being the last day of the time prescribed in the order of publication, the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief asked for in the complaint filed in this cause, a succinct statement of which is:

An order appointing a referee to prove the title of the respective parties hereto, and an order appointing referees to examine and report on the partitioning off and segregating of the interests of the of the respective parties hereto, in certain real property, formerly known as the W. S. Pearce estate, described by and contained within meets and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point 990 feet West of the North East corner of Sec. 36, Twp. 28 So. R. 15 West of the Willamette Meridian in Coos county, Oregon running thence West 310, feet thence South 264 feet, thence East 130 feet, and thence North 264 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2 acres, together with tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances. Plaintiffs will recommend to such referees and the court that the interests of the defendants in said premises be partitioned off and confined to the North West quarter thereof described by the following meets and bounds, to-wit: Beginning 1155 feet West of the N.E. corner of Sec. 36, Twp. 28, So. R. 15 West of Willamette Meridian in Coos County, Oregon running thence West 165 feet, thence South 132 feet, thence East 165 feet, thence North 132 feet to place of beginning containing therein 1-2 acres, excluding each, every and all interest or claim of defendants to any part, parcel or portion of the remainder of said estate, whether land or tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances and for such other relief as to the court seems proper and just.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable J. S. Coks, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the 2nd judicial district in said State, dated January 25th, 1913.

C. R. WADE, Plaintiffs attorney
Jan 31-March 14

A LOP HORNED COW

By M. QUAD

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Ask any farmer you will and he will tell you that a lop horned cow is a trouble maker. When she has a bobbed tail to boot then you look out. You couldn't give her away to any one knowing cow character. She will jump any fence to eat her fill of corn and then seek to destroy what she can't eat.

There had been peace in Woods county for a dozen years when a rumpus suddenly fell upon the land and changed the course of at least two lives and gave a hundred others something besides crops to talk about.

Farmer Jepson, widower, lived four miles from Aekron on the county line road, and Jane Schonfield, widow and farmer, lived three miles west of him on the Red Bridge road. They had lived thus for five years and only knew each other by name. The five years might have become twenty had not an old lop horned cow stepped in to give the parties an introduction.

The cow was owned by the widow. Besides being lop horned she was bob-tailed, wild eyed and had various bad habits, one of which was jumping six rail fences and wandering about nights. These promiscuous sometimes led her miles away and into strange pastures. The first time Farmer Jepson saw her she was in the midst of his cornfield and had cleared about half an acre of the juicy stalks. He was a good man, but he swore at her and called her names. He also tried his best to kill her on the spot. A week later the cow called again to see how the corn was coming on, and after half killing her the farmer sent word that "if that old critter of a cow steps hoof on my land again there'll be a lawsuit to make things rumble."

The cow didn't hurry matters any. She waited until Mr. Jepson had transplanted his cabbage plants and they had got fairly growing, and then she called one night and helped herself to 250 of them. The first the widow knew of the midnight raid was when she received a summons from a justice of the peace. Suit had been commenced by Farmer Jepson to recover \$250 damages.

"So he's sued me, has he?" observed the widow as she doubled up her fists and fire came to her eyes. "Well, we'll see who comes out ahead."

After two or three adjournments the case came to trial, and it was in the courtroom that plaintiff and defendant first saw each other. Both were surprised, and both said something to themselves. What the farmer said was:

"Well, by thunder! I expected to see a fat and homely old two listed widder, and I find her a good lookin' little bit of a female who ought to be sittin' on a husband's knee. Wish I'd seen her before I begun this suit. The blame old cow damaged me, but I hain't goin' to swear very hard agin no woman like that."

"Lands o' massy, but he hain't no mean man!" exclaimed the widow after a look at the farmer. "Why, they said he was a big boss and bluffer and wanted to bulldoze me 'cause I'm all alone in the world. Say, now, but they are all wrong. He hain't the kind to bluff and pitch in. Wish he had come to see me about the old cow. If he had I'd have chained her up. Wonder how hard he'll swear agin me?"

She was soon to know. The plaintiff's lawyer in opening the case said it was an aggravated case of trespass and damage and that the \$250 mentioned wasn't really half what they should have sued for. Then he went on to tell of what a defiant woman the defendant was and wound up by stating his hopes that the jury would render a verdict without leaving the box. Then the plaintiff was called to the witness chair, and, to the surprise of the widow and the disgust of his lawyer, he said he had forgotten the message the woman returned to him. He followed that up by declaring that his feelings had simply been shocked and that he had fully recovered from the shock in a minute and a half. As to the corn and cabbage, perhaps \$10 would pay the bill. If a verdict for that amount was rendered he would take it on the installment plan at a dollar a month. He had once owned a lop horned, bobtailed cow, and he knew how hard it was to keep them at home o' nights.

"You jekass, but you have lost your case!" blazed his lawyer as the witness stepped down with a smile in the direction of the widow, whose lawyer was whispering to her.

"Now you get up there and give us some hot talk and your case is won. We've got Jepson on the skedaddle."

There was no hot talk from the widow. On the contrary, she cooed like a dove. She admitted to the ownership of the jumping, predatory cow, but was quite willing to pay reasonable damages. She didn't doubt the plaintiff's shocked feelings and was sorry for them and wished he had hit the old cow with the ax. One of the results of the suit was a verdict for 6 cents' damages, and another was that Farmer Jepson would call at her home for the money. He kept his word. A week later he drove up to the door and after an hour's interview was asked to call again. Three months later his disgruntled lawyer was heard to exclaim:

"Prettiest case I ever had and dead sure of a verdict, and Jepson knocks it all in the head by falling in love with the defendant! Yes, they were married yesterday."

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