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RAISE BETTER STOCK

With the depiction of range facilities through development of land for agricultural pursuits, the Pacific Northwest is facing the problem of meat production in the same degree that affected the Middle West fifty years ago. The Mississippi valley states made early progress in the solution of meat production without curtailment of agriculture by the introduction of science in stock breeding. The big, squarely-built steer took the place of the small range critter and he grew to profitable maturity in the small meadow and the barn lot. In small numbers he is found on nearly every farm of the Central states, and in the aggregate his numbers and weight total more in the yards of the Swifts, the Armours, the Cudahys and other packing concerns than do the yearly consignments of range cattle combined. The Iowa farmer for instance, finds it but a small chore to have yearly surplus of a dozen head of big, fat three year olds ready for market. And when he sells he generally gets the top price, for his stock being well bred, is prime, meaty and saleable. In comparison, the Northwest and Oregon in particular, is in its infancy in the solution of meat production, as was demonstrated at the recent stock show in Portland. However, this new enterprise displayed a solid nucleus what may be evolved later on, resulting in recognition of the merits of thoroughbred stock and careful breeding, ever present slipshod methods. With its splendid \$300,000 plant, the cost of which was borne by popular subscription throughout the state the yearly event of the live stock show will be the leading factor in building up the live stock industry by virtue of stimulating the organization of minor shows and stock associations in which pure bred stock locally owned, may be entered in competition. These minor stock shows in time, will not only stimulate interest in the annual show at Portland, but will be a basic incentive for bringing buyer and breeder together, with the result that, every herd, large or small, will have thoroughbred males at its head. Then will the real uplift of the livestock industry begin. Worthy of note in this connection is the fact that at the Portland show Union county exhibitors took a number of prizes while Umatilla county with twice the numbers of live stock within her borders, took one second prize. The reason for this lies principally in different methods pursued by the stockraisers of the two counties. While the stockmen of Union county have been strengthening their herds by importations of pure bred stock and giving careful attention to scientific breeding, and fostering interest by maintaining annually a well patronized stock show those of Umatilla county have been content to ride in a Round-Up saddle and head their respective herds with males that will merely pass muster in state law requirements.

Government is concerned over the extravagance of the people, and evidence is not wanting that the people have a right to be concerned over the extravagance of government. A budget system and big corporation efficiency are needed at Washington. The fault doesn't lie with this administration nor with any administration, but with the antiquated methods which Father Time has enveloped with a mistaken sanctity at the nation's capital. A middle west poet implores thusly: "Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight! Give us the prices we once thought were right. Spuds by the bushel and eggs by the crate; milk, meat and coal at a reasonable rate. I am so weary walking the earth, paying for everything twice what it's worth; going home broke every night isn't nice—cut down the price, mister, cut down the price." Reporter found himself unable to buy any sort of a suit of clothes in Chicago for \$24.50, the price fixed as reasonable by a board of merchants, but may not have had the \$24.50. However, Portland dealers assert that it simply can't be done, anyhow. One of them says he paid \$45 per suit wholesale for one lot of two thousand suits. We are again approaching the joyful Yuletide season and are pondering over suitable and pleasing gifts—sensible and not too expensive. Why not select some relative or old-time friend whom you know would enjoy a weekly visit from this paper, and have it sent to that one for the year

1920? Each week when the paper opens and reads his "letter from home" he will bless you for having remembered him in this way. We are charitably enough disposed toward the g. o. p. not to wish it such bad luck as to have Miles Pollexler—or Hiram Johnson either, for that matter—as its candidate for president.

Norman Stump having married Martha Post at Green Spring Valley, Colorado, we shouldn't be surprised if in the course of time there were a few chips off the old block. We find ourselves at one with the esteemed Oregonian when it recommends that the senate cloture rule be applied to La Follette. We would add a gag, however.

It is observed that if a debutante wants a certain man she will entice him into the hammock, but if a widow is seeking him she will see that he samples her cooking. Burns, Harney county, is bragging about its delightful winter weather; which reminds us that it is the good old summer time which Burns Harney county.

Colonel Hofer defends tobacco in the Oregonian—and he is not the only Oregon editor who will expectorate as its champion. December 17 has come and gone, leaving another prophet without honor and other profit for the profiteers.

Most country editors are able to congratulate themselves that one of the things it is a bit cheaper not to own now-a-days is an automobile. Gerard has nominated himself for the high office of president, but may perform be compelled to qualify later as a hopeless minority.

Another secretary has resigned with more or less resignation, but the administration continues to administer. As to the national labor party, it is perfectly obvious that what is needed is more labor and less party. A wise young woman will not quarrel with her beau just as Christmas is approaching.

We haven't heard from North Dakota—suffice to say Athena plumbars are busy. Trying to make other people think they are rich keeps a great many people poor. Puts us in mind of old I-way without the bli-z-z-ard tacked on. Would anyone be happier if he could solve all mysteries? If you want to make money fast, nail it down. CAMOUFLAGED PHILOSOPHY

The nonproducer can always be depended on for an effort to make up in conversation for what he lacks in industry.

Perhaps the reason we have not heard any goose-bone weather predictions is because nobody can afford to cook a goose.

When men are able to live without work, then they court mental and physical degeneration, which is nature's penalty for idleness.

Foreign agitators who came here to stir up a revolution reckoned without their long suffering but now thoroughly aroused and determined host.

"Murder will out," and the "inside history" of the world war that is now being written shows how tragically misleading outside appearances often are.

Greater production is advocated as one main cure for the present situation. But with everybody striking everywhere, how is the remedy to be applied?

Vesuvius is showing signs of unrest. The old mountain decided not to be overlooked in a general survey of affairs that may be described as volcanic.

Foreigners are accused of making most of the trouble in the steel mills. The fact that many of them are returning to their first homes may help to ease matters along.

An airplane has been equipped with Pullman accommodations. Nervous passengers will require some other word than "tip" to describe the customary attention to the porter.

Another thing that hits the family purse is the custom of the high school girl of dressing as if she were going to an exclusive social function instead of to a place of work and study.

The grocers' statement that pork prices are still high because the consumers demand choice cuts indicates that wealth is more generally distributed than it is usually thought to be.

If only some profiteer would run for office!

Burgling is one American industry that needs no protection.

Idleness and extravagance are often the gateways to crookedness.

"Fair price of butter and eggs higher." But can a fair price be any higher?

Some landlords must think an increase in the rent an added attraction.

A new premier in Jung-Stayla is considerable of a wear and tear on the tonsils.

Wise men cleave to their Liberty bonds as they cleave to their better fractions.

It's only the old-timers that remember when things were in apple order.

Will not the cost of living commission investigate how many sections has a pie?

A minimum wage agreement never suffices to do away with maximum aspirations.

A churn goes up and down like that. The price of the butter goes principally up.

German gold is arriving in this country, and it is not going to the propagandists, either.

Pork at wholesale is cheap and plentiful, but the retail profiteers continue to take large profits.

Another of life's minor tragedies is the shortage of butter just at the opening of the flapjack season.

In the cider market it is just the opposite. When the demand for sweet cider is weak, it finishes strong.

There is no American scenery to surpass the sight of the Star Spangled Banner over our own merchant marine.

A good many men who served in the army will wonder where the government kept that army bacon during the war.

Kitchen bolshevists are not finding the cordial support in America that the prior bolshevists led them to expect.

Notice to Creditors.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Fannie M. McKenzie (sometimes written Frances M. McKenzie), Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Alexander McKenzie has been appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Fannie M. McKenzie (sometimes written Frances Maude McKenzie or Frances M. McKenzie), deceased, by order of the above entitled court in the above matter. All persons having claims against said estate are required to

present them to the said administrator at his home in Adams, Oregon, or to him at the office of his attorneys, Peterson, Bishop & Clark, in the Smith-Crawford building, in Pendleton, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice, which is Friday the 21st day of November, 1919.

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE
Administrator with the Will annexed.
Peterson, Bishop & Clark,
Attorneys for Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.
In the County Court for Umatilla County, State of Oregon. In the matter of the estate of Jennie G. Watts, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, January 17, 1920, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day as the time and the county court room in the county court house at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place for hearing said account and report. Objections to said final account and report should be filed on or before said date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 19th day of December, 1919.
Homer I. Watts, Administrator.

Notice to Creditors.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County. In the matter of the estate of Andrew J. Parker, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Andrew J. Parker, deceased, by the above entitled court. All persons having claims against the above entitled estate are notified to present them to me at Athena, Oregon, or to my attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice; said claims to be verified as the law requires.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this fifth day of December, 1919.
MARY O. PARKER
Administratrix.

Notice of Final Account
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of John S. Harris, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account and report as executor of the estate of John S. Harris, deceased, in the above entitled matter and the above entitled court has fixed Saturday, January 3, 1920, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day as the time, and the county court room in the court house at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place for hearing said account and report. Objections to said account and report should be filed on or before said date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, December 5, 1919.
HENRY A. BARRETT
Executor.

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