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President Coolidge when discussing the disposition of Muscle Shoals in his message to congress and the manufacture of nitrates at these properies, considered the farmer when he recognized the necessity for cheap fertilizer and also the public interest when he said: "It seems desirable, in order to promote and protect the public welfare, to have adequate covenants that such experiments be made and carried to a successful conclusion." Such covenants are the peoples safe guard if the manufacture of cheap fertilizer is a main consideration for securing a valuable lease of this property from the government.—The Manufacturer.

## Co operative Grain Growers Awarded Huge Damages

Judge D. R. Parker of the circuit court at Condon, last week in his decision of the case of the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers, a coporation, against P. L. Schamel, overruled the demurrer to the complaint, which in effect will require the defendant to pay to the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers 25 cents a bushel as liquidated damages because he sold 15,000 bushels of wheat to parties other than the growers' body.

This case was filed in the circuit court of Sherman county. It is the first time the question has become before a court in just this form. The decision holds the provision of the cooperative marketing agreement valid and enforceable, which fixes a specific sum to be allowed as liquidated damages in case of a breach on the part of the grower to deliver his wheat as provided in the contract. Two reasons are given for the validity and enforceability of the provision, viz (1) By the provision of the contract itself, the actual damages being difficult of ascertainment or ad measurement; and (2) by legislative enactment.

The Oregon law provides that the by-laws and marketing contracts of cooperative associations may fix, as liquidated damages, specific sums to be paid by a member of the association upon the breach by him of any provision of the marketing contract regarding the sale or delivery or withholding of products; and any such provisions shall be valid and enforceable in the courts of the state.

## "Ridit" Great Success

Development of a new variety of winter wheat which is resistant to hant or smut is announced by the department of agriculture. It has been named "Ridit" because it is expected to rid the wheat fields of smut. The variety was developed by Dr. E. F. Gaines of the Washington agricultural experiment station at Pullman, Wn., in co-operation with the department of agriculture.

It was bred through crossing Turkey and Florence varieties, the latter a smut resisting spring wheat from Australia. Ridit has been found better adapted for the more humid regions than for semiarid regions. A few hundred farmers in eastern Washington planted Ridit this fall to give it a more complete trial than it has had in experiments.

## Lost, Strayed or Stolen

One Brown Mule 5 yrs. old, branded half circle J. A. on left stifle, swenied on left shoulder, also 1 Bay Mule coming 2 years old, no visible brand but has private marks. Left the C. Devin place about 3 weeks ago. Suitable reward. A. C. McIntyre, Phone 14 F 13 Owner.

**LUDEN'S**  
MENTHOL COUGH DROPS  
for nose and throat  
Give Quick Relief

For Sale.—Good milk cow, Inquire of Mrs. C. L. O'Neill.

Mrs. Eva Nelson of Pendleton, is the new waitress at the hotel. Tires are going fast at Lundell's garage owing to the low price Ernest Montandon, Ione's ladies man, is confined at home with a severe cold.

Walt Smith expects to leave this week for a visit to his brother in Seattle.

Cashier Guntzel and Geo. Ritchie had business in Heppner Monday, and dined at the hotel.

Mrs. A. T. McNay of Newberg is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Louis Balsiger.

A. B. Cochran, O. G. and Miss E. O. Bergstrom, left Thursday for a visit to Portland.

Mrs. Frank Martin left Tuesday for a visit with her parents who reside near Seattle.

Fred Mickelson who has been working for some time at Sunny-side, Wn., has returned to Ione.

The school teachers have had their holiday vacation and are back on the job again, school resuming business Wednesday.

W. P. Strandberg, director of the Oregon Public Utility Bureau, Portland, was a business visitor in Ione last Friday. We acknowledge a pleasant call.

Miss Josephine Cowne who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Howard for the past ten days, left Wednesday for her home in New Plymouth, Idaho.

James Howard who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Howard, has returned to McMinnville to take up his studies at Linfield College.

Ray Barnett and Miss Esther Logan took New Years' dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ike. Ray is considered the champion cake eater of Ione.

Any one wishing to make a hurry-up trip to Arlington had better call on Louis Balsiger or Ike Howard, for these gentlemen hold the record for quick transportation, they always get back the same night they leave.

R. W. Sinclair, a state prohibitionist, was in Ione a few minutes Tuesday morning on a cold trail. Sinclair is one of the fellows indicted by the grand jury at Condon on a kidnapping charge and is out on bail.

Monday morning found about three inches of snow covering the ground at Ione with the thermometer pointing to three above zero. Tuesday morning it was about four below and registers close to that figure since. It is not so extremely cold, only when you roll out in the morning is it quite noticeable, especially when the wife won't build the fire.

A. W. Lundell of Pendleton, was here over the week end on a visit to his parents and friends. Mr. Lundell was a local musician of Pendleton and for three years director of the boys' band, an organization which he started, and on leaving, was given a complimentary concert by the band on Main street. He is going to Astoria where he has business engagements.

## Cecil News Items

A service will be held in Cecil Hall this Sunday evening, Jan. 6th, by Archdeacon Goldie of Cove. Everybody welcome.


E. Ballinger of Hermiston, has been busy during the week shipping his baled hay from here.

Misses Annie and Violet Hynd of Butterby Falls, were calling on Miss Georgia Summers at The Last Camp, on Thursday.

Wid Palmateer of Windy Nook, was in Cecil Xmas day enquiring

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**Railroad Rates and  
Transportation Costs**  
Railroad Supplies Up 100 Per Cent  
Freight Rates - 23 3-10 Per Cent  
Passenger Fares 35 3-10 Per Cent



Freight rates and passenger fares on the Union Pacific System have advanced less than half as much as the increase in the cost of engines, cars and other principal items of railroad expense.

Comparing pre-war prices with those of today we find:

Commodity	Pre-War Price	Present Price	Percent Increase
Rail, per ton	\$ 20.00	\$ 42.00	43%
Freight Locomotive	25,000.00	64,000.00	146%
Freight Car	1,100.00	2,500.00	127%
Ties, each	.35	.84	140%
Steel (bridges, tanks, etc.) per ton	50.00	96.00	92%
Steel Passenger Coach	12,000.00	25,000.00	108%
Cotton Waste, per lb.	.05	.095	90%
Block Signals, per mile	1,200.00	2,500.00	108%
Switch Lamps, each	4.04	8.49	108%
Fuel, per ton	2.11	3.33	59%
Average annual earnings per employe	(1912) 884.91	(1922) 1,808.47	104.6%
Taxes	4,648,875.00	13,251,552.00	280%

In the face of these increases, freight rates on the Union Pacific System during the same time have increased only 32 3-10 percent and passenger fares 35 3-10 percent.

In 1912 we received for hauling a ton of freight one mile, 2.7 mills; for hauling a passenger one mile, 3 1/2 mills. In 1923, these rates were 1.85 and 3.05 respectively. The 1923 freight rate represents a reduction of about 17% under 1921 and passenger fares about 8% and 13 1/2%.

In order to earn enough gross revenue to purchase a pint of ink, it is necessary for us to haul one ton of freight 42 miles; for a cross tie, 65 miles; a hand lantern, 91 miles; one freight car wheel, 117 miles; and one monkey wrench 97 miles.

To pay for a day of track labor it is necessary to haul one ton of freight 256 miles. For a day's wages of a freight train crew 2620 miles. For a day's wages of a machinist 461 miles. For a ton of fuel 263 miles.

The railroads of the United States maintain the lowest rates and the lowest capitalization per mile, while paying the highest wages of any country in the world.

So long as the railroads' cost of doing business remains at the present high level a general reduction of freight and passenger rates cannot safely be made.

Constructive suggestions are always welcome.

C. R. GRAY,  
President.

Omaha, Nebraska,  
January 1, 1924.

**UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM**

after roast turkey, etc. (after de-couring a big turkey at home,) but alas, Wild found the cupboard was bare and returned home a sadder, but wiser man.

Mr. and Mrs. Ison who have been visiting at the home of T. W. May at Lone Star ranch, left Thursday for their home in Hood River.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Farnsworth and children of Rhea Siding, was in Heppner Monday and Tuesday visiting friends.

Miss Ester Logan, student of Ione high school, spent her vacation with friends in Four Mile.

Snow fell to the depth of four inches here during the early hour of last Sunday morning. Coldest day was Jan. 1, two degrees below zero.

Miss Minnie H. Lowe left on Sunday for Monmouth to resume her studies.

Miss Georgia Summers, Master Bob Lowe and pal, Master Don Keisler, of Portland, left on the

local Tuesday for Portland to resume their studies at their respective schools, after spending a glorious holiday in Cecil.

## Morgan Life

Geo. Ely of Pullman, Wn., is here visiting with relatives. Herb Witzel has returned from a trip to the Valley.

Ross Perry and wife returned Wednesday and Wid Palmateer took them to their home on the Benedict place.

Joe Holaday was here Christmas visiting his parents.

A watch party was held here New Year's eve at the Holaday home.

Fred Pettyjohn took his daughter Hazel to Heppner Saturday to have dental work done.

Eudora Hardesty spent a few days at home during Christmas week, returning to Ione Tuesday to resume her school studies.

New Year day was bright and sunny but cold, 2 degrees below

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IONE, OREGON

**Notice For Publication**  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, December 18, 1923.  
NOTICE is hereby given that Onnes V. Gibson, of Echo, Oregon, who, on April 24, 1920, under Homestead Entry, No. 921643, for 80, SW 1/4, Section 5, Township 1-North, Range 26-East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Day M. Anderson, United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 30th day of January, 1924.  
Claimant names as witnesses: C. D. Morey, Dan Lindsey, Claude Wadd and F. C. Mishey, all of Echo, Ore.  
J. W. DONNELLY, Register.  
zero with about 3 inches of snow at Morgan.  
**Money For Rabbit Hides**  
From information received by County Agent Morse, from the American Rabbit Products Co. of New York, they are willing to pay from 35c to 45c per pound for rabbit skins, f. o. b. shipping point. In preparing the rabbit skins the heads and feet are cut off and the skins pulled off inside out and hung up to dry. They dry more rapidly if stretched on a piece of wire the shape of a staple or on a board, but it does not need to be stretched. No shipment should be made of less than 100 lbs. as can be procured. Inasmuch as the skins are bought for their fur value only, they can be shot with rifle or shotgun. Shipments should be made to the American Rabbit Products Co., 1324 Arch street, Newark, New Jersey, and sending a sight draft drawn against the bill of lading to the same place. Rabbits will weigh out about six pelts to the pound.  
Judge Robinson is at home. Portland was too.

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Jesse Wells of Heppner has been selected as one of the state vice-presidents of the McAdoo for president bunch. Foolish guy.  
Why doesn't the marshal fix the street lights is the question asked. It's too cold to investigate and besides he can't climb a pole. Probably waiting for the moon.  
About 4 1/2 inches of snow now covers the ground here and it remains very cold.