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High Beef Prices.

The constantly advancing prices of beef have caused the query to be made, "Why is it, and where will the advance end?" The answer is that we are increasing our number of beef eaters more than we are increasing our supply of beef. An expert writer on this matter gives the following in a nutshell as to why beef prices are advancing and his reasons seem to be sound. "Plainly stated, the fact is the meat-producing industry of the United States is constantly declining, while the meat-consuming capacity of the nation and the foreign demand are rapidly expanding. If we say that we have now 20,000,000 more meat eaters than we had ten or twelve years ago and more than 11,000,000 beef cattle less, the force of this statement can readily be appreciated by the intelligent student of economic conditions. Not only in beef is this tremendous shrinkage apparent. We have 14,000,000 less hogs than in 1890 and 11,000,000 less sheep than in 1893, the greatest sheep year in our history. We have 2,000,000 less sheep than in 1869, thirty years ago, when our population was only 40 per cent of what it is today. In other words, we are consuming and selling meat faster than we are producing it and the result is that, responding to extraordinary high prices, breeders are selling not only the yearly increase of their herds and flocks, but depleting their breeding stock as well."

The West Means Hope.

In a recent magazine article a writer expresses the opinion that the West is a thing of the past and gives his reasons for so believing. It is true that the old-time wild and woolly West is not much in evidence nowadays, but it is hardly correct to say that the West is no more. What is understood by that term has felt the omnipotence of evolution, but the effect of that power has really not resulted in the passing of the West, but in the evolving of a type more suitable to our day. The rough, lawless, picturesque cowboy, who terrorized the country when whisky filled exists now mostly in story-books and Charlie Russell's pictures, and today the law-defiance of the mining camp rapidly gives place to the settled observances of civilized life. The crude, rough, ignorant, sharp-shooting West has passed, but the pith and substance of what the West really means has by no means ceased for the meaning of the West is hope, and today nothing is more emphasized here than the great breadth of opportunity offered by the vast territory lying west of the Missouri river. The West is the place of sunset, it is true, but geography and astronomy are small authority on the matter of compass points to thousands upon thousands whose coming West means the beginning of a new day. The West can do without the big-hatted, lariat-throwing cowboy. It is well rid of Judge Lynch and his crew. It could even sustain the loss of the dashboard style of architecture that has become so common and typical. It has easily accommodated itself to boiled shirts, silk hats, electric lights and vestibuled limited trains, but none of these have marred or altered the sterling spirit of the West—Hope.

It is the boast of the West that the fact that failure has crossed a man's pathway does not mean that he must for all future days walk through the valley of the shadows. On the contrary, it speaks cheer to the man who has been overtaken by misfortune and by the wideness of its empire encourages, invites and even urges him to take heart again and build once more the shattered life's plans. Many and many a man, as he and his family have boarded the train at some Eastern depot and severed old home-ties to come West and retrieve broken fortunes, has felt, as the train

pulled out from the familiar scenes, that for him not only was the western sky penciled with signs of dawn, but on the horizon were fluttering wings of flame telling of the swift-coming day.

Good Citizens.

Now that an election is near at hand we hear a great many men boast that they have been life-long republicans, others prate about being staunch democrats, populists or cold water advocates, just as though their political affiliations to these organizations were the all-important thing in their make-up. Not so, however, for good citizenship comes before that. Some politicians are not by any means ideal citizens, for the reason that politics are so corrupting that it is next to impossible to dabble in them without getting one's character besmirched. Good citizenship is far above political affiliations. But the man who is indolent, devoid of ambition, morally corrupt, who has let golden opportunities slip through his fingers, would spurn being told that he was not a good citizen. But, to draw the line, is he any more a good citizen than he is a good politician. Alas, there are political bums, political wire-pullers, political taxers who want the best place at the political pie counter, in every party, and these are the persons who croak about their republicanism, democracy or populism just before an election, and even in Tillamook it is easy to discern we have that class in our midst.

Prohibitionist Convention.

Pursuant to an order of the County Central Committee, the Prohibitionists of Tillamook county will meet in mass Convention at the Court-house in Tillamook, at 10 a.m., April 25th, 1900, for the purpose of nominating a County Prohibition Ticket, and the transaction of any other business that may come before the convention.

Also, that Saturday, April 21st, 1900, at 2 p.m., for the time for meeting of each precinct for the purpose of nominating precinct officers.

All persons interested in the suppression of the liquor traffic and the purifying of politics, are urgently requested to be present.

R. Y. BLALOCK, Chairman.
 T. E. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

County Warrants.

All Tillamook County Warrants drawn on general fund, presented prior to September 1st, 1897, are now payable, and will be paid when presented at my office. Interest ceasing March 14th, 1900.

W. H. CARV,
 County Treasurer.

The Preacher's Chips.

The oldest Presbyterian preacher in N. Dakota died in Philadelphia recently in the person of L. O. Sloan, a pioneer in religious work in Minnesota and North Dakota. "Father" Sloan, as he was known by the old settlers of the country, was one of the best beloved ministers of the territory. He had friends among the roughest classes and his influence was great. The New York Telegram relates of him that on his first arrival in Bismarck he happened in a gambling room kept by Dennis Hannifin, one of the most distinguished characters of pioneer days on the slope and the "squatter governor" of North Dakota. Dennis was one of the original settlers of Bismarck, and when the divine asked him if he might make a little talk to the boys, Dennis cheerfully acquiesced. A speaking platform was improvised from a table not then in use, and Dennis invited every one to suspend operations at the tables and pay attention to the minister. The men listened respectfully and interestedly. Dennis heard the talk appreciatively and after it was concluded passed the hat. The boys were liberal. Red, white and yellow checks from the various stacks were dropped into the hat. They were as good as gold at the "bank," but Dennis presented them to the minister. The latter saw no particular value attached to them except as little bits of colored bone. "But what shall I do with them, Mr. Hannifin?" he is reported to have said. Dennis was surprised. "Do with 'em?" he repeated; "why you can cash 'em or buck the game, just as you please."

Culled from the Press.

"Occupying the high position that he does on important committees, Congressman Tongue's conferees naturally expect his party to return him to his seat in Congress. Should this not be done, they would reasonably conclude that Oregon was lacking in ambition and deficient in appreciation of honors attained, as well as slow to recognize industry and ability."—Yamhill County Reporter.

"Reports from all over the valley tell about the 'taking in' of our farmer friends on propositions advanced by some smooth fakers. There is no more reason why a farmer should be hoodwinked out of his hard-earned dollars than that the most careful, practical business men of the city should fall a victim to the wily schemes of these men. These men have to make a living, they are not philanthropists, and when they pretend to give something away for nothing, they are safe people to leave alone. There are regular avenues in legitimate business whereby we can all secure our purchases without fear of being humbugged. The man with capital invested and reputation established is a much safer person to trust than the smooth-talking, well dressed person who sees you once, secures your dollars, and is heard of no more."—Independence Enterprise.

The transition from deficits in time of peace to surpluses in time of war; from bond-issuing to bond-paying; from hopeless to happy farmers; from men hunting jobs to jobs hunting men; from soup houses to banquet tables; from poverty to prosperity, is not the result of accident or chance or fumes in India, but is the result of having a party in power that knows how to run the country and command its confidence. And as these results come to the nation from having a national administration, so do equally good results come from having local administration of the same type. When national affairs are prosperous so are local affairs. These are stubborn facts which the opposition cannot controvert. The verdict of the people in this county next June will be to continue the good times, and the manner of rendering their verdict will be by voting the republican ticket.—Oregon Mist.

The prohibitionists are preparing for a vigorous campaign in Oregon. As before they will "stand up to be counted" to the number of two or three thousand. It looks like a waste of time and effort on the part of the faithful few to go through this thing at every election. If it were showing growth there might be some excuse, but the prohibition ticket gets practically the same vote as it did fifteen years ago. When temperance people who are not third party men pronounce it inadvisable to put up a ticket they are met with the statement that if the republicans did not put up a ticket in 1856 it would not have subsequently succeeded. But it must be remembered that the republicans not only put forth a ticket in 1856, but elected a president in 1860, or four years later. The prohibitionists made their best showing in 1884 under the leadership of St. John, of Kansas; since that time they have lost ground. Their cause is good and their courage and patience commendable, but if their efforts were at present confined to the creation of prohibitions sentiment and the dissemination of temperance principles it might count for something by and by. Prohibitionists see in the liquor traffic the one great overshadowing issue, but other temperance people think that there are other questions of immediate concern that demand their attention.—Forest Grove Times.

Admiral Dewey has changed his mind. He will accept the nomination for the presidency if it is offered him. "If the American people want me for this high office I shall be only too willing to serve them," says the admiral, and then goes on to say: "It is the highest honor in the gift of this nation; what citizen would refuse it?" Evidently, Dewey is being induced to run for the presidency by the democrats who object to Bryan, and in all probability a fight will be made to secure him the nomination. Failing to secure that, will Dewey run independent

CAPTURED BY BOERS.

Roberts Loses Five Companies of Infantry.

LONDON, April 6.—Lord Roberts reports that five companies of British troops have been captured by Boers near Bethanie. The following is the text of his dispatch to the War Office, announcing the capture:

"Bloemfontein, April 5.—Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry, consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth Regiment of Mounted Infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of the Bethanie Railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a strong force of the enemy, with four or five guns.

"The detachment held out from noon of April 3 until April 4, at 9 a.m., and then apparently surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon of April 3, I ordered Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg with all possible speed, and I dispatched the Cameron Highlanders hench to Bethanie. He arrived at Reddersburg at 10:30 a.m., without opposition, but could get no news of the missing detachment. There can be no doubt that the whole party has been made prisoners."

The lost companies are probably a part of the force guarding the railroad at Bethanie, 30 miles south of Bloemfontein. The Boers are evidently operating in force near the railroad, and there is a possibility of the lines being interrupted for a brief period at any time. As the captured British soldiers were in a position to defend themselves for nearly 24 hours and were then forced to surrender, the fighting must have been severe.

The Boers were in force yesterday five miles from Jagersfontein, situated 60 miles up from Bloemfontein. They had a brush with British patrols. Advice from New Springfontein, dated 6 p.m., April 5, announce that Boers have been sighted west of the railroad.

Gen. Villebois Mareuil Killed.

LONDON, April 6.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 5:

"Methuen telegraphs from Boshof, in the Orange Free State, a little north-east of Kimberly, as follows:

"Surrounded General Villebois Mareuil and a body of Boers today, and they could not escape. Villebois and seven Boers were killed, eight wounded and 50 are prisoners. Our losses were:

"Killed—Captains Boyle and Williams, both of the Yeomanry, and two men of the Yeomanry.
 "Wounded—About seven men.
 "The attack lasted four hours. The corps behaved very well. Our forces were composed of Yeomanry, the Kimberley Mounted Corps and the Fourth Battery of Artillery."

General Villebois Mareuil was the Chief of Staff of the Boer Army. He was about 50 years old, and is said to have been responsible for many Boer successes in Natal and later in Cape Colony and the southern part of the Orange Free State. It is said he entered the Boer service merely because it was his trade. He went through a number of campaigns in the French Army.

In his death the Boers lose their best-instructed soldier in Continental methods of warfare. As the late Joubert's Chief of Staff, his brain devised the Boer defenses against Buller's advance to the relief of Ladysmith. He was the most notable of the foreign soldiers serving the Boers.

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Real Estate Transfers.

Chas. R. Allard to W. N. Bays various tracts in Tillamook County.

U. S. to R. T. Weatherly, lots 4, sec. 21 and lot 3 of sec. 28, and lots 1, 2 and 4 of sec. 29, tp. 4 S, R. 10.

State of Oregon to J. G. Kennedy, E ½ of Se ¼ of sec. 16, tp. 4 S, R. 10 W.

H. Patchen, et ux., to Clara E. Edwards, lots 5, in blk. 17, Thayer's add. to Tillamook.

G. W. Fernside to Mrs. Nannie A. Steinhilber part of lot 4 in block 1, town of Tillamook.

G. W. Fernside to Nannie A. Steinhilber, part of lot 3 in blk. 1, town of Tillamook.

M. Kellow, et ux. to W. D. McKune, Ne ¼ of Se ¼ of sec. 30, tp. 4 S, R. 9 W.

John Johnson, ex ux., to Charles A. Johnson, N ½ of Nw ¼ of sec. 21, tp. 1 N, R. 10 W of W. M.

Henry Tohl to Joseph Duncan, lot 12 in blk 12, Tohl's add. to Nehalem City.

L. Schiller, et al. to the Title Guarantee and Trust Co., various tracts in Tillamook County.

Jasper N. Lesley to the Astoria Company, S ½ of Ne ¼ and N ½ of Se ¼ of sec. 26, tp. 3 N, R. 9 W.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership hitherto existing between L. Hiner and H. Huden, under the name of the Tillamook Machine Shop, was dissolved this day by mutual consent. L. Hiner will collect all monies owing the firm and pay all indebtedness. The business will hereafter be continued by H. Huden under the name of the Tillamook Iron Works.

L. HINER,
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