

Portland Wholesale Fleecers.

The Portland commission merchants want as much for handling Tillamook cheese as the manufacturer charges for making it. That is not equitable considering that the manufacturer has to build a factory and put in a plant, which, after paying expenses, leaves but a small margin of profit, while the commission merchant is to very little expense. Here is a difference. Eastern commission men handle cheese for a quarter to one-third of a cent a pound, but the Portland commission men flaunt a letter in the face of the cheese manufacturers of Tillamook and demand 1 1/2c. per pound for handling it. We stop to enquire whether the Portland commission men are any better than the Eastern commission men? Yes, decidedly, in exacting that much more money from the dairymen, for it is they who will have to pay the fiddler. The reason, perhaps, why the Portland commission men are wanting more money for handling cheese from this county is because they admit they are making 2c. per pound upon cheese from Utah and the East. If Portland wholesale merchants want to import cheese into the state that is their privilege, but it shows that there is very little genuineness in the oft repeated agitation to patronize Oregon industries. Anyway, Tillamook cheese manufacturers are not depending upon Portland commission men to handle their products, for they have been shipping part of their cheese to other states, and, consequently, the merchants who handle cheese in this city have reciprocated by sending orders for goods, which should have gone to Portland. The probabilities are that Portland commission men will handle less of Tillamook cheese in the future unless they come down off their high horse and are willing to do business within reason and equitably.

The raise in the price for handling Tillamook cheese by Portland commission men continues to stick in the gizzards of a number of dairymen, and it is right it should and we hope it will stick there until the wrong is redressed. We have been approached by several dairymen who feel a little hot in the collar, and their idea is for the business men of Tillamook to boycott the Portland houses, and in this way the dairymen would patronize the local merchants who did this. That is one scheme which appears to be freely talked of amongst the dairymen. This would only be a just retaliation, but we will candidly admit to those who want the HEADLIGHT's support in this matter that it is a little premature to take such a course, although if they decide to do so they can rely upon the HEADLIGHT to champion their cause without fear or favor. We do not believe in a spirit of boycott, for once that is started in a community it is hard to tell where it is going to let up. Astoria has undergone the boycott experiment, and probably she wished she hadn't now. It seems to us that we have plenty of long-headed people in the cheese business who are able to find as good a market as Portland for their cheese, and we may add they are wide-awake at the present time. As soon as San Francisco commission men know where the shoe pinches they will take advantage of it. As Mr. McIntosh, who is the largest manufacturer of cheese in Tillamook, and also in the State of Oregon, is not troubling himself about the increase in charge for handling cheese, it don't appear that the Portland commission men have the Tillamook dairymen across a barrel yet. Mr. McIntosh will not ship cheese to Portland on commission again. One thing the local merchants could do when ordering goods of Portland commission men, and that is to point out to them the propriety of withdrawing their letter without further delay, for it may lead to complications. Tillamook people are not antagonistic to Portland in the least, but if they cannot get a square deal there it will not be surprising if they become a little pugnacious with that city.

One cheese manufacturer has suggested that all the cheese factories combine and locate a man in Portland for the purpose of disposing of Tillamook cheese in that city. Not a bad idea, but we hardly believe that it will be carried out, for those who have the disposal of a large proportion of the cheese manufactured in this county have confidence enough in themselves to get it on the market without having to pay 1 1/2c. for handling.

It should not surprise the dairymen of this county if the price prevailing so long for cheese took a fall several notches in the future, for considerable Eastern and Utah cheese is being shipped into the state. One of our best known manufacturers predicted this several months ago.

It's unlawful to send butter or cheese to market without first labeling it as Oregon manufactured. If those who were under contract to deliver unlabelled cheese to Portland wholesale merchants continue to do so they run considerable risk. A word to the wise might save an unpleasant conflict with the law.

School Reports.

Report of Long Prairie School, District No. 23, for the month ending June 7: Girls enrolled, 16; boys enrolled, 11; total number enrolled, 27. Days taught, 19; days attendance, 479; average daily attendance, 25; times absence, 30; times tardy, 0; visitors, 10.
Roll of honor: Vida Rogers, Katie

Sheets, Ella McCormack, Myra Fletcher, Nickie Sheets, Theresa Durrer, Frankie Koch, Iva Earle, Archie Rogers, Daisy Buckles, Leonard McCormack, Addie Fletcher, George Durrer, Albert Bramwell, Francis Buckles, Georgia Fletcher. BELLA WATT, Teacher.

Commencement at Academy.

The fourth annual commencement of St. Alphonsus' Academy, in this city, will take place on Friday evening, June 21st, 1901, commencing at 7:45 p.m., the programme being as follows:
Entrance March.....Blake.
Pianos: Misses M. Peterson, L. Baker, N. Grayson, B. McNair.
Greeting Chorus.....Filmore.
Accompanist.....Miss Blanche McNair.
After the Review.....Chenet.
St. Alphonsus' Orchestra
(a) Les Papillons.....Stralshog.
Pianos: Misses H. Anderson, A. Cahill, E. Wheeler; Master P. Jacobs.
(b) Trio.....Bisell.
Pianos: Misses B. McNair, K. Plank, H. McNair, H. Anderson, A. Schrader, L. Kunze.
(a) Sleigh Ride Polk.....Schaeffer.
(b) Hearts and Flowers.....Tobani.
St. Alphonsus' Orchestra.

Drama....."OUT OF THE SHADOWS."
Accompanist: Miss M. Peterson.

ACT I.

Scene I.—Carmela's Return from School—Martha's Story—Carmela's Sudden Departure.

Scene II.—Carmela with her Aunts—Her Departure for Blanchfield Hall.

Scene III.—The Village Flower Gatherers—The Little Gypsy Girl—Back to the Woods.

ACT II.

Scene I.—Lady Blanchfield Engages Carmela as Governess.

Scene II.—Constance and Her Governess—Mildred, the Blind Child.

ACT III.

Scene I.—The Birth-Day Party—Kind Sir, Will You Buy?—Happy Birth-Day—The Merry Plow Boys—Good-Night.

Scene II.—The Rainy Day.

Scene III.—Tableaux Movants.

ACT IV.

Scene I.—Constance and Mildred—The Stolen Necklace—Mildred Banished.

Scene II.—Mildred in Prayer—Lady Blanchfield Enters Unperceived—Mildred's Sight Restored—Reconciliation.

DRAMATIS PERSONE.

Lady Blanchfield.....Miss L. Baker.
Carmela.....Miss M. Hadley.
Constance.....Miss N. Grayson.
Mildred.....Orphan Niece, Miss F. Dalsman.
Lady Eliza.....Miss B. McNair.
Lady Alice.....Miss S. Allen.
Martha.....Faithful Family Friend.....Miss C. Kimball.
Lizette.....Maid to Lady Blanchfield.....Miss A. Edie.

(a) Capric.....Muller.
Pianos: Misses M. Peterson, B. McNair, K. Plank, A. Schrader, H. Anderson; Master P. Jacobs.

(b) Faust.....Smith.
The Misses M. Peterson, L. Baker.

(c) Sleigh Ride Galop.....Trelour.
Pianos: Misses N. Grayson, B. McNair, L. Baker, M. Peterson.

"CARACTACUS," A LYRICAL DRAMA.

Time.....Rome Under Claudius.
Accompanist: Miss S. Allen.

SYNOPSIS:

The title "Caractacus" is suggestive in itself and brings us back to the early centuries when Britain had still remained in its rude barbaric but independent state; when the Romans urged on by the traditions left them by their god Terminus, that the boundaries of their empire would never recede, having overrun all Gaul by their victories cast their eyes upon the neighboring Island of Britain. The Emperor Claudius finding matters sufficiently prepared for his reception, made a journey into Britain and received the submission of many of the tribes. Caractacus, a chieftain of Britain, still maintained an obstinate resistance, when his brother chieftains had sacrificed their liberty, but he was at length defeated in a great battle, was taken captive to Rome, where his magnanimous behavior procured him better treatment than those conquerors usually bestowed on their prisoners. The bold defiance of Caractacus to the demands of the Emperor instead of incurring the expected wrath of royalty, wins the admiration and sympathy of Claudius, who not only pardons his brave captive, but loads him with presents and sets him and his followers free to return to their native land.

DRAMATIS PERSONE.

Caractacus.....E. Good.
Claudius.....W. Barker.
Sardinus.....J. Fitzpatrick.
Lucien.....W. Sander.
Firmus.....J. Latimer.
Manlius.....H. Cooke.
Robek.....F. Sander.
Gervase.....E. Barker.
Arch-Druid.....T. Handley.
Roven.....W. Baker.
Prophet.....J. Sander.
Valmer.....H. Sander.
Worthal.....N. Melchior.
Belac.....J. Berns.
British Soldier.....H. Delsman.

DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUMS.

Te Deum.....Peterson.
Accompanist: Miss Minnie Peterson.
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Quaint Features of Life.

The paragraphs are diverting themselves with the case of a Canadian who traded his wife for a dog, traded the dog for a shotgun, traded the shotgun for a keg of apple brandy, drank the apple brandy and died of delirium tremens. It is called a curious case of suicide.

A lawyer of Atchison, Kan., charged a woman client \$50 for securing a divorce. The woman pronounced the amount exorbitant for a common divorce. Whereupon Solomon said that if all she wanted was a common divorce the fee would be \$35. And the judge adds that the woman not only paid over \$50, but also seemed a little sorry that there was no \$75 class.

Wheeling, W. Va., has had a case to which the term "dead drunk" is peculiarly applicable. John Davis was picked up in the street, pronounced dead by two doctors and sat upon by a coroner's jury, which found that death was due to heart failure. The body had not been in an undertaker's rooms ten minutes before the corpse sat up and sang the Doxology, whereupon the late defunct was taken to court and fined \$5 for intoxication.

A strange case of premonition of death occurred in Bridgeport, Pa. Thomas Dillon, an aged resident, on arising in the morning, announced to his children that, while he was not feeling ill, he believed that he would not be with them long; in fact, he did not think he would see the light of another day. He went to walk in the morning, returning for dinner, after which he took a bath and put on clean underwear, saying that he wanted to die clean. He then went to bed, and though medical aid was summoned, all efforts to prevent the aged man's prediction coming true were unavailing. He peacefully passed away in a few hours.

A man servant in a family in England some time ago took a kitten to a pond with the intention of drowning it. His master's dog went with him and when the kitten was thrown into the water the dog sprang in and brought it back to land. A second time the man threw it in, and again the dog rescued it; and when for the third time the servant tried to drown it the dog, as resolute to save the little helpless life as the man was to destroy it, swam with it to the other side of the pool, ran all the way home with it and deposited it before the kitchen fire. From that time the dog kept constant watch over the kitten. The two were inseparable, even sharing the same bed.

According to the Denver Post this is the epitaph placed over the grave of a Colorado citizen who died quite unexpectedly:

Here lies the clay of Mitchell Coots,
Whose feet yet occupy his boots;
His soul has gone—we know not where
It landed, neither do we care.
He slipped the joker up his sleeve
With vile intention to deceive.
And when detected tried to jerk
His gun, but didn't get his work
In with sufficient swiftness, which
Explains the presence here of Mitch.
At Gabriel's trumpet, if he should wake,
He'll mighty likely try to take
The trump with that same joker he
Had sleeved so surreptitiously,
And which we placed upon his bier
When we concealed the body here.

There have been many remarkable escapes from death, but Oliver Ladoucer, a St. Paul lineman, had an experience lately that is hard to beat. He was testing a wire that extends from the store of Hurley Bros. in Robert street to the store of William R. Burkhard, directly across the street. Ladoucer was hanging on the wire with both hands and was slowly crawling out, hand over hand, toward the middle of the street. He had got but a few lengths when he felt the wire giving way. He jumped toward the street, a distance of thirty feet. In falling he made a grasp for the electric feed wire of the street car line. It held him without his feet touching the ground and this saved his life. Had his feet touched anything he would have been instantly killed.

Public Sale.

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DR. W. E. LAWLESS, Optician.

Connubialities

Ethel Costello of Kalamazoo eloped when she was 15, was a widow in six months and while still a young woman has inherited \$280,000 from the uncle of her dead husband.

Divorce does not intend that marriage shall be any further ahead of it than the law allows. The news of a marriage by telephone in Georgia is followed by that of a divorce in Indiana by the same means.

The license clerk at Pawhatan, Va., issued a marriage license the other day to Scipio Swann and Many Langhorn, colored. The groom is 99 years of age and the bride is 89. The groom is quite active and a prosperous farmer, and from appearances bids fair to live several years longer.

A Muncie Ind., woman who had been deserted by her husband decided that there should be fitting celebration of the event. She sent invitations to all her friends to attend what she characterized her "last reception." They were a little puzzled over the matter, but gave themselves over to enjoyment when the evening came and asked no questions. After dancing had been indulged in until about midnight, the hostess gathered her company together and announced that the husband of her bosom had deserted her and her children, and she proposed to leave the next day for her father's home. She had, she said determined that her wedded life should go out in a blaze of glory, and she hoped all her guests had duly enjoyed themselves. Being assured they had, she was happy.

Storyettes.

A case reported in South Africa of a train being pushed up a steep incline by soldiers has recalled the Irish story of a guard calling through the railway car windows, "Third-class passengers, get out and push behind." In the West Australian bush a gigantic native was once asked to put his back against a locomotive, which he had private reasons for detaining, and kept it at the station for some time. Flocks of sheep have sometimes done the same, but only the other day, near Cernay, in Alsace, an immense swarm of caterpillars "held up" a train. In a recent Indian flood a train was stopped dead by a large trout. And on one of the new railways in Ireland a porter was heard calling: "Any one there for here, get out."

Horace Annesley Vachell says that the irreverence of the children of the West is partly the fault of the Western mode of speech. He adds: "I remember a funeral sermon preached by a minister upon a dead child. The child's playfellows to a discourse mainly biographical. The preacher concluded: 'I can see him—yes, I can see our dear little friend'; he looked upward and the eyes of the children were immediately fixed upon the ceiling of the church. 'There he is, corralled in heaven, playing about with all the other little angels.' This allusion to the corral, that homely feature in the Western landscape, appealed forcibly to the imagination of the children, but surely the ridiculous was too perilously near the sublime."

On one occasion the late Chief Justice Russell went into the English provinces to help the Liberals in a certain campaign. He began his speech of set purpose, but with some very badly pronounced Scotch. After the confusion caused by his apparent blunder had subsided Sir Charles Russell (as he then was) said: "Gentlemen, I do not speak Scotch, but I vote Scotch." Tremendous applause followed, whereupon Sir Charles proceeded, "and I sometimes drink Scotch." With this his hold on the audience was secured.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Ministers preach and physicians practice.

Overwork kills fewer men than excessive leisure.

River beds are supplied with springs and sheets of water.

Man is born to rule, but women come along and beats him out of a job.

Don't think because a man has one glass eye that he only gets half enough sleep.

The feminine graduates of a grammar school seldom know how to decline marriage.

An Irishman says that posthumous works are the books a man writes after he is dead.

They are talking about beautifying Chicago. This is a direct slap at the meat business and the feminine foot.

Five men have been lynched in California for stealing horses. Horse stealing in California is a strenuous profession.

And now we are regaled with the story of a gubernatorial spanking being administered to a couple of howling children in South Carolina.

A Chicago girl has discovered that her husband has a cork leg and sues him for divorce. He would have made such an excellent popper.

A horse trainer at Overland park was shot, but his skull flattened the bullet. We have always maintained that there is an advantage in having that kind of skull.

That man who drank twenty-three bottles of champagne in Chicago and then died stands as a warning to tell those who indulge in two dozen bottles of white wine at one sitting.

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