COMPLAINANT: Buck Coe

RESPONDENT: Richard Cantrell, Wasco County Judge

REBUS 1982

1000 FRIENDS OF OREGON

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT:

The complaint alleges Judge Cantrell violated ORS shapter 244 when he voted in favor of a petition for the incorporation of the City of Rajneeshpuram, at such time a transaction was pending between Judge Cantrell and the Rajneeshpuram for the purchase of over \$17,000 worth of Cantrell's cattle. The complainant further alleges that many irregularities surrounded the cattle sale, including lack of a brand inspection, discrepancies in the number soll, and a purchase price which exceeded the fair market value. (Attenment 1).

FIGUREAU SEE

In 1081, a 100 dere ranch in Wasco County was purchased to form a community (Rajneeshpuram) for Indian guru Baghwan Shree Rajneesh and approximately 200 of his followers. According to Judge Cantrell, the Jefferson and Wasco County Commissioners met jointly at Rajneeshpuram in "early August", 1981, to review the site prior to making certain land use decisions, i.e., housing needs of the community. During the visit, a member of the Rajneesh community, David Knapp, told Judge Cantrell they needed cattle to "eat stubble". In addition, if an experimentally planted crop of sunflowers failed, the crop would be used as silage. Judge Cantrell then advised Mr. Knapp that he should buy the equivalent of "hamburger priced cows".

During the "last part of the summer", Judge Cantrell contacted a registered cattle buyer (Art Rice) who assisted Cantrell in establishing the price of \$625 for pairs of late summer/early fall cattle, and \$.50/lb. for the remainder of his stock. Judge Cantrell said he then "let it be known" that his cattle were for sale.

on October 13, Judge Cantrell contacted the Rajneesh community and offered his cattle for sale at the above price. Two representatives of the Rajneesh community (John Shelfer and Bob Harvey) surveyed the livestock on October 22, and on October 25, told Judge Cantrell they wished to purchase "40 or 50 head". Shelfer and Harvey later selected the cattle they wanted, and on November 5, Harvey and Chuck Rolfe (cattle transporter) loaded the cattle into a stock truck, weighed the cattle at Dufur and transported the cattle to the Rajneesh community.

On November 15, the cattle were paid for with a check to Judge Cantrell and United States National Bank, who held a note on the cattle.

According to County records and a newspaper article (sworn to

as an accurate statement of facts by its author, Austin Abrams, Attachment 2), Rajneesh representatives contacted County officials on October 7 about incorporating they community as a city. On October 14, the County Court received petitions from Rajneesh community residents seeking the incorporation. On November 4, Judge Cantrell presided over a public hearing on the incorporation, and voted in favor of the petition authorizing Rajneesh community residents to decide the issue at a May 18 election (Attachment 3). The petition was approved by the County Commission 2-1.

The complainant alleges that in addition to Judge Cantroll's brad on the issue of incorporation, several irregularities surposmiod the cattle sale. Specifically, Judge Cantroll failed to have a brand inspection performed at the time of sale for which he was cited. The brand inspectors felt the price paid was high considering the time of year and quality of cattle involved, and that the flat rate per pound was unusual. Finally, there is a discrepancy in the number of cattle sold: a transportation certificate signed by Judge Cantroll shows 48 head of cattle were transported, but a certificate signed by Bob Harvey shows 50 head were transported. (See Attachments 4-10).

In the opinion of Judge Cantrell, the disapproval of the petition by the County Commission would not have affected the cattle purchase, because the Rajneesh community "would have appealed it all the way to the Supreme Court". Further, he felt they would "stay even if there was no city" because, in his opinion, they had other options:

- l) Create a service area
- 2) Move to Antelope
- 3) Current zoning permitted one house per 80 acres

John Shelfer agreed that disapproval of the petition by the County Court "would have had absolutely no effect on their decision to stay".

However, Mark Greenfield, a Portland attorney who has filed a petition for review of the County Court's action with the Land Use Board of Appeals, argues that incorporation is a prerequisite to the community's ability to remain at their present location. He argues that unless the community incorporates, they are in violation of ORS 215.213(1)(f):

- "(1) The following uses may be established in any area zoned for exclusive farm use:
 - (f) The dwellings and other buildings customarily provided in conjunction with farm use". (Emphasis added).

Further, Greenfield argues that far fewer than "I house per 80 acres" would be permissible because the dwelling density refers to 80 acres as a minimum size, and the community is presently divided into much larger parcels.

JURISDICTION AND PERTINENT STATUTES:

Judge Cantrell is a public official as defined by ORS 244.020(9), and is subject to the requirements of ORS Chapter 244, including:

- 1) ORS 244.120(1)(a),
 - "(1) When involved in a potential conflict of interest, a public official shall:
 - (a) If he is an elected public official, other than a member of the Legislative Assembly, or an appointed public official serving on a board or commission, announce publicly the nature of the potential conflict prior to taking any official action thereon".

Note: ORS 244.020(4) defines potential conflict of interest as,

- "(4) 'Potential Conflict of interest' means any transaction where a person acting in a capacity as a public official takes any action or makes any decision or recommendation, the effect of which would be to the private pecuniary benefit or detriment of the person or a member of the person's househeld ..."
- 2) ORS 244.130(1),
 - "(1) When a public official gives notice of a potential conflict of interest, the potential conflict shall be recorded in the official records of the public body, and a notice of the potential conflict and how it was disposed of may in the discretion of the public body be provided the commission within a reasonable period of time. The commission may by rule establish criteria for cases in which such information shall, shall not, or may be provided to it".

- 3) ORS 244.040(1),
 - "(1) No public official shall use his official position or office to obtain financial gain for himself, other than official salary, honoraria or reimbursement of expenses, or for any member of his household, or for any business with which he or a member of his household is associated".
- 4) ORS 244.040(;),
 - "(4) No public official shall further his personal financial gain through the use of confidential information gained in the course of or by reason of his official position or activities in any way".

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Regarding ORS 244.120, it appears Judge Cantrell was faced with a potential conflict of interest which should have been publicly announced because the cattle transaction was still pending (payment had not yet been made) at the time of the incorporation hearing, and the effect of Judge Cantrell's action could have altered completion of the transaction.
- 2. Regarding ORS 244.040(1), there is at the least, insufficient evidence to support a finding of violation.
- Regarding ORS 244.040(4), it appears Judge Cantrell used information, not available to the general public and obtained by reason of his public office, to obtain personal financial gain. Specifically, he was told in his official capacity of the community's desire to purchase cattle, and later contacted the community regarding the sale of his cattle. In deciding whether Judge Cantrell violated ORS 244.040(4), the OGEC should determine whether such information was "confidential" within the meaning of ORS 244.040(4).

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before the Land Use Board of and we decided to keep it." Appeals saying they wish to On Oct. 7 Big Muddy present evidence that Cantrell, representatives inquired of had private pecuniary interests; county officials; about ininfluencing his decision in the corporating and on Oct. 14 the proceeding and that he failed to court received petitions by Big disclose those interests as a Muddy residents seeking in potential conflict of interest. No corporation the conflict of interest. No corporation the conflict of interest. No commissioners have advised his commissioners. Jim Comini and

area are not listed in it, but advised him of the situation as he Cantrell assumes it relates to a did the director of the Oregon sale of cattle he made to the Big Land . Conservation and Muddy banking the money Nov. Development Commission. This 16. He says as early as Aug. 12 was after the Nov. & hearing, during a meeting of Wasco and, said Cantrell, because that was Jefferson County officials at the when word came to him that ranch on official business, ranch there might be a question. He representatives said they would said the two state officials he.

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By AUSTIN ABRAMS available and then a fourth for years growing and selling Chronicle Managing Editor . . buyer was made aware, all at the The impartiality of County same price. He says the Big Judge Rick Cantrell during the Muddy buyer was first to notify incorporation hearing for the him of a serious interest to proposed city of Rajneeshpuram purchase whereupon he talked to hearing. Cantrell said. his family and together decided Some 50 head of cattle bringing. Petitioners seek a hearing "We had given our word to them?"

Friends of Oregon and six in Virgil Ellett, of his pending dividuals, Kelly McGreer, cattle sale prior to Oct. 14. He Rosemary McGreer, James G. also said Comini later said he did Perkins, Shirlee Perkins, David, not recall the notice and Comini-Dickson and Melinda Dickson. told The Chronicle Friday night? The McGreers are neighbors to the first knew of the sale a week the Big Muddy Ranch i near after the Nov. 4 public hearing on Antelope where followers of incorporation which was Indian spiritual mystic Bhagwan presided over by Cantrell. Ellett Shree Rajneesh bought 67,000; could not be reached by phone acres July 10 and have been but Cantrell says Ellett could and locating 200 recall his notice about the sale.

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cattle. He and Ellett went to Antelope town council meeting where Cantrell related the sale

Some 50 head of cattle bringing \$17,540 were sold, he said.



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BEFORE THE LAND USE BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

1000 FRIENDS OF OREGON, the) assumed name of Oregon Land) Use Project, Inc., an Oregon) nonprofit corporation, KELLY) MC GREER, ROSEMARY MC GREER,) JAMES G. PERKINS, SHIRLEE) PERKINS, DAVID DICKSON and MELINDA DICKSON,

LUBA 81-132

Petitioners,

AFFIDAVIT OF AUSTIN L. ABRAMS

v.

WASCO COUNTY COURT,

Respondent.

I, Austin L. Abrams, being duly sworn, do depose and say that:

I am the Managing Editor of The Dalles Chronicle.

I authored an article entitled "County Judge's
Impartiality on Rajneesh Issue Challenged," which appeared
on the front page of The Dalles Chronicle dated Saturday,
December 19, 1981. A correct copy of that article is attached
to this affidavit.

The above-mentioned article recites facts attributed to County Judge Richard Cantrell, which I learned from a conversation with Judge Cantrell that occurred prior to my authoring this article. These facts relate to a cattle sale between the Judge and followers of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

The facts and statements attributed to Judge Cantrell in this article are an accurate report of the facts Judge

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Cantrell provided me.

austin L. Abrams

STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.
County of Wasco)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of Aleember , 198/.

Notary Public of Oregon

My commission expires:

My Commission Expires July 30, 1984

January 20, 1982

ATTACHMENT C

Paul Muller 19872 Arrow Wood Dr. Bend, Oregon 97702

Dear Paul:

I received your letter this morning and appreciated your writing. It is alot nicer to have someone express his feelings to your face than to your back, and believe me my back is getting just a little raw.

There are a few things that are not being brought out in these articles that people do not see nor recognize.

First the cattle issue. Each fall or winter I sell cattle - if I am short of money and hay, or if I have a chance to sell alot of hay or if I have no sale for hay will determine the amount of cattle I sell. I have Art Rice help me determine the price and then I let it be known what I have to sell and I sell them. . Since these were bred cows I didn't want to sell them for hamburger at the auction yard so I priced cows, calves, pure bred white face, five year old bull, and yearling heifers at 50¢ a pound straight through. The check was made out to the U.S. National Bank and myself, as they held the note on the cattle. I don't believe this price was in any way out of line. Al Limmeroth has purchased them several times, I have gone through the auction yard, I have sold to Martin Forrey, Lon London, Ben Smith, Don Wink, and I don't know how many other individuals. Which, of course, is my business and my prerogative. This year I did the same thing and John Shelfer asked for them, before Al and Art made it known they wanted them. Granted in looking back I should have announced at the hearing that I had sold cattle to Shelfer, but, remember please, I have sold cattle for about 40 years and have had only one hearing like this.

Buck Coe asked me to come out to talk to him on the 24th of November, 1981, which I did, with a witness. He wanted Virgil and I to rescind or reconsider our vote for a month or six weeks to let things cool off. I made him aware of all the facts of the cattle sale. (I also went to a city council meeting in Shaniko and told them, I told Scotta Callister of the Oregonian, Austin Abrams of The Dalles Chronicle, the reporters from AP, the Journal, and the Bend paper so there would be no question if I did or did not.) But I also sold at least that many cous to other Wasco County people. I called

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the Attorney for the State Department of Oregon, and L.C.D.C., and told them all that had transpired and also asked them to contact the State Ethics Commission if they felt there was a problem so it could be investigated.

In regards to the hearing, we were instructed by L.C.D.C. and by the District Attorney that we could only hear information on the city boundary, and if they addressed the L.C.D.C. laws. Our Engineer looked at the boundaries and okayed them. The Planning Commission stated the L.C.D.C. goals were properly addressed. (40 pages). We three Commissioners agreed that the above were complied with. At this point State Law decrees that the Court must give the petitioner the right to hold an election.

Nothing gives us the right to judge merals, if they are noving too fast, or anything else.

Then when we voted, Jim voted "nay" using the reason they were moving too fast, and voted after Virgil and I did. Now he has a right to vote as he wishes but he never made any objections known in the discussion and the Court tape and the record bears this out. Every Attorney in The Dalles who was present has stated we had no other choice. Also, the Commissioner from Jefferson Tounty who made the comments on Town Hall came to me after the neeting and stated (and I quote) "You made the only decision you could and we would probably have done the same." "As for the nouses, both counties did agree on them."

Paul, the law of the land states that they have the legal ight, the same as you and I, to do their thing as long as it is within the law. I swore an oath to be impartial and promised to live an honest opinion. I will do my best to live up to this impartially.

What my personal opinion is cannot, and does not, enter into my Court decisions.

Also, Paul, I understand Kelly McGreer sold his potato crop o the Rajneesh, and Buck Coe offered to clear 10,000 acres of and for them at a price. It is my opinion that they had a right o do this.

I value the friendship I have had with you and your family nd hope this will show my side of the events. If you get the hance ask John Conroy, George Ward, Sandy McCabe, or John Forman hat they think of me, my dealings, or the Rajneesh issue will you?

Your friend Pick
Rick Cantrell

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State of Oregon Department of Agriculture OFFICERS REPORT

County_	Wasco	No.	
Subject_	SELLING CATTLE WITHOUT CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP BRAND INSPECTION	DateDecember	22, 1981

SUSPECT:

Cantrell, Richard Carleton

Route 1, Box 186

Dufur, OR

Phone: (503) 467-2366

DOB 03-25-20

Writer received information from several ranchers in the area that Rick Cantrell sold cattle to Rajoneesh Foundation International, Antelope, Oregon, without brand inspection.

On December 7, 1981, writer went to Big Muddy Ranch, Antelope, Oregon, and was advised by several members that they bought cattle from Judge Cantrell; that they had a bill of sale, but after approximately 1 1/2 hours of searching couldn't produce it. The man in charge of the cattle, Bob Harwey, Antelope, Oregon, phone 489-3336, was in Salem and he probably had the bill of sale with him, but the deal was legal because they dealt with the judge. Writer tried on several different occasions to contact Bob Harwey at different times, but always got a busy signal. Writer was advised the cattle would be brought in next week. As soon as their branding iron was made, the cattle would be branded, Bangs and TB tested, and I would be advised to do the brand inspection.

On December 8, 1981, Rick Cantrell contacted writer by phone and stated he sold cattle to the Rajnees on November 19, 1981, but he didn't collect any money till two or three weeks later because of some hearing that was going on; that he didn't know he needed brand inspection because Art Rice, The Dalles, does most of his buying; that he sells most of his cattle through the auction sale where brand inspection is required. He will contact Bob Hartley and have brand inspection on the cattle next week while they are being tested.

On December 18, 1981, Rick Cantrell contacted writer at Mid-Columbia Auction and stated that he has tried to contact Bob HarNey by phone but the line was always busy, but he wrote him a letter and advised, put the cattle in the corral within a few days and have them brand inspected; that they have a transportation slip he made out for a bill of sale, like he always fills out when he sells cattle; that they probably wouldn't show it to me because they were trying to protect him; that he should hear from HarNey by Monday, re: brand inspecting the cattle.

On December 21, 1981, writer and Loren Corwin, Madras, went to Big Muddy Ranch to meet Rick Cantrell at 3:00 p.m. He couldn't remember how many cattle he sold and couldn't find his papers of the sale, but he brought the correct bill of sale for the branded cattle he had bought and had not rebranded at other auction sales. Cantrell stated he sold 7 prs. at \$625.00, and the other cattle were sold for \$.50 a lb. Later he corrected the number to 9 prs.

At 4:00 p.m. writer wrote inspection on 48 cattle.

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39 cows calf and yearlings, no brand. Cattle were mixed breeds, Ang, WF, Simut, Char., Hol.

Bob HarMey never came out while inspection was being made. Writer was advised twice by members and once by Cantrell, Bob HarMey would come out.

On December 22, 1981, writer contacted Rick Cantrell in his office at The Dalles, who stated he made the cattle deal with John Shelfer, Antelope, Oregon, the ranch manager; that he weighed the cattle at the Dufur Elevator; that he sold 9 pairs, and the other cattle were weighed in 3 drafts: Weights 8,610, 8,630, 6,890; that it was late in the afternoon when they finished the weighing; that Huck Rolff hauled the cattle.

A warning citation was issued. At this time, writer picked up transportation slip made out by Rick Cantrell for 48 cattle.

D.D. Hodges Livestock Brand Inspector

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BEFORE THE WASCO COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

Mar Office ATTACHMENT E

IN THE MATTER OF the	
Designation of Certain Lands)* \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
as Rural Residential in the	No.
Wasco County Plan (in the area of Rajneeshpuram)	AFFIDAVIT OF
•	BUCK HODGES

I, Darrell Dwain ("Buck") Hodges, being duly sworn, do depose and say that:

I am the branding inspector that examined the cattle sold by Judge Richard Cantrell to Rajneesh Foundation International. I have worked as a bradding inspector all over the state for 25 1/2 years. I reside in the Madras area. I estimate that I inspect 50,000 to 75,000 cattle a year depending on the year.

The branding inspector inspects the brands on calle to prevent livestock theft. I make sure that the brand on the cattle being sold is the brand of the seller, or that the seller has the bill of sale for those cattle. Whenever more than five cattle are sold, they must be brand inspected. Ordinarily they are inspected at the time of sale, normally over the scales. Usually the seller contacts the branding inspector to let him know when he should be available to brand inspect the animals. It is extremely unusual for the branding inspector to have to inspect the cattle after the sale has been made. The steps I had to go through in inspecting the cattle sale between Judge Cantrell and the Rajneesh were extremely unusual. Those steps are stated in the attached Officers Report, dated December 22, 1981, which is incorporated by

reference in this affidavit.

At the branding inspection the brand inspector must be satisfied in his own mind that the person presenting the cattle for sale does own them. If the cattle belong to another man, the seller must show a bill of sale for that brand. Of the 48 cattle inspected in this sale, only three had the Judge's brand. The Judge had bills of sale for the other cattle. The Judge had not put his brand on the other cattle he had purchased in previous sales, which is unusual for a cattle operation.

The fee involved at the time of brand inspection is \$.50 for the brand inspection (per animal) and \$.50 for the Beef Council (per animal).

As stated in the attached Officers Report, the 48 cattle were sold, transported and paid for before I inspected them. The transfer of cattle took place on Nobember 9, 1981. Judge Cantrell told me that he collected the money two to three weeks after the date of the transfer. I didn't inspect the cattle until December 21, 1981. At 4:00 P.M. on that day I wrote an inspection on 48 cattle.

Judge Cantrell told me that he sold seven pairs of cattle at \$625 a pair. He later corrected that number to nine pairs. He said he sold the other cattle at \$.50 a pound. The cattle sold by the pound were weighed in three drafts. The first draft was 8,610 pounds, the second draft 8630 pounds, and the third draft 6,890 pounds. In other words, total weight was 24,130 pounds for the cattle sold at \$.50 a pound.

On December 21, when I inspected the cattle, I was not given the transportation slip by Judge Cantrell. It is extremely unusual not to be given this slip at the time of inspection. I received the transportation

slip at Judge Cantrell's office in The Dalles at 12:00 noon on December 22, 1981. When I inspected the cattle Judge Cantrell could not remember how many cattle he had sold, which is also very unusual.

In 25 1/2 years of being a branding inspector, I have never seen a sale in which cows, calves, heifers, bull calves and large bulls were all weighed together and sold at the same price. In my opinion a price of \$625 a pair is a very high price considering the time of year of the sale and the type and quality of cattle involved. In November, in the sale yard report for the Madras auction yard, pairs paid between \$435 and \$470, with \$470 for a good quality pair. The cattle involved in this sale were not of good quality for beef, in my opinion, and not of good quality for dairy. Some of them had bills of sale dating back to 1971.

For the cattle sold by the pound, ordinarily they are split up by sex, size and type of cattle and weighed separately. A flat \$.50 per pound is a very unusual type of arrangement. In my opinion none of the cattle involved were of good quality for beef. Many were of poor quality. About half of the cattle were old.

D.D. Buck Hodges

Buck Hodges

STATE OF OREGON)

SS.
County of Jefferson)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of January, 1982.

Notary Public for Oregon
My commission expires: 6-5-85

Oregon Transportation Certificate

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accusations in depth because of attorneys. advice on the upcomming hearing, so it may look like fin dadging issues. On the transportation slips if these was anything I wanted hidden, all that had to be done was to have destroyed them & said as much for there is no need fa transportation slipe kcept while stock are being transported. No billef sale war made because I had near gotten one there. There does not have tobe a lillef sale made. However, after the brand inspection was made + signed, it acts as a P.: ID A sale and at this point



The legal transfer of stock has taken place, This cell came from Brand Dych. The only reason I accepted the warning thatin was to get the Reople off Buck Hodger back. I feel very badly about the treatment he is receiving from people. He Certainly does not deserve That for he was doing his job. I have found Buck very Considerale. If those presening him knew how much it affects a person's system heg'd bock of. again, thanks for your all. Sincerly, : (: Buck Hodges Auck

BEFORE THE WASCO COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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IN THE MATTER OF the	.)	
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I, Loren Corwin, being duly sworn, do depose and say that:

I have worked for the Madras auction yard off and on for 20 years. I observe the cattle market every week in that capacity. My duties with the auction are those of a field man. I talk with the ranchers, work in the ring during sales, and appraise the value of cattle. Determining the value of cattle is one of my day to day duties. At the Redmond auction yard in 1979 I handled and sorted about 45,000 head of cattle. Last year the amount was fewer because of the year.

I also run about 150 cattle of my own and 150 cattle on a share deal, where I run the cattle for others. I buy and sell cattle regularly.

On December 21, 1981, I accompanied Buck Hodges, the branding inspector, on his visit to the Muddy Ranch to inspect the cattle sold to the Rajneesh by Judge Rick Cantrell. I accompanied Buck Hodges as a helper. I saw each of the 48 cattle inspected.

In my opinion, the quality of the cattle sold was "off-quality." There was a mix of bulls, heifers, yearlings, and other breeds. The quality of the cattle was "dairy quality", which is poor for beef production. Of the 48 cattle involved in the sale, a few of the cattle were of good quality for beef, but those of good quality were old. The young ones were not much good

for a commercial herd for beef production, and poor kinds of cattle to make money with.

In my opinion, not more than 12 of the 48 cattle I saw would have brought \$.50 a pound at sale at that time. Those that would have brought that price were some calves and light cattle. Generally, in determining the value of cattle, you need to separate them by kind, weight, age, sex, etc., and weigh them. Mixing all types of cattle together and weighing them and selling them at a fixed price is very unusual.

When I saw the 48 cattle I did not do an evaluation of their value by type. However, I noticed that these cattle were dairy quality, that is, beef cattle bred with dairy cows. Dairy quality cattle sell at about 20¢ a pound less as beef cattle than good beef production cattle. However, if these cattle were sold for dairy purposes, a dairyman would not have bought them due to poor quality.

The earth I saw would have brought at that time, in my estimation, about 33¢ to 35¢ a pound. At the time of sale they may have brought another five cents a pound. Good quality steer will bring about 62¢ a pound today, and good quality heifers 50¢ a pound. These cattle were not good quality. There were no steer calves. There were about one dozen bull calves that would bring 50¢ a pound.

Of the pairs sold for \$625, I could not determine which nine pairs were sold, because some of the cows and calves were not sold as pairs, but by the pound. A fair estimate for pairs is that the cows would weigh approximately 800 pounds and sell at 40¢ a pound (\$320 percow) and that the calves would sell at \$200/head, for a total of \$520 a pair.

The three drafts for the cattle sold by the pound weighed a total of 24, 130 pounds. When the nine pair (18 cattle) are removed, the average weight per head (including one bull) equals 804 pounds per head. Sold at \$.50 a pound, this figure is \$402 per head for bulls, heifers, coms, etc. In my estimation, these weights and prices are way out of line. They could not have weighed that much and brought that amount of money, considering the kidds of cattle involved in this sale, in a normal sales transaction. The value of these cattle was much lower.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of January, 1982.

Notary Public for Oregon

My commission expires: 6.5° 81°