

HARD ON HERDERS.

Persecution of Some Sheepmen on the Western Ranges.

Even the Government Takes a Hand in the Oppression—Particulars of the Business of Raising Sheep.

The question is often asked: What will be the outcome of this seemingly ceaseless strife between the cattlemen and the sheepmen? The eastern man believes sheep rearing will eventually be given over to the farmers, leaving the cattle to roam the unlocated public domain. The idea does not prevail in the plateau regions of the west, writes Capt. James H. McClintock, in Ainslie's. Where there are sheep the cattle must depart. Sheep may exist in proximity with cattle, but the reverse is not possible. As before told, cattle are stationary, while sheep are necessarily nomadic. When feed is short the sheepman moves his flock to grass. The cattle owner, with his wife and scattered property, may not do this. He thrives or he "goes broke" in a single locality. The cattlemen is handicapped at every point of the struggle. His crop matures more slowly. To secure the best results he must wait three or four years till his product is ripened by age. In not over one year out of four will cattle accumulate any respectable amount of fat on the western ranges. The price of the product depends much on the condition of the corn market, for range beef rarely if ever goes to the block direct. A single dry season means also no fat or growth for cattle, and means also no increase for the succeeding year. The tales of cattle barons and of enormous profits in the cattle business belong to the early days, when the plains were covered with knee-deep grass, with water in every gully. At present there is more money in the fattening of steers than there is in the rearing of them on the range. Under favorable conditions there is money in the cattle business, but favorable conditions are rarely present. The plateau region is now in its fourth successive year of drought. Thus it comes that the cattlemen is no longer so determined to defend the henth he very reasonably holds his own.

The sheep owner, to begin with, is at considerable expense, for he has to maintain a man with every 2,000 head of his woolies. But he shears once or twice a year, and at the present prices for wool an average half-bred merino will bring him annually from that source alone \$1.20. The increase of his flocks is fully 40 per cent. per annum. He need not wait several years, like his enemy, the cattlemen, for entrance to market. His wethers at the present rates bring him \$3.50 lean, and five dollars when in good condition, but spring lambs, four months old, are rated in the eastern markets at even a greater price per head than is paid for matured muttons. It is a business of quick returns and ample profits. To be sure, a change in tariff would markedly influence the wool quotations, but were the value of the wool almost to be destroyed, the sheepmen would still be on an equality with the cattle baron. The tendency is emphatically toward the rearing of cattle in compounds, such as are found on the great Maxwell grant of northern New Mexico, while the southwest ranges are being given over to the sheep. A few thousand head are annually fattened for exceptionally choice mutton on the alfalfa pastures of Arizona and south central California, but the owners prefer the lush spring grasses of the plains. The result is the same and the cost is far less.

It cannot be denied that the life of the sheep owner is far from a happy one. He is damned and persecuted on every side, and even the United States government takes a hand in the persecution. The main trouble is with the forestry division of the interior department. It is generally conceded that sheep have an injurious effect on the western water supply. Of course, rain falls upon the sheep as upon the just and unjust—but the forestry expert generally insists, (a) That sheep eat out all underbrush and even young trees, destroying the natural checks to too rapid evaporation, the conservators of the snowfall, and even threatening the future of the forests, deprived of their young growth; (b) that sheep pack the soil and clear away the grasses, thereby creating conditions that deprive the soil of porosity and render the run-off too rapid for the public weal; (c) that sheep herders, with their campfires, are a perpetual menace to the forests and are a prolific cause of destructive fires. Sheep owners deny these allegations specifically and entirely, yet the ideas are adhered to by the men who lend scientific thought in this direction. Even now a commission of eminent scientific experts is poking around in the mountains of Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, attempting to get at the truth of the matter. The sheepmen's associations are welcoming them with effusion, and have contributed liberally toward their proper entertainment and education.

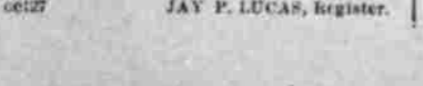
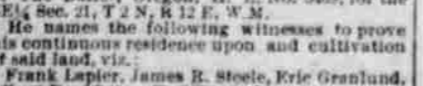
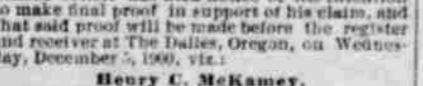
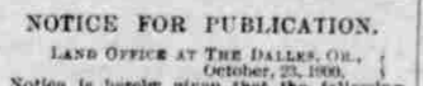
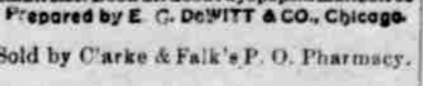
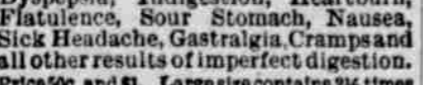
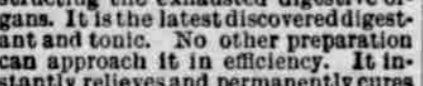
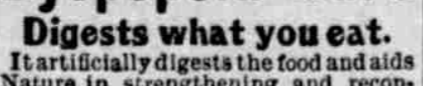
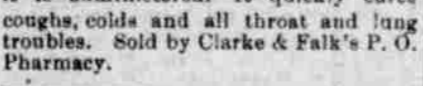
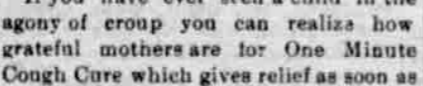
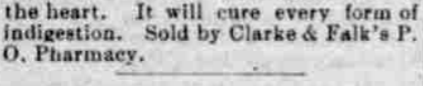
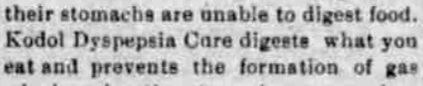
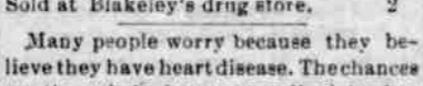
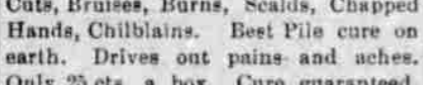
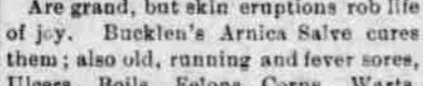
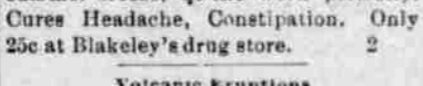
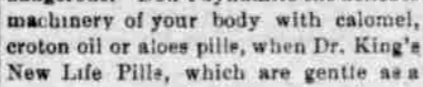
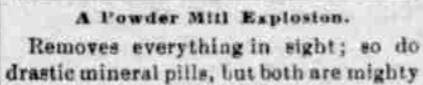
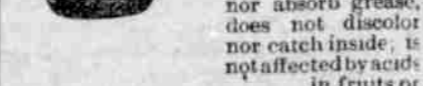
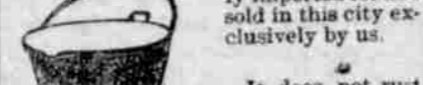
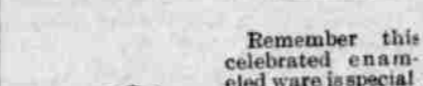
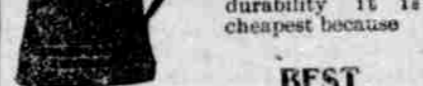
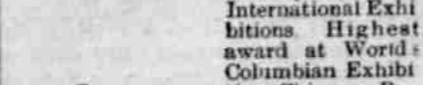
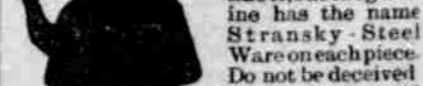
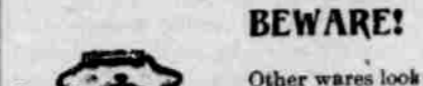
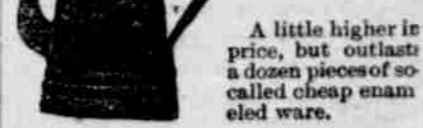
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