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On his way to his old home in Wallowa, where he will make his headquarters, while investigating and assisting Uncle Sam in his extensive experiments with grazing lands on the Wallowa forest reserve, H. K. O'Brien, chief of grazing for district No. 6, of the forest service including Alaska, California, Oregon and Washington, spent the forenoon in this city conferring with the officials of the local land office.

"The range resources of the west are being improved," said Mr. O'Brien to a representative of the Observer this morning. "Experiments in re-seeding over grazed lands are proving highly satisfactory. Different methods are being employed for the different altitudes, varying from 3,000 to 8,000 feet. The grasses we are using on the mountains are timothy, blue grass and red top.

"Some of the most interesting experiments are now under way on the Wallowa forest reserve. Among these is that of seeding the mountains and using sheep as harrows. The grass is sown in the fall when the soil is soft and moist. Herds of sheep are then driven over the ground and in this way the seeds are tramped under and covered for the winter. In the spring it gets a good start before pasturing can materially damage it.

"Another important experiment is being worked on the Wallowa reserve where the forest service has four acres of land under coyote proof fence. Inside this enclosure sheep are pastured. This is to test the theory held by many authorities that pasturing sheep on land is not so detrimental to the land as the herding system and also that the results in wool and mutton are much better. It has been found that pastured lambs weigh heavier and shear heavier than those that have been herded."

Chief O'Brien was in the service in Wallowa three years before promotion

to the Portland office. Prior to his entrance in to the forest service he was a merchant in Wallowa. He is said to be one of the best posted men on grazing and range conditions in the west.

In Hands of Receiver.

PENDLETON, Sept. 22.—W. L. Thompson has been appointed receiver for the Interstate Telephone company, better known as the Pilot Rock company, by Circuit Judge Bean of Pendleton. The appointment was brought about by a second suit filed by the American National bank Thursday to collect notes aggregating \$1,000. The company is said to be seriously involved and unable to pay its outstanding indebtedness at this time.

Princeton Begins Practice.

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 22.—With the opening day of Princeton University, the Tiger squad begins formal football practice under the direction of Head Coach Jim McCormick, who has been here some time preparing for the fray.

McCormick has made a wise selection of assistant coaches. Harold H. Short, '02, and Thomas E. Butkiewicz, who played guard for Princeton two years and then finished at the University of Pennsylvania, will have charge of the line. M. B. Sheffield, '02, and Johnny Pos, '97, will take the scrub in hand while Head Coach McCormick will care for the development of the backfield. Of the advisory committee, consisting of Walter Booth, '00; Phil King, '93, and Howard Henry, '04, the ends will receive the attention of Henry, the backs that of King, and the line, especially the guards, that of Booth. The work of Butkiewicz and Short will be concerned with the tackles principles.

The coaching system has been enthusiastically received whenever presented in theory. How practical it will be is a matter of a few weeks yet for decision. It is pretty generally understood that Head Coach McCormick will have absolute charge of the men on the field. Whatever his assistants or the members of the triumvirate advisory committee may concoct will be gone over and dilated upon in conferences and put into effect after due consideration has been given each matter.

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