

**Pointers Given On
Stray Animal Law**

The Oregon state department of agriculture is calling attention of property owners or operators that Oregon law establishes the manner in which stray animals shall be handled.

Within five days of the appearance of an estray, the department must be notified in writing, the notice to be sent to the headquarters at Salem. The department is charged with trying to establish identity, through its brand records, of animals that have strayed. Failing this, the department publishes notice of the taking of an estray and date and time for sale at public auction.

Ranchers or others taking up estrays have no legal authority to advertise this fact, but instead should notify the department within the five-day period.

Also, some confusion exists as to what an estray is. To quote the law, an estray is "any bovine animal, horse or mule of any unknown owner unlawfully running at large or lawfully running at large trespassing within a legal enclosure". An animal running at large is not legally an estray unless it is picked up in a livestock control district. And the law further stipulates that from April through November, no estray may be taken up unless it is unlawfully running at large.

From a practical standpoint, then, where there is a livestock control district any animal of unknown ownership is an estray any time. But where there is no such control district, only from December through March may such an animal be considered an estray.

POLIO PATIENT IMPROVES

Thomas Peacock, inspector at the California Quarantine station is confined in a Eureka hospital with polio.

He has been in an iron lung, but is enough better to be out of the lung now.

**Historical Notes
On Curry County**

Beginning with this issue there will be run, from time to time, random notes on the history of Curry County from the accumulation of M. S. Brainard. They have been gathered from many sources for some 20 years and have been keyed so their origin can be traced. Brainard's collection of data, systematically arranged, is willed to the Oregon Historical Society. He welcomes any additional material, in any form, either on loan or otherwise.

From the field notes, survey of Daniel and M. O' C. Murphy, 1857., Twp. 33, R.15W., "The town of Port Orford, county seat of Curry County, is situated near the northern boundary of Sections 4 and 5. It contains about 28 houses and a population of about 18. There are four drugoods and grocery stores, one drug store, one hotel, one billiard saloon and post office, and one dram shop. The town has very little trade, being solely dependent upon the gold mines, distant about 27 miles in a northeasterly direction. The U. S. Mail steamer touches here about semimonthly, for the mails, when the weather is favorable. During the prevalence of the south and southeast winds it cannot stop. The U. S. Military garrison adjoins the town on the northwest but is now abandoned."

The same surveyors, same year, write of the township roughly included between the Geisel Monument, mouth of Libby creek, Signal Butte, and the Gold Beach school, "There have been a number of settlers in this township previous to the Indian wars but their habitations and improvements have all been destroyed."

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