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THURSDAY, FEB. 27, 1902.

Stockmen Should Organize.

Elsewhere will be found a notice for a meeting of the stockmen of this county to organize a permanent stockmen's association. This is a move that should have been made some time ago as such an organization is badly needed in this county. A strong organization can be effected and should be kept up to be effective. There has been organizations heretofore in this county that were supported in a half-hearted way and which soon became only a memory. Such organizations are more of a detriment than anything else to the stock interests of a community.

One of the principal reasons for an effective organization in this county is the matter of obtaining grazing privileges on the forest reserve which lies alongside the western boundary of the county. According to a recent ruling of the interior department those owning land nearest the reserve have the first right to the grazing privileges and so on in the order of the nearness of their holdings. Heretofore nearly all of the reserve that of right belongs to the stockmen of this county has been taken by outside parties. This is largely due to negligence on the part of our stock owners who have not brought the matter before those in authority in the proper manner.

The matter of grazing on the reserve is not altogether important to sheepmen, but cattle men should see that as many of the sheep in this county get permits on the reserve as can be accommodated for the reason that if they are kept in the mountains there will be more grass at home for cattle and thus avoid the necessity of early fall feeding. Besides a large number of the smaller cattlemen can get along nicely if they have summer range so that they will not have to turn their cattle into pasture until late fall, as they can winter them without any trouble. Again, when foreign sheep go through here to the mountains, they are herded through the range and when they come back it is the same and the consequences are that there is nothing but a dust bank for the sheep and cattle of this county to feed on for the fall and perhaps winter.

Forest Superintendent Ormsby has written a letter to a citizen of this place wherein he says that last year a number of Crook county sheepmen applied for range in the reserve, not knowing what they wanted, and then went in and had trouble among themselves. After careful inquiry we find that the superintendent is mistaken, that those from this county who had sheep on the reserve were no closer than from 20 to 40 miles apart and could not have interfered with one another had they so desired. Further, the only trouble reported was caused by some of the Wasco county contingent trying to crowd over onto Crook county parties range.

This office is also in receipt of a letter from Mr. Ormsby in which he refers to a clipping lately taken from the JOURNAL wherein we directed attention to the fact that

discrimination had been made between shepherds from this county and those from Wasco. He disclaims any intention to so discriminate and says in part: "I hope the new management, which will also transfer the power of allotment to a local board, will give better satisfaction than I have been able to secure. I wish also that you would state for the benefit of the shepherds that I cannot act in the matter until I receive definite instructions from the department." With all due regard for Mr. Ormsby's position we will say that he has, no doubt, been dependent on others for a great deal of his information regarding conditions prevailing in the reserve last year and has formed a hasty conclusion regarding the trouble said to have occurred between our shepherds in the reserve.

Furthermore our stockmen are largely to blame for the conditions existing in this county, because they have had no organization and so have acted independently of each other and produced no results. Let us hope that on the eighth day of March a strong organization will be effected and from thenceforth conditions will change. Concerted effort will produce many beneficial results and do away with the ill feeling heretofore existing between sheep men and cattle men in this county, for there is ample range for all if the foreign sheep are kept out during the summer.

Hon. J. N. Williamson never did favor a lease law, while it is a well known fact that Mr. Moody did and does yet favor a lease law of some kind as is voiced by his letter to a citizen of Vale as published in the Democrat of that place Feb. 15: "The forces in its favor in congress are somewhat aggressive and have suggested to the members from the range districts that may carefully consider and shape such a law, but that they will not be allowed to block all legislation on the subject. I deem it of great importance therefore, that we should consider the subject from every standpoint."

Some of Malcom's minions are coming down to their proper level and are indulging in campaign lies and slinging slungullion. Puny parasites they, who eat and ton in life is to annoy. They will receive a dose of insecticide on the eighth day of March that will cause them to cease their labors for at least another two years.

Tillman and McLaurin, the representatives in the U. S. senate, of the South Carolina legislature, had a rough and tumble fight last week in the senate chamber. Pitchfork Tillman has become a standing disgrace to this country and should be banished with the other anarchists to a desert island.

The Journal, an afternoon paper, is to be launched in Portland early in March. If it attends strictly to business and does not try to down the Oregonian it will no doubt be successful and fill a long felt want.

The holiday number of the Shantiko Leader came to hand last week and is a credit to the district it was gotten out for. Mr. Holder deserves great praise for his enterprise in this matter.

Notice.

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