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LET THEM SHOW

Cause Why the Range Should Be Leased.

Letter by B. W. Rice.

Unanswerable Arraignment of Those Trying to Rob the Common People.

"Let them show cause why the ranges should not be leased" is the point reached by this proposition. In other words let them show causes why they should not surrender their homes, their prospects, their hopes of the future, for the benefit of the syndicate. Here are some of the causes why:

Lease the range and you may mark on the maps "unknown territory" around the district which is destined to have a thousand homes and tens of thousands of America's independent citizens and soldiers.

Lease the land and you may designate "robbers roost" here and there throughout districts where now little towns are taking form and color.

Lease the range and may designate as "grazing lands, unprofitable" where prospective railroad lines are now surveyed, and where the decree has already gone forth that a new country shall be opened to which the over-inhabited east may turn with relief.

Lease the range and write on your maps "not for Americans" wherever the syndicates of no matter what national control.

Lease the ranges and mark the annihilation of the border mercantile business.

Lease the range and you may mark the territory "keep off the grass" for every one of the hundreds of thousands of eastern people who are retreating from syndicate combines of the same innocent type, and who are seeking homes in the west.

Lease the ranges and you may write history as follows "devastated by worse than wars" over a vast territory where hundreds of homes are now comfortably builded, and where other hundreds are emerging from years of privation and hardship.

Lease the lands and you will see the disappearance of the little schoolhouse, miss the sound of the occasional church bell, and turn the voting precinct into a bunk house where no woman ever visits excepting she be a barlot.

Lease the range and when you meet a horseman therein you may consider him a hired man instead of the ambitious owner of a home, an American citizen in the true sense, a freeman, a taxpayer, a volunteer soldier in times of war, and an upbuilder of the industries of America on the scale that none other can reach, that is the American family.

Lease the range and you have killed at one stroke the hopes of the pioneer, you annihilate the ambition of the son of the pioneer, and destroy the reasonable prophecy made as they sat in the gray dawn of the new country.

Lease the land and you retard the mining industries therein, you endanger the timber thereon, you create temptations for dishonest tax-manuevering.

Lease the range and you remove the present desire to search for artesian water and you preclude the possibility of reservoiring the waters which now waste on to the sea.

Lease the lands and you take them out of the reach of the poor and place them in the hands of the rich, a thing that has been the fall of nation after nation since the angels sang together at creation of the world.

Lease the ranges and you may mark the maps "no poor man's district" over the territory leased and all the surrounding territory where little towns are now prosperous, and where the region is now self-supporting.

Lease the lands and you create a district in which criminals will have a freehold, in which crime will be difficult of detection, and to which the outlaws of the whole country may flee as a house of refuge.

Lease the ranges and you stop the stringing of telephone and telegraph lines therein and remove the necessity for the stage line that carries the daily paper and the magazine.

Lease the range and you take from thousands of people that which they may never regain—a good start in this world, affairs, a firm and steadfast resolution to do right, and a love for American institutions.

Lease the range and you devote a vast territory to the raising of the calf and the colt where homes should be builded for rearing the American boy and girl.

Lease the ranges and you create a revenue for the general government that will probably one hundredth part defray the expense of the disruption created, the results of which will be a disgrace to every citizen on the Pacific coast, and a dishonor to every citizen elsewhere in the United States.

Lease the ranges and you will have an opportunity to show cause why a few hundred men who know no fear, who fear nothing but to do wrong, should sit idly by and see their cattle brand changed without the price being paid, see their homes torn down against their wish, have the waters of the streams they have freely used for half a century taken from them, and their country devastated, without having the feeling that prompted the statesman to exclaim "give me liberty or give me death."—B. W. RICE in Vale Democrat.

Journal Bargain Sale.

Beginning with April 1 we will have a bargain sale of campaign subscriptions to the JOURNAL. The sale will only last five days and no subscriptions will be taken after the expiration of that time at the bargain rate. The sale will begin at eight o'clock on the morning of April 1 and close at 6 o'clock on the evening of April 5. The price of the JOURNAL for three months during the bargain sale will be 35 cents strictly in advance. This is made for the purpose of getting new subscribers, but old subscribers who pay all arrearsages may take advantage of the sale. THESE SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE ONLY GOOD FROM APRIL 1, 1902 TO JUNE 30, 1902. And this rate will not apply to any other months in the year.

Onion sets and everything else in seeds. See Bee Hive.

STOCKMEN MEET

Stock Growers' Association Organized.

To Protect Home Range

Officers Elected and Other Business Transacted—Resolutions Passed.

Saturday at one o'clock the stockmen of this county to the number of about sixty met at the court house pursuant to a call published in the JOURNAL. The meeting was called to order by Judge Wills who explained the objects for which it was called. A temporary organization was then effected by electing Judge Wills temporary chairman and W. A. Bell temporary secretary.

On motion a committee of five was appointed by the chair on permanent organization, consisting of Wm. Wigg, T. H. Lafollett, Andrew Morrow, Jas. Montgomery and C. F. Smith. After due deliberation the committee reported as follows:

We recommend a permanent organization to be known as The Crook County Stockgrowers Association and that the officers of the association shall consist of a president, two vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer. That there shall be a board of directors which shall consist of the above officers of the association and that said board of directors shall be instructed and directed to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the government of the association and that said board of directors shall be authorized and empowered to transact all business of the association. That there be another meeting of this association at such a time as the meeting shall direct at which meeting the board of directors shall report a constitution and by-laws.

On motion another meeting was called for at 8 o'clock. The association then proceeded to the election of permanent officers which resulted as follows: President, T. H. Lafollett; 1st vice-president C. Sam Smith; 2nd vice-president, J. H. Grey; secretary, W. A. Bell; assistant secretary, W. T. Fogle; treasurer, C. E. McDowell. On motion a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions on grazing in the Cascade Forest Reserve, consisting of Andrew Morrow, Roscoe Knox and Judge Wills, after which adjournment was had until 8 o'clock.

At 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the president and the committee on constitution and by-laws reported a constitution with the following preamble: "That the purposes for which this association is formed are as follows: To advance the interests of the growers of all kinds of stock in Crook county, Oregon, in every possible way and to protect their interests in the ranges of this county. To receive and give out any information concerning stock for sale through the secretary of this association. To settle range disputes and to hold Crook county range for Crook county stock as far as practicable, and to take any lawful action necessary at any time calculated to advance or pro-

tect the interests of the stock growers of this county.

To encourage improvement in the breeding of stock; to hold and maintain public fairs and exhibits of the stock of this county."

After reading the first time the constitution and by-laws were taken up by sections and adopted with a few corrections and alterations.

The committee on resolutions then reported as follows:

Whereas, Crook County is almost exclusively a stock growing county, showing by its tax roll for the year 1901, cattle 18326, horses 10401, sheep 166381, a large number of which will have to seek pasture in the summer in the Cascade Mountain Reserve, and whereas that part of the Cascade Reserve used for pasture is situated nearest the stock growers of Crook County, and applications heretofore have only been received at The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon, one hundred and twenty miles from the county seat of this county and the homes of the members of this association, and at a point both inconvenient and expensive for our stock growers, resulting in an advantage to the non-residents and in a discrimination against the people of this county in choice of allotments, and in great injury to the local grower in the destruction of his grass and ranges by the passage of enormous herds of sheep from other counties through this county going to and from the Reserve.

Therefore, It is resolved by the Stock Association of Crook County in regular session assembled, that it is but just and right that the stock owners of this county should have first choice in the selection of range, and further, that those who have the fixing or allotting of these ranges should meet the Stock Association of this county at their place of meeting in Prineville, Oregon, to the end that the people of this county be awarded their just proportion of the Reserve in the future.

On motion the resolutions were adopted and copies ordered furnished the Crook county papers and that marked copies of the papers be sent to our members of congress and the Interior department.

The membership fee was fixed at \$1 and on motion the charter was ordered kept open for 90 days.

On investigation it was found that there are no less than 27 townships of the Cascade Reserve inside the boundaries of Crook county and only eight in Wasco. It was also ascertained that the charges made by Superintendent Ormsby against certain Crook county sheepmen were untrue, he having no doubt based his charges on reports of rangers who were not very scrupulous as to truthfulness. From now on however things will take a change and our stockgrowers association will see to it that our stock have an equal show, at least, with foreign stock.

The date of the next meeting of the association was fixed on the first Saturday in June. The annual meeting is fixed for the first Saturday in March each year and the other meetings quarterly thereafter during the year. After some other work of minor importance the association adjourned.

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Price Paragraphs.

Norris Morgan and family have moved home from Hampton Buttes.

We are still having some winter weather yet and mud for further orders.

Mr. Robert Odell and family are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boynton.

Harry Barnes is over from Crooked river and is doing some needed fencing.

Grant Miller has moved into the C. A. McKinnon house for the purpose of schooling his children.

Bye Bennet and N. B. Moses have gone to Buck creek for the purpose of disposing of some cavalry horses.

Bob Baker and Charles Shepherd passed through here recently enroute to Portland with a bunch of horses for W. W. Brown.

Strayed from the Hackleman ranch, a man with dark hair and mustache; a little bowlegged and slightly pigeon-toed. A liberal reward will be given for his recovery. Jumbo.

Beaver Creek Ripples.

R. A. Stewart recently sold his real estate to G. W. Noble.

Nearly everybody is still feeding and stock is looking fine.

George Cox is again on the creek after an absence of two years.

G. W. Noble had the misfortune to lose one of his fine young cows a few days since by having her gored to death.

E. E. Laughlin has moved his cattle from Beaver to his ranch near Suplee, where he will turn out as soon as the weather permits.

Fred Powell has just started a large pasture fence that will be five miles long when completed. The enclosure will be used as a calf pasture.

I have been told that it was customary in former times for the men to go to see the women, but that isn't the way up here, with the widows especially.

Mr. Bob Bush, of Southfork, was a visitor on the creek a few days back and informs us that Joe Treichel was over in that section recently with the intention of buying out Billy Stewart.

Jake.

At Pendleton, J. M. Heathman has yielded up his star as marshal to J. A. Blakley, the recent appointee, and John McCourt succeeds J. E. Bean as recorder. The injunction restraining the mayor, and four councilmen who supported him in the recent contention, from interfering with Heathman and Beam, was dissolved by Judge Ellis.

Little Joe Simon is home in Portland to run the primaries. The Oregonian censures him for leaving Washington, but the big daily is in error. Joe did right. He don't amount to anything in the senate, but as a ward politician he is right in his element, and he has judgment enough to return to a field where his peculiar talent can be utilized.—Jefferson Review.

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