

Remove The Limit.

According to the Oregon statutes a man's life, in the eyes of the law, is worth no more than \$5000 to his estate, that is \$5000 is the limit of damages which can be recovered for the accidental or intentional killing of a human being in this state. This provision of law has been on the statute books a long time, though why such a law was ever enacted, or why it has been allowed to remain, probably no one can explain. However, that the limit should be removed almost everybody, except perhaps corporations engaged in vocations where their servants are frequently accidentally killed, will agree.

To put a value upon a man's life is more than the legislature should assume—that can only be fixed by those acquainted with his ability to earn, his habits, his age and his manner of living. Such knowledge cannot be had in advance by a legislature. It can only be gained in case of suit to recover damages, by the jury before whom all the facts are brought. The jurors are the only ones who can form a correct and equitable estimate of the value of a life, since every means for determining this is brought to their attention. Though the Oregon legislature at some remote date sought to say that no man's life could be of greater value to his estate than \$5000. It matters not whether the person killed be a tramp, whose earning capacity were nothing, or the most valuable citizen, whose earning capacity might be \$10,000 a year, if an action were begun and sustained for his killing, and some one were clearly proven to be responsible therefor, no more than \$5000 can be recovered.

What could be more absurd or unreasonable than the fixing of such a limit? To illustrate the absurdity of this law, suppose that the death of Solomon Hirsch, who died in Portland a few days ago, had been the result of an accident for which some rich corporation were responsible, would any one say that \$5000 was a reasonable value to fix as the amount his estate had been damaged? Although 63 years of age, his value to his estate as president of a large mercantile establishment was undoubtedly greater than the sum in a single year. Only a few years ago the federal government, when it made him minister to Turkey, said his services to the government were worth \$10,000 a year, and probably he was earning that amount annually for his estate at the time of his death. To carry the illustration further, suppose that Mr. Hirsch had been accidentally killed while in the service of the government, while in the prime of life, and drawing a fixed salary of \$10,000 a year, would not any

reasonable jury have said that his estate was damaged in a greater sum than \$5000 by reason of his death? If property is damaged, the party damaged can recover by law the full amount of damages off the party responsible therefor. Mere chattles should not be held in higher regard than human beings.

If a man is of any value to his estate while living, if he has a fixed earning capacity, or if his habits are such as to give reasonable promise of a prospective earning capacity, and his estate is deprived of his service, the estate is damaged in a certain amount that can be determined upon evidence. Whatever this amount may be the estate is entitled to recover without the intervention of statutory limit. There should therefore be no delay in repealing the absurd and unjust law that assumes to place a maximum value upon a human life.—Mountaineer.

For State Game Warden.

A petition is being circulated in this city and county asking Governor elect Geo. E. Chamberlain to appoint Denver D. Hackleman to the position of Game and Forestry Warden for this state. Mr Hackleman is a life long Oregonian and has always taken an interest in protecting our game. He is also acquainted with the mountains in this state and would give efficient service in protecting the forests, which however is the most important part of the duties of the state warden.

Linn county by right ought to name the state game protector for several reasons and among these are, that the imported game birds, the Mongolian Pheasants were turned loose in this county and from this county have been distributed to many parts of the state. There are more of these birds in this county than in any other and more people come to this county to hunt them than to any other. Linn county is centrally located and has better railroad facilities than any other.

The game of the state needs protection from promiscuous hunting, and confined within reasonable bands as to both time of taking and the amount to be taken in any season or other specified time. A man for warden who is centrally located can give the matter closer attention than some one more remotely situated.—Albany Herald.

Too Many Sheep on Public Domain.

There is a general movement throughout the state of Oregon to induce the next legislature to pass a law restricting the grazing of sheep on public domain. In every county of Eastern Oregon the following petition is being numerously signed:

To the Legislature of the state of Oregon.

Whereas, The public domain of the state of Oregon is heavily stocked with sheep; and

Whereas, Sheep will in time drive all other stock off of the

range; and

Whereas, The harding of sheep upon certain territory is an appropriation of said territory almost as fully as if it were actually enclosed by fences; and

Whereas, The public domain is rapidly becoming one immense sheep pasture, to the detriment of farming, cattle raising and mining interests,

Therefore, we the undersigned, residents of—County respectfully petition your honorable body to enact a law relative to the public domain of the state—a law which will confine the herding of sheep upon the public domain within certain limits, as may be just and equitable to all concerned.

It is the intention of the petition above cited to secure the enactment in Oregon of a law similar to the Idaho and California law upon this subject. In these states sheep are prohibited from being herded within two miles of a residence: All ranchers, mining men and cattlemen in Oregon are interested in this action and it is believed that the legislature will heed the request made.

It is said that the public domain of the state is grazed by sheep to such an extent that the cattle industry is nearly destroyed, the farmer has no pasture for his domestic animals and the miner can no longer find range for his cow and horse. It is only a matter of time, it is asserted, unless sheep are confined to certain limits until the grass on the public domain will be entirely destroyed.—Baker City Democrat.

Partnership Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the firm and partnership of Willey and Dee, consisting of Charles M. Willey and John W. Dee, doing a general saw mill business on Willey Creek, Crook county, Oregon, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent, Charles M. Willey retiring from the firm. All accounts due said firm will be collected and receipted by John W. Dee, and all accounts owing by said firm will be paid by John W. Dee.

John W. Dee,
Charles M. Willey.

Dated December 10th, 1902.

All For \$3000.

I have a ranch consisting of 154 acres three miles north of Ashwood. 18 acres of alfalfa and 30 acres of grain land, with good new house and barn. Fine young orchard in bearing. 30 head of young cattle, 25 head of steers, 24 heifers, and one short horn bull; all two years old next spring. Plenty of feed and pasture. 100 acres of ranch under fence. This ranch is only one mile north of the Oregon King mine. Call on or address, J. G. Poindexter Ashwood, Oregon.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to Smith & Cleek will please call and settle. This means you. Smith & Cleek.

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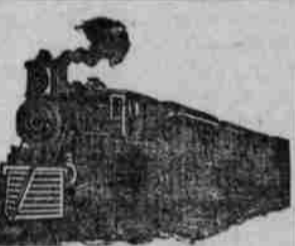
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| Atlantic Express 9:00 p. m. via Hump- ington. | Salt Lake, Denver, St. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East. | 3:00 a. m. |
| St. Paul Fast Mail 8:00 p. m. Spokane | Walla Walla, Lewi- ston, Spokane, Min- neapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Milwaukee, Chicago & East | 7:00 a. m. |

OCEAN AND RIVER SCHEDULE FROM PORTLAND.

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| 4:00 p. m. | All sailing dates subject to change For San Francisco—Sail every 5 days. | 4:00 p. m. |
| Daily Ex. Sunday 4:00 p. m. Saturday 10:00 p. m. | Columbia River Steamers. To Astoria and Way Landings. | 4:00 p. m. Ex. Sunday |
| 4:00 a. m. Ex. Sunday | Willamette River. Oregon City, Newberg, Salem, Independence & Way Landings. | 4:00 p. m. Ex. Sunday |
| 7:00 a. m. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. | Willamette and Yam-hill Rivers. Oregon City, Dayton & Way Landings. | 2:30 p. m. Mon., Wed. and Fri. |
| 4:00 a. m. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. | Willamette River. Portland to Corvallis & Way Landings. | 4:00 p. m. Mon., Wed. and Fri. |
| Lv. Riparia 3:30 a. m. Daily | Snake River. Riparia to Lewiston | Lv. Lewiston Daily 9 a. m. |

W. I. Lawrence, Agent,
Biggs, Oregon.



Columbia Southern RAILWAY

Effective 12:01 A. M., September 9, 1900.

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