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## In Summer Time.

These days when the heat stands round in chunks, And you sweat like a water jar, With the perspiration rolling down And your face as streaked as tar, When the feverish vapors sting the hair, And the sun is a boiling hot, Your skin all blistered and scarlet red, Like the hide of a Hottentot; And your body registers just about A hundred or more in the shade, When the coolest place is always the spot Where it's hotter than heated hot, Oh, these are the days a person wants To possess a straw and a bowl, And fan himself in Greenland's orb With his feet up on the Pole.

## WHERE THE TROUBLE LIES

For the second time this summer committees of cattlemen and sheepmen have met to adjust the range lines in the Blue mountains and to prevent, so far as possible, the conflicts between the two great industries. The outlook for amicable relations during the summer months is encouraging, yet there is always room for doubt and the slightest encroachment of the sheepmen on the cattlemen's territory is likely to cause serious results. It is to be hoped that the range war which had its beginning in Lake county a short time ago, ended there so far as Central Oregon is concerned, but the fact remains paramount that the same conditions which led to the wanton slaughter of stock in the county on the south, exist in even greater proportions in the immediate district of the Blue mountains.

To the public at large and the newspapers throughout the state there seems to be no reason why friendly relations should not exist between the cattle growers and the sheepmen. They can find no excuse for a brutal killing of innocent sheep and are quick to condemn when the first reports are brought to light. Perhaps no man or men are justified in killing innocent animals. The transgression, if such it be, of wandering onto forbidden territory, is not theirs, nor are they to blame in any way for being in a district where they are driven. If there is a misdemeanor in the act at all, it belongs at the doors of the owner of the flocks, and the killing of his stock is only a measure of revenge and warning—one which has proven effective in most instances during the recent difficulties.

Yet when the root of the evil is considered it is found that the trouble does not altogether lie with the sheep owner, but that it is traceable to existing conditions. Conditions which the wisest are wont to shirk when it comes to a matter of changing or improving them. Conditions which have grown out of the country's progress, development and settlement and the consequent crowding together of the stock interests. Conditions which have changed as the country changed, and which are constantly becoming more stringent, and which will in the future become more menacing as both industries tend to become larger and the stock grows in number.

Here in Crook county the trouble is not among the resident owners of stock, nor was the trouble in Lake county instigated by conflicting local interests. It is probable that if no other than home herds browsed the hills in these two counties, a range war possibility would be far removed. But it was the outside sheep in Lake county that created the disturbance. Nomadic herds that were eating the life and substance out of the country and leaving in their wake a desolated territory that neither home sheep nor cattle could thrive upon. They belonged elsewhere. The taxes upon them were paid in other parts and the benefit from those taxes accrued to a district entirely foreign to the one in which they, while being fattened for market, were ruining a district in which other people lived and must of necessity make a living.

And this is almost identical

with the status of affairs in Crook county. The range in the counties on the north has been eaten off. That remaining good has been fenced or cultivated by the influx of settlers, and the herds which found life in their home districts must either come here or starve and their owners go out of business. With the incoming of foreign sheep trouble has arisen. Cattlemen and sheepmen have met to arrange the territory upon which the two different classes of stock should feed, and before these matters could be adjusted there was a clash of conflicting interests. With the instinct of self preservation exerting itself, the cattlemen, knowing that a territory once browsed over by sheep is ruined for years to come, has taken this stand. He has been put upon the defensive side of the matter with these foreign herds opposing him. He knows, too, that the herd of sheep encroaching upon his domain, and which represents exactly the same cash outlay as is in his cattle, will require four times the amount of range territory. He in consequence must be content with one-fourth the amount as formerly.

Quick to resent any force which might be used by the Crook county stockmen, a wool growers association has offered a reward of \$1500 for "information leading to arrest and conviction of any person or persons guilty of shooting, killing or maiming any member of the association, or killing, maiming or otherwise unlawfully and with malicious intent destroying the sheep of a member." The intent of the reward and its provisions are right. Innocent sheep or cattle, under no circumstances, should be wantonly slaughtered, yet the spirit embodied in the proclamation is wrong. On the face of it, there is an open dare that the sheep belonging to the members of this particular association, have a right to the territory in which they are stationed and that none shall question that right under penalty. There is too much in evidence the spirit of "right by might," with no thought given of the sacrifices made by the Crook county stockmen in order that these nomadic herds find plenty of summer feed. And wouldn't the same ends have been met, wouldn't existing conditions have remained a trifle less strained, if this association instead of offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of anyone found guilty of injuring the property of its members, had offered that amount of money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any of its own members found grazing his herds outside the territory which the Crook county stockman in his generosity has granted him?

It is not probable, however, that Crook county will experience any costly difficulties during the ranging season this year. Both the stock interests have made concessions and if a strict observance of these lines is maintained there can be no clash of conflicting territory. But the same conditions which have brought about these concessions are going on apace, and the years to come must necessarily witness still greater demands on Crook County's public domain. When that time has come another adjustment must be made, and only time alone can tell to what extent the question of right or wrong will enter into the agreement, which will sooner or later force Crook county's stock back to the fences and give the outside districts to roving herds.

## WHAT ABOUT THE PORTAGE?

Since the right-of-way case for the ship canal has been disposed of in the circuit court, and is apparently out of the way, there would appear to be nothing to hinder the state board from taking up the portage road and determining whether or not it shall be built. It can now be determined to a certainty where the routes of the canal and portage conflict, and the survey of the latter can be so changed as to comply with the requirements of the government engineers. The water of the

Columbia is now at a stage that will permit of a new survey being made, hence everything is open for immediate operations.

In short, it is now up to the state board to inform the people whether or not the portage is to be built. We believe the board feels kindly toward the portage, and it is the desire of the members thereof to construct it but the many delays that have accrued since the legislature of 1903 made the appropriation for the road have caused many to doubt their sincerity. However there is now no excuse for further delay.

There is no reason why the state board should not cause a resurvey to be made and have estimates of cost, etc., prepared. The Open River Association organized here some time since has convinced the board that whatever funds are required above the state appropriation to complete and equip the road will be supplied, hence there is no cause for further delay because of lack of money. The board's hands are in no way tied, therefore let them begin doing something at once that will culminate in the construction of the portage. Further delay on the part of the board will be viewed as a disposition to disregard the wishes of the people.—Dalles Mountaineer.

Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department, is reported as saying that the recent big republican majority in Oregon may be taken as an endorsement of his policy regarding public lands. The secretary is either talking to make a noise or else he is as ignorant as a Holentott as regards the real status of his famous land policy in the minds of the people of the state. Oregonians, most emphatically do not endorse his policy and he has no occasion to plume himself in pride as being responsible for the results of the recent election. Had the present administration been obliged to rest its case on Mr. Hitchcock's popularity in Oregon it could have expected to come up out of the recent election looking like thirty cents. Undoubtedly it was the intention of the framers of the original homestead law to make it possible for the rank and file to get 160 acres of government land for their own use and benefit without resorting to perjury or doing a lot of impossible things and also to safeguard the public domain, so far as possible, against the raids of grafters, speculators and land sharks of every description. If, however, the policy now in vogue has not resulted in reversing the original purpose of the law then it is useless to attempt to discover a cause by tracing back from an

effect. Many Oregon voters are from Missouri and Mr. Hitchcock will have to "show them" several things before they will believe that they voted the republican ticket this year because of any special admiration for his land policy.—Condon Globe.

The Chicago Chronicle, heretofore one of the strongest democratic papers in the east, has bolted the democratic party with its opinions expressed: "The Chronicle believes that the Republican party, while not free of fault by any means, offers the American people at this time the only prospect of efficient, intelligent and honest government, that is anywhere to be seen, and, so believing, it will do what it can to advance its principles and to strengthen its candidates." This leaves only one democratic paper—Hearst's American—to nurse the needs of that party in Chicago. But the Windy City is capable of swallowing but one such sheet as the American and the demise of the Chronicle, from a democratic standpoint, takes from the field one of its best appreciated and most conservative papers.

The Interior department last week withdrew 150,000 acres of land in Klamath with a view of irrigating them. A few more rains and cloud bursts in Eastern Oregon similar to those prevalent a fortnight ago will compel the reclamation service to seek the Mohave desert or some other semiarid region. Central Oregon already is taking on a few ear marks of the Weibfoot country, and from an authentic source it is learned that moss has been discovered growing on the shady side of some of the trees in the dry regions.

Apparently the Democrats have no eye for youth. The vim and vigor of the rising generation do not appeal to them and it's second childhood they're searching for. At the age of 82, Mr. Davis, the vice-presidential candidate, is six years older than the oldest man ever nominated for president, and he is 12 years older than the oldest man ever chosen vice-president. He is old enough by 10 years to be the sire of Mr. Parker, and if elected, his hoary lock and quavering voice will justify his non-supporters in dubbing him the "grandfather of Democracy."

Roosevelt's volcanic, eruptive and wreckless character is the way John Williams puts it, a statement backed by the record. Roosevelt does not represent the kind of a man needed in the White House.—Albany Democrat.

Perhaps Willie Hearst with his pad of yellow paint would answer the purpose to better advantage.

Barring himself, Parker undoubtedly was Hearst's choice for the presidential candidate. Parker stood for gold; it's yellow, and that suits Willie.

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J. H. GWINN,  
Secretary Oregon Wool-Growers Association, PENDLETON, OREGON.  
H. C. ROOPER,  
Secretary Antelope Wool-Growers Association, ASTORIA, OREGON.

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