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WRONG COLORED STATEMENTS.

Under the heading "One Improper Graft," the Oregonian of last Saturday dealt to some length with the expenses attached to taking prisoners and insane patients from the various counties in the state to Salem, and city's figures to show that over \$30,000 is paid out each year to the thirty-three sheriffs in the counties for expenses in making these necessary trips to the state capital. But the Oregonian lays this aside with a passing remark and adds:

"But the chief complaint about the system is not its expense, but its inhumanity and actual indecency. A woman, frail, ill, poor and helpless, becomes insane in a remote county. She is cast in jail, where she languishes until the Sheriff finds it convenient to go on his junket with his special deputy. They attend this woman for perhaps several days and nights, at a time when she requires the necessary offices of a woman of experience and tenderness. The civilized plan is to send from the Insane Asylum a female attendant, whose business it will be to minister to the wants of her charge. The present plan, for reasons so obvious that particulars need not be given, is both improper and barbarous."

The assertion, or rather assumption made by the Oregonian in the above is rather blunt. There is no county excluded from the scathing remarks made by the writer who has written on a subject with which he is not altogether familiar. But this is no new departure for the "old woman in the tower."

Quite contrary to the latter's assertions, Crook county has had occasion several times to send insane women to the state asylum. From the time they were adjudged insane and committed to the care and keeping of the county these patients have had woman attendants. Women attendants have gone with them to Salem and while in keeping here all the care and courtesy that could be extended to them were theirs from the hands of women who looked after their wants. In consequence, the "improper and barbarous" methods in vogue are not applicable to Crook county and it is highly probable that they will not apply to other counties even out in the isolated portions where the Oregonian would have people believe civilization and civilized methods are a rarity. The Oregonian should not judge the entire state by one or two instances which happen to come under its notice in Multnomah nor allow its egotism and immaculate self to gain the better of sensible judgment which can be applied in editorials as well as in every day life.

So much for statements having falsity written on their face. On the other hand if the bill to be presented at the coming session of the state legislature is the same as that presented two years ago, it will not meet the approval which the Oregonian in its efforts to reform would like to see.

That bill provides in the case of insane patients, for the sheriffs of the various counties to put their charges in the hands of paid attendants from the state asylum at the nearest point of transportation. It does not cover the work to be done by the sheriffs prior to that time, nor does it require that these paid attendants shall go into the most isolated portions and spend days and weeks in search of the wanted. It provides simply for a well dressed "improper grafter" from Salem taking charge of a patient after the latter has been placed in comfort in a plush covered seat in a car.

If this "prosperous graft" is to be broken up, let a bill be introduced which shall provide for a state attendant going into the county in which an insane patient is located and taking him in charge the same as is now asked of the

sheriffs. In that event the paid attendant will come in touch with the pleasures of riding day and night over rough and snow covered mountains, spending a day or two subduing some insane person whose brute nature is aroused at the prospect of captivity, and then riding an additional 100 miles or so without sleep and perhaps without food until the patient has been taken to a place of safety. If a bill is drawn up which will embody a few of these measures there will be no sheriff in the isolated counties who will feel called upon to take exception to the law, but under the present circumstances if a sheriff is worthy the trust imposed upon him in hunting down these patients and frequently undergoing the hardships necessary in the undertaking, then why shouldn't he be allowed to take his charge in safety to Salem?

But taking it for granted that a law is passed which provides for paid attendants performing the arduous tasks of capturing all insane patients, even then the "prosperous graft" would not be mitigated. It would only be transferred into the hands of the politicians at Salem, who would see to it that these paid attendants were in the service because they wanted them there for reasons best known to themselves. But the sheriffs throughout the state would have no grounds to object to that and probably wouldn't care so long as others in the service of the state were required to do the work, the pay for which is now causing such a crusade of cleanliness in the matter of state appropriations.

This writer predicted several years ago that the time is coming, and not far away, when the unlimited water power going to waste in the Columbia river at The Dalles, Celilo and the Cascades will be utilized as a motive power for all trains running between Huntington and Portland, says the Statesman. And the time for this prophecy to take tangible form is likely to be nearer than most of us anticipated. The attention of railroad magnates and outside investors, as well, is being drawn to the incalculable possibilities of this immense power of gravitation which flows on and on, unused, as when the sound of its own dashings was associated only with the warwhoop of the untutored Indian or the yelp of the skulking coyote. The power furnished by the mighty waters of the Columbia as it makes its way by the channel itself has worn through the Cascade mountains, will be much greater than the entire possibility of the Niagara falls in that respect. It is too valuable an asset in the great problem of transportation to be much longer neglected. It is on the direct line of the great transcontinental route which will finally be the leading one following the only water level passage to the sea, and its measureless value will be one of the great elements finally permanently solving this important question. When this comes to pass we shall see the curious phenomena of the great river of the West furnishing not only the means of railroad transportation along its banks, but the water transportation which will prevent railway extortion in rate matters for either freight or passengers. And thus will the great and puzzling forces of nature interpose to maintain that equipoise which guarantees that two and two shall never make five!

The war of the great gamblers goes on apace. It has become a story of daily criminality and recrimination, charges and counter-charges, threatened libel suits, personal abuse and, incidentally, a demonstration of the fact that Captain Kidd, along his lines of piratical operation, was a small potato compared with the modern financial buccaners who are now figuratively cutting throats and scuttling ships in Wall street.

These giant speculators who have been rolling up millions with cash furnished by an easily bunched public seem to have allowed no limit to be placed on their covetousness. A deal by which \$10,000 could be made is now unworthy of consideration. They must have profits that run into millions and tens of millions. Of course, much of the Lawson bluster must be taken as the reckless charges of one of the gang who has been "done up" and is, therefore, eager to "peach" on his former pals; but behind all the vituperation there is evidence of colossal deals, combines and manipulations that may well astound. It may not be true that James R. Keene by means of "washed" sales duped investors into buying \$20,000,000 of Amalgamated copper, but with the immense capitalizations of recent years and the floating of immense concerns with heavily watered stock it is certain that thousands have been duped. The disclosures resulting from this dog eat dog war will not restore the millions to those who have been misled, but it will show up the Wall street pirate in his true colors. If Lawson, who is probably as bad as any of them, succeeds in assisting to do this, some of his past sins may be forgiven him.—Spokesman Review.

The blood-curdling, sheep-killing advertisement that we are receiving bodes no good to the welfare of Crook county, and should be choked off. Every newspaper in the state has taken upon itself, with the assistance of unwise correspondents, the responsibility of running top of column, next to pure reading matter, advertisements describing the awful slaughter of sheep in Crook county. Thrilling scenes are depicted of cow-boys with rifles slung across their shoulders and revolvers protruding from their boot-tops on a wild ride across the county at midnight in quest of sheep to slaughter. This might make good magazine talk, but it doesn't look well in newspapers that have the interests of Oregon at heart and print glowing accounts of the resources of the state in another column, and are encouraging Eastern people to make their homes among us. Some of the people in the East already believe that we are only about half civilized and when they read these accounts in the newspapers it will clinch it. We have lived in Eastern states and we can see no difference in the people East or West. The citizens of Crook county are civilized and lawabiding. There is plenty of land to be had and anyone in the East desiring to make their home here need have no fear, they will find honorable men and women in Crook county ready to welcome them. The cattle and sheep men may have some differences, but they will find a solution to this trouble among themselves, for the character of the country forbids any other way out at present. The letter, however, is quietly bringing this trouble to an end by stretching wire fences and building homes.—Cline Falls Press.

If the weather man will be as gracious for a few more months as he has during the past two days, Crook county will not grumble if the spring happens to be a bit cool.

CLOSER LINES ON GRRAZING PERMITS Forest Supervisor Puts His Foot Down on Stockmen Who Do not Use Their Reserve Allotments.

Forest Supervisor S. C. Bartrum was in attendance at the meeting of the Crook County Stock Grower's association, which met yesterday, and spoke to some length before that body. He presented the government's view of the stock grazing in forest reserves and outlined a policy showing that grazing can be maintained and perpetuated in the future to the best interests of the stock industry as well as the forest reserve; that the protection afforded the stock ranges and the forest reserves was more to the interest of the people, and especially to those who are directly benefited, than it was to the interest of the government, and he appealed to the stockmen to co-operate with the forest officials in the preservation of the stock ranges as well as to take an interest in building up their individual grazing districts, which are allotted to them each year, thus insuring to them the permanency of this privilege.

He said that hereafter there would be a rigid enforcement of the rules and regulations in regard to over grazing, and violators of this rule would be greatly reduced in the number of head of stock allowed them if not entirely eliminated from the reserve.

He gave figures to show that for 1904 there were permits issued to graze 100,000 head of sheep and 7500 head of cattle and horses, and that only 79,025 head of sheep and 4654 head of cattle and horses actually grazed within the southern division of the Cascade Forest Reserve, making a shortage of 20,975 head of sheep and 2846 head of cattle and horses. The cause of this shortage was due in the most part to applicants being granted grazing permits and then not exercising this privilege, thus depriving some one that would have been glad to get the opportunity to graze their stock in the reserve. Mr. Bartrum said that in order to relieve this situation another season all permit holders who expect to go out of the business should immediately notify the supervisor that they did not wish to use the range and this would give him an opportunity to extend the privilege to some one else.

He stated further that he believed in the organization of the stockmen, both cattle and sheep owners, and that within such organization they should adjust and harmonize their conflicting interests.

While he spoke very plainly and to the point of what the result would be in case of violations of the rules and regulations governing the reserve, he also spoke very highly of the stockmen and their co-operation with the rangers during the past season and through whose assistance the reserve service confined the damage by fire to a minimum.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bartrum's address, the range problem and difficulties were discussed by

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the stockmen present and suggestions for the satisfactory solution of the trouble offered. The association as a whole has joined hands with the Cattlemen's organization and no steps will be spared in bringing harmony to conflicting interests. The officers elected by the association for the ensuing year are as follows: T. H. Lafollett, president; Andrew Morrow, vice-president; W. A. Bell, secretary; Guy Lafollett, assistant secretary; Will Wurzwiler, treasurer. The executive committee is composed of James Montgomery, Roscoe Knox and C. M. Lister.

Additional Locals

To THE PUBLIC: Several boys from the country have written me asking that places where they can work for all or a part of their board while attending the High school be found for them. So far I have not succeeded in finding places. If anyone in town can give a boy a room or any kind of work to do for his board, I should be glad to hear from him. I feel sure that these boys deserve a chance and will improve an opportunity given one.

A. C. Strange.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Hay Creek Camp No. 980, M. W. of A. adopted the following resolutions at their last regular meeting:

Whereas the grim reaper Death has called to his home John Hattings our beloved neighbor, therefore be it

Resolved: That we, the members and officers of Hay Creek Camp No. 980, M. W. of A., extend to our neighbor's family our heart felt sympathy and earnest hope that the grand ruler of the universe who doeth all things well will manage their grief and be a comfort in this their hour of sorrow, and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the camp and a copy sent to the bereaved family and to the Crook County Journal.

LYN NICHOLS
HARRY DUCHES
LEONARD E. DOUGLAS.

LOST

A Pinto Horse, branded M O is between 8 and 9 years old. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to the Old Dillon Stable, Prineville, Oregon. WARD ROARK. 429

The Weather Calendar.

The Chattanooga Medicine Co., the manufacturers of Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black Draught have just issued the 1905 edition of their Cardui Weather Chart and Calendar. This Calendar with its 13 sheets 13x20 inches in size makes a bright ornament for the wall and is a useful acquisition in any home or office on account of its displayed weather predictions. The prominent numbers can be read across a large room as can the colored signal flags showing the weather conditions for each day. These weather signals illustrate the forecasts of Prof. Andrew J. DeVoe who achieved great prominence by his accurate predictions of the great Galveston, Ft. Louis and Minnesota storms and cyclones. So great is the popularity of these predictions that they are printed in 2,500,000 of these calendars and in 18,000,000 of the Ladies' Birthday Almanacs which are issued by the Chattanooga Medicine Co. each year. We understand that a copy of this weather chart and the calendar may be secured by sending 10c. in stamps to the Chattanooga Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn. Any of our readers who have not secured a copy of the Ladies' Birthday Almanac can get one by sending their address to "Ladies' Birthday Almanac," Chattanooga, Tenn. or by calling on their druggist.

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