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The New Year

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PRINEVILLE

COMPLIMENTED

The sporting spirit of Prineville which prompts that community to hold a running race meet in January while most other interior towns are hibernating, has excited much comment and praise among horsemen and sport lovers of The Dalles.

Apreros of Prineville's enterprise Herbert Haywood, owner of the famous Eastern racing stallion Sovereign from New York now at The Dalles has just received the following letter from W. W. Percival the noted racing man of Independence, Oregon: "During the past season I found most interest taken in the thoroughbred horse in the Prineville country than in any place I have been on the circuit. To show conclusive evidence of the fact, it was the only place that held a meeting for running horses exclusively. That was the reason I took my horses there to race. It was to encourage the management that would undertake to give a running meet, and I am glad to say it was a success, socially and financially.

"I found those people of the true sporting makeup. They were not waiting to get the money up for the benefit of the betting privilege which is too often in evidence where these are mixed races. The Prineville folk are to be praised for the liberal and fair treatment they gave the visiting horsemen and people attending the meeting.

"They demonstrated what can be accomplished even in an inland community where transportation is primitive. They had a good string of horses from many parts of the coast and every race was a contest. There was no evidence of the owners trying to turn the sport into a gambling game as some of the trotting horse journal writers are too often proclaiming.

"For the good of the horse breeding industry either for the harness horse or the running horse let me say there is ample room for each class to be bred and raced by the admirers of either kind.

"Knowing that you are a lover of the thoroughbred and have seen this class of sport in the great Eastern centers, I would recommend that you ride your stallion Sovereign over to Prineville and witness their mid-winter race meet among the sage brush. It will be exciting and interesting enough to pay a person to come across the continent to see. I believe those people would be delighted to see Sovereign on account of his great performances on the Eastern turf, and because of his size and symmetry of form which must appeal to all horse lovers.

Very truly yours,
W. W. PERCIVAL.

Mr. Haywood says he greatly regrets being unable to go to Prineville January 1st, owing to a business management in Portland but expects to go there later in the season with his horse. The only other thoroughbred race horses in this vicinity fit to compete with the Prineville horse are Bert Bagley's Ninador and R. Moore's Lady Barnato, but neither of these gentlemen seem inclined to take their horses to Prineville at this inclement season.—Dalles Chronicle.

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Lost

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Stray Cattle Taken Up

There came to my ranch 15 miles east of Bend cattle branded HU connected. D and one or two indistinct brands. Respectfully,
A. O. WALKER, Bend, Or.

Livestock Men To Meet

The secretary of the American National Livestock Association has sent out a call to all livestock associations and all livestock producers for the annual convention to be held at the Broadway Theater, in Denver, January 21 and 22, 1908. The call mentions the recent financial trouble, saying that over-speculation, reckless financing and wasteful extravagance are responsible for a condition that may result in great loss to all livestock interests. Where there appeared a month ago to be fair profits as a result of losses and money shortages of frenzied financiers of some large over-capitalized corporations, who have undertaken on short-time money to capture and control every market and avenue of transportation, livestock must be sold at greatly reduced prices.

One subject that will be given particular consideration at the convention is the conservation of natural resources. This, together with the inland waterways is of great importance to stockmen and in connection will come up the questions of public lands, forest reserves and grazing lands. The association is in favor of the treatment of these subjects in line with the campaign against waste. The call quotes from the Keokuk speech of President Roosevelt referring to these matters, and goes on to state that at this convention will be considered the legislation that will come before congress, and committees will be appointed to go to Washington to look after the interests of the stockmen.

The matter of the railroad service will also be taken up, and steps will be taken looking to the securing of legislation to provide penalties for failure to furnish livestock cars and for failure to move stock at a reasonable minimum speed. The change from the 28 to the 36-hour law, says the call, seems to have been a failure. The annual exhibition of the Western Livestock Show will be held at the same time as the convention.

Hints on Alfalfa Growing

In his book entitled "The Book of Alfalfa," F. D. Colburn of Kansas gives the following list of don'ts on alfalfa culture:

- Don't sow any nurse crop.
- Don't sow on freshly plowed land.
- Don't let weeds or grass grow over six inches high without clipping.
- Don't clip or mow when wet with rain or dew.
- Don't let alfalfa stand; if turning yellow, cut it.
- Don't sow less than twenty-five pounds per acre, one-half each way.
- Don't sow on land that will not raise 250 bushels of potatoes per acre.
- Don't sow twenty-five acres at first; sow five.
- Don't put any of the rotten manure anywhere but on your alfalfa plot.
- Don't depend on "culture cakes" or soil from some distant field.
- Don't let any water stand on it.
- Don't let it go if a thin stand, but disk in more seed; don't be afraid you will kill it.
- Don't replot the land; disk it.
- Don't wait for it to stool; it never does.
- Don't try to cut for hay until the alfalfa takes the field.
- Don't sow on any field not well underdrained.
- Don't leave your land rough; use a roller or a plank float to level and smooth it.

Notice To Stockholders

The annual meeting of the Central Oregon Livestock & Agricultural Association will be held at the court house in Prineville, Oregon, on Monday, January 6, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m.
DUNCAN MACLEOD, Secretary.

\$250 Reward

A reward of \$250 will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person found guilty of interfering with the flow of water or dam of the Squaw Creek Irrigation Co.
E. T. SLAYTON, Secy.

FOREST OFFICIALS ALL RIGHT

"With very few exceptions stockmen of Eastern Oregon are not demanding the removal of Forest Supervisors J. M. Schmitz and A. S. Ireland and Ranger Milton Sullens, which has been recommended to the chief of the forestry department by the State Woolgrowers' Association," said C. W. Colby, a stockman residing at Prineville, who was in Portland says the recently Oregonian. "The reported action of the woolgrowers does not represent the wishes of the membership of that organization, but instead was inspired by a few sheepraisers, whose displeasure these officials were unfortunate enough to incur by strictly enforcing the rules of the department regulating grazing in the forest reserves. The only opposition to these supervisors and their work comes from a few stockmen who have persisted in herding their sheep on grazing lands reserved for cattle. Finding they were unable to obtain special favors from the representatives of the forestry department whom they charge with administering its policy as to grazing, it is now proposed to have these policy-enforcing agents discharged."

Mr. Colby says he has only an official acquaintance with the men charged with improperly performing their duty and resents the alleged underhanded means being employed to effect their removal. He declares he has known Ireland personally for the last seven years and has found him to be a fearless representative of the department, faithfully enforcing the grazing rules without fear or favor. As a result, Mr. Colby says the Blue Mountain reserve has recuperated wonderfully as a grazing district and the interests of the smaller stockmen have been protected.

SPECIAL CHARACTER OF CHARGES

At a meeting of members of the State Woolgrowers' Association at Pendleton, December 11, the removal of Schmitz, of the Wenaha forest reserve, and of Ireland and Sullens, of the Blue Mountain reserve, was recommended by the association to the forestry department. The supervisors were charged with improperly and unfairly making the range allotments, besides entirely disregarding local needs and conditions or former occupancy and ignoring the recommendations of the grazing committees who represented the stockmen. It was further charged that in the allotment of lands, large tracts remained unused and idle.

"These charges are all without foundation," continued Mr. Colby. "When the time arrived this year to make the grazing allotments, Ireland personally visited his division—the west part of the Wenaha reserve—and conferred with the stockmen with whom he agreed to arrange the apportionment of the grazing land on a basis that would be satisfactory to them, and at the same time conform to the rules prescribed by the department. Accordingly he left the matter with the stockmen who prepared their recommendations which were closely followed by Ireland when he apportioned the grazing permits. So far as it was practicable, section lines were abandoned as the dividing lines of the several allotments and the watersheds and divides were substituted, this arrangement being in the interest of the stockmen, many of whom otherwise would have been without convenient watering places for their herds.

EVERY AVAILABLE ACRE USED

"Another of the unsupported charges against the forest reserve men is that much of the acreage within the reserve was unoccupied this year. It is a matter of fact that every foot of a considerable acreage which was added to the forest reserve last spring, was allotted for grazing purposes to stockmen who had been accustomed to using it in years past without the formality of taking the matter up with the department. Had

that been done, a disposition of the matter could not have been made in time for this acreage to be used this year. All such land was granted for the use of stockmen on a basis that was satisfactory to them so that every acre of available range was used this year. The trouble is that there is not sufficient grazing land in this state and under the rules of the department stockmen are being compelled annually to reduce the size of their herds."

SCAB ERADICATED BY M'CLURE

Credit for the eradication of scab from Oregon flocks has been given to Dr. S. W. McClure, inspector in charge of the United States bureau of animal industry by the state wool growers association which has also thanked the federal bureau for its aid and assistance in this work.

It was in answer to the request contained in a law passed at the last session of the legislature at the instance of the association, that the federal authorities came to cooperate with the state authorities in the work of controlling and eradicating scab and other contagious diseases among the flocks of this state.

Dr. McClure who had been placed in charge of the northwest district, comprising Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, with headquarters at Pendleton, immediately took up the work with the board of sheep commissioners and the state sheep inspector. He placed a large force of competent inspectors in the field last April and through his untiring and ceaseless efforts as well as those of his assistants has almost completely eradicated scab from Oregon flocks.

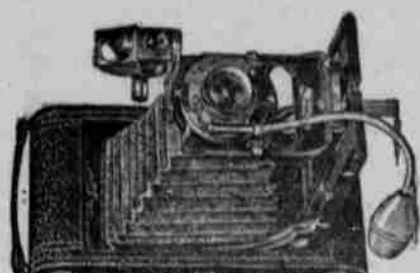
So complete and so thorough has been the work that the federal quarantine which has been hanging over the state for years and which has been the bane of sheepmen, has at last been removed. It is now no longer required that sheep be dipped before they are shipped out of the state unless the federal inspection shows they are diseased. This results in a saving in time and money hard to estimate, since in addition to the great expense attached to the process of dipping every animal suffer a loss of flesh and vitality and some are killed.

In the crusade against this most dreaded of all diseases by wool growers Dr. McClure and the department have spent large sums of money and spared no efforts or time. It has all been done for the direct benefit of Oregon flock owners who have not been slow in expressing their gratitude.

Dr. McClure's administration was heartily endorsed by the sheepmen in session at The Dalles and the department has been urged to keep him in charge and to continue its work in this state along the same lines as have been done in the past.—Pendleton Tribune.

A Good Showing

A canvass of the students of the University of Oregon just made shows that between 60 per cent and 70 per cent of the men in the University this year are either wholly or partially making their own way through college. The greater part of the earning is done of course during the summer. The canvass shows that, since the vacation is comparatively short, the men get employment in the harvest fields, mills, mines, and labor of various kinds paying good wages. It shows also that the engineering students find no trouble in getting work in their line. The engineering department has a large number of graduates in the employ of the Southern Pacific, O. R. & N., Northern Pacific, and in the government reclamation service, and the majority of the engineering students are engaged before the session closes in June.
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