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SCALP BOUNTY LAW

The Measure May Be Repealed
 This Winter.

EASTERN OREGON HAS COMPLAINT
 Some Counties Refuse to Pay the Tax
 The Matter Will Be Discussed
 Next Week.

The repeal or the continuance of the scalp bounty law is a matter that will come before the next legislature for determination. In the last few months there has been more or less comment adverse to the law, and even in Eastern Oregon, where the law was expected to do the most good, there are some who believe that the measure has done more harm than good. It has been contended that in paying out \$250,000 in four years under the scalp bounty act, the State of Oregon has paid for the killing of many coyotes that were born and reared in adjoining states, and the killing of the coyotes has resulted in the multiplication of rabbits and squirrels, which do great damage to crops. Some counties have already ceased paying the bounty, and the bounty fund is exhausted, others may follow the example rather than trust to a legislature to appropriate money for a deficiency.

State Senator J. N. Williamson, of Crook county, who was just elected to congress from the second district, was father of the bounty law, and he still believes it a meritorious measure for his section of the state. Whether he will favor a continuance of the bounty he has not decided. He is on the program for a discussion of the subject at a woolgrowers' meeting at Pendleton, next Monday, but will not make up his mind what course to take in the legislature until he learns the wishes of the people of his section. While speaking on the subject last week, Senator Williamson said that he regards the matter as one of great interest to Eastern Oregon, and if the people of that section want the law repealed he will be ready to introduce a bill for that purpose. While some of the Western Oregon counties have received benefit from the law through the killing of wildcats, by far the greater part of the money was spent east of the Cascades, though taken principally from the pockets of the taxpayers of the western part of the state. He does not regard the measure as objectionable upon the ground of unequal distribution of benefits, however, for the western counties get the greater part of the benefits from any appropriations to which Eastern Oregon contributes its share.

Senator Williamson says that the popular opinion that the sheepmen are the only people who are getting protection from the bounty law is erroneous. Settlers and small farmers get the greatest benefit. Of course large sheepowners suffer much less loss since the coyotes have been diminished in numbers, but the men who feel the good effects of the bounty law most are settlers whose poultry, pigs, turkeys, sheep and calves were destroyed when coyotes were so plentiful. Settlers have not only been protected in this matter, they are the ones who have received the greater part of the money paid out as bounties. The large sheepowners have received none of the money. The men who are hired to herd sheep, the farmer boys on the frontier and the men who have gone out on the prairie to make homes have been the direct beneficiaries of the appropriation. While there have been a very few men who have made a business of killing coyotes for their scalps, these have not been numerous enough to mention. The men who needed the money most to help them in building their homes and making a living were the ones who got it.

Senator Williamson says that a few years ago the coyotes were so numerous on the plains of Eastern Oregon that the farmers could scarcely raise chickens, and eggs could hardly be found. The coyotes would run into the yards and carry off full-grown chickens, and would kill and eat pigs caught roaming through the fields. There is now very little complaint of loss from this source.

The theory that the multiplication of rabbits has been due to the killing off of coyotes is not credited by Senator Williamson. He says that in the 26 years he has lived in Eastern Oregon he has seen the rabbit pest assume alarming proportions, and then almost entirely disappear in a single season. That was when the coyotes were plentiful and the number of coyotes seemed to have no noticeable influence upon the number of rabbits. His explanation of the variation in the number of rabbits is that these animals increased rapidly as long as the weather conditions were not unfavorable, but that about once in four or five years a deep snow would lie on the ground for 10 days or more while the thermometer was down to zero. Under such conditions the rabbits either starved or froze to death. The fact that the farmers have a number of times been alarmed over the increase of rabbits, only to find that they nearly all disappeared in a single winter, leads to the belief that the large

number now causing apprehension among the farmers of Eastern Oregon will be killed off some winter, regardless of the number of coyotes. At any rate, Senator Williamson does not believe that the time has yet come to encourage the multiplication of wolves as a means of spreading civilization.

In his speech at Pendleton Senator Williamson will take up the coyote question in detail, and after presenting his views will try to draw out a general expression, through the press or otherwise, so as to learn what the Eastern Oregon people want done with the bounty law. If they don't want the bounty, he will try to see that they do not get it.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC OIL TANKS.

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 With the construction of thirty-three big oil reservoirs going on along the lines of the Western division and over 200 men engaged in the work of construction the Southern Pacific seems to be prepared to handle the oil question in a way that will save it thousands of dollars in fuel bills every week with a yearly total of millions when all the divisions on the coast are considered.

The thirty-three tanks in question are only for the Western division, while a like condition of activity is reported on the other five divisions west of El Paso, East of El Paso on the lines of the Atlantic system the Texas oil fields will supply the demand of the company's lines.

According to present indications the Southern Pacific will soon have on its lines on this coast at least, a sufficient number of storage tanks to furnish the reserve supply of one year which is desired in case the present sources of supply give out. To add to this information regarding storage tanks comes the news from New York that President Harriman has just ordered 250 new tank cars with a capacity of 10,000 gallons each and 650 cars with a capacity of 12,300 gallons each. The Southern Pacific is apparently going into the oil business on a scale that is equalled only by the Standard Oil Company.

The tanks which are going up on the Western Division will be placed at the various terminal points and junctions where there are headquarters for several locomotives. They will range in size from a capacity of 630,000 gallons to the size of the largest Melrose tank—2,310,000 gallons. All the tanks are being erected by contractors, but the pumping plants for pumping the oil to and from the tanks are being put in by the Southern Pacific crew which has been organized for that purpose.

During the past week a crew has been at work at West Oakland, putting in a new pump with a capacity of 300,000 gallons per hour, and also completing the installation of the new boiler for its operation. In order to facilitate the work of the crew a special pipe machine for cutting threads and other similar work has been mounted on a car and will be carried with them on the trips about the division.

THE STORY TOLD BY THE SEA

Go to the Beach Via A. & C. R. R. and Hear What the Wild Waves Say.

The story, "What the Wild Waves Say at Seaside" so strikingly told in the attractive pamphlet recently issued by J. C. Mayo, G. P. A., Astoria, is better appreciated after a trip to the now popular Clatsop Beach, via the A. & C. R. R. Cheap round trip excursion rates and unexcelled transportation facilities offered between Portland and the beaches continues to attract large crowds to Flavel, Gearhart and Seaside. Round trip excursion tickets between Portland and all Clatsop and North Beach points are sold every Saturday at \$2.50, interchangeable with all boat lines and good to return Sunday evening. Trains leaving Portland at 8 o'clock A. M. daily runs through direct to Gearhart and Seaside without transfer, making close connections at Warrenton for Flavel. Portland-Seaside express leaves union depot every Saturday at 2:30 p. m. and runs through direct with transfer, arriving at Astoria at 5:50 p. m., Gearhart, 6:40 p. m. and Seaside, 6:50 p. m., making close connections at Warrenton for Flavel.

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Secretary of Interior Issues
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Herding or Grazing of Stock in the
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 Prohibited.

Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock has issued regulations for the management of the Crater Lake National park, to become effective immediately. The park will be placed in charge of a superintendent appointed Saturday, who will, for the present at least, be its only official. Under the regulations mineral locations may be made in a manner not detrimental to the park, but all prospecting is prohibited. Persons wishing to locate mining claims must file with the superintendent a description of the land desired to be located, together with evidence that they are qualified entrymen. Before entering the park to make locations, they must obtain a permit from the Secretary of the Interior. Lands in the park upon which valuable deposits of mineral have been found may be located and worked under the mining laws by any person duly qualified and holding a permit.

These persons may use, for mining purposes, such timber and stone found upon the land located, as in the judgment of the superintendent may be used without damage to the park. Within 30 days after the location of any mining claim, and before development work is commenced, satisfactory proof must be filed with the superintendent showing that the discovery of a valuable mineral deposit has been made within the limit of the location, and if it be a placer location, that every ten-acre tract embraced therein has been found to contain valuable deposits of mineral. Locators will not be permitted to acquire title to mining claims within the park, and will forfeit all right upon breach of the regulations or when they do not appear to be acting in good faith, and may also be ejected from the park.

The herding or grazing of loose stock or the driving of such stock over the park is forbidden, except where authority is granted by the superintendent. Horses, cattle and other livestock running at large or being grazed within the park without authority will be impounded by the superintendent, and if not claimed by the owner within 30 days shall be sold at public auction. Funds so arising will be held for six months, subject to claim of the owner, who must pay all costs attending the impounding, and if not then called for, will go into the general park fund.

A number of customary prohibitions, such as the destruction of natural curiosities, cutting the timber, except for construction of places for entertainment and for mining purposes, the abandonment of fires, killing of game, fish, except by rod and line selling of intoxicating liquors, posting of advertisements or general obnoxious behavior within the park are to be enforced. Permission to reside in the park must be obtained from the superintendent, who also has authority to appoint guides.

An Exhibition Piano.

We note from the Portland papers that Mr. C. W. Evans, of the Willamette Pulp and Paper Company, has secured a very choice Kimball piano in fancy quarter-sawn English oak case. The instrument is said to be an excellent duplicate of the pianos as exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago, where the Kimball received highest honors.

Mr. Evans' piano is occupying a prominent exhibit at the Eileas booth, which has been unanimously voted the handsomest, most novel and most striking exhibit at the Portland Carnival. Eileas Piano House last year secured four first prizes and awards over all competition at the Portland Exposition.

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