

HAVE COMPACT TO CUT RANGEFENCES

Cattlemen in Eastern Oregon Banded Secretly for Acts of Lawlessness.

WANT RANGE FREE TO ALL

Depredations of Past Few Months Indicate Concerted Movement by Organized Band - Convictions May Check Operations.

SHANKO, Or., May 15.—Facts have just come to light here indicating that there exists in Southeastern and Central Oregon an association of cattlemen who have declared war upon the fences, no matter by whom they are owned—cattlemen, sheepmen or horsemen.

This association is alleged to have begun operations in early Spring, when seven miles of wire fence belonging to the horseman, Russell, in Harney County, was cut in every panel. A little later a mile of fence belonging to the Mackintosh Livestock Company, near Paulina, Crook County, was treated in a like manner, and finally a mile of wire surrounding land owned by N. Williamson shared a similar fate.

The alleged perpetrators of the last depredation were caught, convicted and sentenced to four years in the Penitentiary.

This association is alleged to be composed for the most part of men who are comparatively honest, but who are infinitely more to be dreaded than mere stock thieves or highwaymen.

They strike at night generally, under cover of darkness and in rain, so that their tracks will not show from whence they come or whether they go, and leave a trail of destruction in their wake.

Contribute to Expense Fund. Many cattlemen of Eastern Oregon, Southeastern Grant and Northwestern Harney Counties are said to be banded together for the purpose of doing away with the obnoxious wire fence around range lands which are owned or leased.

Every man who has a cow or horse organization has to contribute something toward its expenses, in a horse, or saddle, or money to furnish means for some selected member to hunt for more fortunate stockman who has leased and fenced his range. It makes no difference what the stockman operates, whether sheep, cattle or horse ranch, he is liable at any time to meet with disaster to his property and is powerless to help himself or to get redress.

The wire fence has become the object of the association's attacks, for the reason that the cattlemen want the range left open, free for all a condition that will never exist again in Oregon, east of the mountains. They do not take kindly to the idea of leasing their ranges, nor do they want any one else to do so, hence the trouble.

The cities of these counties are peopled with decent, law-abiding citizens who look upon the outrages as being but a better illustration of the fact that they realize that there is no law or property that the band will respect so long as it interferes with the cattle business, are hopeless and helpless about bringing the depredations to an end, yet are patiently longing for the time when the association shall either have died out or have yielded to the proper authorities, and ceased to regard the earth as belonging to it alone. This solution seems to be afar off.

Convictions Are Salutary. The recent conviction in Crook County, it is thought, will serve as a check on these acts of lawlessness, for some time at least. One instance of this nature and another at its gates is the net result of the last wire-cutting, house-burning and poisoning in Crook County, wherein, the authorities say, such things must cease at once and forever.

RAIN HAMPERS HIS CAMPAIGN Governor Chamberlain Unable to Use Auto in Yamhill County.

M'INNINVILLE, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Governor George E. Chamberlain addressed a large audience at the opera-house here this evening. The Governor contemplated making a whirlwind campaign in this county today in an automobile, but the steady rain changed the current of his plans. In company with a party of friends, the Governor left Portland this morning, intending to make a drive of about 80 miles during the day and stop long enough for addresses to be made in the towns of North Yamhill, Carlton, Bellevue, Sheridan, Amity and Whitson, arriving at McMinnville for a meeting this evening. He made his first two places on the itinerary and arrived at this place on schedule time, after omitting most of the programme. The Governor intends to devote tomorrow also to interviewing the voters of Yamhill.

LEASE LAND FOR SHEEP RANGE Baker County Tract of 100,000 Acres is Secured.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—A deal has just been closed in this city whereby A. K. and A. Smythe, of Arlington; Daniel P. Smythe, of Pendleton; William Smith, of Arlington, and A. N. Whittier, of Huntington, secure a five-year lease on 100,000 acres of range land owned by the Oregon Lumber Company, Hewitt-Bell Lumber Company, Stoddard Bros. Lumber Company, Sumpter Lumber Company, John Miller and the lands controlled by W. C. Under. The consideration is about \$5000.

A meeting has been held with the cattlemen and boundaries decided upon, so that there will be no trouble between the two factions. The tract extends from Pleasant Valley to Austin, a distance of 50 miles, and lies south of Baker City. It was taken by the sheepmen to secure ample range for their large bands.

Chautauque's Musical Programme. ORANGE CITY, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The skeleton programme for the coming session of the Willamette Valley Chautauque Assembly will be announced next week by Secretary Cross, who is working carefully to have the programme rounded out. The musical features have already been determined, and in addition to the cantatas and oratorios that will be produced under the direction of Dr. R. A. Heritage, musical director of the Assembly, there will be present during the entire session, the Willamette Quartet, the members of which are Miss Edna Browning, Miss Ruth Fields, Miss Bessie Cornelius and Miss Eleanor Colony.

These singers will be heard in quartet and solo work, and Miss Nina Pearl Johnson, of Salem, will be the principal soloist in "The Home Maiden."

RUSSIAN EXILE A SUICIDE Despondent Sailor Slashes Throat With Razor at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—Joseph Matusovitch, aged 27, a Russian-Finn sailor, committed suicide at night by cutting his throat with a razor. Matusovitch was an exile and his act is due to despondency. Letters from his mother in Finland advised him to become an American citizen before returning to Russia for the reason that so many persons are being sent to Siberia. Before killing himself he had inquired of his landlady the easiest way for him to get to heaven.

Local Issues in Washington.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The County of Washington will have a special election on the question of stock running at large and a vote will also be taken on a petition to the county high school to be located at Hillsboro. The central and eastern portion of the county will doubtless give it a heavy vote, but at Forest Grove, where such an institution is popularly supposed to be more or less inimical to Pacific University, the sentiment appears to be against the measure.

EXHIBIT FINE LIVESTOCK

BENTON COUNTY PRODUCTS SHOWN AT CORVALLIS.

Visitors From All Parts of State See Parade Over Mile Long—Entries Double Last Year's.

CORVALLIS, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—An enormous crowd is in Corvallis today, attending the annual livestock show of the Corvallis Livestock Association. The show is the third of the kind that has been given in this city. The entry list this time is fully double that of last year, and includes a big array of fine horses, cattle, sheep and swine. The parade at 11 o'clock this morning was more than a mile long. Many of the entries are by growers of fancy stock in other parts of the state. Visitors are here from Portland, Salem and many other points in the Willamette Valley, and some from Eastern Oregon.

The show is held on Marys River Common in the south end of town, where a city of tents has been erected for the housing of the show stock, with a huge one that serves as a pavilion for the judging of the stock. It is provided with a grandstand that houses several hundred persons. It has been handy today, as several light showers of rain have fallen.

CAKE DEFINES HIS POSITION Emphatically Declares He Has Not Shifted Since the Primaries.

CORVALLIS, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—There was a large crowd at the Court-house here tonight to hear H. M. Cake, Republican nominee for Senator, who arrived at noon from Albany and spent the afternoon making friends. He outlined the history of the two parties and urged the Republicans to remain loyal. He also emphatically defined his position on questions considered before the primaries. Efforts had been made to cast doubt upon his position, he said, but he disapproved of any such proposition. He will speak at McMinnville tomorrow.

NEW CANDIDATE IN BENTON T. R. Williamson, Republican, Out on Statement No. 1 Platform.

CORVALLIS, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—T. R. Williamson was placed in the field here today as a Statement No. 1 candidate for Representative to oppose the candidacy of Rev. P. A. Bonebrake, who took a statement agreeing to support the Senatorial candidate receiving a "majority" of the people's votes in June. Williamson is a farmer, and a lifelong Republican.

Editor Talks to Students.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 15.—(Special.)—"The American Spirit" was the subject of an address delivered before the student assembly this morning by E. B. Piper, managing editor of The Oregonian. The theme dealt with the possibilities of young men and young women in this country, of their present opportunities as contrasted with those of 25 years ago, and embodied advice on the subjects of temperance, sobriety, courage and other essentials as marked in the rise of American citizenship and the Nation to its present splendid position. The address was listened to with perfect attention and Mr. Piper was roundly applauded by the students at the close.

Will Wear Handcuffs No More.

TACOMA, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—Marie J. Gandy, whose husband, Clinton E. Gandy, was sentenced to a year in the County Jail for handcuffing his wife, was today granted a decree of divorce. Had it not been for Mr. Olson, her father, Mrs. Gandy would probably not have pushed the case. Each time they met, Gandy appeared to have an influence over her. Mrs. Gandy will go to Bellingham with her father.

Yamhill Pioneers Meet June 3.

M'INNINVILLE, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The Yamhill County Pioneer Association will hold its annual gathering at the park grounds in this city on Wednesday, June 3. The principal address of the day is to be given by William M. Kizer, of Salem. An old-time barbecue at noon will be one of the features of the welcome to be extended to the honored guests of the city on that day by the people of this city.

Recover Body After Nine Months.

CATHLAMET, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—The body of Christopher West, son of County Treasurer Daniel West, who was accidentally drowned near here August 25 last, was found in the river at Pillar Rock last night and brought to this place. Young West had just entered upon a business career of great promise when he came to his untimely death.

Arrest Unknown Insane Man.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—The police have under arrest a man about 40 years old who was found wandering in the streets. He is believed to have escaped from an asylum, but is unable to tell even his name. His only personal property is a check for a trunk at Olympia, and the supposition is also that he may have become insane while traveling.

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"WETS" GET BUSY

Start Local Option Campaign in Lane and Yamhill.

"DRYS" GAIN IN NUMBERS

Sentiment on Prohibition Said to Have Changed—Business Conditions Show Improvement in Dry Counties and Cities.

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How Prohibition Works in Eugene.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The Shively Theater was crowded tonight with people to hear Mayor J. D. Matlock, of Eugene, who talked on the subject of "How Eugene Particularly, and Lane County, Or., Generally, Get Along Without the Revenue From the Licensed Liquor Saloon." Mayor Matlock came to the occasion to discuss the local option element, who are trying to force Clackamas County into the dry column at the coming June election.

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