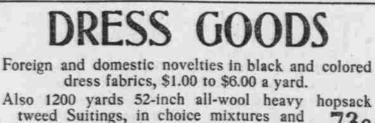


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of Blackhorse, said: "Before the bounty law was passed I could scarcely ever raise any chickens, turkeys or pigs. The poultry had to be locked up at night, and the unfortunate fow! that was left out would make an appearance the next morning in the shape of scattered feathers. The coyoles would even come to my ranch in daylight and devour the eggs and young chickens, also taking the young pigs in the field. Now I am seldom molested by wild animals, and my pocketbook shows the results at the end of each year. The bounty law has been a bleasing to me and to all my neighbors. A. Rhea, president of the First National Bank of Heppner, and an extensive

owner of cattle; Henry Heppner, the well-known capitalist and largest individual taxpayer of Morrow County; the stockholders of the Penland Livestock & Land Company, Minor & Co. and The Fair, large merchants, and many others who represent the business element and heav-lest taxpayers, are enthusiastically in fa-

ver of continuing the scalp bounty law. Little Increase of Rabbits.

writer: "Yes, you are right, the coyote bounty iaw should be kept in force by all means,

and I am surprised that any one is East-ern Oregon should favor its repeal. Why, before the enactment of this law I had many young calves killed and devoured by coyotes every year, also numerous young pigs; and such a thing as raising chickens on Butter Creek was nearly an impossibility. Coyotes are the worst pest with which this section of the state has ever been cursed. I do not believe that the multiplication of rabbits, if there is any increase in them at all, is due to the killing off of coyotes. Take the county over and you will find no more rabbits and squirrels now than there used to be years ago. Down farther on Butter Creek and along the Columbia River this rabbit argument might apply, but what are these few ranches compared with the thousands of farms and homes through-out Eastern Oregon that are not troubled by rabbits but have to contend with the by rabbits, but have to contend with the destructive coyotes? If there is an in-crease in the number of rabbits, it is due to the mild Winters we have had lately. Let a heavy snow lie upon the ground for 10 days or so during very cold weather, and thousands of rabbits will either starve or freeze to death. Coyotes cut no figure in the destruction of rabbits. It would, indeed, be a heavy blow to Eastern Oregon should the bounty law be re-pealed."

The only one interviewed who had any objection whatever to the present bounty law was Harry Rogers, the Lower Butter Creek cattleman, on whose ranch the big rabbit drives have taken place the past two Winters. Mr. Rogers said: "I believe that in my section of country.

where the sage brush is dense and plenti-ful, the rabbits have largely increased since the enactment of the coyote bounty law. The coyotes kill a great many rab-bits, but I wouldn't be surprised that a hard Winter would kill more of them. My hounds kill enough coyotes now to reim-burse me in scalp money for what my garden and grain fields suffer by the de-vastation of rabbits, and really it is a matter of indifference with me as to whether the bounty law is continued or remeabed."

repealed." Now, then, from these interviews with men representing nearly every branch of

not a grumble has been heard from Eastern Oregon. The time came, however, when Eastern

Oregon had grown big and weary of such "division." She asked for and was grant-ed protection from the devastation of wild animals-protection for one of the state's chief industries and tax-producing resources. After Eastern Oregon had secured this, her first alice, from the appro-priation apple, how did Western Oregon act in the matter? The roar that went up and has been going up ever since is equaled, but not exceeded, by that heard

at Niagara Falls. And so persistent has this roar been kept up that it is now cuiminating in an effort to have the scalp bounty law repealed or amended so as to make it practically inoperative. This sentiment on the part of Western Oregon is unjust and unfair.

Coyotes About Exterminated.

It has taken \$350,000 of public money the past four years to deliver Eastern Oregon from the ravages of wild beasts, or at least largely to reduce their numbers. A O. F. Thomson, the Butter Creek cattle-man, who has run cattle in Morrow and Umatilla Counties since 1854, said to the

mum figure. Just so in the case of the coyotes of Eastern Oregon. The writer refuses to believe that the

business element of Portland is opposed to this bounty law. The business men of that city must and surely do know that whatever benefits Eastern Oregon also benefits Portland. Every bushel of ex-ported grain, every head of beef cattle, borses, sheep and hogs, poultry, etc., raised or produced in this section of the state is first shipped to Portland, where it inde a market it was the inland Emole finds a market. It was the Inland Empire that made Portland what it is, and it will continue to be the backbone of that prosperous and enterprising city. The direct benefit of this bounty law goes to the small ranchers, farmers' farmhands and sheepherders of Eastern Oregon. Every sucception and the second supporting some family, supplying the necessities of life, purchasing school books for the children, etc. It all finds its way back into the channels of business and into the stores and banks of Portland. These are indisputable facts, and how then can the Legislators of Multnomah County vote for the repeal of this law. which means so much to the country to which it so largely owes its birth and ex-

istence? When these matters are properly represented by our Eastern Oregon Senators and Representatives, it is hardly probable that the Multnomah County delegation will further oppose the existing scalp law. E. M. SHUTT. scalp law.

Forger Returns to Plead Guilty. MUSKEGON, Mich., Sept. 13 .- Luther W. Shear, district agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, who dis-appeared on June 11, leaving alleged forgeries and debts to the extent of \$50,000, has returned to the city. Later he was arraigned and bound over to the Circuit Court. He says he was tired of wandering about. He says he will plead guilty. Shear would tell but little of his wanderings.

Street Railway Ordinance Upheld.

industry and business in Eastern Oregon, it can be seen that the people of Morrow County and that portion of Umatilla lying tributary to Heppner are practically a unit in favor of continuing the present scalp bounty law. And were a vote to be

starting point, directly opposite the clubhouse. J. C. Ainsworth, the commodore;

A. E. Mackay, judge; R. F. Prael, starter; J. R. Stoddard, referee, and Bruce L. Carr, the timekeeper, occupied the boat. The course for the four-oared boats was one mile, with turn, from the clubhouse to buoys slightly beyond the Madison-street bridge, and for the sculling race 1½ miles straightaway from a point near Ross Island. The pleasure boats and canoes had a straight course from the upper bridges. of the investigation in which he is en-

The opening event was a four-oared race between Crews Nos. 1 and 2, and the latter boat, manned by Mackle, bow; Hart, No. 2; Durham, No. 3, and Ball, stroke, won by nearly a boat length of clear water. Time, 5:57.

The single pleasure boat race between E. Gloss and George Luders resulted in a victory for the former. Luders tried manfully to respond to the shouts of "Pull, George; pull!" but his opponent maintained his lead across the line.

Crews Nos. 3 and 4 of the four-oared class next presented themselves. On the homestretch the spectators peered through the dense mist and saw that Stilles' boat, No. 4, was decidedly ahead,

this law, and these rannous peaks will be entirely exterminated. From now on the cost will be trifling. Our Government was put to consider-able expense subduing the Filipinos, but they are now conquered, and the expense in the future will be reduced to a minifore been considered the swiftest on the river, and its defeat caused considerable

surprise. It consisted of Knight, bow; Adams, No. 2; Montgomery, No. 3, and George Luders, stroke. In the double pleasure boat contest Stiles and Gloss won from Hart and

Stowell The much-talked-of "centipede" was next brought forward. It is an eight-oared boat, for each man wields double semila: though the shell is only of the regulation four-oared size. The crew that manned it was: R. Lamberson, bow; G. Luders, No. 2; Mackie, No. 3, and Stiles, stroke. In the race with picked men from the other crews, the many-oared "centipede" demonstrated its speedy abilities,

winning handily. Time, \$:08. The double canoe race was called two numbers ahead of the schedule order, and two crews which had intended to compete were informed that they were entirely out of it for that day by seeing two cances come speeding down the course. The frail crafts approached the finish almost abreast, when, to the disappointment of every one, the canoe of Ball and Stiles capsized, giving "Chub" Robertson and

Frohman the race without a struggie. The "Crew of All Nations," Robertson, bow; McClure, No. 2; Labbe, No. 3, and Kerrigan, stroke, now put its boat in the water, determined to put to shame the picked four-oared crew arrayed against them. The men of the other beat were: Lamberson, bow; Adams. No. 2; Mont-gomery, No. 3, and Luders. stroke. They, too, were determined to splash water in the faces of the "mixed races" team, and the spectators witnessed the best race of the day. As the boats neared the finish, the crowd assembled on the club float and upon the bridge shouted encouragement, them. for the shells seemed exactly abreast, and the cry of "Dead heat" was taken up. The judges, however, decided that the picked crew had won by a margin of two feet. The strokeman of the "All Nations" crew collapsed at the pistol shot, but a

liberal application of cold water proved a restorative.

The 14-mile single scull race between W. J. Patton and E. Gloss resulted in an easy victory for the laiter. Time, 11:06. Crews Nos. 2 and 4, which had won in the previous four-oared races, now struggled for final honors. The bow ours-

ple evidence through the confessions of the Murrell brothers, ex-Delegate Robertson and others, to convict the entire 18 members of the old House combine who are indicted for bribery-taking and perjury. The state's witnesses are supposed not to know the source of the money which brihed them, and the Circuit Attorney lacks the "preponderance of evidence" necessary to convict the bribegivers. Kelly is believed to be able to give this evidence. Circuit Attorney Folk, in an interview tonight, said of a certain phase

"I hope, when I shall have finished this crusade, that the directors of wealthy corporations who devote large sums of money to buy legislation will realize they have committed a penal offense. I have several of this class under indictment now, and a few of them in stripes will be a most beneficial example to the many respectable gentlemen who sit on boards of directors and deliberately vote to furnish the money to debauch public offl-clais for corporate gain at the people's expense.

GARNETT ENDS HIS LIFE.

Confederate Colonel Finds Death in Carbolic Acid.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 -- Colonel John G. Garnett, one of the most prominent South-erners in New York, a West Point graduate, Colonel of Artillery under General Robert E. Lee in the Confedgrate Army, and a native of Wakefield Plantation, Westmoreland County, Va., has been found dead in the Ross Hotel. He had committed suicide by taking carbolle acid. The body had been lying in the room for two days before it was discovered. Several days ago Mr. Garnett was visited by his brother, Dr. Garnett, of Hot Springs, Ark., and it is supposed they quarreled. A note stating that the writer had contemplated

suicide for five days was found beside the Mr. Garnett was the head of the St. James' Publishing Company and was en-gaged in writing a history of the West

Point Military Academy. Among the let-ters and papers found was one from Pres-ident Roosevelt, indorsing a plan to establish a benevolent order of Spanish American War Veterans.

Praise for Action of United States.

LONDON. Sept. 13.-Dealing with the seriousness of the situation in Colombia

the Daily Mail this morning praises the prompt action of the United States in sending warships to the Isthmus, and adds:

"It would be an immense gain for the world in general if only the United States would consent to do its duty, and in the republics of Central America and Hayti and put down this anarchy; or, if the United States will not act themselves, allow some European power to act for

Cuban Rouse Passes Tartff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 .- Mr. Squiers, United States Minister at Havana, tele graphs the State Department that the Cuban House passed the Senate tariff bill yesterday.

Off for Pekin to Confer With Powers,

TIEN TSIN, Sept. 17.-Major-General

aid that the governm decree declaring General Matos a traitor. and ordering him to be tried on a charge of piracy, and also for having offered control of the finances of Venezuela, in case of his success in the revolution, to out-side capitalists on the same basis as provails in Egypt.)

Matos' Offer Considered Absurd.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Sept. 13 .the revolutionists have occupied Rio Chico, in the State of Miranda, 60 miles southeast of Caracas, and are now marching on La Guayra. A battle also occurres Thursday at Los Teques, about 25 miles southwest of Caracas. The revolutionists surprised the town by moonlight, killing 00 men of the government and wounding 109 with cutlesses. The wounded later were taken to Caracas. The report of General Matos' alleged offer to turn over the finances of Venezuela to a foreign syndicate in the event of the revolution-ists being victorious is considered in Venezuela as absurd. It is asserted there that the government spread the report in order to discredit the revolution.

TO BE PRESIDENT'S GUESTS

All In Ready for the Roosevelt Reception Tomorrow.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 12 .- Everything is in readiness for the reception to be tendered by the President to the peo-ple of Nashua County, Monday afternoon. The rain of the past few days has damaged the decorations on buildings to some extent. Many yachts are expected to be in the harbor on Monday, among them being those of Frank J. Gould and George Wilmot. It is expected that large parties

will come over on these yachts. When the President issued his invita-tions for this reception, he thought that only a few neighbors would come, his idea being to shake hands with the people about here who have known him for many years. Now that so many people are coming, it will be necessary to make the reception a more formal affair than had been at first intended, but it is stat-ed that it is not intended as a public function, simply being designed to afford a chance for the President's neighbors to see him and shake his hand.

Secretary Cortelyou left this afternoon for Washington, where he will complete arrangements for the President's Northwestern trip.

Guests of President at Luncheon.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 13 .- The President had as his guests at luncheon today Postmaster-General Payne, Dr. Al-bert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews, and Colonel and Mrs. Arthur Lee. Colonel Lee is a member of the British House of Parliament, and was formerly the military attache of the British Em-bassy in this country. In that capacity he was present at the battle of Santiago Postmaster-General Payne discussed departmental affairs with the President, number of decisions were reached which will be announced in the near future from Washington. The coming campaign and the general political situation were also talked over. Mr. Payne left or an afternoon train for New York.

Damage to Iowa Not Serious.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 .- The United States battle-ship Iowa arrived on Friday at Bahla, in apparently an undamage condition, cables the Rio Janiero corre undamaged spondent of the Herald. Her Captain says her running ashore on the Brazilian coast did not prove to be serious. All on board are well.