## HEEP-SHOOTERS SEND LETTER shipment of ammunition that we

The following anonymous communication has been received from the "Crook County Sheep-shcoters' Association," with an enclosed report which is, to say the least, terse and to the point. Just who composed this remarkable organization or whether the communication is genuine is not known to The Oregonian. This is what it has to say regarding the inforcement of so-called laws in Crook county:

Mr. Editor: Seeing that you are giving quite a bit of publicity to the sheep-shooters of Crook county, I thought I would lend you some assistance by giving you a short synop-is of the proceedings of the organization during the past year. We have not been accustomed to making annual reports of the doings of the "order," but we have made such a respectable showing during the closing year that I think a brief summary of some of the most important transactions of the association will be of interest to your readers. Therefore, if space will permit, please publish the following report:

"Sheep shooters' Headquarters, Crook County, Or., Dec. 29, 1904 - Editor Oregonian: I am authorized by this association (the Inland Sheep-shooters) to notify The Oregonian to desist in the future from publishing matter derogatory to the reputation of sheep-shooters in Eastern Oregon. We claim to have the banner county of Oregon on the progressive lines of sheep-shooting, and it is my pleasure to inform you that we have a little governmt of our own in Crook county, and we would thank The Oregonian and the Governor to attend strictly to their own business and not meddle with the settlement of the range question in our province.

"We are the most direct and effective means of controlling the range in our jurisdiction.

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growers of Eastern Oregon have been so unwise as to off-r reviction of sheep shooters and for assaults on herders. We have heretofore warned them by publication of the danger of such action, as it might result proceed on the lines that 'dead flock-owners resort to un-

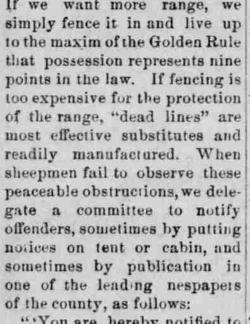
"Mr. Editor, please excuse the

Cor. Secretary

"The New Year was duly bserved by our brave boys by



Mowers, Stoves and Steel Ranges must be sold by January 1st to make room for another line



"'You are hereby notified to move this camp within 24 hours, or take the consequences.'

"'COMMITTEE.' (Signed)

"These mild and peaceable means are usually effective, but in cases where they are not our executive committee takes the matter in hand, and being men of high ideals as well as good shots by moonlight, they promptly enforce the edicts of the association.

"We have recently extended our jurisdiction to cover a large territory on the desert heretofore occupied by sheepmen, and we expect to have to sacrifice a few flocks of sheep there this winter. Our annual report shows that we have slanghtered between 8,000 and 10,000 head during the last shooting season, and we are expecting to increase this respectable showing during the next season, providing the sheep hold out and the Governor and The Oregonian observe the customary laws of neutrality. We have burned about the usual number of camps and corrals this season, and have also sent out quite a number of important warnings, OA which we think will have a salutary effect.

