

SHEEP-SHOOTERS SEND LETTER

The following anonymous communication has been received from the "Crook County Sheep-shooters' 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 enforcement 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 synopsis 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 assist 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 government 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. If we want more range, we simply fence it in and live up to the maxim of the Golden Rule that possession represents nine points in the law. If fencing is too expensive for the protection of the range, "dead lines" are most effective substitutes and readily manufactured. When sheepmen fail to observe these peaceable obstructions, we delegate a committee to notify offenders, sometimes by putting notices on tent or cabin, and sometimes by publication in one of the leading newspapers of the county, as follows:

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

(Signed) "COMMITTEE."
"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 slaughtered 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, which we think will have a salutary effect.

"We have just received a

shipment of ammunition that we think will be sufficient to meet any shortage which might occur on account of increase of territory requiring special protection.

"In some instances the wool-growers of Eastern Oregon have been so unwise as to offer reward for the arrest and conviction 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 in our organization having to proceed on the lines that 'dead men tell no tales.' This is not to be construed as a threat to commit murder, as we do not justify such a thing except when flock-owners resort to unjustifiable means in protecting their property.

"Mr. Editor, please excuse the lack of systematic order in preparing this, our first annual report. Our office is not yet supplied with the necessary printed forms so necessary to facilitate reports. We have thought of furnishing the names of our officers, and also honorary members of the order, but as your space will probably not admit of a supplementary report at this time, we will not be able to furnish a roll of honor that will be complimentary to the cause.

(Signed) Cor. Secretary
"Crook county Sheep-shooters' Association of Eastern Oregon."

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.
"The New Year was duly observed by our brave boys by the slaughter of about 500 head of sheep belonging to a gentleman who had violated our rules or laws. The names of the active participants in this last brilliant action of the association have not yet been handed in. When they are, we will take pleasure in recording them on the roll of honor above mentioned.

"The Crook county papers have recently said some complimentary things about our order, which may invite attention later on. Our work is now of too much importance to justify a diversion from the regular order of business.

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2:35 p.m.	Gibsons	11:40 a.m.
2:55 p.m.	Finks	11:30 a.m.
3:15 p.m.	Wasco	11:20 a.m.
3:35 p.m.	Klondyke	10:45 a.m.
3:55 p.m.	Summit	10:40 a.m.
4:15 p.m.	Hay C Jc	10:24 a.m.
4:35 p.m.	Medford	10:22 a.m.
4:55 p.m.	DeMoss	10:05 a.m.
5:15 p.m.	Moro	9:55 a.m.
5:35 p.m.	Erskinville	9:57 a.m.
5:55 p.m.	Grass Valley	9:20 a.m.
6:15 p.m.	Bourbon	8:55 a.m.
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