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**LAND LEASING.**

The land-leasing bill has appeared again, but Representative Lacy has the right "mule by the ear" this time, unless under his innocent looking measure there is a "catch." On its face it looks good, particularly to one who has spent a decade amongst the waving bunch grass of the more fertile regions and the juniper and sage brush of the less productive localities.

The bill primarily gives to homesteaders and settlers in arid and semi-arid regions the right to protect the grass upon the public domain in the vicinity of their lands, so as to prevent further deterioration and monopolization of the ranges by the owners of large herds of livestock.

The dispatches further say, in speaking of the measure, that such parts of arid and semi-arid regions as are not necessary for irrigation purposes may under the Lacy bill, be leased for stock grazing purposes, subject to the right of a homesteader and other entry at all times.

The leases are to be regulated by the secretary of the interior, and are to run for five years, with the right of renewal, each lease to be limited to 320 acres to each person. Leases are non-transferable, and are to be granted only to actual settlers. Corporations are denied the right to secure leases.

Lands subject to lease are to be classified, and shall be rented at rates varying from 1 to 6 cents per annum. Persons leasing lands will be permitted to fence these lands at their own expense.

This is a vastly different measure from the one which was before congress some time ago. The bill advocated then was but a scheme to crowd out smaller settlers in favor of the richer, and particularly favored corporations.

That there are vast tracts of lands that can never be secured under the present land laws, being valueless for anything but grazing, the writer knows full well. The proposed law appears to be in the right line, though the amount of land that each settler might rent, could be justly raised to 640 acres. It is not difficult to find in many places in Eastern Oregon tracts as large as a section that could not keep a band of geese.

The "Pristine Petrified Phenomenon Company" is aggrieved because it bought for exhibition purposes a "petrified man" made of Portland cement, and is suing the seller for \$2500. It ought to lose. Men who would select a name like that were bound to be buncoed, says an exchange. This reminds one of the "mummified giant" exhibited in Eastern Oregon a few years ago. A team hauling the fraud around the country ran away, demolishing it. The manager was much aggrieved because a country newspaper suggested that it would be an easy matter to make a new one.

The P.-L. doesn't appear to like our cartoonist of cartoonists, Homer Davenport. It says: "Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, who is famous for his substitution of vulgarity for humor, has resigned from the New York Journal and American. Was he too coarse for the paper or was the paper too coarse for him, or was neither coarse enough for the other?" He succeeded, just the same, this paper will add, and gained a name as master of the art.

A filled-in railroad avenue running north and south for miles, lined with substantial buildings on one side and a line of great wharves and a solid sea-wall on the other, would be a splendid thing for Seattle, not only in itself but as an advertisement for her prosperity, says the P.-L. This reminds The Astorian that a sea-wall, with the tide flats filled in, with blocks of business houses on the vacant lots, would also be a grand thing for Astoria.

A novel window display is reported from Canada, where a merchant fastened the trimmings to the ceiling or to the sides and left the floor covered of decorations. On the window the sign read: "All our prices are topsy-turvy." —Trade Journal.

The Oregon delegation, very properly, have made a request that President Roosevelt incorporate in his message a request that congress deal liberally with the Portland Lewis and Clark fair. No doubt the president will commend the project.

The interests of all Astoria will be subserved by the extension of the harbor line, as suggested by our Chamber of Commerce. Not only one industry, but all are involved.

Mrs. Edie and "Elijah" Dowie are feminist each other. This is a fine pair to draw to.

The self-made man, the upright, useful, unostentatious citizen, was this

late Senator Hamilton. Our young men can do well to strive to emulate him.

Captain Boose, of Baltimore, recently celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary. The W. C. T. U. will have to catch a fresh breath after this solar plexus blow.

A Kansas City critic has pronounced Kipling's latest poem "hog wash." In Kansas City the live stock idea pervades even the literature.

The discovery of new gold deposits in the lost territory is the only thing needed to fill to the brim Canada's cup of woe.

Senator Fulton is getting in good work for Astoria harbor.

Would Mr. Hearst have a yellow administration?

Mrs. Laura Adler has presented a new proposal to the city for sale of her property at Exchange and Fifteenth streets. Originally Mrs. Adler agreed to sell 100x100 there for \$6000. Now she agrees to sell 100x150 feet, with the dwellings on the property, for \$7000. This second offer is much more satisfactory than the first made. On Sunday the committee named to report on the matter visited the several sites offered for the purpose of making an examination. Another meeting of the committee will be held Wednesday night, at which time a report will be prepared for presentation to the council.

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Captain George L. Goodale, constructing quartermaster, U. S. A., will soon advertise for bids for the sinking of five wells at Fort Stevens, instructions to that effect reaching him yesterday, from the quartermaster-general. The object in sinking the wells is to ascertain the supply of water and if possible establish thereby a system that will supply the post. It had been contemplated to bring water to the post from the head waters of the Lewis and Clark, but this idea was later abandoned when the great cost of the undertaking was fully taken into consideration.

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