

**THE WOOLGROWERS**

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dress on "Shoddy Wool." His address appears in full in this paper.

Upon motion a committee of five, consisting of Gwinn, Ayers, Cupper, Webb and Ross were appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Gwinn was then introduced and made an address along the lines of the work of the association, dwelling especially on the good derived from co-operation. He urged that all of the sheep of the state should be represented by this association. The Oregon Woolgrowers' Association should be second to no other organization in the Northwest. There are three and one-half million sheep in the state and if these were all represented in the association, Oregon's organization would lead all others.

By co-operation in buying, at least nine-tenths reduction could be obtained on many necessities purchased by sheepmen.

Co-operation would aid the sheepmen in every way, and now, as never before, co-operation is needed.

He urged the members to constitute themselves, each in a committee of one, and to return home and work to bring all woolgrowers into the association where co-operation could be obtained.

After a few preliminary remarks endorsing Mr. Gwinn's sentiments the association adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

**Afternoon Session.**

The committee reported the following officers to be elected for the ensuing year:

- Doug Belts, president.
- George A. Young, vice-president.
- J. H. Gwinn, secretary and treasurer.

**Executive Committee.**

- W. G. Ayre, Baker.
- T. R. Hynd, Morrow.
- T. H. La Follett, Crook.
- J. D. McAndrie, Wasco.

The officers recommended were duly elected.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

**Scalp Bounty Law.**

"In common with the farmers, ranchmen, cattlemen and a number of other industries, particularly in the eastern part of the state, the woolgrowers of Oregon are receiving a benefit from the funds appropriated by the state for the purpose of paying a bounty on coyotes and other predaceous animals, far in excess of the amount paid out, and

Whereas, It is the judgment of this association, based upon authentic reports from all over the state, that there will be a rapid decrease in the amount of scalps taken and consequent expense to the state from this time on; and

Whereas, It is the purpose of this organization to take immediate action looking toward securing a similar law in adjoining states, thereby removing the chief obstacle in the way of the continuance of the law in this state, be it hereby

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of the last session of the Oregon legislature in creating and maintaining the present scalp bounty law. And further, that we hereby urge upon the membership of the coming state legislative session the absolute necessity of continuing the present bounty in order that the great benefits that have already accrued to the state by virtue of the law, be not entirely lost.

**Lewis and Clark Exposition.**

Whereas, It has been determined by the people of the Northwest, and particularly by the people of Oregon, that an exposition of fair shall be held in the city of Portland in the year 1905, in commemoration of one of the most momentous events in the history of the Northwest, viz., its exploration and discovery, and

Whereas, The woolgrowers of Oregon feel a deep interest in the entire success of the undertaking, be it hereby

Resolved, That we are in favor of an appropriation by the coming legislature of this state of a liberal amount of money for the purposes of the committee having the matter in charge, and further, that this organization, through its president and secretary and other officers, hereby tender such co-operation as is in their power to assist in making of the undertaking an entire success.

**Range Question.**

Whereas, The department of the interior has seen fit to withdraw from further settlement a large tract of timber land in Eastern Oregon, known as the Blue Mountains forest reserve, and

Whereas, Such withdrawal will undoubtedly have a tendency toward settling the untoward differences that now exist between those who own cattle on the one hand and sheep on the other, in a number of localities,

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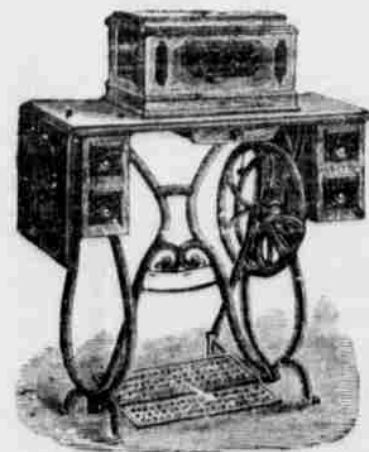
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