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WANTS SETTLERS

WASCO CITIZEN INVITES THE HOMESEAKER.

Says the Day of Free, Open Range Has Passed—Settlement Makes Demand for Home Products—Don't Want Two Mile Limit Law.

W. K. Ketchum, a prominent sheepman from near The Dalles, is a visitor in the city, says the Oregon Daily Journal. He says that the sheep business in Eastern Oregon has been unusually good during the past year or two, and prophesies that wool is going to advance in price considerably before very long. His principal reason for thinking so is on account of the protracted drouth in Australia, which has been the means of largely curtailing the wool production in that country. Speaking of legislative matters of interest to stockmen, he says:

Relative to Ranges.
 "I have heard that a bill is to be introduced at Salem making it unlawful for stock to be permitted to graze within two miles of a habitation. If such a bill should pass, it would prove disastrous to the small stockmen. The large companies engaged in the business would buy up all the government land on all sides of the small owner and practically shut him out of any free range. The natural consequence would be that he would be forced to sell out. All the country would soon be under the control of the companies, and nothing could be more deplorable. It would retard the development of the country more than anything else."

Want Settlers.
 "The day of the free, open range, however, will soon have passed. Too many homeseekers are coming to Eastern Oregon to make it feasible much longer. And it is a good thing for the state, too, even if it does operate against the interests of the stockmen for some time. Every settler adds that much to the wealth of the state, and makes increased consumption of Oregon products. There is plenty of room over our way for settlers, and they are welcome, the more the better."

BOYS ROB COVE POSTOFFICE.

Inspector Clark Arrested the Guilty Parties Wednesday—Parents Are Largely Responsible for Such Deeds.

Postoffice Inspector Thomas J. Clarke addressed a communication yesterday to the East Oregonian in ample time for its contents to have been used in yesterday's paper, but the communication was held up en route by a violation of Mr. Clarke's confidence, which accounts for its non-appearance yesterday. In substance, it is as follows: William Hancock, William Devore and Chester Coons are accused of having entered the postoffice at Cove and stealing \$503 of postal funds and \$450 private funds and a number of articles of value besides, among which were a revolver, several pocket hooks, some bicycle sundries, etc.

Inspector Clark arrived in Cove in answer to a telegram on Tuesday, and within three hours after arriving in Cove accumulated evidence that apparently is abundantly sufficient to convict the boys named. A portion of the evidence was finding the boys in a secluded spot practicing at target shooting with the revolver, which was identified as the one taken from the postoffice.

The boys were arrested Wednesday morning and taken before United States Commissioner L. J. Davis at Union, who considered the evidence sufficient to require each of the boys to give \$500 bonds to appear before the next session of the United States grand jury. The bond was given and

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the boys were released. Hancock is 14 years of age, Devore 15 and Coons is 17.

Inspector Clark does not hesitate to say that in his opinion the parents of the boys are largely responsible for such crimes in allowing them to roam the streets at night and in not having sufficient general control of them. The boys all belong to highly respectable families.

RIDGE AND VICINITY.

Surprise Ball at Fletcher's—"Uncle Cal" Combes Makes Final Proof on His Homestead—McBroom Loses a Valuable Cow.

There was a fine surprise ball at M. E. Fletcher's last night, every one enjoyed themselves.

We are having a nice spell of cold, foggy weather and a call for feed on the stock's part.

J. C. Combes, better known as "Uncle Cal," was in Pendleton last week making final proof on his homestead. "Uncle Cal" is an old pioneer of this locality, but like many of his friends still believes in leading a single life.

Miss Tennyson, of Mt. Home vicinity, was a guest of Mrs. M. E. Fletcher last week.

M. E. Sturdevant, proprietor of the Ukiah-Pendleton stage line, passed through to Ukiah on business last Saturday.

Henry McBroom, of Gurdane, is said to have lost a milch cow caused by her becoming caught in the stanchions and her neck being broken.

There was a pleasant party at the Reeves place near Nye this week.

Mr. Banks, the sawmill man, who is located on the headwater of Butter creek, between Gurdane, Alba and Ridge, is having his logging finished and intends soon to begin the operation of his new sawmill.

BENEFIT PERFORMANCE.

Elks Entertained Minstrels and Visitors Last Night—A Most Enjoyable Occasion.

John Pavilla, an old-time minstrel and vaudeville performer, put into this port last night with his wife and daughter, Cynthia, and John Montrose and a boy named Basil, also members of the Pavilla combination. They were entertained by the Elks last night, and both the Pavilla people and the Elks did their full share. The Pavilla people were in hard lines and the performance which was given in the Elks' hall following the lodge session, was made a benefit. It is said to have resulted quite profitably for the Pavillas, besides affording an unlimited amount of genuine fun to the Elks and the visitors, of whom there were a large number. The daughter Cynthia is described as a genuine wonder, and the song and dance work of Cynthia and the boy Basil was about the cleverest business put on here in a long while.

Ward's minstrels also added to the enjoyment of the evening, they having an open date on their way to The Dalles, which they used to put in the evening with the Elks also. The Elks served a bountiful repast to the visitors, and the occasion was in every respect a most enjoyable one, to the visitors from Pendleton, to the visiting travelers and to the members of the order.

SENATE MEMORIAL.

Oregon Urges Congress to Build at Once a Canal and Locks at The Dalles of the Columbia.

Following is the text of senate joint memorial No. 1, introduced Tuesday by Mays, of Multnomah, and which urges congress to build at once a canal and locks at the dalles of the Columbia River:

"To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:
 "We, your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon, respectfully represent that the Columbia River, with the exception of a very short distance between The Dalles and Celilo, in the State of Oregon, is navigable all the year for boats of average tonnage from the Pacific Ocean to Kettle Falls, in the State of Washington, a distance of more than 700 miles; that owing to the topography of the country through which said river flows, the producers of the various regions known as the Columbia Basin, which comprises an area of not less than 2,300,000 acres, mostly arable land, can cheaply reach the markets of the world with their products only by means of the channel of the Columbia River, and for that reason the removal of all obstructions to navigation therein and the consequent reduction of transportation rates is a matter of the most urgent necessity; that the obstructions to navigation alluded to can be overcome by the construction of properly equipped canal and locks at the points named; that a careful survey and plans for such canal and locks, with detailed drawings and estimates, have been made under the direction of Captain W. A. Hart, engineer corps, U. S. A., which show that the probable cost of such improvement would not exceed \$2,969,000.

"Your memorialists pray, therefore, that said improvement be speedily commenced and vigorously prosecuted to an early completion."
 In the senate Tuesday Johnston, of Wasco and Sherman, introduced a bill for construction of a portage rail-

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road between The Dalles and Celilo, and providing that \$200,000 be appropriated from the state treasury for the purpose.

The measure provides that the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer and their successors in office shall be constituted a board of portage commissioners, with full power to construct and operate the proposed portage road, and that they shall proceed immediately to take up those duties when the act shall have been passed.

Women Barbers in Pendleton.

J. H. Pace, who conducts a barber shop on Court street, has written to Minneapolis and St. Louis recently, in the effort to secure a couple of women barbers to work in his shop in this city. He has received answers from several expert artists who have expressed a desire to come here to take positions with him. Many Western cities have barber shops conducted exclusively by women and the innovation in Pendleton will be watched with interest.

Now Go Home, Children.

Charles Durett, aged 19, and Miss Ethel Thompson, who has seen 16 bright summers, are residents of Eagle valley, and they want to get married. They made application to County Clerk Coombs yesterday for license, but were cruelly refused. Bye and bye they will be older.—Baker Democrat.

Regarding the Venezuelan affair, Lord Charles Beresford, who arrived in New York Monday, said: "It will teach Great Britain a lesson of the danger of international complications by allowing unlimited trade credit to a bankrupt and unscrupulous republic like Venezuela, and trying to collect bad debts by coercion."

The czar has addressed a rescript to Minister Witte, expressing his gratitude for M. Witte's decade of successful work as minister of finance, saying: "I hope that the throne and country may together retain your valuable services at the head of the finance ministry."

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