

## CHANGES AT HAND

### MANY NEW LAND OFFICIALS FOR OREGON.

State's Delegation in Congress Making Slate — Radical Changes Expected in Five Districts.

Washington, March 12.—The Oregon delegation now has under consideration the question of appointments of registers and receivers at five of the Oregon land offices to succeed the present incumbents, whose terms have long since expired.

Successors are being chosen for C. H. Moores, register at Oregon City; J. T. Bridges, register, and J. H. Booth, receiver, at Roseburg; E. W. Bartlett, register, and S. O. Swackhamer, receiver, at La Grande; E. M. Brattin, register, and Harry Bailey, receiver, at Lakeview, and Charles Newell, receiver, at Burns. Last summer George W. Bibebe was appointed receiver at Oregon City, and William Farre register at Burns. These offices will not be disturbed.

Practically all of the present incumbents are candidates for reappointment, but it is believed that many changes will be made, particularly at La Grande, where the present officials have not rendered service satisfactory to the department. The delegation expects to agree on some of the new appointments within a few days, and, if so, nominations will at once be sent to the senate and confirmed.

The delegation today united in recommending the appointment of three postmasters in the first district—G. Eckman, McMinnville; James Page, Eugene, and the reappointment of S. S. Train, Albany. Page was unanimously endorsed by the legislative delegates from Lane county.

The senate today confirmed the nomination of five Oregon postmasters appointed yesterday.

### DO NOT LEASE.

Public Grazing Land Should Not be Leased, Because a Few Would Gather It All Up.

George W. Young, a leading sheepman of Wasco county, and member of the executive committee of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association, is in the city for a few days on business, says the Telegram. He leaves next Friday for Pendleton, where the committee is to hold a very important meeting.

Mr. Young is one of the heaviest

owners of sheep in the state, and has spent his life in informing himself on sheep and their culture. He has visited all of the important wool manufacturing cities in the country, and has become well informed on the subject. In speaking of the matter of difficulty now existing in Eastern and Southern Oregon, Mr. Young said:

"There are many men advocating a leasing system of the range. As between cattlemen and sheepmen in a matter of business I believe in leasing, but as a matter of principle and justice they should not be leased, because if they are a few fellows with plenty of money can gobble up the whole tracts and leave the poor cattlemen in the lurch.

"We shall discuss at the coming meeting the subject of the ultimatum issued by Grant county ordering that outsiders must keep out of the county, and not run sheep or cattle there. We do not fear such orders much, for the land belongs to the government, and consequently belongs to all people alike. Should the government decide to lease the land, I know a few men who have the money to look out for themselves, so as not to get left, and I know of a good many young fellows starting in the business who would be injured.

"I believe that cattle and sheep can run together without much inconvenience. Of course the objection raised is that the sheep feed so closely, but in certain seasons this difficulty is of but little consequence."

"Will you run sheep in Grant county this season?"  
"I see no reason why we should not. I do not say, though, that we will, for that matter will be decided at the meetings of the executive committee of the Woolgrowers' Association. Individually I had just as leave as not, but of course we will all be guided by the action of the majority."

### Pacific Coast Golf.

San Francisco, March 11.—The annual Pacific Coast golf tournament opened today on the Presidio links, and will continue during the remainder of the week. The tournament is to decide the amateur championship title, now held by Walter Fairbanks, of the Los Angeles Country Club. Judging from the auspicious manner in which the play began and the promptitude of officials and players, the tournament will be one of the most successful ever pulled off by the association.

### Interest in Duffy-Sweeney Bout.

Boston, March 11.—Martin Duffy, the Chicago lightweight, and Patsy Sweeney are to furnish the star attraction at tonight's boxing show of the Criterion Athletic Club. The articles call for a 10-round go at 138 pounds. This will be Duffy's first ring appearance in the East and as a consequence the result is awaited with considerable interest. In the event of success, the Chicagoan will be matched to meet several prominent fighters in Boston and vicinity.

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