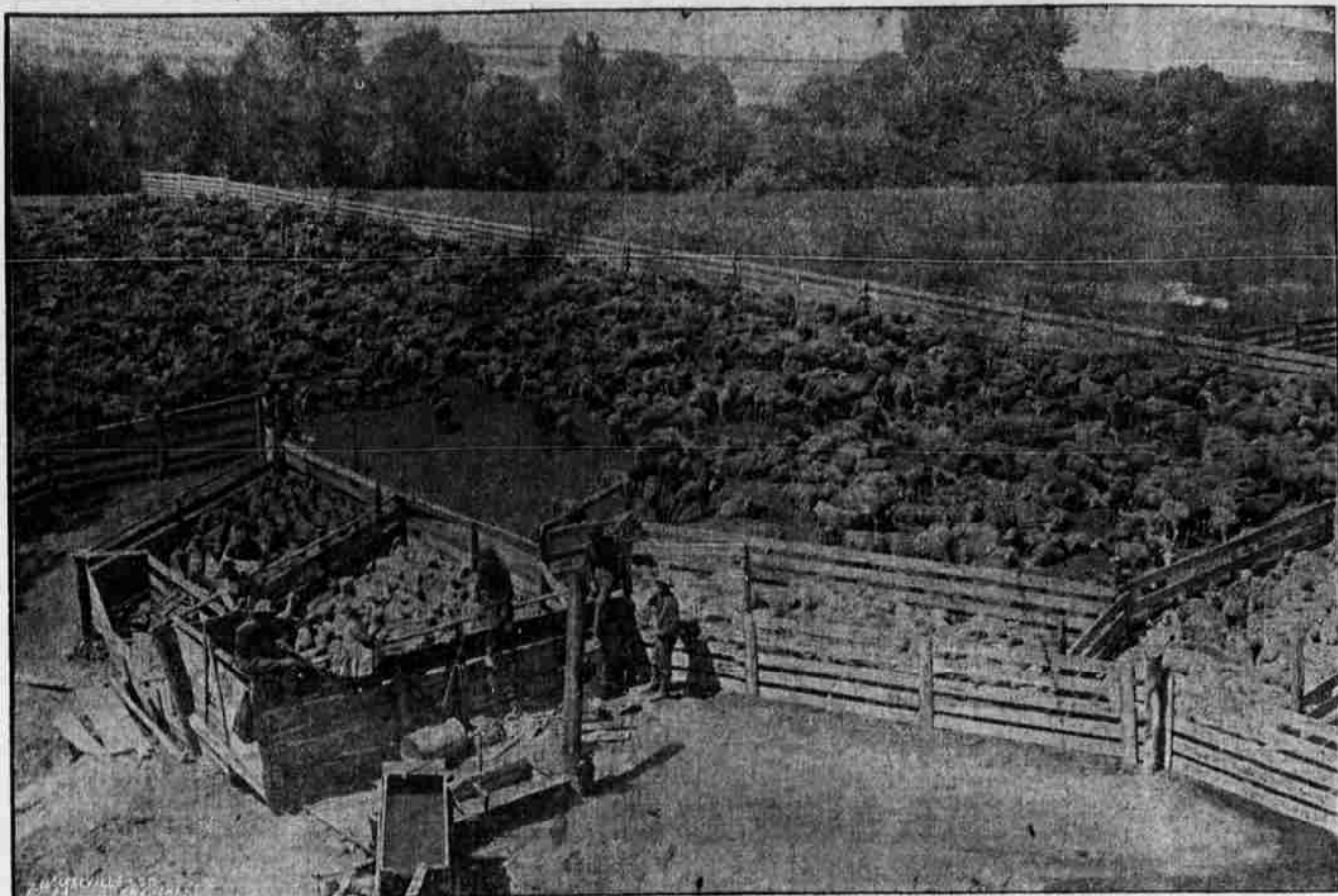




Sheep Ranch Scene in Umatilla County.

FROM ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

YAKIMA MAN DIVESTS
IDOL OF ITS TINSSEL

Punctures an Inflated Boom Proposition and Lets Out Some of the Hot Air—Talks With Ability to Measure Actual Conditions and Unequal Factors in Estimating Values—How "Land" "Sold at \$2000 Per Acre."

A correspondent unloads some pertinent hints and valuable truths through the columns of the Yakima Republic as follows:

Editor Republic:—I hope you will excuse me for troubling you again, but I feel as though I must enter a protest against the way you tell about the price of land on Nob Hill. You say in last night's paper that land sold as high as \$2000 per acre. Now it is no more accurate to say that than it would be to say that a lot in the city sold for \$100,000 when it had a building on it worth \$75,000. The truth of the matter is that this land that sold for \$2000 had a good bearing orchard on it worth three times as much as the land. But the law does not allow an orchard to be assessed, so the assessor picks out a few tracts of land with bearing orchards on, that has sold for a high figure; then he assesses the balance of the land on the assumption that it is worth just as much. Of course the assessor tells us that is not his fault; that we have no orchards in bearing. But the reason we do not have them is that they do not grow up like a mushroom—in one night.

To show what returns we get from the land when it has not a good bearing orchard on it, take my own case: I have 16 acres here; my valuation is \$10,000 besides improvements, which are \$800. I kept a book account of everything I sold off the place last year and it amounted to \$910 gross—a little over \$56 per acre. Out of that I have to pay all expenses. Now at the present rate my taxes would amount to \$333, about \$21 per acre; \$21 from \$56 does not leave much of a margin to pay all expenses and live.

It seems to me, Mr. Editor, because some of the Fruitvale farmers tried to hold up the railroad company for strawberry land (I could have sold them strawberry land for \$300 per acre) is a very poor reason for holding up the Nob Hill farmers.

Now a few words about the market value of land here. It is worth \$1000 or \$2000 when you can get some person to give it to you. I have a neighbor who has tried his best to sell 10 or 12 acres of land this year, but all

he could sell was one acre. Think of a man who had 1000 bushels of grain to sell and could only sell one bushel at the market price and had to wait until some other hungry man would come around. That is the status of the market for Nob Hill land.

Respectfully,

P. GILDEA.

TAMED BY KINDNESS.

The Methods of the Elephant Hunter in the Far East.

This is how elephants are hunted in Ceylon: The people begin by clearing an open space near a forest, part of which is strongly fenced in with trunks of trees, with open places for doors. Then the elephants are found and with blazing torches, rattles of noisy instruments and drums are driven toward the open doors.

At last, with a rush, the great herd enters, the entrance are barred, and the pair leaders of the herd find themselves hopelessly imprisoned. An elephant's rage is dreadful to witness, but the hunters of man has found a way of subduing it. One by one each elephant is freed again, and tame elephants, remarkable for their docility, come up to him, stroke him with their trunks and otherwise adore him until they lead him on to a good strong tree. The natives creep up behind, and in a moment the elephant is made fast to the tree by his leg.

All the time this is going on the tame elephants are humming their doleful victim, but as soon as he is secured they go away and leave him. Then the men bring him coconuts and leaves to eat, which, of course, he refuses, as he is again in a great passion and struggling to be free.

But hunger subdues even the fiercest, and at last his wild roaring ceases, and he eats. From that time the taming process is comparatively easy. Again and again he is fed, as he refuses it, he is released, and the elephant, suspicious of the hunters, becomes at last a docile servant of the man.

White Ants of Africa.

Natives of the east coast of Africa do not object to the presence of the great white ant colonies in their neighborhood. The ants exercise great fertilizing power on the crops. A resident of that country writes: "Every season I have seen the wonderful effects the white ant hill produces on the Kaffirs' maize and corn. Whenever there happens to be an ant hill in a garden its immediate vicinity can be at once distinguished, as the maize and corn are fully double the size of the surrounding crop. The bush country a few miles from this place is swarming with white ants and has also a large native population. The ants do not attack green crops to any extent."

Fruits of Irrigation.

A cantelope measuring 29 1/2 inches in circumference is on exhibition at the Milton bank. It was raised on D. W. Bowman's farm, in the Hudson Bay district. Mr. Bowman has 36 acres of melons and cantelopes.—Free-water Times.

If you see it in the East Oregonian it's true.

THIRTY NEW SENATORS.

Fifteen Democrats and Fifteen Republicans End Their Terms.

The terms of 15 democrats and 15 republicans who have seats in the United States senate expire on March 3, next. The democrats are:

Bacon, Georgia; Bailey, Texas; Berry, Arkansas; Blackburn, Kentucky; Carmack, Tennessee; Clark, Montana; Dubois, Idaho; Foster, Louisiana (re-elected); Gearin, Oregon; McLaurin, Mississippi (re-elected); Martin, Virginia; Morgan, Alabama; Patterson, Colorado; Simmons, North Carolina; Tillman, South Carolina.

The republicans are Alger, Michigan; Allee, Delaware; Benson, Kansas; Burnham, New Hampshire; Crane, Massachusetts; Cullon, Illinois; Dolliver, Iowa; Dryden, New Jersey; Elkins, West Virginia; Frye, Maine; Gamble, South Dakota; Millard, Nebraska; Nelson, Minnesota; Warren, Wyoming; Wetmore, Rhode Island.

Some of the democrats have already been re-elected and other nominated by popular vote. Berry will be succeeded by Davis, Blackburn by Paynter, and Carmack by Taylor; Gearin will be succeeded by Jonathan Bourne (republican). The states of Montana, Idaho and Colorado are doubtful, so the democrats have lost one, and three are in doubt.

In the republican list the states of Delaware, Kansas, Illinois, West Virginia and Rhode Island are doubtful, five in all, but the chances favor the republicans in most of these states.

The new state of Oklahoma will elect two senators and the outlook there is favorable to the democrats.

If a democratic tidal wave should overwhelm the republicans this fall three or four states now counted as surely republican, would elect democrats.

SCALED MT. HYNDMAN.

Oklahoma Professor Climbs Idaho's Highest Peak.

Mountain climbing is one of T. C. Bacon's diversions while away on a camping trip with Professor Ray Green of Guthrie high school, Okla., says the Boise Statesman. Both are eager geologists and keen for adventure as well, and yesterday word came from Ketchum, Ida., near where they are in camp, that they have effected a successful ascent of Mount Hyndman, the highest peak in the state and though not as high as Pike's Peak, by far more difficult and dangerous.

The ascent was begun with a team of horses, the two adventurers driving up the gradual slope until the nature of the ascent and of the passes necessitated resorting to mules. Mounted in this fashion, several miles more were left behind and below, until finally, with 1500 feet still to go, they abandoned the animals and bravely commenced a hand-over-hand ascent, through some of the most treacherous crags and juts in the world.

The long climb consumed many hours and when finally the two reached the very summit they had accomplished what but a single party of mountaineers has ever done before.

The previous ascent was made by officials of the United States geological survey over 10 years ago, and since that time it is not known authentically that the ascension has been successfully accomplished by any but these two men.

The height of the peak is 12,073 feet, according to Section Director Wells, of the weather bureau. T. C. Bacon is a resident of Boise and a student at Baker university.

Would Enforce the Johncox Decision.

Suit was commenced in the superior court this afternoon by David Munn of the Ahtanum valley, against W. H. Redman, Edward Andrews, William Simpson and 12 other land owners and farmers of the Ahtanum valley to enforce the decision of the supreme court known as the "Johncox decision." A temporary restraining order was issued this afternoon preventing the people living above David Munn from using the water in the Ahtanum. The bond of each defendant was fixed at \$300 and the hearing will be September 5.—Yakima Republic.

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