### FOREST FIRE INSURANCE

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comes essential that we should use some other method than men, axes and shovels to prevent destructive forest fires.

Now, my good, friends, let me come to the kernel of this nut. They say an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure; therefore, I favor something that will prevent forest fires. After some careful personal observations, a careful study of the question, and after obtaining the experiences of the pioneers of the western forests, I have come to the definite able fires in our forests is grazing of livestock therein to the full capacity; and especially by sheep.

The vital question is-how will sheep prevent fires.

The answer is short and decisive. Porest fires are usually started by inexperienced campers who have no regard whether a forest fire is started of fire, or not, or else do not realize how a small insignificant campfire may get away and destroy thousands of acres of timber worth millions of dollars. Lightning is often the cause of forest fires, which is completely beyond

human control. Combustible Agents,

The accumulation of two or three years' growth of grass, weeds and underbrush produces a highly combustible agent, ideal for spreading rapidly a small camp or lightning fire; in a short time this insignfeant campfre is beyond human control sweeping forests, farms and all animal life before it. The grass is not only burned but the big trees are destroyed also. It requires some highly inflammable agent, such as this, to spread a fire through the actual trees and timber itself. Without it, the spread and expansion of a fire is impossible

Put a band of ewes to foraging on these forest areas and they will keep down this rank growth of weeds, grass and underbrush, absolutely taking away the necessary and only agent, thus making big forest fires such as we had last year impossible and without materially injuring the trees and them to our future generations. growing timber. These woods, grass and underbrush were not intended by the Creator for posterity but for the present use of struggling humanity. Then why not by all means to save our forests and foster an important industry, encourage sheep grazing thereon, instead of restricting and pre-

The history of the past thirty years bears out my statements. Smythe Brothers, of which I am a member, lease some fifty-thousand acres of forest lands owned and controlled several timber companies. These lands are adjacent to and in fact extend into the Whitman national forest in Oregon; we rent these lands for our sheep during the summer months; the managers and owners of these timber companies have repeatedly said to me: "Mr. Smythe, if we could not get you sheepmen to fairly jump over each other in an endeavor to pay us a rental for our timber lands, we would steele, gladly come to you and offer a goodly Dellwo. sum that your sheep might go upon our lands in the summer and graze them to their full capacity. It is the only practical insurance we have against forest fires." They do not in any manner restrict or prevent the Brethren minister from Holdman amout of sheep grazing on I understand that all timber companies in the west rent the grazing of their lands to stockmen. It is the only practical and successful insurance they have. It is needless to say forest fires on these lands are

Example in Washington. Mr. Thomas McKenzie, chief of grazing in this district, cites an instance last summer on the Colville national forest in the state of Washington. There were two similar areas in this forest not far from each other. both having about equal timber, grass and underbrush thereon and the general lay of the swamps, hills and streams being similar. On one of these was regularly grazed a band of sheep; the other had not been grazed. Forest fires started last summer on both. On the one where sheep were grazed it was easily checked and controlled and no damage was done to the timber. The fires on the other were not able to get under control until they had burned over 100,000 acres of forest land and destroyed much excellent timber. The Colville supervisor believes in sheep grazing to pro

tect his forest. I know of many similar instances but lack of time prevents me from relating them here today. I am happy tribe of horned man-monkey pigmles to note that many fair minded foresters who have had occasion to observe actual western conditions, taken from rabbit Lodge, in the Delta of Topexperience, realize the importance of livestock grazing as forest fire pre-

Best of all, history, actual applicatwenty-five years proves the statement that livestock grazing is the most practical and successful forest fire insur-

A few days ago, I wrote a hundred experienced, capable, fair and honest stockmen who have directly seen and observed personally western forests ing and noticed the fires which have occurred on these forests for the past He is an amateur archaeologist, fifteen to thirty years. The majority have replied and they unanimously bear me out and substantiate my statements. The argument is so decisive and is so well known by the pioneer users of national forests assembled here today, I feel it is a bore and an imposition to take up your valuable time and that of this convention to further discuss the soundness of this argument upon which I base my conclusions.

Sheep Do No Injury. I am going to take just a moment to refute the statement that sheep injure the small, tender young shoots. From twenty-two to twenty-five years ago, I went with my father on to the Rainier national forest in the state will be sorry.

of Washington; that year marked the first year of heavy sheep grazing on this forest. I have practically been on this reserve every year since, up to about five years ago. All sheep in going to this reserve had to pass over a strip of forest area called Cedar valley. At first, there were very few young pine seedlings or pine saplings. As soon as sheep began to eat off the pine grass and forage became scarce, little pine seedlings began to spring up by the billions; in fact so thick/that in most places making it almost impassable with a horse. These seedlings are now growing into substantial pine saplings and we find it today almost impossible to cross Cedar valley with sheep on account of the density of the small pines. No other cause for this can be given except conclusion that the only successful the eating off of the pine grass and prevention of future big uncontrollsheep. No doubt, many of sheepmen here can relate a similar circumstance.

In conclusion, I have to say that every argument seems to favor the idea that sheep were intended to pasture upon the abundance or weeds and grasses in our forests and to protect interests in conservation and small her Giants of the Woods from ravages

> Praises Forestry Officials. Don't misunderstand me to mean any disparagement against the forest service or its officials. I am a firm believer in the protection of our forests from destruction.

I want to join in the song of praise for those brave forest guard heroes that in some instances gave up their lives last summer that our forests might be saved. A monument should be raised in the heart of every American for their noble effort. But, my countrymen, do not forget to give the old ewe her just honors. If we are to measure the good done to protect our forests for posterity and give honor to whom honor is due, let us then emblazon the image of the old marine ewe on the hearts of every honest country-loving American as the greatest conservationist of them all-Gif-

ford Pinchot not excepted. If the old adage is true that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, an old ewe, by eating up the inflammable material which causes the fire, then is worth a dozen forest guards in the practical duty of keeping our forests fire-free and giving

# SHORT NEWS NOTES FROM ABOUT NOLIN

(Special Correspondence.) Nolin, Jan. 8.-John Russell and William Hoch came down from Pendleton this morning for a goose hunt. Mrs. O. F. Steele spent Saturday in Stanfield visiting Mrs. W. A. Fraser and Mrs. R. N. Beavert.

Thomas Kerr will ereck buildings in the near future on a 15 acre tract he lately purchased from O. F. Steele Among the visitors to the county seat during the past week were Misses Bulah and Beryl Atherton, Messrs. Thomas Kerr, Jacob Rohde, O. F. Steele, James Coppinger and J. P.

Miss Florence Simons, a trained nurse, returned to Pendieton Wednesday after taking care of Nellie Welch for two weeks.

Rev. C. F. Cunningham, United has been holding a series of meeting here during the past week and which will be continued till next Friday. A surprise party was given at residence of James Marple Friday night and was reported as being an enjoyable affair.

Fred Ebrel has just completed a well 265 feet deep with an abundant supply of water for M. E. Whitmore. He will drill next week for Charles Daniel in South Cold Spring.

Preparations are being made have a basket social next Saturday night, the proceeds to be given to Mrs. Charles Welch whose daughter Nellie has been ill several weeks with typhoid-pneumonia.

Considerable enthusiasm is being shown by the Nolin Farmers' Union Ten new members were initiated last night and five applications favorably considered. J. A. Hawks, Ed Dupuis, R. S. Austin, Ed McCutchen and Miss Avva McCutchen were elected as delegates to the county union for the ensuing year.

### MAN-MONKEY BONES REVEAL HORNED TRIBE

Skulls, Skeletons, Ancient Utensils, Show Existence of Strange Race, Los Angeles-Skeletons of a strange are being exhumed from an ancient burying ground discovered near Jackango canyon, near Santa Monica.

Forty-four skulls and almost as many complete sets of torso and limb bones have been recovered, together tion and observation during the past with a number of strange antiquities apparently used by the tribe as weapons and numerous stone mortars.

The tribe is thought to have been the last of the kind, and it is claimed by legend of the oldest Spanish famletters to the leading most prominent, illes that Aztec Indians exterminated them upon their invasion into Southern California. W. W. Coolbaugh, a veteran of the civil war, who is leadwith sheep grazing and without graz- ing a life of almost complete isolation at the lodge, made the valuable find

Consul Julius D. Dreher of Port Antonio, reports that on September 31 the bonded warehouses of Jamaica had in stock 639,455 gallons of rum, as against 482,136 gallons on the same date in 1909. With the erection of No. 3 store, the new rum stores at Kingston have a total floor space of 10,000 square feet, which affords room for bonding 4500 puncheons (about 520,000 gallons), exclusive of the space allowed for vats and offi-

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YOUNG MAN IN

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Wagon Passes Over Leg Crushing and Breaking Bone-Attempts to Crawl Five Miles to Town,

(Special Correspondence.) Echo, Ore., Jan. 7 .- Forty of the high school and grammar grade pupils drove from here to Hermiston last night to attend the basketball game between the Hermiston and Echo high school teams. The game resulted in a score of 29 to 27 in fafor of Echo.

John Corea, a young Portuguese of this place, had his right leg crushed and broken Thursday morning. The young man was hauling a load of salt for Stanfield Bros., from Echo to Butter creek and in attempting to climb on his wagon slipped and fell underneath, the hind wheel passing over and breaking his leg below the

The accident happened some five miles out from Echo and Corea, being alone at the time, attempted to drag himself back to town. He soon gave out and laid in the road some little time before a passing team brought him in to Jos. Cunha's place where he is now resting easy under

the care of Dr. Dorn. Born, Wednesday, Jan. 4, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brackenburg, a son. Mrs. L. W. Keeler and little daughers returned home last evening from

a visit to Boise, Idaho. Sloan Thomson returned yesterday morning from Pendleton.

Mrs. Eva Skinner, who has been elephone operator at Stanfield, had the misfortune to step on a nail the first of the week and is now at her mother's home here under the doctor's

Louis Scholl, Jr., made a business rip to Pendleton yesterday, returning home in the evening. Ralph Godfrey returned home today a visit with his parents

### LETS HIM WAIT AS SHE DID.

Massachusetts Girl Stays Away from

Her Twice-Arranged Wedding. Boston.-Two months ago Miss Sadie Jeanette McGillivray of Malden. Mass, was to have been married to to have her notified. The wedding

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