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PROPOSAL OF NEW LAWS

WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO EAST-
ERN OREGON.

Representative Cole Talks In Re-
lation to Some of the
Measures.

Representative Dr. W. G. Cole be-
lieves that the present session of the
Oregon legislature will produce several
laws that will be of benefit to Eastern
Oregon and more especially the range
counties, and the irrigation centers.

Dr. Cole returned Friday morning
from Salem and will leave today for the
capitol city. He stated yesterday after-
noon that the legislation of interest
particularly to Umatilla county so far,
has been the measures to change the
charters of Heppner, Adams, Athena,
Ione and Lexington, and to determine
the boundaries between this county and
Walla Walla and Union.

The charters of the towns in Morrow
county are sought to be changed to in-
sure a better water supply for the com-
munities, the charters of Athena and
Adams are to be remodeled to enable
the towns to extend their corporate
limits.

Legislation will also be offered by the
Umatilla delegation looking towards an
increased appropriation for the Normal
school at Weston to enable the institu-
tion to build a dormitory which is
greatly needed. The amount needed
will be comparatively small and it is
not thought that there will be any diffi-
culty in securing this measure's pas-
sage.

Dr. Smith will introduce the bill to
determine the boundaries of the county
and settle this strife between the in-
terior communities.

But the legislation that is of greatest
interest to Umatilla county and to the
entire region of Eastern Oregon has not
been offered yet, and has been but out-
lined in caucus. Legislation looking to
the settlement of the range wars will
probably be offered, and though but a
week of the session has passed already,
caucusses have been held and Eastern
Oregon legislators have decided to
stand as a unit in support of measures
that will solve this, the chief problem
of the interior.

One of the phases of this problem is
the admission of out of state herds
which are rushed across the boundary
in the spring and which not only rob
Oregon herders of their rightful pas-
turage, but compel too frequently the
sale of Oregon flocks at any figure be-
cause there is no pasturage for them.
This condition will be ameliorated by
the legislature in all probability by the
passage of a law taxing all herds that
enter the state from other common-
wealths at a figure which will force the
outside stockmen to seek home pas-
tures.

The range war problem between dif-
ferent counties of interior Oregon is not
so easily disposed of, for there exists a
considerable difference of opinion con-
cerning the best course to pursue in
dealing with this question. One of the
solutions of this problem was suggested
in caucus the last week, it being that
the counties where range outrages oc-
curred be held liable for the damage
sustained. Attorney, however, in the
caucus doubted whether this plan
would work, as desperadoes might in-
vade a county and commit an overt act
then escaping from the bounds of the
county, in such a case the county would
be neither a party to the offense by

omission or commission, and in law it
would be hard to collect a damage bill
against an innocent county, though such
laws have been enforced in Ohio and
Kentucky.

Another solution is to follow the
governor's suggestion and give him a
special fund to employ special officers
and detectives to investigate the stock
wars, as the government looks into the
land frauds.

No definite legislation has been evolved
so far, but whatever relief is offered
the Eastern Oregon representatives in
both house and senate are pledged to
support, should it seem at all feasible.

On irrigation the representatives are
not so unanimous. About the only
platform on which they can be united is
the one which says the state laws
should be codified and made to conform
with the federal government's statutes.
Some of the representatives are person-
ally interested in irrigation schemes
and these members shy at projects that
contemplate a confiscation of individual
irrigation plants for the public good.

The legislative machinery is running
smoothly after the first week's session,
there are no conflicts of importance
probable, and it is the general opinion
of the legislators that the session will be
a short one, the speaker of the house
being desirous to make a record of
economy and business-like management
with the legislature of 1905.—Pendleton
Tribune.

Good Proposition Anyway.

The Irrigator, like all other country
papers, receives a good many very
tempting offers from various business
concerns throughout the country. If
we could or would accept one half of
these alluring chances we would, no
doubt, make money enough in a twelve-
month to retire—or else land on the
poor farm.

One of the latest circulars is from a
firm in Buffalo, offering a handsome
gold watch for nothing, or almost noth-
ing. Said watch is purported to be
worth about \$50, and they will send it
to us at once by registered mail if we
will sign a little piece of paper agreeing
to buy 100 pounds of some sort of strap
oil, at the very low price of 35 cents per
pound.

This strap oil, or belt dressing, is
said to be the greatest thing on earth
for printers. It is used for oiling the
belts on Washington presses. There
are two of these belts. They should be
oiled once in three years. So we figure
that 100 pounds of the electric dressing
would last four million years.

Even now, in our adolescence, with
visions of longevity staring us in the
countenance, we do not hope or expect to
live that long. Indeed we fear we will
not live half that long.

The only possible way we could
break even on such a deal would be to
die before said paper became due, in
90 days, and who ever heard of a man
dying in 90 days with a note coming
due?—Oregon Irrigator.

A Grim Tragedy

is daily enacted in thousands of homes,
as Death Claims, in each one, another
victim of Consumption or Pneumonia.
But when Coughs and colds are properly
treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G.
Auntley, Oaklandon, Ind., writes:
"My wife had the consumption, and
three doctors gave her up. Finally she
took Dr. King's New Discovery for con-
sumption, Coughs and Colds, which
cured her and today she is well and
strong." It kills the germs of all dis-
eases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed
at 50c and \$1.00 by Slocum Drug Co.,
druggist. Trial bottle free.

SHEEPKILLERS OF CROOK

WARN WOOLGROWERS NOT TO
OFFER REWARDS.

The Oregonian Receives Extraor-
dinary Letter From Scene
of Stock Feuds.

The following anonymous communi-
cation was received yesterday from the
"Crook County Sheep Shooters' Asso-
ciation," with an inclosed report which
is, to say the least, terse and to the
point, says the Oregonian. Just who
composed this remarkable organization
or whether the communication is genu-
ine is not known to the Oregonian.
This is what it has to say regarding the
enforcement of so-called laws in Crook
county:

Mr. Editor: Seeing that you are giv-
ing quite a bit of publicity to the sheep-
shooters of Crook county, I thought I
would lend you some assistance by giv-
ing you a short synopsis of the proceed-
ings of the organization during the past
year. We have not been accustomed to
making annual reports of the doings of
the "order," but we have made such a
respectable showing during the closing
year that I think a brief summary of
some of the most important transactions
of the association will be of interest to
your readers. Therefore, if space will
permit, please publish the following re-
port:

"Sheep-shooters' Headquarters,
Crook County, Or., December 29, 1904
—Editor Oregonian: I am authorized
by this association (the Inland Sheep-
Shooters) to notify The Oregonian to
desist in the future from publishing
matter derogatory to the reputation of
sheep-shooters in Eastern Oregon. We
claim to have the banner county of Ore-
gon on the progressive lines of sheep-
shooting, and it is my pleasure to in-
form you that we have a little govern-
ment of our own in Crook county, and
we would thank The Oregonian and the
Governor to attend strictly to their own
business and not meddle with the set-
tlement of the range question in our
province.

"We are the most direct and effective
means of controlling the range in our
jurisdiction. If we want more range,
we simply fence it in and live up to the
maxim of the Golden Rule that pos-
session represents nine points in the
law. If fencing is too expensive for
the protection of the range, "dead
lines" are most effective substitutes and
readily manufactured. When sheep-
men fail to observe these peaceable
obstructions, we delegate a committee
to notify offenders, sometimes by
putting notices on tent or cabin, and
sometimes by publication in one of the
leading newspapers of the county, as
follows:

"You are hereby notified to move
this camp within 24 hours, or take the
consequences."

(Signed.) "COMMITTEE."

"These mild and peaceable means
are usually effective, but in cases where
they are not our executive committee
takes the matter in hand, and being
men of high ideals as well as good shots
by moonlight, they promptly enforce
the edicts of the association.

"We have recently extended our
jurisdiction to cover a large territory on
the desert heretofore occupied by sheep-
men, and we expect to have to sacri-
fice a few flocks of sheep there this
winter. Our annual report shows that
we have slaughtered between 8000 and
10,000 head during the last shooting

season, and we are expecting to increase
this respectable showing during the
next season, providing the sheep hold
out and the Governor and The Oregon-
ian observe the customary laws of
neutrality. We have burned about the
usual number of camps and corrals this
season, and have also sent out quite a
number of important warnings which
we think will have a salutary effect.

"We have just received a shipment of
ammunition that we think will be suffi-
cient to meet any shortage which might
occur on account of increase of territory
requiring special attention.

"In some instances the woolgrowers
of Eastern Oregon have been so unwise
as to offer rewards for the arrest and
conviction of shoot-shooters and for as-
saults on herders. We have heretofore
warned them by publication of the
danger of such action, as it might result
in our organization having to proceed
on the lines that "dead men tell no
tales." This is not to be construed as a
threat to commit murder, as we do not
justify such a thing except when flock-
owners resort to unjustifiable means in
protecting their property.

"Mr. Editor, please excuse the lack
of systematic order in preparing this,
our first annual report. Our office is
not yet supplied with the necessary
printed forms so necessary to facilitate
reports. We have thought of furnish-
ing the names of our officers, and also
honorary members of the order, but as
your space will probably not admit of a
supplementary report at this time, we
will not be able to furnish a roll of
honor that will be complimentary to
the cause.

(Signed.) CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
"Crook County Sheep-Shooters' Asso-
ciation of Eastern Oregon."

"The New Year was duly observed
by our brave boys by the slaughter of
about 500 head of sheep belonging to a
gentleman who had violated our rules
or laws. The names of the active
participants in this last brilliant action
of the association have not yet been
handed in. When they are, we will
take pleasure in recording them on the
roll of honor above mentioned.

"The Crook county papers have re-
cently said some uncomplimentary
things about our order, which may in-
vite attention later on. Our work is
now of too much importance to justify
a diversion from the regular order of
business.

"COR. SEC. C. C. S. ASSO."

OREGON KID WON.

The Horse Was Raised By Ben
Swaggart.

In the first race of the Portland
Hunt Club for the Anne Shogren
cup which occurred recently, The
Oregonian says:

"In one of the prettiest finishes
of any of the Hunt Club runs ever
enjoyed by its members, E. B.
Tongue on Oregon Kid, won the
first race."

Oregon Kid spoken of is an
Eastern Oregon horse and was
raised by Ben Swaggart who re-
sides near Heppner. This horse
is from Imported Colphurnus and
is a half brother of Oregon George,
winner of the Pacific Coast stakes
for two-year-olds.

Mr. Swaggart is one of the larg-
est individual horse growers in
Eastern Oregon and now has 700
head of horses on his big stock
farm.

If you take this paper and The Weekly
Oregonian you won't have to beg your
news.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES

ARTICLES FILED FOR CHURCH
AT IRRIGON.

Record of the Movement in Morrow
County Real Estate For
the Week.

Articles of incorporation are in
the hands of the county clerk for
filing for The First Christian
Church of Irrigon. The articles
are such that the existence of the
church shall be perpetual. The
purpose and object for which the
corporation is formed is to carry
on the business of preaching and
spreading the news of God, also
to buy, deed, mortgage and lease
real estate, to erect buildings, etc.,
to be used for religious purposes,
and to transact such other busi-
ness as is customary to be trans-
acted by such corporations. The
trustees are to be elected annually.

Real Estate Transfers.

S. Vincent and wife to G. W.
Vincent. 160 acres. \$500.

L. T. Anderson to Chas. Sorber.
160 acres. \$1300.

C. J. Matlock and wife to Joseph
Doherty. Land in Morrow coun-
ty. \$15,000.

Sarah Brown to Ernest W.
Moyers. 480 acres. \$728.

Pat Berry to John Woodward.
160 acres. \$450.

Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. &
A. M. to A. Andrews. Lot in
Masonic cemetery. \$10.

Wm. P. McMillan and wife to
Chas. R. Pointer. 120 acres.
\$1000.

Andrew Rood and wife to Em-
ma E. Lucas. 160 acres. \$1200.

Chas. W. Chadwick to Ernest
W. Moyers. 160 acres. \$400.

C. L. Barzee et ux to R. S. Wil-
cox. Land in Morrow county.
\$250.

Augustus Walker and wife to
R. S. Wilcox and G. L. Barzee.
Land in Morrow county. \$10,000.

Edward McDaid and wife to
Elmer Stamp. 160 acres. \$1000.

W. F. Ball and wife to C. E.
Ball. Land in Morrow county.
\$2000.

Elijah S. Griffith to J. D. Ball.
Land in Ione. \$1000.

P. C. Creswell and wife to
Sarah C. Brown. Land in Hepp-
ner. \$1100.

Abbie I. Wilhelm and husband
to John A. Harbke. 280 acres.
\$3500.

Morrow County Land & Trust
Co. to Albert Williams. Lot in
Heppner. \$25.

O. E. Johnson to C. R. Johnson.
Land in Morrow county. \$700.

Wiley McBea and wife to
Frank Anderson. Land in Mor-
row county. \$5000.

Jacob M. Cowdrey and wife to
Anson E. Wright. Land in Mor-
row county. \$2000.

E. D. Rood to John Zollinger.
Lots in Hardman. \$700.

Property For Sale Cheap.

I offer for sale at 75 per cent of cost,
the stone business building on Main
street, which is now occupied by the
Belvedere saloon. My residence prop-
erty, which is above high water mark,
I will also sell on same basis.

FRANK ROBERTS.