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TO STOP RANGE WARS.

Measures Introduced To Stamp Out Evil.

The state has at last taken initiatory steps to stop the range wars in Central Oregon. Representative Steiner has introduced a bill before the legislature, the purpose of which is to stamp out the evil that has existed since the early days. If the bill becomes a law certain officials of the stockraising and ranging counties will be held responsible for the wars between the sheepmen and cattlemen and accordingly the officers will make special efforts to prevent such slaughters as have started the outside world for several years past and brought about both life and property. Every year thousands of dollars' worth of stock have been wantonly killed as a result of the friction between cattlemen and sheepmen, while the loss of human lives in these wars has been considerable.

The salient features of the measure are that whenever in any county or municipal corporation in this state any cattle, sheep, horses or goats shall be injured or destroyed by any outlaw or person or persons in disguise mob or riot, the owners of such property shall be entitled to recover from the county or municipal corporation in which such property was located at the time it was injured or destroyed, 50 per cent of the reasonable value thereof at the time or place where injured or destroyed.

That claims for damages allowed in section one of this act shall be first presented to the county court in the county where such damages occurred, within twenty days from the occurrence of such damages, with the proof of loss and shall be acted upon by said court as other claims are now passed upon. That in case of the decision of the county court is unsatisfactory to the party claiming the damages he shall be entitled to appeal from the decision of such county court to the circuit court of said county. In case of such appeal from the county court to the circuit court the same shall be commenced by the filing of a complaint in the said circuit court of the said county, and the service of summons shall be had the same as an ordinary action in law. It shall be sufficient service in such actions to serve the summons and a copy of the complaint upon the county clerk of the county defendant.

In case such damages be against such municipality, they shall file their proof of damages with the recorder of such municipality within twenty days after the happening of such damages and such claims shall be passed upon as other claims are now passed upon in such municipality, and in case the party desires an appeal from the decision of the city council of such municipality, he shall proceed as above provided from the county court, the copy of the complaint and the service of summons shall be served upon the recorder of such municipality and such action shall be prosecuted to final determination according to the laws of this state and the practice of the courts relative to such actions between private individuals.

For news and opinions—the Oregonian.

Two Men Asphyxiated.

Portland, Feb. 3.—The bodies of Walter W. Riggs and Albert Overmann, of Weiser, Idaho, were found this afternoon in a downtown lodging house. An open gas jet explained the manner of their death and from all appearances their demise was accidental. The young men were formerly engaged in the leather business.

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Between now and April 1 about 200 teachers will be appointed from the United States to the Philippine service. These positions pay salaries at the start from \$1000 to \$1200.

The government of France will foster cotton culture in the Sudan, the ministry and chamber of deputies acting on the presumption that unless something extraordinary is done America will absolutely control the culture and manufacture of cotton in a few years.

At Culbertson, Mont., W. G. Greer, a rancher, was murdered by an unknown assassin, who apparently summoned him to the door and then shot him dead in his tracks. Greer was found by neighbor lying just within the door of his cabin, with a bullet hole through the chest. The man had been dead several days when found.

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Cornucopia Redeemed.

Baker City, Feb. 2.—The Cornucopia mine was today redeemed by a New York syndicate, said to represent the interests of the Searis bankrupt estate, the creditors accepting between \$40,000 and \$50,000, the amount of the judgment.

The Cornucopia was sold recently on an execution to satisfy numerous judgments of miners and other local creditors. The case was fought through the courts of this state, and the United States courts of both this state and New York.

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