

**Death of Robert Gaynor.**

Robert Gaynor died in this city, of pneumonia, last Saturday morning.

Mr. Gaynor had been sick for some time and was at the Heppner Sanitarium where he recovered sufficient strength to be able to get onto the street.

After getting up he suffered a relapse and being naturally of frail constitution, died in a few days.

Mr. Gaynor had been a resident of Heppner for some time. He had just purchased an interest in the Cash Shoe store with E. E. Beaman, and was taken sick in a few days after taking charge.

His mother arrived from Dallas on the evening prior to his death. The remains were shipped to Dallas for burial at his old home.

Henry Neil came in on Monday's train from outside points.

Clothes cleaned and pressed, called for and delivered. GUY MCKNIGHT

Cashier W. S. Wharton made a business trip to Lexington, Tuesday.

R. W. Hickok, the lone grain buyer, will be at Heppner Thursday of each week. Get offers on your grain.

Phil Cohn, at the Heppner warehouse, will pay the highest price for hides, pelts, and furs. Seed wheat, oats, rye, and barley on hand.

Cecil C. Cathey, of Albany, business manager of the advertising firm of Cathey & Haines, was looking after the interests of the firm in this city the fore part of the week.

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**NATIONAL WOOLGROWERS'**

**Wayside Notes by One who Attended the Montana Meeting.**

**EDITOR GAZETTE:**

On Sunday, the 12th day of January, the delegates from Oregon selected to go to the National Woolgrowers' Convention at Helena, Montana, met at Pendleton, and with streaming banners attached to a special Pullman, a special agent and porter to accompany them, with rousing cheers and waving of handkerchiefs from the ladies of Pendleton, started on their two days journey and after a pleasant and uneventful trip over the O. R. & N. road to Spokane and from there over the Great Northern, the bunch arrived without the loss of one, owing to the great care exercised by the agent sent in charge. If the two competing roads had an object in view they certainly deserve to obtain it (if consistent) for the royal way they treated this delegation in providing for its welfare and comfort.

On arriving at Helena we helped to enlarge one of the largest gatherings of sheep men it has ever been my good fortune to mix up with.

Dr. Wilson, of Wyoming, (the Doc. we all know) acted as president and opened up with a good speech. He introduced some alarming statistics on wool and mutton products, the value of the same, and also the increased consumption and the increase in population for the last 40 years, a part of which I will endeavor to give in this letter.

Other speeches followed. One by Thomas J. Walsh, and one by Governor Brooks of Wyoming, which for oratory and good language would be very hard to beat. It went to show how antagonistic the people of those states are to the present policy of the forest reserve. This, however, is only to be expected as the states of Montana and Wyoming are only now passing through the same period that the eastern part of Oregon and Washington passed through 25 years ago, when the farmer and small stock rancher invaded this country and broke up to a certain extent the reign of many of the nomadic bands of cattle and sheep that used to roam at large, and that eventually must come, in a measure, to the rest of the Western states.

The majority of stockmen of Oregon are not opposed to the creation of forest reserves for the protection of timber for future posterity, but it is the rulings laid down in regard to the grazing of these forests and managed, or rather mismanaged, by preconceived notions of underpaid men who are partial to one man's interests and prejudiced against another that will eventually, if allowed to continue, cripple and destroy industries that have taken a lifetime of hard work and strict attention to business to build up, which is just as essential to future posterity as the protection of trees for timber.

The first day of the meeting was devoted to speech making and the reading of papers, and Wednesday afternoon the delegates visited the Mid-Winter Sheep Show, which, by the way, exhibited some excellent types of sheep, mostly of the coarse or mutton breeds; and on Thursday the real business began.

The delegates from Oregon selected a committee to draft a set of resolutions to be handed in to the national committee on resolution and succeeded in getting quite a few embodied in the national resolutions. But some were discarded on account of being too local a nature.

Dan P. Smythe, of Pendleton, was selected as one on the national committee

on resolutions and did good work for Oregon, and if the convention could have prevailed upon Dr. Wilson to accept the nomination for president, our delegation would have landed the vice-president's place hands down.

\$10,000 was then raised by individual subscription for the purpose of representing the livestock interests at Washington. In this the delegation from Oregon came to the front to the amount of about \$900.

After a short meeting of the executive committee, on which one of the delegates from Morrow county was appointed, to bond the treasurer and attend to a few other matters, the convention adjourned to meet again at Pocatella, Idaho, next year.

Helena is a beautiful city, built as it is at the foot of Mt. St. Helens, and commands a grand panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains with their spires and domes, and if one could forget for a moment that he was in the new world, it would not take a very great stretch of the imagination for him to think that he was beholding a city in Europe of ancient castles. But, however, about the only castles the average American builds is usually in the air. We have no time for others.

Dr. Wilson in his speech said that there had not been any practical increase in sheep for the past 40 years, yet the increased consumption of mutton for the past 16 years has been over 400 per cent. And today, according to government statistics, there are 36 per cent of all the sheep flocks of the United States needed for mutton. If the increase keeps up we shall not have mutton enough in the whole country in ten years to supply the demand. The increase in sheep the past 40 years has been 29.8 per cent; the increase in population, 176.4 per cent, and the increase in the consumption of mutton, 400 per cent. He further stated that the value of the entire wool clip both pulled and fleeced in the United States for the year 1907 was \$75,263,165, and the value of mutton for the same period was \$64,165,795, making a grand total of \$142,428,960.

So, if we keep on plowing up our land for wheat, increasing our population, increasing our demand for mutton, increasing our forest reserves, and cutting down the number of sheep every year at the same rate we have been, the world will wake up some day in the not far distant future to the fact that it has plenty of bread, plenty of timber, and other material from mother earth for building purposes, but is short, terribly short, of that most essential of all fabrics, wool. Then it will be that no one but the very rich will be able to wear woolen clothes. The man of moderate means may perhaps be able to wear cotton and shoddy clothes cast off from our more fortunate brother, but pity the poor devil that has to go back to sack cloth or fig leaves no matter how well he may be fed.

So I say to the sheep raiser, hold on to your sheep, hold on to your sheep range, make the best terms possible with Uncle Sam for his range, for it will not be very long in place or putting a bounty on sheep scalps, and also sheepmen's scalps, he will be offering a premium to any man owning an acre of land if he will raise a sheep on it.

After laying over at Great Falls and Spokane long enough to take in these cities, the delegates arrived in Pendleton. There with many handshakes and promises to meet again next year at Pocatella, we parted, each one for his respective district.

W. B. B.

**Timber Land, Act June 8, 1878. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, December 30, 1907.  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 8, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory" as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Clarence C. Curpin, of Hood River, county of Wasco, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 3572, for the purchase of the S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 12, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section No. 13, in Township No. 4 S. Range No. 29 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 11th day of March, 1908.  
He names as witnesses: David C. Bricheux, of La Grande, Oregon; Everett O. Hall, Charles Hall, and Hugh B. Eason, of Hood River, Oregon.  
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