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The people of no state in the Union have profited more by these one-way tickets than have those of Oregon during the last four years. The rate from Chicago is \$33., from St. Louis \$30.50, with a proportionate low fare from all points in the United States. This should add many thousands of actual settlers to the population of Oregon. These are one-way tickets, and if travelers desire to return to their former homes in the older eastern states they would have to pay full fare.

Every commercial club and advertising bureau in the state, as well as every real estate firm, should begin immediately to advertise these rates. Every citizen of Oregon should write personal letters to old friends and acquaintances reminding them that the rate is good to their own town. But the ticket must be bought to the point of destination—it is just as cheap to the most distant Oregon point as to one just over the border of the state.

No news that has been received by the people of Oregon during the last twenty-four months is so important as the announcement that the transcontinental railroads will make a rate, beginning March 1st and continuing until April 30th, from Kansas City, Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Winnipeg and other similarly situated towns, to all main line railroad points in Oregon, for \$25.00

Vancouver, Washington, has employed P. C. Lavey, one of America's most effective advertisers, a splendid orator and organizer, as Secretary of its Commercial Club. They are determined to raise \$10,000 for an advertising fund, and at a recent meeting \$4,000 was subscribed in an hour.

The welcome thaw extending over the Pacific Northwest did not interfere with the Walla Walla-California excursionists, who reached Portland last Saturday as expected. A car ride over the city, dinner and evening reception at the Portland Commercial Club, were features of their entertainment.

On the 12th the Roseburg Commercial Club celebrated the opening of its beautiful new Club, built expressly for them. Guests from different parts of the state were present, and an elaborate banquet was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Club.

Two events of interest last week were the meeting of the Oregon State A. Sessors' Ass'n from the 12 to the 14th, and the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Oregon State Poultry Association, both in Portland.

Closing the most successful year of its organization, the Portland Chamber of Commerce gave its annual dinner on Jan. 13th, with almost three hundred guests gathered around the tables.

**LOCAL NEWS**

A worthy charity has been called to the attention of the PROGRESS. It is that of a widow with a little child who by death lost her husband about six months ago while living up in the foot hills in Garfield, trying to hold her home-stead, and without funds or provisions she has been cared for by a neighbor. In this land of plenty no single individual should be allowed the honor even if able and willing, to share in such charity alone. Donations of provisions left at the PROGRESS office will be appreciated for this worthy cause and acknowledged. Mr. Demoy, the mail-carrier will see that the amounts reach the individual. We will head the list with the donation.

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**As Seen From the Manse Window**

Best cures are sometimes the result of the bitterest medicines. Genuine Christianity does not seek to overthrow the truth wherever found, but tries to establish it. The anarchist enjoys the ice cream of the Fourth of July but that does not prove his patriotism. Saying prayer and praying are two different things. Whether we live in New York, or Iowa, or Oregon we can still be Americans, and whether we be Roman Catholics, Methodists, or Baptists we can still "all be one" that is, if Christ abides in us and we in Him. But some refuse to admit this. The name "Roman Catholic," "Methodist," "The Church of Christ" or "Christian Church" are all names not found in the Bible, but that need not prevent these denominations from doing genuine christian work. To hear some parents urge their children you would think that the addition table is of more value than the Sermon on the Mount. To "keep up" the farm is necessary but to "keep up" one's character is of greater importance. The saddest funerals are those where nobody thinks it worth while to attend. Heat will melt wax and harden clay. The love of Christ may melt our hearts or harden them. The janitor has it in his power to spoil a good sermon and to make a poor sermon really helpful. Judging from some of our dearies nothing has happened since January 9th. Somehow there are still those who think that religion must have only Sunday clothes. The world does not care so much what church we belong to, but rather how closely we follow the meek and lowly Nazarene. "Ye our camel and then trust the Lord that he will stay." Koran. This is good advice also for us. "Are you a Christian?—but perhaps your neighbor could tell me more about it than you!"

The loss of some members may sometimes prove a decided advance. This applies to the legislature, as well as to the lodge, to the community as well as the church. Some people think that when preachers do not scold, there is unmistakable evidence of cowardice. When the preacher preaches against every known sin for where the Light of Christ penetrates sin can no longer abide. Excuses offered as reasons for not going to church are often the best reason why you should go. Some folks actually wonder why other folks cannot be as good as they. To unite all the churches is the ambition of many people, but the trouble is all the rest must join "their church"—H. W. Kuhlman

**Barton**

The correspondent has just thawed out. Maybe you think it was cold, six degrees below zero in our burg. Miss Dora Gibson and brother, Franklin who has been confined to their beds with chicken-pox, are able to be around again. Mr. Crapo's dance Saturday night was a grand success. Mr. Harvey Gibson moved in his beautiful mansion on the farm and Fred J. Ely is occupying his house in town. Chas. A. Burghardt's saw mill has arrived at last. He will be running in full blast in about a month. Our mail carrier Fred J. Ely missed two days on account of snow. Miss Emma Dowty of Carrisville is visiting her sister Mrs. Fred J. Ely. Miss Lila Scott's smiling face was seen in Barton Monday. This cold weather has brought the price of wood up. Wood-men paid as high as \$3.75 per cord. Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Bates called on D. L. Davis and wife Monday. Mr. Frank Cox of Washington is visiting his brother Edd Cox of this place.

**SHALL THERE BE A BOUNTY ON DESTRUCTIVE WILD ANIMALS?**

Foster, Linn County, Oregon, Dec. 17, 1908. Mr. Tax-Payer and Sportsmen. Your attention is respectfully called to the petition following this article, the same is self explanatory and we beg that you will carefully read and consider the facts therein contained. To the Western man there is nothing so attractive as the desire to go on a hunting trip, the mighty mountains, the mysterious forests the camp by the clear running creek or river, the fat venison in the frying pan, these are the influences that appeal to us, the call to the primitive as it were, out of the misty past, calling to us to once more draw near to nature and partake of her bounties. The knowledge that we can go, when opportunity offers us a respite from our labors, enjoy ourselves and satisfy our desire for sport and recreation for a season; or that the ranchman can supply himself with the choicest of meat through a portion of the year, is a privilege that is dear to us; and it is the aim of the petition to perpetuate these opportunities we so much prize, to preserve our heritage for future years, before it is too late, for without the gamey black-tail or mule buck the mountains would lose their chief attractiveness for the sportsman; and the valley lands without the bush pheasant and blue grouse, would be a dreary country indeed, especially for a true Oregonian. We fully believe that the figures relative to the destruction of deer by varmints, as given in the petition, are none too large. This is about what it figures up to: 26000 deer destroyed by wild beasts, averaging 65 pounds of dressed meat each, makes 1,690,000 pounds of meat. Put this at the low figure of 8 cents per pound, we have \$135,700.00 worth of meat. 26000 deer hides at 50 cents each foot up to \$13,000.00, bringing the entire account up to \$148,700.00, in this state for one year. How does that read? Don't you think it is time something was being done to stop this slaughter? You may think the proposed bounty which we are endeavoring to have the state offer for the scalps for the different animals, as enumerated in the petition, too high. In answer to this chief objection we will ask you to figure up what it costs to feed a wolf or cougar for a year. You will find that, figuring from our former estimate, it will cost \$296.40. How does that suit you? Do you think we can afford to pay \$25.00 each for their destruction? and as for the rest of the deer destroying animals; we feel assured the proposed bounties which we ask the state to offer, are none too high. Now as to the bounty which we ask the state to pay for the scalps of coons, skunks, digger squirrels and crows. To those who are not acquainted with the habits of these pests, the same may seem excessive but to those who have had an opportunity of studying their modes of obtaining a living, it is very moderate indeed, for these bird killing, egg sucking vermin are so numerous it is a wonder any young birds are hatched out or reach maturity. Taking all things into consideration although we have nothing to figure from, still we judge if the truth of the matter were fully known the loss caused by these depredators would be a surprise to all. We have not touched on the coyote problem for it is a question that intimately concerns only one class of people, notably those who are interested in the sheep industry, it would probably be a hard matter to pass a law that would suit all conditions in different parts of the state and besides this, our one aim is to preserve Oregon's game, which concerns all citizens equally. Now, to sum up our argument to you, in order to obtain your signature to the petition, we will say that all the statements made in this letter or in the petition are deduced from twenty-five years of observing experience as a hunter and woodsman in different parts of the state, and from much conversation with old Western men, whose opinions on these matters cannot be doubted. What is the use of charging hunters for a license to hunt and passing a lot of game laws restricting hunters to certain seasons for hunting if the state does not as well pro-

tect the hunter in his rights by protecting the game in their native haunts from the ravages of ravenous carnivorous wild beasts? This petition is being published in all parts of the state so as to reach as large a number of citizens as possible, we want to get all that can be obtained. Let every one who takes an interest in the preservation of Oregon's game cut out the petition, paste it on a sheet of paper and go out among your acquaintances and procure their signatures. Don't depend on somebody else but do it yourself and when you get all the names you can procure be sure to send them to the address subscribed below, at once. Also it would be well for those that are so inclined to either speak or write to your State Senators and Representatives concerning the importance of this measure. If all will have the interest of our state at heart, will lend a hand for a short while we will place one of the most beneficial laws on the statute books that has ever been enacted. Send the petitions to, Wm. R. Mealey, Foster, Oregon.

**Petition for Bounties for the Destruction of Wild Animals**

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Oregon, in Legislature Convened. Your petitioners, residents and tax-payers of the State of Oregon, would respectfully beg to call the attention of your honorable body to the fact that the game animals of this state, deer and elk, are rapidly disappearing, due in a large measure to the ravages of wild beasts, wolves, cougars or panthers, bears, lynx, wild cats, etc. It has been estimated by competent persons that there are now 500 cougars in this state and that they will each destroy a deer weekly this will foot up the enormous number of 26000 deer killed by these creatures annually. Now while the approximation of 500 cougars in this state may seem to be too large, still when it is taken into consideration that there are numerous wolves, which are equally as destructive to game as cougar besides lynx, bears and wild cats, which destroy large numbers of fawns and young deer, it will readily be seen that the estimate of 500 carnivorous animals that live off the game is not too large, and that a wolf or cougar takes on an average of a deer a week has been attested to by too many experienced men to be doubted. We would beg to suggest further, that the small bounties which have hitherto been paid in this state for the scalps of destructive wild beasts have not been productive of any considerable good results, the reason being, the bounties offered were too small to justify hunters in keeping trained dogs and making it a business to hunt for animals that the state offered bounties for, while whenever an animal was accidentally killed for which the state offered a bounty, the person who did the killing never failed to claim the bounty, thereby putting the state to a considerable expense and accomplishing no real good, that would not have resulted had not the small bounty been offered. Again we would call your attention to the fact that coons, skunks, both large and small, digger squirrels and crows, in the nesting season destroy great numbers of the eggs of game birds, both native and imported, and that suitable bounties should be offered for their destruction. Now in view of the above facts, taking into consideration the enormous loss occasioned by the ravage of game destroying creatures, not only on game but on domestic animals as well, we respectfully ask that bounties be offered by the state for their destruction as follows. For cougar \$25.00, wolves \$25.00, bear \$5.00, lynx \$2.50, wild cat \$2.50, coons \$1.00, large skunks \$1.00, small skunks 50 cents, digger squirrels 10 cents, crows 10 cents. Believing that money expended for the protection of Oregon's wild game, one of the most attractive features of the state, is money well invested, we, your petitioners will ever pray.

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Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Portland, Oregon, Jan. 15th 1909.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John S. Macdonald, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 14430, made November 4, 1902, for W 1/2 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, and NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 27, Township 2S, Range 7E, by William W. Walther Contestee, in which it is alleged that he is well acquainted with the tract of land embraced in the homestead entry, and knows the present condition of the same; also that said William W. Walther has wholly abandoned said tract of land ever since making said entry; that said entryman never before or since making said entry established his residence on said land; that said land contains no improvements of any nature whatever; that no portion of said land was ever cultivated and that said claim is today in its original wild state of nature; and that the said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine, during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation, at 2 o'clock p. m. on March 1st 1909 before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Portland, Oregon. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed January 15th, 1909, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

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