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The question of opening the Cascade timber reserve for the herding of stock is creating a stir among prominent stockmen. The various stock associations in Wasco, Gilliam, Crook and Sherman counties propose to raise a fund of \$500 to pay the expense of a delegate to Washington to properly present the matter to congress. The question is a vital one to sheepmen, as the closing of the reserve to them means such a scarcity of range that successful sheepraising in Eastern Oregon will be impracticable on a large scale.

The taking of testimony to determine the character of land described on the plats as Tule lake is now in progress in La Grande. Surveyor-General Habersham appointed County Clerk Oliver a commissioner to take testimony. The government survey was made in 1863, and at that time a tract, embracing about 1700 acres, was covered with water. Subsequently, this land was selected by the state as swamp land, and as such was sold to private parties. The commissioner of the general land office holds that this tract, being described as a lake, was not subject to selection as swamp land. There are about 20 witnesses to be examined.

NEXT STATE FAIR.

President Looney, of the Oregon state board of agriculture from Jefferson, was in Salem last week to confer with the governor relative to the condition of the funds for the next state fair, and incidentally meet with Secretary Gabrielson and the local members of the board. On being interrogated concerning the prospects for a fall exhibition, he said in part: "The law creating the board makes provision for an annual appropriation of \$5000 to be used in the payment of premiums awarded by the state board of agriculture; we expect to proceed immediately in the matter of negotiating for the advancement of the necessary money, and a meeting of the board will be held about the last of the month to prepare the premium list and arrange such other preliminary business as is necessary in holding such a fair. We will make the next fair the finest and largest one ever seen in this state."

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OREGON NEWS.

Gilliam county has three flour mills running in full blast, one each at Olax, Mayville and Fossil.

Over on the Yaquina bay early pear trees are out in blossom. No other fruit is yet out far enough to be hurt.

The latest output of the Bonanza mine was received at Baker City last week. It amounted to \$10,000 in bullion, the result of seventeen days' run.

The City recorder of Pendleton has collected from the patrons of the city water-works nearly \$1000 this month. He has also issued 50 dog licenses.

The sheriff of Crook county prevented a jailbreak last week by discovering in time a hole in the jail wall that one of the prisoners had dug out with a case-knife.

The new board of trustees of the soldiers home consisting of S. B. Armsby, B. F. Alley, and Sol Abraham republicans, and T. P. Robertson, populist, T. R. Sheridan

democrat, have been in session at Roseburg the last week.

The surveyors who will complete the location of surveys on the new railroad from Biggs to Wasco have begun work. The road will be built and equiped in time to move the wheat crop this fall.

The report that the O. R. & N Co. was contemplating an extension of its lines to the Kootenai country has been officially denied at the offices in Portland. No such enterprise is at present under consideration.

The Indian dodes over Umatilla county are very particular about their blankets. They even go to the extreme of ordering a pattern of their own design with the understanding that but one blanket shall be manufactured, paying a special price for the same. The white dude is very willing to order, but his ability to pay is often questionable. Therein the Indian brother is the better of the twain.

Eastern Oregon has got over her asylum "sweat" and has turned her attention to things which supreme courts cannot shatter. La Grande is building her sugar factory and Union her wollen mill, and through sympathy for Salem, both are glad that the asylum is to remain where it is most needed.

A branch of the Woman's Relief Corps has been organized in Huntington, with 14 charter members, and the following named officers: