

URGES CONGRESS TO ACT.

Under the heading "Needed Legislation," in his report, Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, has something of unusual interest pertaining to Oregon, and especially to the residents of the eastern portion of the state.

"The matter of the proper utilization of the grazing lands on the public domain is another subject urgently demanding consideration. If it is rational to utilize the timber products of our vast domain and therefrom derive a revenue, it is equally rational and desirable that the herbage on such lands should be properly utilized in the interest of the public, and that in doing so the government should reap a revenue from that source.

"So long as there are laws requiring millmen and other lumber dealers to pay a fair price to the government for timber supplies drawn from public lands, there should be an equal charge levied upon the grazing products of such lands. To do otherwise is, substantially, to legislate against one class of citizens—those engaged in the lumber industry—while in effect legislating in favor of another class, the sheep and cattle owners. Such apparent discrimination in favor of one industry as against another is clearly neither just nor wise.

"I accordingly heartily commend this subject for the attention of congress, with the hope that it may receive consideration at an early date."

The result of the passage of such a law would not only drive every stockraiser of small means and holdings out of business, but would shut out the homeseekers that are just beginning to see the advantages of this section of the state and are arriving here daily in large numbers looking for land. For as soon as our so-called grazing lands were thrown upon the market to be "leased to the highest bidder," capitalists would step in and secure every foot of land and fence in all the water not occupied or owned at the time of such leasing. Thus thousands upon thousands of acres of land adapted to farming would be gobbled up under the act of congress, and the lease-holders would own the whole country for a long term of years, at least, if not for all time, retarding the growth of our state in wealth and population. Once the fangs of land monopolies are fastened upon the public domain the death knell of Eastern Oregon is sounded and the pioneers of the country who have opened the way and surmounted the difficulties in reaching and civilizing this land of promise, will be compelled to fold their tents and seek other lands to feed their flocks.

The last paragraph of the commissioner's report contains a note of warning that should not be allowed to pass unheeded by the people of Eastern Oregon, or for that matter by the whole state. The interpretation of the paragraph referred to means that there will be a strong effort on the part of the administration to bring this matter before congress early in the coming session, and pass this land-leasing measure before the opposing forces shall have had time or opportunity to present the adverse side of the question. Congress will soon

convene, therefore we should act promptly and take such steps as are deemed best to frustrate the designs of Commissioner Hermann and those who are working with him to foist upon us this proposed and unjust law.

Last year California shipped cattle and sheep into Arizona and Oregon on account of scarcity of feed on her ranges. Southern California stockmen are now importing cattle from Arizona.

The California Miners Association recommends that congress pass a mining law that will be uniform all over the United States. They also recommend the abandonment of the Walker Lake reservation.

At Pendleton, on the 4th inst, Edwin L. Mims, who was convicted of the murder of J. H. Miller, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,000. It appears the judge disregarded the jury's plea for clemency.

In a recent speech delivered in Ohio, Colonel Bryan said: "In 1860 Lincoln wrote to congress a warning against monarchy. What would he think if he were alive today? If you want to see the change in the republican party read what Senator Hanna said in an interview after returning from England. 'The political system is a good one,' said he, 'as good as ours, and perhaps a little better.'"

Next spring and summer Burns will blossom as the rose. A large number of those owning residences in and surrounding the city have purchased trees, shrubs and flowers to adorn their yards. It has been demonstrated beyond a peradventure that many varieties of roses and beautiful flowers, shrubs and ornamental trees will do well in our soil and climate. Apples, plums and cherries of the finest flavor are grown here. Nearly all kinds of vegetables are raised on the farms in the vicinity.

The prices of all articles of household consumption are rapidly advancing on account of the trusts. Living expenses are fully fifty per cent. higher this year than last. When the trusts are firmly established and under full headway they will absorb the entire earnings of the people above the requirements of bare subsistence. Were it possible the trusts would bottle up the air we breathe and dole it out in such small quantities and at such exorbitant prices that only the rich could enjoy heaven's gift to man.

According to Prof. D. Torbet, we are on the eve of a grand meteoric display, and sets the date of the heavenly panorama for tomorrow and Monday (the 13th and 14th). The phenomenon occurs at intervals of 33 years. It was observed on Nov. 12, 1799; Nov. 13, 1833; Nov. 14, 1866, and on Nov. 14, 1867. In the neighborhood of 100,000 meteors are expected to make their appearance within the next forty-eight hours. Some 200,000 were seen on Nov. 13, 1833, and astronomers are of the opinion that this will be repeated at this time or about Nov. 13th or 14th, 1900, and possibly at both times.

The memorials have been sent out to the several precincts of the county for the signatures of those who have an interest in defeating the proposed measure to lease the public domain. Those who receive the petitions will bear in mind that congress will convene the latter part of next month, therefore whatever is done in the premises should be done quickly. As soon the petitions are filled up they should be returned to the committee on memorial without an unnecessary delay, so that they may be enabled to forward the remonstrances to our representatives in congress before the meeting of that body.

PORTLAND FAIR. Grand Display of Oregon's Agricultural Products.

The agricultural department of the industrial fair which has recently closed in Portland was so fine that it deserves more than passing notice. One must visit and see for himself the wealth and abundance of Oregon's products. It would take a person who could wield a facile pen, and with fine descriptive powers, to do this exhibit justice. The elaborate and original decorations were designed, in part, by Mr. R. C. Judson, the enterprising and tireless industrial agent of the O. R. & N. Co. It took him only three weeks to do it all and he had very few helpers. The agricultural colleges at Pullman, Washington, and Moscow, Idaho, intended to have an exhibit but just three days before the fair was to open sent word that they would be unable to carry out their plans. Consequently Mr Judson had, in that limited time, to find something to fill up his space.

The only other exhibit beside the O. R. & N. Co.'s worthy of mention was that of the agricultural college at Corvallis. The space allotted to it was somewhat small but nevertheless it managed to make a most creditable showing. The college had on exhibition 36 different kinds of wool, 61 potatoes, 149 of wheat, 26 of oats, 10 of barley, 117 of grasses, and 7 of corn. The chemical and other departments were well represented.

As we leave this section it brings us into the department presided over by Mr. Henry E. Dorsch, who so ably represented Oregon at the world's fair and the Omaha exposition. He opened my eyes very wide by showing me squashes weighing 102 and 93 pounds, pumpkins that weighed 133, 113 and 94 pounds which came from Sauvie's Island. Onions over 4 pounds and turnips 13 pounds from Wasco, Sherman county; radishes 9 pounds from Columbia slough. One bunch of grapes from Forest Grove weighing 6 pounds. A pear from Portland 3 1/2 pounds. Apples from Rogue River over 1 pound, and potatoes from Oregon City over 4 pounds.

I had a pleasant chat with Mr Judson, and he gave me a few interesting facts concerning the farm of the O. R. & N. Co.

The farm is situated 4 1/2 miles from Walla Walla and consists of 320 acres, part of which is devoted to experimental work. The object is to test the various grains with regard to the adaptability of soil and climate in Eastern Oregon, trying to get a variety of wheat that yields well and matures before the hot, dry winds come. They have tested 156 varieties of wheat, 48 of barley, 12 of oats and 4 of rye, discarding all that did not prove satisfactory and retaining only 10 varieties to test the coming year. In addition to these they have received from the department of agriculture at Washington 3 varieties of wheat from Russia, that the commissioner expert tested in Russia with regard to a large amount of gluten. The wheat has already been sown and results will be published. The secretary of agriculture has promised the O. R. & N. Co. his aid and support in furnishing grains, grasses and forage plants for testing. Several valuable experiments will be made at the farm the coming season. The company will receive from Prof. Green, a noted grower of Russian apples, scions from three of his choicest apples. These are adapted to a high altitude and supposed to be proof against the splitting of the bark by the action of the sun during the day and the frost at night. These scions will be distributed where the altitude is high, besides being tested on the farm.

One fact which deserves mention in connection with the O. R. & N. Co.'s exhibit was the different varieties of grasses. There were 283; while at the world's fair there were only 171.

The latest dispatches from South Africa, says the Idaho Statesman, gives the situation at Ladysmith a rosier hue from the British standpoint. Still the news, closely analyzed, gives the British no special reason for rejoicing. Ladysmith may not be so closely besieged as was thought, but it is nevertheless besieged. The Boers are in that neighborhood in large numbers, and they have General White and his forces bottled up. That is admitted

now by the British war office. So very little gratification can be gleaned by the British from the present status of affairs. The attitude of the Cape Colony Boers is a feature of the situation that is giving the British no little uneasiness. It looks very much as though all the Dutch were lined up at the side of Oom Paul. It is another case of blood being thicker than water. The Cape Colony Boers hesitated a long time between their allegiance to England and their friendship for their kind. There is little doubt their decision is unreservedly against the Britons. The present situation would seem to justify the conclusion that the war has only commenced.

A copartnership existed between a democrat, a republican, a populist and a free silver republican. One of the contracts was that when a partner died each of the survivors was to deposit \$100 in the coffin to be buried with the deceased. The democrat died first and after the remains had been prepared for burial the survivors met and the conditions of the agreement were discussed. Said the republican: "I believe in a single gold standard, and true to my principle I placed five twenty dollar gold pieces in the coffin." "And I," said the silver republican, "in conformity with my financial views placed one hundred silver dollars in the casket." "Well," said the populist, "I believe in fiat money, so I placed my check for three hundred dollars in the coffin and drew out \$200 in change."—EX.

The election returns are coming in slowly, and it is impossible at this time to give anything like a reliable report as to how the several states went that held elections last Tuesday. The republicans carry Ohio, Massachusetts, Iowa and New Jersey. Nebraska, Kentucky and Maryland went democratic. Pennsylvania elects a democratic congressman. THE TIMES-HERALD intended to give as full a report as could be obtained up to last evening, but was prevented by the violent thunder storm, which interfered with the working of the telephone wires.

Sharkey wants to meet Jeffries again. While the champion declares he is in the hands of his managers, he asserts his own willingness to grant the sailor his desire, though he did not see why he should be expected to do so. "But you know," said he, "there's such a thing as being driven to fight." Brady, Jeffries' manager, says he thinks the next fight the champion will make will be in Paris.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Joshua B. Craig, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon for the county of Harney, Oregon, and entered on the 6th day of November, 1899. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned at his ranch at the Warm Springs in said county.

Dated this 11th day of November, 1899. A. L. VANDERPOOL, Administrator of the estate of Joshua B. Craig, deceased.

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I've longed to tell Of the gladness swell And the musical tones Of the old school bell, How it sings when it rings, As it gracefully swings In its lofty cell, And the children it brings To its sacred hall When it joyfully flings Sweet sounds o'er the ground And its echoes resound From the hill all around To tell of the bell, The public school bell.

O, hear its loud peals, As it sweetly reveals The pure pushing mirth That it rightfully feels, When it chimes in its rhyme, With accurate time, As it skillfully reels Each beautiful line, With its hammer of steel, As its merrily climbs Through the halls and the walls And rises and falls In the air over all To tell of the mirth\* That it rightfully feels.

O, hear me proclaim In Authority's name This broad invitation To culture and fame! Come to me, all is free, And ever shall be In the land that we claim For pure liberty; All come, welcome, No fee, no fee! From every door, Both rich and poor, I ring ever more From shore to shore, Inviting each one To culture and fame. —B. L. Clarke. Douglas county, Oregon.

Vice-President Hobart is growing weaker. His restlessness and lack of sleep during the critical hours of Tuesday night offset the good effects of Monday, which was the best of the week.

The people of Malheur county —almost to a man—are signing the remonstrance against the proposed bill to lease our grazing lands.

The first sheep were brought into Oregon from California in 1837.

A Grand Display of FURNITURE

More than a car load of furniture. Don't fail to call and see the grandest display of furniture ever exhibited in Eastern Oregon. Everything imaginable in the furniture line.

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