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BIG PAY FOR COYOTE SCALPS

**WILL AMOUNT TO OVER \$100,000 FOR
COYOTES AND WILDCATS.**

**Harney County Has Largest Certificate,
State Will Pay The Bill—New
Measure on Bonuses.**

Salem, Jan. 18.—Scalp bounty certificates to the amount of over \$4000 were received at the office of the secretary of the state today. The largest certificate was that for \$1100, issued by Harney county to J. M. Dalton. This instrument certifies to the killing of 400 coyotes and 63 wildcats. Up to the close of the year 1900, scalp bounty warrants to the amount of \$100,000 had been issued. Since that time the clerks in the office of the secretary of state have been too busy to issue warrants of any kind, and no record has been kept of the aggregate of certificates received. It is estimated that the total is now near the \$110,000 mark. Only about 10 per cent of this amount has been paid into the scalp bounty fund.

That the legislature, at its present session, will provide for the payment of the scalp bounty warrants there seems to be little doubt. The members from Eastern Oregon are standing solidly for the interests of their section in this matter, and, apparently, will meet with scarcely any opposition from Western Oregon. A large proportion of the scalp bounty warrants have passed out of the hands of the persons who killed the animals for which the warrants were issued, and are now owned by investors or stockkeepers, who procure them at from 50 to 80 cents on the dollar. As the warrants bear 6 per cent interest, they will prove a profitable investment. But although the Eastern Oregon members will ask for the payment of the warrants issued under the old law, they will not ask for a continuance of the law itself. Senator Williamson, of Crook county, has prepared a scalp bounty bill which will meet as little opposition as any that could be prepared. It has the advantage of requiring the counties to pay one-third of the bounty, thus insuring care on the part of counties in guarding against fraud.

The bill provides for a \$2 bounty on scalps of coyotes, wildcats, mountain lions, panthers, cougars, gray wolves and timber wolves, and requires that the scalps be presented to the county clerk, together with an affidavit setting forth among other things, the time when the animals were killed; that they were killed in the county where the scalp is presented, and that the affiant killed the same. The county clerk issues a warrant on the county treasurer for the amount due, and at the end of the month certifies to the secretary of state the amount of warrants issued, whereupon the state treasurer issues a state warrant in favor of the county for two-thirds of the amount paid by the county. The state warrants are to be paid out of the general fund. False swearing is and affidavit required by this act is made perjury.

New Style of Brands.

Great complaint has for years arisen against the reckless use of the branding iron on range cattle, says the Breeder's Gazette. Humanitarians have cried out against the inhumanity of this torture by fire, and the more utilitarian protest has been lodged that it damages by thousands of dollars the value of the hides from cattle thus branded. It finally came to such a pass that some owners were not content until they had plastered huge brands on the sides of their cattle so that they could be easily read rods away by wild-eyed cowboys on galloping bronchos. The convenience of a large and staring brand is conceded, but is not worth the cost when the hides come to be "doctored" on account of the leather ruined by the branding iron. The question has engaged the closest attention of thoughtful ranchmen

FOR GRAZING ON RESERVES.

THE SENATE ADOPTS JOINT MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

Would be a Serious Blow to Stockraising Industry—Complies Several Million Acres

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"That for many years past there has been within the state of Oregon a forest reserve known as the Cascade forest reserve, comprising several millions of acres of forest lands, and your memorialists represent that the administration of the affairs thereof by the Department of the Interior has been eminently satisfactory to those whose interests are most affected, and such provisions and control of said reserve has been so administered during such time as to fully accomplish the purpose and spirit of the acts and proclamations relating to forest reserves.

"That the Cascade forest reserve embraces acres of luxuriant grazing lands which have been utilized for stock grazing purposes ever since the first settlement of the State of Oregon.

"That your memorialists are advised that the Department of Agriculture is adverse to the present system of grazing of stock in the forest reserves, though the same works no injury on the timber therein.

"That to withdraw the privilege of grazing in the forest reserves would be a most serious and injurious blow to one of the most important industries of the state of Oregon, viz, the stockraising industry.

"That your memorialists protest against any law or rule which tends or promises to deprive the farming and stockraising population of Oregon of the privilege heretofore enjoyed by them, and under expectation of the continuation of which they have settled in a country far distant from railroads and markets and there establish homes and farms.

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