

For the present, the proposed law for the leasing of public ranges is dead. It has been killed by adverse comment almost general throughout the entire west affected by its provisions.

Sentiment against the proposed law appears to arise in all sections, and is confined to no one class. Large and small cattle and sheep owners, extensive land holders and those having lesser tracts, buyers and sellers of livestock, bankers and politicians, townsmen and countrymen, all seem to have united in a protest that leaves no doubt as to the present fate of the measure.

While the objections are obvious, yet it is to be deplored that the only attempt to solve the perplexing problem has failed. Something must be done to prevent recurrence of the troubles between those who use the range. The west can ill afford longer to deserve its present reputation for violence and lawlessness resulting from conflict between the breeders of sheep and cattle.

If the leasing law be reasonably objectionable, why do not those opposing it offer some substitute? Thus far, there has been nothing but negation on their part. They have killed the leasing bill, but they have provided no other means of eradicating difficulty and obviating bloodshed.—East Oregonian.

Some witty and domestically unhappy judge define home to be the place where a man goes when he has nowhere else to go. A good many men seem to accept this definition. They make of home a mere dormitory and restaurant, and except at meal time or bed time are never to be found under the domiciliary roof. Yet home should be the pleasantest place on earth, and a man ought to enjoy his hearth as the nearest approach to a mundane elysium.

No matter how humble a man's position in life, no matter how his business or his necessity compel him to kneel down to others and sacrifice his pride, no matter what selfishness and injustice he encounters in the world, at home—if it be a true home—his spirit enlarges and acquires a sense of freedom and importance. There, if nowhere else, he is treated as an equal and a free man. There if nowhere else, he has dignity and position.—Ex.

It is highly gratifying to be told that the average at death in 1900 was 35.2 years, as against 31.3 in 1890. Every one now has the chance to live four and one-tenth years longer than he had ten years ago. There can be no doubt that better food, more abundance of food and better sanitation are accountable for the increased length of life. Every improvement in sewerage, every successful quarantine, every benevolent work, every new medical discovery will aid in prolonging life.

Young man, make a note of this: A Kansas paper has discovered a young woman who develops her form by helping mother with house work, and keeps her hands soft and white by kneading bread.

Oregon takes the first prize for wool as well as for fruit, at the Pan-American Exposition. Everywhere Oregon exhibits her produce, she easily beats all competitors.

The San Jose Mercury, a paper that is supposed to be sane, says that the practice of "cartooning our public men has cost us a president." If some practice was devised of making way with fool newspapermen there might be more hope for society. The cartoon, as an influence or an implement to assassination, or any form of murder, is not to be compared to the useless, worthless pistol. It would be ten times more sensible to advocate the abolishment of the pistol, through prohibition of its manufacture and sale, than to attempt to still the hand of the cartoonist. The pencil of the cartoonist has done more for society, in holding the public servant in check, than all the pistols that ever were manufactured. What use is the pistol anyway? Can any living man point to one thing it ever did to advance the interests of society? It is solely the weapon of the murderer and coward and the main support of the jails and penitentiaries. Without it they would not be half so populous as they are now, and the courts would have half the business. Down with the pistol! should be the cry of a civilized people, who know the value of free speech and a free press.—Ex.

An enterprising hotelkeeper hit on a clever scheme to increase the popularity of his house. He engaged a gentlemanly detective to stay at the hotel for the sole purpose of listening to the complaints of visitors. The visitors of course imagined he was a fellow guest. The detective would lead the conversation to the merits or demerits of the hotel, and if a man complained of his accommodations the complaint was soon reported to the land lord. If a guest complained that he liked to sleep late in the morning, and could not do it because he had a room with an eastern exposure, the detective would report it to the landlord. Later the landlord would say to the guest: "Do you like to sleep late in the morning? If so the sun in the room you now occupy must disturb you. I will get you a better room on the north side of the house." That made the guest a friend of the house for life. The detective found out what particular dishes the guests enjoyed, and all their hobbies and notions and likes and dislikes, and the landlord acted on this information. It paid so well that the house was always full.

One of the greatest packing houses of Chicago has prohibited profanity upon its premises. The primary purpose of the order was in itself excellent, namely, to protect employes against abuse by swearing foremen or overseers; but it cannot fail also to exercise a good influence over all those who work for the company, especially the younger men. In commenting on the order the Chicago Post truthfully says: "It is one of the better signs of the times that in these days the men at the head of affairs are presumed to be, if not Christians, at any rate, gentlemen. They find ways enough of making their wishes intelligible and effective without resort to bluster or swagger or the indecencies of blasphemy."

Governor Odell of New York, has received two letters asking him to commute to life imprisonment the sentence of Cadogan. One was sent by a man in Illinois and the other by a man in Maine. It takes all kinds of people to make up a world.

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