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NOMADIC SHEEP THE CAUSE

SO A NEWSPAPER MAN OF CROOK COUNTY STATES.

Recent Lawlessness Would be Obviated if Foreign Sheep and Vicious Characters Were Kept Out.

"Recent atrocities and the accompanying rein of lawlessness in Crook and the range counties of eastern Oregon should not be attributed to the cattlemen and to the sheepmen who make their homes in that section," said W. T. Fogle of Prineville, a newspaper man who was in Portland to the Journal.

"The offenses against the peace laws of the state should be placed where they belong—at the doors of nomadic sheepmen, who, for years have encroached on the ranges, coming in from other counties, and at the doors of a worthless lot of citizens, ne'er-do-wells, who are by stealth doing all in their power to keep the trouble pot boiling.

"I lay these charges for the real conditions to outside influence, well knowing that relations between the local sheep and cattlemen have been strained for years, and that the conditions reached a culmination last summer. But I also know that the local men have the welfare of their county at heart, that they are reasonable men, and that when left alone they have been able to settle their differences.

"The chief cause of all the trouble is the ranging of foreign sheep in Crook county, a practice that has resulted in cutting down the ranges of both the local sheepmen and the local cattlemen, disturbing the boundaries which the latter have established, and causing general trouble. If let alone there would be ample range for all the native sheep and cattle of Crook county. Instead of permitting this harmonious condition, sheep come into the county from Wheeler, Gilliam, Wasco and other counties. One of the worst evils of all comes from the sheep droves that are presumably being taken to California. These droves are started through Crook county early in the summer, and so leisurely is the passage, that practically the entire summer is consumed in getting the bands across the county. Lake county suffers from this same interference of the outsiders.

"Because of these conditions, local sheepmen have suffered during the entire summer ranging period, and the winter range has come on in bad condition. The result is that the local men have sometimes encroached on the cattle ranges, and the cattle ranges have quietly attempted to extend, so as to take in a little of what the sheepmen regard as their range. If outside owners keep off, I believe the troubles in Lake and Crook counties would adjust themselves, and there would be no need for the governor to offer rewards to reclaim the territory from a seeming reign of lawlessness. In many instances this condition is solely responsible for hundreds of sheep having been killed.

"It is true that the boundaries of the cattle ranges and the sheep ranges are for the most part imaginary lines, and as such has been the cause of much trouble, but this trouble as I said before, would right itself if the local people were left alone. In many instances range posts have been set by consent of both sides, but later the range posts have been changed, apparently for no other reason than to cause dispute, and to get the local folks quarreling.

"With regard to the local ne'er-do-wells, I would say that they profit by the animosities. These men are the same as those found in all border communities. They get their living in a manner known only to themselves—a manner totally opposed to good order and good citizenship. It has been said boldly, for instance, that prior to the recent shooting scrapes, one of these undesirable citizens and his friends were traced directly to his home, after they had called on a local sheep owner, had despoiled

his flock, and had threatened to murder him if he did not keep out of that section. As a matter of fact, the man had acquired government title to most of his land. In fear, this citizen has been keeping his mouth closed. This is only one of many cases.

"One of the best things the state could do, according to my way of thinking, would be to make laws prohibiting large bands of sheep from making the overland foraging trip to California. With this practice stopped, I believe the local people would be able to take care of the undesirable citizens who are in their midst. The people of Crook and Lake counties are hoping for peace as much as it is desired by law-abiding citizens."

Mr. Fogle is in neither the sheep nor cattle business, although he has relatives who are sheepmen and relatives who are cattlemen in Crook county, and is in a position to give an unbiased view of the existing conditions.

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HIGH INTEREST ILLEGAL.

Judge George, of the State Circuit Court, handed down an important decision yesterday affecting the tax sales of property, says the Oregonian. The decision was in the case of C. D. Edwards versus L. G. Wright, trustee for others, and the action was to quiet title to property in an addition to St. Johns which was bid in and bought at a tax sale by the defendants. Edwards claimed that the assessment was void and filed suit to recover possession of the property. The question of interest arose and upon this question Judge George gave his decision sustaining the plaintiff's demurrer to the answer of the defendant. In his decision Judge George held that, while bidders at tax sales may bid anything they like in the matter of interest, the Sheriff could not legally accept a bid with interest greater than 10 per cent, the legal amount. This decision will have the effect, practically, of preventing the bidding of interest higher than 10 per cent at subsequent tax sales, and will at least prevent the Sheriff from accepting a bid bearing a greater interest.

Wool all Sold on Sheep's Backs.

For the first time in twenty years the entire wool crop of Baker county has been sold before the sheep have been sheared, Mr. S. A. Heilner the veteran wool man of Baker City says he is completely surprised at this year's market. The fleeces are very fine but buyers have purchased at an average of 12 1-2 cents a pound without even looking at the fleeces. Sheep men and brokers are all happy over the situation.—Democrat.

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PINCHOT RECOMMENDS THEM

BLUE AND MAURY MOUNTAIN TRACTS ARE DESIGNATED.

Protests That Speculators Have Tried to Secure Lands Reach Department—Other Withdrawal Assured.

According to the Oregonian Chief Forester Pinchot has recommended the creation of the Blue Mountain and Maury Mountain reserves in Eastern Oregon. In the former it is recommended that about 3,000,000 acres be embodied; in the latter something over 60,000 acres in the center of Crook County. Although Forester Pinchot most urgently recommends the creation of the Blue Mountain reserve, it is not probable that the President will issue a proclamation creating this reserve for some time to come. Pinchot's recommendation has been referred to Land Commissioner Richards, in whose office there are numerous protests against the creation of the reserve. His records also contain information tending to show attempts have been made by various persons to secure lands within the proposed reserve, with a view to having them converted into a base for lieu selections. The Forestry Bureau has, however, carefully examined each minor subdivision, and as far as practical has drawn the reserve limits so as to exclude private holdings.

good for ten years, and the tenure of life of the old survey had about expired. If the Corvallis & Eastern has surveyors at work on the proposed line through Eastern Oregon, Mr stone is ignorant of the fact.

The advantage that would accrue from an extension of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad to Eastern Oregon is much greater today than could have been the case 30 years ago, when the project was first taken up. What was then a barren desert is rapidly changing into cultivated homes. Over 27,000 acres of farm land is under irrigation in the valley of the Deschutes, and the work of reclaiming the arid but rich land is only begun. Millions of feet of marketable timber mark the route of the proposed road.

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TAPS JOHN DAY COAL FIELD

ARTICLES FILED FOR THE OREGON & IDAHO SHORT LINE.

Line Projected to Run From a Point on The Columbia River to Nampa, Idaho—A Short Cut.

A special to the Oregonian from La Grande says: Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Oregon & Idaho Short Line Railroad company, with R. W. Baxter, F. S. Stanley and H. T. Hendryx incorporators.

The objects of this company are to construct and operate a railroad from a point on the Columbia River accessible to river steamboats, through the lower John Day coal district, via Condon, Fossil and the great wheat belt bordering the Blue Mountain range, and ultimately connecting with the Oregon Short Line at or near Nampa, Idaho.

This project offers needed transportation for the coal interests which are becoming famous on the Lower John Day. It is also a very feasible and short route for the O. R. & N. to reach the Columbia River after leaving the Snake, without crossing any drainage system, as the line would follow the basin of the John Day to a low gap opening into the Burnt River basin, thus practically circumventing the Blue Mountains and missing the three high divides now passed over by the O. R. & N. at Meacham, Tolocaset and Pleasant Valley.

The company is acting for Eastern capitalists. The enterprise has taken such favorable form, that the work is to be pressed on the coal deposits.

Here is the kind of an obituary a Georgia editor puts up for a man: "Poor Jim Jones slung his earthly garments on a limb and swam the river yesterday. He did not stand back because the water was cold but plunged right in and struck for the other shore and met the angels smiling. Jim was a poor man but he had his subscription to his home paper paid up and got there in good shape."

THE MONUMENTAL BRONZE COMPANY, of Bridgeport, Conn., has appointed M. L. Lewis, their agent for Harney County. This old reliable company makes all kinds of Monuments, Grave Covers, Corner posts Vases and Urns, out of pure refined Zinc, which is one of the elementary or virgin metals, the same as gold and silver, and is indestructible and cannot be affected by the climatic conditions. These monuments are cheaper by half than any kind of stone, more beautiful in design and cannot be broken. Mr. Lewis desires all who are contemplating the purchase of anything in this line to call on him at the office of Biggs & Biggs, and see designs sample of material and get prices.

NOTICE FOR BIDS.

The county court will receive and consider sealed bids for 50 cords of wood to be delivered in September, 1904, said bids to be opened and considered on Saturday, the 4th day of June, 1904 at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.

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