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House bill No. 169, introduced by Representative Kuney, of Sherman, Wheeler and Gilliam counties, is a solar plexus blow to peddlers of all classes of domestic or agricultural wares.

The bill provided that all peddlers of agricultural machinery, stoves, ranges, wagons, buggies, carriages or surries, or other similar vehicles, shall pay in advance to the county clerk a yearly license of \$5.00, and in their failure to do this, upon conviction shall be fined \$100 for the first offense and a like amount for each succeeding offense, including all costs of the action.

The bill designates as peddlers any persons who, after shipping any of the named wares to the state of Oregon shall proceed to distribute them by samples, or solicitation, among the residents of the state.

The bill is good as far as the peddler is concerned, but what about the people who persist in patronizing peddlers? Peddlers would not come into a country where they were not invited by ever ready patronage.

This is a phase of the peddler issue which the legislature cannot reach. The people must quit patronizing peddlers, of their own volition. They must build up home institutions by spending their money with home people. This must come through home pride and patronage of home institutions. This is the most successful way in which to banish the peddler.

But the legislature can help banish the peddler by placing a prohibitive license upon his business. While it may seem unjust yet it is the right thing to do. The peddler sweeps into the country without bearing any of the responsibilities, reaps a harvest from the legitimate fields of trade belonging to the resident merchants, while the resident merchant loses this trade, and is yet taxed heavily to support the government.

The legislature should pass the bill without a dissenting vote.—East Oregonian.

According to the annual report made public by the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, Oregon's 2,000,000 sheep gave up, in 1904, 14,500,000 pounds of fleece averaging 7.20 pounds each and shrinking 60 per cent, pulling down the scoured total to 4,495,000 pounds at 55 cents per pound, against 52 cents the year before, making a lump sum of \$2,462,250 for the year 1904.

The House bill of Sitz of Harney and Malheur, introduced this afternoon, provides that a tax of 20 cents per head shall be collected upon sheep driven into the state for pasturage purposes, and that a tax of 5 cents shall be collected for every country through which they are driven. Stock inspectors are to collect the taxes.—Oregonian

The Ontario Argus says: Bill Nye's old advertisement for the sale of his cow is again going the rounds, and might be referred to the dairy commissioner for official opinion as to whether it is old enough to be retired. Here are Bill Nye's words: "Owing to my ill-health, I will sell at my residence, township 19, range 18, according to the government survey one plash raspberry cow, aged 8 years. She is of undoubted courage and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form she would be a great boon. She is very much attached to her home with a stay chain, but she will be sold to any one who will agree to treat her right. She is one-fourth shorthorn and

three-fourths hyena. I will also throw in a double-barrel shotgun that goes with her. In May she usually goes away for a week or two and then returns with a red calf with wobbly legs. Her name is Rose. I would rather sell her to a non-resident."

STOCK AT THE '05 FAIR.

All think, of course, that Oregon can and will outshine her neighbors in her fruit exhibit at the '05 Fair; but it will have to be fought hard for. As to the stock exhibit, the state has the prestige of the honors carried off at St. Louis in both dairy and stock cattle, and in sheep. It will not do to rest on our laurels and take the premier place for granted, and we feel sure that plans have been laid long since by our well-known breeders and raisers, and are now being pressed day by day, to out do at the Lewis and Clark what was shown at St. Louis. The Managers of the Fair have disclosed their purpose by setting aside as large a sum as \$40,000 for premiums, and by placing the immediate care of the stock exhibit in hands as interested and as competent as those of W. M. Ladd and Richard Scott.

Of course, these exhibits will have a double purpose. First, the animals bred and reared in Oregon are to show to the wide world as well as to our own people that we have the men, investing immense sums in acquiring the very best animals and devoting all kinds of effort to bringing them to the nearest approach to perfection; and we are to demonstrate the truth of our repeated claims that in climate, soil and vegetable products Oregon stands second to no other corner of the world for the raising of the very best stock in all their classes.

Then, in attracting the finest examples as well from our neighboring states as from far greater distances, our visitors, as well as the Oregonians, are to have the chance to admire, compare and in many instances purchase after the Fair is over.

There is no department of the Fair which will do more to develop the interests and add to the wealth of Oregon. Bear in mind the conditions under which the Oregonian and the newcomer live on the partly opened and cleared farms which form by far the greater portion of our agricultural lands, both ranches, farms and ranges. It has been recently stated, and has passed without challenge, that just about one-half of the lands included within the lines of farm even in the Willamette Valley are yet unenclosed in a strict sense. That is, that pending the clearing for the plow of these millions of acres the keeping and feeding thereon of stock of all kinds is the one way of profitable use of that immense area. Every owner and purchaser of these farms and ranches is being urged to increase the stock he shall feed. It is pointed out to him in the first place that stock in Oregon, cattle, sheep and goats, can pass possibly more weeks more continuous in growth than in any other part of the world. Next he is told that the forage plants of Oregon, grass, clover, alfalfa, vetch and rape, are more certain in yield, more profitable in the constituents of animal food, and more continuous in growth, than in any other region of anything like the same area. Again, he is told that, far different from other districts, where one variety of stock prosper and others fall short, in Oregon the dairy cow is in perfection, the stock cattle are second to none, the sheep attain early growth, superior wool and greater fecundity than elsewhere, while the Angora goat has found its perfectly adapted home. These things being so, it is not obvious that to be content with inferior breeds, poor specimens, neglected herds and flocks, is to forfeit the profit that our Oregon lands should bring, and to have to submit to the very low opinion of our farming visitors, and thereby to depreciate the value of our farms and ranches?

Let us, then, in every way hold up the hands of the representative men who have the details of this vastly important matter in hand. Let it go forth far and wide that the stock show at the Lewis and Clark Exposition is to be as wide in its scope as any that have gone before, and, if possible better in its individual examples. Those who are fortunate enough to have worthy animals to show must not be dis-

couraged in advance by the high repute of the exhibitors they will meet. Let them remember that the great majority of purchases will not be of the extravagantly-priced prizewinners but from the ranks of the animals good enough to show, thorough-bred, not prizewinners, but excellent in quality enough to add many per cents to the value of the herds and flocks of Oregon.—Oregonian.

GEER, DUNBAR AND BROWNELL.

Three Republican Candidates for Governor Looming up.

A Telegram Special from Salem, says: Although it is rather premature to speculate upon political possibilities of two years hence, there is no little discussion rife as to possible and impossible candidates for different state offices. Already republican gubernatorial candidates are coming to the front. Three have been mentioned. These are ex-Governor T. T. Geer, Senator George C. Brownell and Secretary of F. I. Dunbar.

The probability of Mr. Dunbar's candidacy has been spoken of for several weeks in a speculative manner, but Brownell and Geer are the most recent developments. Although Senator Brownell at times makes positive denials as to his candidacy for the Governorship two years from now, or even for the State Senatorship from his county again, at other times he comes out in spasmodic bursts of confidential declarations that his sole aspiration is to be "the next Governor of Oregon." Those nearest to Senator Brownell say he is sincere in his gubernatorial candidacy.

The very latest rumor is that the candidacy of ex-Governor who may again be prevailed upon by his friends to make a race for the honor of chief Executive. Never before has this talk been so strong as yesterday afternoon in the State house corridors, when his name was mentioned quite frequently in this connection. He has also been mentioned as a possible candidate for United States Senator from Oregon as an opponent to John H. Mitchell if the indicted Senator runs again. Certain it is that he has begun to think seriously and deeply of the political honors that he believes are in store for him, yet he has not been able to choose as between the two offices. When questioned last evening, ex-Governor Geer would neither affirm nor deny his prospective candidacy for the Governorship, declining to make a statement at this time except that his friends have been urging him to enter the race, but that he had not decided what to do.

The state veterinarian of Wyoming, after a series of careful experiments, has announced that coyotes and wolves carry the sheep scab from range to range, thus accounting for the sudden and unexpected appearance of this disease in places known not to have been visited by infected sheep. The legislature of Wyoming will take up the complicated question at once.

Heavy underwear greatly reduced prices—Miller & Thompson.

Advertisement for Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills, describing its benefits for various pains and ailments.

Give Your Stomach A Rest. Your food must be properly digested and assimilated to be of any value to you. If your stomach is weak or diseased take Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat and gives the stomach a rest, enabling it to recuperate, take on new life and grow strong again. Kodol cures sour stomach, gas, bloating, heart palpitation and all digestive disorders. L. A. Sopher, of Little Rock, Ky., writes us: "We

feel that KodolCure deserves all the commendation that can be given it as it saved the life of our little girl when she was three years old. She is now six we have kept it for her constantly, but of course she only takes it now when anything disagrees with her." Sold by Burns Druggists. Men's wear cleaned and repaired by piece or month at the Hill residence.—Mrs Moon.

REVISED TABLE OF INFORMATION.

Table containing statistics for Harney county, including wool clip, sheep shippings, cattle shippings, horses and mules, merchandise, stock and sulphur, stage freight, local haul, passengers and mail, live stock, and area of land.

Advertisement for RFD FRONT LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE, BRENTON & CILBERT, Proprietors, Main St., Burns, Oregon. Includes an illustration of a horse and rider.

Advertisement for BULLS, Yearlings and two-year-olds in quantities to suit. Includes an illustration of a bull and text: "The bulls can be seen at the 'P' Ranch and persons desiring to purchase should inquire there of F. H. Howell, Assistant to the General Manager, who will furnish information as to prices and will sell the same. FRENCH-GLENN LIVE STOCK CO."

Advertisement for CITY MEAT MARKET, R. E. YOUNG, Proprietor. Fresh and Salt Meat Always on hand. Includes an illustration of a man with a meat scale and lists products like CORNED-BEEF, BOLOGNA SAUSAGE, HAMS, Home Made Lard and Bacon.

Advertisement for JOHN GEMBERLING, Jeweler, Optician and Engraver. Fine Watch Repairing A Specialty.

Advertisement for THE MARLIN FIRE ARMS CO. FOR THE MAN AND THE WOMAN WHO KNOW. Includes an illustration of a woman with a rifle and text describing the Marlin .22 repeater.

Large advertisement for THE GREAT AMERICAN FARMER, Indianapolis, Ind. The Leading Agricultural Journal of the Nation. Edited by an able Corps of Writers. Includes the text: "FREE! FREE! FREE! To all our Subscribers! THE GREAT AMERICAN FARMER INDIANAPOLIS, IND. The American Farmer is the only Literary Farm Journal published. It fills a position of its own and has taken the leading place in the homes of rural people in every section of the United States. It gives the farmer or stockman and his family something to think about aside from the humdrum of routine duties. For the next three months, we offer this paper free with The Times-Herald. Both One Year for \$2.00 This offer is made to all new subscribers, and all old ones who pay up all arrears and a new between now and April 1, 1905. SAMPLE COPIES FREE."