

THEIR INDUSTRY THREATENED

BAKER COUNTY SHEEP MEN HAVE LACK OF RANGE.

Forest Reserves and Protection of the City Water Work Seriously Interfere With Former Range.

The sheep industry of Baker county is seriously threatened with dire disaster. The Democrat is advised by several prominent sheep owners of the county that the range question is now beginning to be felt all through Eastern Oregon, and is becoming more of an acute question here in Baker county than it ever was before.

The forest reserve established in the vicinity of the City water works water shed is recognized by all as a very just proposition. Beyond the reservoir reserve lie fifty or sixty thousand acres of fine grazing land in another forest reserve in which sheep are barred absolutely and the forest rangers arrest all sheep and herders found there. In the Cascade mountain forest reserves the sheep are not barred. Why this difference in government ruling? The sheepmen say that the grazing of sheep in the forest fertilizes the trees.

The cattlemen of Baker county have already occupied the principal ranges and when the sheep men come to drive their flocks to the far away these intermediate ranges it is feared there will be trouble. Only last year out of one band of sheep several hundred head were shot down ruthlessly and the sheep men say it was the deed of cattlemen. They declare there is room enough in Baker county for both sheep and cattle and there is no occasion for any fighting about it. The sheepmen propose, they say, to protect themselves and their flocks, believing that law abiding citizens and the authorities will see that they are not molested in the exercise of their rights. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are put into circulation in Baker every day through the sheep industry and a large portion of the money stays at home in the hands of laborers, merchants, grovers of hay, shippers, warehousemen, and teamsters.

All the sheepmen ask is a fair share of Uncle Sam's public domain and the unmolested transaction of their business so long as they do not infringe upon the rights of others. This they propose to have and steps are being taken to organize a strong lobby to go down to the national capital and see if justice cannot be had there from the interior department. They take the word of hired men or politicians as the basis of their rulings and it is thought that if the actual facts are presented to the department by reputable citizens of the county something like justice can be had for this great industry of eastern Oregon.—Baker City Democrat.

A Peculiar Disease.

Spotted fever, that strange disease which is supposed to be due to the bite of a woodtick of peculiar species, has broken out near Bridger, Montana, according to physicians, the victim being Michael Kearney, a rancher. Kearney has no knowledge of being bitten but his body is covered with leopard spots characteristic of the disease. Spotted fever heretofore has practically been confined to Missoula county, manifesting itself only in June, July and August. Last summer about twenty persons died of the strange affliction, which thus far has baffled the efforts of local physicians and experts from the government and marine service. The cases are almost invariably fatal in the course of nine days, the body swelling and becoming discolored with reddish spots. Rapid decomposition follows death.—EX

STEERS FED AT A LOSS.

Superintendent George Gammie, of the experiment station, recently shipped a bunch of fed steers from Union to Portland, says the Union Republican. These animals averaged 1195 pounds September 26. After feeding until April 15, they averaged 1494 pounds or a total of 16,432 pounds. The steers were shipped at this weight and at The Dalles had decreased to 15,230 pounds before feeding and watering, they weighed 16,100 pounds. At Troutdale, when taken from the cars, these animals weighed 15,465 pounds, and brought \$4.40 per 100, or \$631.25 for the bunch.

Figuring the original cost of the steers, the pasturage, feeding and labor in bringing the animals to marketable shape, and Mr Gammie estimated a loss of \$59.71 on the bunch, and he concludes that "the price paid for stall fed animals in the Portland market does not justify the stockman or give any encouragement in fattening steers by feeding."

The 11 animals, live weight tipped the scales at 15,465 pounds and dressed 9591 pounds—a percentage of 68 4-5 beef, while the average cattle killed for Portland market dress 53 per cent beef.

The experiment is most interesting, showing every detail of feeding, handling and killing. Mr. Gammie has demonstrated his ability to keep tab on a proposition of this sort, to the smallest detail, and his deductions are probably not far from correct.

A bunch of 54 horses belonging to Smith and Tuttle of Burns, passed through town Sunday enroute to North Yakama, Wash., where they have a sale stable. The horses were purchased in Harney county with a few from Lizee county, and were mostly broke animals. They stated to The Enterprise that the horses cost them \$65 round, ranging from 1000 to 1400 pounds in weight.—Monument Enterprise.

Sport Program for 4th of July.

July 3—first race—1-mile dash, Harney county saddle horses that never run for public money, purse \$50.

Second race—1/2-mile heats, trot or pace, 2 in 3, Harney county horses that never won a race, purse \$75.

July 4—1/2 mile dash free for all Harney county saddle horses, purse \$75.

100-yard foot race, free for all, purse \$7.50.

220-yard foot race, free for all, purse \$7.50.

1/4-mile foot race, free for all, purse \$10.

Baseball game, purse \$25.

July 5—1-mile dash free for all, purse \$100.

Second race—1-mile heats, trot or pace, 2 in 3, free for all horses raised in Harney county, purse \$100.

An entrance fee of 10 per cent will be charged in all races, 5 to enter and 3 to start. The running races will all be governed by the Pacific Coast Jockey Club Rules. Purses divided 70 and 30 per cent. Purses in the trotting races will be divided 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent.

Bent Her Double.

"I knew no one, for four weeks, when I was sick with typhoid and kidney trouble," writes Mrs Annie Hunter, of Pittsburg, Pa., "and when I got better, although I had one of the best doctors I could get, I was bent double, and had to rest my hands on my knees when I walked. From this terrible affliction I was rescued by Electric Bitters, which restored my health and strength, and now I can walk as straight as ever. They are simply wonderful." Guaranteed to cure stomach, liver at kidney disorders; at City Drug Store, price 50c.

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GRADING CREWS ON S. V. QUITTING.

Wages are Low and the Expenses too High is The Complaint.

A number of the Sumpter Valley railroad grading crew, who have been working on the extension south of Tipton passed through town Monday on their way to their homes in Harney county. The outfit consisted of six men, in charge of Messrs. Shaw and Williams, who live about 15 miles this side of Burns.

In conversation with the leaders of the outfit a News representative learned that a large number of the crew were dissatisfied and each day men and teams were leaving, expecting to make better wages in the hay fields.

The grading work is in charge of Contractor Mason of Portland, who has contracted with the Sumpter Valley management to grade the line from Tipton to Austin, a distance of eight miles. According to Messrs. Shaw and Williams the wages paid are \$2 per day for each man and \$4.50 for each man and team. The hay and grain for the teams is furnished by the contractor for \$14 and \$33 respectively.

The men may board themselves or eat at the company eating houses at 20 cents per meal. There is also a charge of 75 cents per month for hospital fees and a small charge for veterinary fees. On account of the high prices charged for hay and grain and the various other little items, the men claim that it is impossible to make anything like good wages. After working ten days, they claimed that their bill to the contractor for supplies for their teams was \$2.50 more than the wages of the teams amounted to, which was deducted from the wages of the men.

Pay day comes but once a month time checks being issued, which are not payable until the following month. If the time check is sold before it comes due it is discounted 10 per cent so that the laborer is up against it.

Messrs Shaw and Williams think that the contractors will experience difficulty in getting men to work unless wages are raised. Haying is coming on throughout Eastern Oregon and men can do better in the hay fields than helping build railroads.—Grant Co News.

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