

FENCING LAW STILL HOLDS

GARFIELD REMINDS CONGRESS IT SHOULD BE MODIFIED.

Western Congressmen Have Taken no Action To Repeal Obnoxious Statute and The Law Will be Enforced.

Secretary Garfield, in his annual report, once more reminds Congress that the law prohibiting fencing of the public domain still remains on the statute books and that while it remains it must be enforced. He, however, makes it plain that, in the opinion of the Department, the anti-fencing law, in its present form, is unwise and unreasonable and should be modified.

The attitude of Congress toward the anti-fencing law is difficult to understand. The law, of course, applies only to the public-land states of the West, and yet almost every Senator and every Representative from the public-land states regards the law as unjust. Notwithstanding this practically unanimous sentiment, Western men have made no united or comprehensive effort to have the law repealed or modified, and have scarcely given the range question thoughtful consideration.

The anti-fence law has caused no end of trouble during the past few years; the Government has expended thousands upon thousands of dollars to compel its enforcement; stockmen using the public range have been put to heavy loss through the erection and subsequent destruction of drift fences, etc., and some, who have defied the orders of the courts, have paid the penalty. And yet neither the Government nor the stock interests believe the law is a proper one. Secretary Garfield, speaking of the anti-fence law, says:

"The enforcement of the existing law does not meet the need of the present time. The law requires as amended as to regulate the use of the public range in such manner as will be equitable to the stockmen in each locality. Such a system means the preservation and improvement of what is left of the great ranges."

The few men in Congress who have given attention to the range and fencing problem have come to the conclusion that the public range should be parcelled out under some sort of leasing system; the lessees to have the right of fencing such of the range as may be allotted to them. But leasing bills have been referred to the Public Lands Committee of either House, where they have had practically no consideration, and where they promise to die for lack of interest.

FACTS ABOUT OREGON.

From the Portland Journal:
The largest tree cut from an Oregon forest yielded 65,000 feet of lumber and timbers, which sold at an average price of \$15 per thousand feet. This tree was brought to the mill that turned it into lumber approximately \$1000, and there are many other such trees in Oregon.

It is estimated, and the figures are reliable, that there is 30,000,000,000 feet of standing timber in Lane county, and fully an equal amount in Tillamook. These two counties lead the 33 Oregon counties in standing timber.

From an Oregon tree, and there are any number of such trees, there was cut a "stick of timber" 36 inches square and 70 feet in length, free from knots and defects.

Oregon has room for many people. Great areas of public land are available for homes for settlers.

There is one county in Oregon, Umatilla, which produces on an average one per cent annually of the entire wheat crop of the United States. In other words, 100 counties of the productive capacity of Umatilla would produce all of the wheat grown in the entire sisterhood of American states.

Oregon has more undeveloped resources than any other state in the union.

There is one county in Oregon, Morrow, and a "little county" it is

WAREHOUSE NOT CERTAINTY

PROPOSITION DOES NOT MEET APPROVAL OF GROWERS.

Terms of Agreement Must be Amended in Accordance With Promises Made by Representative of Chicago Men.

W. H. Manss, representing the Chicago commercial bodies pushing the national wool storage proposition for their city and the Chicago men interested in the movement have awakened to the fact that their cause is not meeting with success in Utah, says the Salt Lake Republican. This has been made known by correspondence received by prominent wool men. The letter frankly admits that something is wrong and asks for meetings for the purpose of arranging a suitable campaign.

With the letters comes the frank admission that Fred Gooding, president of the National Wool Growers Association and his few intimate friends have failed to swing the wool men to the west into line with the Chicago storage movement which consummation the Chicago people seem to think was assured when the movement was started.

It is further apparent that the Chicago movement and the bright hue prospects promised for it are meeting with a certain degree of reverse and that a lively campaign is needed to insure its success, particularly in Utah.

From statements gleaned from the extensive woolgrowers of Utah it is further apparent that the proposition will not meet with their support unless the terms of the warehouse agreement are amended in accordance with the promises made by W. H. Manss. As the matter now stands, scarcely one of these promises have materialized into building agreements leaving only the opportunity for the growers to contribute largely to the building of an immense warehouse and then finding themselves at the end of three years out of the amount contributed.

With the growing opposition to the Chicago plan as it now stands the tide of favor is turning toward Omaha where contracts were proposed which gave the growers at least an equal chance with the Omaha promoters.

One advantage to the growers caused by the storage movement has been seen in the better prices offered by the commission buyers, who, despite their assertions to the contrary are doing every possible thing to try and head off the Chicago storage movement.

One of the most extensive buyers of Utah and Idaho wools is now offering as high as 18 cents a pound for next year's clip. A few contracts have been made at that figure, but still the growers are slow to accept, despite the fact that 18 cents is 75 per cent higher than the price received for last year's clip. The grower's say that if the buyer's can offer 18 cents now, they figure on a profit and that producers, by waiting can get a better price. Some however, realize the part the fight against the storage movement is playing and are taking the price now being offered. They hold that whether or not the storage movement wins or loses, 18 cents is a good price and they are willing to accept.

BEF PRICES HIGHER.

Prices we are now getting for prime beef cattle are higher than at this time last year by 25 to 40 cents a hundred pounds, said F. A. Phillips of Baker City, Ore., who was in the city yesterday, says the Boise Statesman.

There are now 10,000 head of beef cattle feeding between here and Weiser. We alone have 2500 head at the sugar beet factory in Nampa and will probably ship them west first, beginning about the first of the year. On account of the high prices of corn in the east and the fact that prime beef cattle are bringing much higher prices in all the eastern markets just now, we may send them in the other direction. Glenn's Ferry, Mountain Home, Nampa and Ontario, during the last four months, have shipped 7000 head of prime beef cattle to Seattle and a few intermediate points. We shipped 200 carloads alone from the little station of Murphy, which were produced from Duck valley, near the Nevada line.

Our new doctor had a case of appendicitis the other day, the victim being a sheepherder. He came into town and told his appendicitis had him for a substantial two it, he tho' maybe am sheep dip, and wanted dock to operate on it. But when dock found out that the fellow only had a dollar and 75 cent to him to not bother his head about it, but to save up his money until he got ten \$ and then he would pronounce it appendicitis, but that it was not considered professional for to pronounce that a man with only 1 seventy-five had the appendicitis. In such a weakened condition of a man's finances nothing worse than the belly ache could be going with him.—Rabbitsville Correspondent, Dalles Optimist.

The people of Burns have been holding special meetings and organizing a movement to secure for that place the dryland farming experiment station which is to be established some place in Eastern Oregon by the state agricultural college in the near future. We should like to see our friend over there get their prize package, and hope they will succeed.—Ontario Optimist.

SECRETARY UPHOLDS SMOOT

RECOMMENDS NON-RESIDENT CLAUSE IN DRY FARM BILL.

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