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The Fifty-Seventh session of Congress convened Monday.

Union County has lost in the "Par-handle" case. The supreme court decided Monday that the strip of country legally belongs to Baker County.

Secretary Long wants the grade of vice admiral of the navy revived, but before it acts, Congress will insist on knowing whom he means to honor by that grade.

The announcement of Carnegie's latest gift of \$2,000,000 to a library filled only six lines in the press dispatch, whereas a few years ago it would have received columns of comment.

The bill on the leasing of public grazing lands, which we print in another column, originated at Chico, California, the home of Mr. Lusk, chief mogul of the French-Glean interests. We merely give this as a matter of news.

The opinion of astronomers seems to be reverting to the once discredited nebular theory of the formation of the universe. The idea of a vast whirling mass of vapor throwing off rings as it condenses, which similarly condense until they form planets and moons, leaving the central mass to form the sun is certainly fascinating.

The facts in regard to the Panama canal are coming out. The company that now controls it is really a receiver for the earlier bankrupt company. It operates the Panama railroad, which is enormously profitable. To sell to the United States would be to throw itself and its officers—out of a job that pays them big salaries. Is it any wonder it is slow in making a definite offer to this country.

To speak a kindly word of commendation or encouragement may be a very little thing for you, but a very helpful thing to one to whom it is spoken. Never a day passes without bringing you opportunities for such service to others. Does a day ever pass without you improving such an opportunity? If so, you have reason to reproach yourself with the omission, and others have reason to regret your failure inasmuch as you did it not, you failed in your positive duty.—Baker City Republican.

The best child, who presently finds life very home in the policeman's protecting arms, is hugged to his mother's heart with a new joy. But the mother's heart is empty as her arms when her children are lost for life. How many a woman goes through such an experience, appealing in vain for help to local doctors, who confess that they are "puzzled" to understand the cause of the trouble.

In similar cases Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been used with such success that its record commends it to every woman whose children fall of vitality. "Favorite Prescription" gives the mother strength to give her child. It strengthens the female organism, giving great elasticity to the organs of maternity, and making the baby's advent practically painless. It is the true woman's medicine, establishing regularity, drying weakening humors, and healing inflammation.

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GRAZING ON PUBLIC LANDS.

The following bill for the leasing for grazing purposes of vacant public domain and reserving all rights of homestead and mineral entry has been drawn up by the national Cattle-Growers' Association and will be presented to Congress:

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that all vacant public lands west of the 100th meridian west from Greenwich shall be leased for stock-grazing purposes, subject to the right of homestead and mineral entry under existing laws of the United States, and when so entered, to be canceled from the lease.

"Sec. 2. Leases of such lands shall not be subject to bid. The uniform rental shall be 2 cents per acre per annum, payable annually in advance, and preference for such leases shall be given to owners of cultivated agricultural land, for leaseable lands abutting upon their freeholds in proportion of 10 acres of leasehold to one acre of freehold. A like preference of 10 acres of leasehold to one acre of freehold shall be given to stockgrowers who are also freeholders; this preference shall apply only to lands within the counties upon which their stock habitually range. If in case of either of the preferences above provided there shall not be sufficient leaseable lands in the county to give each person entitled to the preference the maximum proportion of 10 acres to one, then said lands shall be prorated between the persons entitled to such preference. The further preference to lands not leased under the foregoing provisions of this section shall be given to stockgrowers who were in actual use and occupancy of said lands during the year ending on January 1, 1901, to be leased to them in proportion to their respective interests in and use thereof. Where the states lease state lands the bona fide holders of such state leaseholds shall be beneficiaries of the preference given above to stockgrowers who are also freeholders; provided that such state leaseholds are not held by any one person in tracts exceeding 640 acres in any one body. Freehold rights under this section shall not apply to townsite property, nor to any lands deriving title from Spanish or Mexican grants.

"Sec. 3. All leases to run 10 years, with the privilege of renewal for a second term of 10 years, the first lessee having the preference for such second term, provided he shall have complied with the requirements of this law and the terms of his lease, and has not allowed his leasehold to deteriorate.

"Sec. 4. The revenue derived from the leases herein authorized shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States, and the net revenue, after deducting the expense of administering this tract, shall be held in trust to be paid to such states and territories wherein the leaseholds are situated, as provide a state engineer and other proper means for devoting the same to the diversion or storage of water and its distribution for irrigation of agricultural lands. Only such revenue as is derived in any state or territory shall be returned to it for such purpose.

"Sec. 5. The Secretary of the Interior shall have the power to cancel a lease when its holder becomes ineligible, and shall administer this act, making all needful rules and regulations for this purpose.

"Sec. 6. Nothing in this act shall deprive the United States of control of all reservation for any purpose, now existing or hereafter created.

"Sec. 7. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

The following is a statement of purpose and effects of the bill:

"The purpose of this proposed legislation is to prevent the further free use in common of the public domain in the arid grazing region, and thereby to prevent the destruction of the forage by overstocking the same, by which process the land is becoming desert, the country more arid, and springs and

watercourses losing their flow. Used free and in common, the Western range is practically without law, and the competitors for its occupancy attempt to hold it against each other by violence and armed force, causing the destruction of life and property. This domain belongs to all of the people, but has been used by a few as a means of acquiring wealth, without compensation to the rest of the owners. The availability of the region involved for agricultural settlement has been injured by the increase of its aridity that has followed the extirpation of its covering of grasses and forage plants, the land's potentiality as a producer of wealth will disappear unless it is protected by law and its users are compelled to pay for and protect what they occupy.

"The proper policy of this Government is the encouragement of settlers to occupy all parts of the public domain upon which families may gain a living. To this end the proposed law reserves all the rights of the homestead settler. The Government encourages the adventurous mineral prospector, and this law reserves all his rights to make mineral entry in any part of the domain that it covers.

"Besides these prospective entry men there are existing rights that must be protected.

"The present agricultural settler who tills land, raises crops, and keeps domestic stock, finds under the present system of free use of the public domain that flocks and herds are driven upon his freehold, consume the forage upon which his domestic animals should feed, and inflict such injury upon him that he is frequently constrained to sacrifice his property and seek another location, only to be again overtaken by the same intolerable conditions. The proposed law gives him the preference of a leasehold on abutting public domain, which he may protect from the trespasses which now injure him.

"The next preference is given to freeholders whose pursuits are pastoral, to protect themselves in like manner from nomads, and secure the range needed for their stock.

"Lands not taken by either of the foregoing classes of freeholders shall be subject to lease by stockgrowers who were in use and occupancy during the year ending January 1, 1901, each to have a leasehold in proportion to his interest, so that none, not even the least, can be excluded.

"The possessors of leaseholds to state lands, in area limited to 640 acres, are given the same rights as freeholders.

The owners of the vast Mexican and Spanish grants are excluded from freehold or other privilege under this law, by limiting its beneficiaries to holders under the land laws of the United States, and townsite freeholders are also properly excluded.

"The fixing of time of pastoral occupancy at the year ending on January 1, 1901, is to exclude combinations of capital forming for the purpose of getting leasehold control of these lands, to the exclusion of the Western rangemen and stockgrowers who now occupy them in common.

"To absolutely guard the rights of all against combinations of a few, the leases are not open to bid. There will be no auction at which the strong can overcome the weak. Every man has his rights defined by the law, and none can take them away.

"The leaseholder, being compelled to pay for the land he uses, will protect its forage against extermination by overstocking. The vegetable covering will increase and will more and more conserve the moisture, increasing the means of irrigation. The law proposes that the net revenues of the leases shall be held by the United States in trust for the use of the states where it is derived, in the storage and distribution of water. Such use of the rentals will be the devotion of an existing public asset to a public purpose of supreme importance to the arid West, and will render unnecessary the demand that the taxpayers of the whole country be burdened for that purpose by Congress-

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—Oregonian.

sion appropriations.

"It is intended that the bill shall protect the forage of the public range, get revenue from its use, defend the rights of present freeholders, exclude no existing interest, however small, and shall accelerate settlement and tillage by conservation of moisture and the support of irrigation.

"With these ends in view, it is submitted to Congress by order of the American Cattle-growers' Association, through its committee on legislation.

"John P. Irish, Oakland, California; Henry M. Porter, Denver, Colorado; A. B. Robertson, Colorado, Texas; Parlett Richards, Ellsworth, Nebraska; M. K. Parsons, Salt Lake, Utah."

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