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TO REGRESS THE RANGES

O. R. & N. Experiments Demonstrate It Is Possible.

There are at least a million acres of land along the line of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company in Eastern Oregon, which at present are used for range land, and from which the bunch grass has almost entirely disappeared, making the land almost valueless. The management of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company has for last five years been experimenting with different grasses and fodder plants, with a view to finding something that would grow and thrive without irrigation and would make good grazing land of the tract mentioned, the rainfall being too light to guarantee a crop of grain. Among the different grasses tried, brome grass has been found to thrive and do well where there is a clay subsoil. Where there is a gravelly subsoil, the moment the hot weather comes it dies. Among the fodder plants tried the dry land alfalfa proved a great success in some arid districts, where there is but eight inches of rainfall during the year. It was found that the alfalfa would produce four tons of hay to the acre without irrigation and leave a Fall and Winter pasture standing two or three feet high on which stock can run and feed during the Winter months.

This result was obtained from ten different plots at widely separated points between Arlington and Baker City. So well pleased was Mr. R. B. Miller, general freight agent of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, under whose supervision these experiments were made, that he requested R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the company, to attend the state woolgrowers' meeting at Pendleton in March last and promise to any of the members of the association, who would agree to put in the seed properly and keep stock off it the first year, seed enough to try a plot on their own farms in order that they might be able to determine whether this species of alfalfa was adapted to their locality.

The result was that 87 packages of the seed were placed, covering different sections in both Washington and Oregon. The seed was sown early in May; all who used it promising to notify Mr. Judson from time to time of the progress it made. Already 23 letters have been received by him, all stating that the plants come up nicely and are thrifty. It is the intention of Mr. Miller to follow this matter up closely and if the returns justify he will secure a large quantity of seed for distribution the coming Fall. Mr. Judson says the alfalfa has come to stay. He has just been looking over a number of fields sown with it during the last two years and reports it A1 in every respect. One rancher eight miles from The Dalles on the Washington side has a field of 20 acres on a steep hill slope from which he has secured as his first cutting 35 tons of hay and he will take off his next crop in July, and he will then let it grow and pasture a lot of hogs on it next Winter.—Oregonian.

Must Keep a Record of Cattle.

It is not generally known in this county that the last legislature made it the duty of butchers, and other persons slaughtering cattle to keep a record of the brands, on such cattle, and to preserve the

hides for inspection. The law is as follows:

Sec. 1. Any person engaged in the business of slaughtering cattle must keep, at their place of business, a book in which they must enter daily, the number and class of cattle slaughtered, the names of the person or persons from whom the cattle were purchased, and the marks and brands of such cattle. Said book must be kept ready at all times for the inspection of any person who may desire to examine the same.

Sec. 2. Any person not regularly engaged in the business of slaughtering cattle, who at any time slaughters any cattle, must retain in his possession the hides taken off of said cattle with the ears attached thereto, without any alteration of the marks of the same, or disfiguration of the brand, for a period of 30 days. Any owner of cattle may within the period of time herein mentioned demand an exhibition of the hide or hides of any cattle so killed or slaughtered, by the person so killing the same, and upon such demand being made he must produce such hide for inspection.

Sec. 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not less than \$50 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by both such fine or imprisonment.

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Stomach Trouble.

"I have been troubled with my stomach for the past four years," says D. L. Beach, of Clover Nook Farm, Greenfield, Mass. "A few days ago I was induced to buy a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I have taken part of them and feel a great deal better." If you have any trouble with your stomach try a box of these Tablets. You are certain to be pleased with the result. Price 25 cents. For sale by H. M. Horton, Burns; Fred Haines, Harney.

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RESIDENCE ON HOMESTEADS

Important Land Decision Handed Down by Interior Department.

In the past the interior department has been most liberal in construing what constitutes a residence upon a homestead sufficient to enable the claimant to make proof upon and secure title from the government to the land. But stricter rulings are being enforced as will be seen from the following Walla Walla dispatch dated June 10:

"A decision of interest to hundreds of city homesteaders who are trying to reside in towns of Oregon and Washington where they have some business, and at the same time prove up on homesteads in the new districts, was received at the Walla Walla district land office yesterday from the department of the interior.

The general application of the text would mean a repetition of the story now oft being told that to successfully hold a claim, a man must make continuous residence. It also practically means that a newcomer can successfully contest any of the thousands of homesteads being held by men not actually residing on them, but who are making a pretense of compliance with the letter of the law.

The specific case before the department was that of Samuel Covert, of Ritzville, Wa., whose homestead in 32-14 31, Franklin county, was contested by D. Mord-host, of Connell. Covert testified at the first contest hearing before a Franklin County U. S. Land Commissioner that his interpretation of the homestead law was that all a man had to do was to visit his claim once in six months. However, he had made visits somewhat more frequently, had thrown up a 10x14 shack of rude boards without stovepipe or chimney and had made some show of cultivation. He lost before the land office here, and appealed to the department but has lost again.

"The department is specific in showing that a man cannot hold a claim under the present regulations and their style of enforcement without proving an actual continuous residence."

The law governing homesteads requires a continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land claimed under the homestead act, and just what constitutes a continuous residence has been so liberal as to lead settlers to believe that all that it required is to establish only a constructive residence; that to put up any kind of a building, cultivate a few acres of land, and visit the land sleeping thereon once in six months, sufficed to establish a residence. However this is not a compliance with the law, nor is it liable to be so considered by the department. The intention of the homestead law is to give actual settlers homes, not to give every individual 160 acres for the purpose of speculation. It is the purpose of the government to give every settler who will go onto a piece of land, cultivate and improve and make a home thereon a title to 160 acres. It is expected that such settler shall make his homestead his actual home; that he shall reside there the majority of the time, not live somewhere else, and visit his homestead semi occasionally. The law provides that he shall not be absent from his homestead longer than six months at any one time. This does not contemplate

that he shall be absent from the homestead the greater part of every six months during the five years' residence. But that he shall actually reside upon the land the greater portion of the time.

At present the government is keeping a rigid watch over the homesteads of Oregon and Washington. Every proof that is submitted will be carefully scrutinized, and lack of residence is liable to deprive many of their right to obtain title. It is indeed questionable if those who have established only constructive residence upon homesteads—that is those who live in town 360 days in the year and five on the homestead—will be permitted to perfect title.

Program for Celebration.

Burns will have a three days' celebration Fourth of July week as follows:

July 2—Two one-quarter mile vaquero races, purse \$50 each, and a special one-quarter mile race free for all Harney county horses, purse \$100.

July 3.—Track meet and basket ball game (girls). Band boys grand ball in the evening.

The track events will consist of the following, free for all Harney County.

50-yard dash, shot put, high jump, 100-yard dash, hammer throw, relay race 300 yards, standing broad jump, running broad jump, pole vault, 120-yard hurdle. A purse will be offered for each event.

July 4.—At ten o'clock parade followed by literary program at Floral Hall.

Selection, Burns Band. Reading of Declaration, Mrs. A. J. Irwin. Song, Columbia Quartet. Bits of Humor, Mr. Meade. Song, Columbia Quartet. Oration, Hon. A. C. Finn. Selection, Burns Band.

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Lodge Directory.

BURNS LODGE No. 70, K of P. Meets every Thursday night. F. M. Jordan, C. C. S. Mothershead, K of R. S.

BURNS CHAPTER, NO. 49, O. E. S. Meets second and fourth Monday of each month in Masonic hall, Vogtly building. Mrs. Maggie Levens, W. M. Mrs. Eunice Thompson, Sec.

BURNS LODGE, NO. 97, A. F. & A. M. Meets Saturday or before full moon. Qualified brothers fraternally invited. C. E. Kenyon, W. M. F. S. Kieder, Secy.

BURNS LODGE, NO. 93, A. O. U. W. Meets at Brown hall every Friday evening. Visiting brothers fraternally invited. Thos. Sagers, W. M. Chas. N. Cochrane, Recorder.

HARNEY LODGE, NO. 77, I. O. O. F. Meets every Saturday evening, Brown's hall. Visiting brothers fraternally invited. Frank O. Jackson, N. G. C. G. Smith, Secretary.

TULE CIRCLE, NO. 165, WOMEN OF Woodcraft. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Brown's hall. Mrs. Tillis Jordan, Mrs. Ione Whiting, Guardian. Clerk.

Church Announcements.

Sunday School at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock, A. M. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 3 o'clock P. M. Preaching services every second Sunday at 8 P. M.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning. Preaching services at the Baptist church every 1st and 2nd Sundays, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

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