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IT MAY AROSE STRIFE

Cattle Corporations May Oppose Enforcement of Government's Fence Order.

The stand, it is reported, that the Government is taking to have the illegally fenced public lands thrown open, is causing the big cattle corporations to wince as will be seen from a clipping from the Oregonian of recent date. The illegal fencing of public lands, however, is not wholly confined to the large concern, but also to a number of the "smaller fry" who would like to be classed with the former. The cry that the throwing open of this land will hurt the cattle industry is silly bosh and can only emanate from the "big man" who thinks that with his passing from this earth, all industry will die. The opening of the lands mentioned and the passing away of the big concerns will have a tendency towards an equalization of the herds and a betterment of the cattle industry. The Government is for all the people. Throw open the lands that the small cattlemen who shares an equal right to their use with large cattlemen, may receive some benefit. The article referred to above is as follows:

"The announcement that Special Agent Dixon, of the General Land Office, is in Eastern Oregon investigating the wholesale fencing of Government land by the big cattle and sheep ranchers of the grazing counties has created something of a sensation in this city.

"Many citizens of Portland are interested in the stock business and incidentally the business of controlling portions of the public domain by fencing Uncle Sam's acres into their pastures. Now that United States Attorney John Hall, working in conjunction with the General Land Office, has announced his intention of instituting vigorous prosecutions of all who are defying the law in this respect, bombs are dropping all over catteland, and the cow and sheep barons are trying to figure out which of their number will be summoned before the grand jury. It really looks as if the meek and lowly settler was going to have a show for his white alley and would be allowed to come in and possess the land. To those not directly interested in the stock industry the irrigation and settlement of Eastern Oregon is more to be desired than the boundless solitudes which now are peopled only by an occasional ranchman. This element will approve the rigid enforcement of the statute made and provided against the wholesale trespass of Government land, while the cattle kings and their friends will fight hard for the continuance of present conditions.

"A well-known attorney of this city, who declined to be quoted, referring to the matter, said yesterday:

"This row about the fencing of public lands is very much ado about nothing. The law which it is now proposed to enforce with such zeal is not a new one, but has been on the statute books for years. It is well enough as a law if the enforcement of it is mixed with common sense and judgement, but a sweeping and rigid enforcement of it in Oregon will do the state untold harm and benefit nobody.

"There is Government land under fence in Eastern Oregon, but no such empires of it as has been stated. The land which the stockmen have fenced without title is invariably worthless for any but grazing purposes and not in any respect suited to farming. All the

land which will produce forage for stock has been taken years ago, and title has been obtained to it, but in many instances the man who has a ranch in a creek bottom has thrown a fence around a rough, broken section of Government land which lies back on the hills for use as a horse pasture, or as a sort of corral for turning his beef cattle into at shipping time. This does not work a hardship on the prospective settler, as the land without water would useless to him, and even if he should desire to do so he may enter it at any time and tear down the fences. To my knowledge this is about the extent of the fencing of the public domain here. Of course, in Wyoming, where I understand township after township of Government land has been fenced, the law is a wise provision and should be enforced, but a meddling disposition to enforce it in such instances as I have cited serves no good purpose and will work infinite injury to a large part of the state. I am certain it is not the plan of the General Land Office or President Roosevelt, who has handled cattle himself, to paralyze the cattle industry by enforcing the law in every instance."

The well-known attorney is far from being well-informed.

The Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean is the only weekly newspaper published in Chicago in connection with the great daily papers. It contains a judiciously selected summary of the news of the nation and world, the best stories, home, farm, woman's, and other special departments, and fair, patriotic, able editorials, written from a Republican viewpoint. It is by far the best general newspaper of the Western States. The regular price for the Weekly Inter Ocean is \$1.00 and for the Harney Valley Items \$1.50, but subscriptions will be received at this office for the two papers in combination for one year, for only \$1.50.

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OREGON NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From Different Parts of the State.

The total contributions received by Heppner people up to date amount to over \$50,000.

The case of ex-Sheriff Huntington of Baker County, charged with the embezzlement of \$10,000 of tax money, is being heard in Baker City this week. The purpose of the defense seems to be to place the responsibility for the shortage on Ex-Deputy Sheriff Whitney.

The State Lewis and Clark Commission will send representatives to every state and district fair held throughout Oregon this year to examine the exhibits made at these places. The commission intends, if possible, to secure all the best exhibits for the St. Louis World's Fair.

Horace G. McKinley and Marie L. Ware, formerly United States Commissioner at Eugene, who are charged with fraud and conspiracy with land locations and who had their preliminary examination at Portland last week, were bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$2000 each.

The following officers were elected at the annual encampment of the G. A. R. held in Portland last week: Commander, D. H. Turner, Newburg; Senior vice commander, T. B. McDevitt, Portland; Junior vice commander, R. H. Miller, Eugene; Medical director, A. Yerrington, Eugene; Chaplain, Daniel Drew, Portland.

While blasting through solid rock last week, Contractor Riner, of Oregon City, who is constructing a sewer at that place, unearthed a skull and other parts of a human skeleton at a depth of nine feet. The skull is almost perfect as are the other parts of the skeleton that were discovered. It is believed the skeleton is that of an Indian.

The Civil Service Commission has notified every Senator and Representative in Congress that examinations will be held all over the United States on July 29, 30 and 31, to provide an eligible list from which President Roosevelt is to appoint eight or ten cadets to the revenue cutter service. In Oregon the examinations will be held at Portland, Astoria, Salem and Baker City.

Mrs. E. H. Smith, wife of Dr. E. H. Smith, of Lakeview, shot herself last Friday morning with a 22-caliber rifle at her home. The shooting is believed to be the result of an accident, although so far little information has been obtainable owing to the critical condition of the woman. Mrs. Smith is an expert rifle woman, and it is believed that the weapon was accidentally discharged while being handled. The bullet entered the chest just above the heart and lodged in the muscles of the back.

When the next Legislature has appropriated \$35,805 to pay off deficiency claims, Oregon's experience with coyote scalp bounty laws will be ended. That amount will be required to pay the claims that have accrued under the laws which were repealed by the last session of the Legislature. When this deficiency is paid Oregon will have expended for bounties some \$212,000. The amount would be \$250,000 but for the fact that when the appropriation was exhausted early in 1902 a number of counties ceased to allow bounty claims.

THE ORIGIN OF GOLF.

Game Was First Played by a Scotch Shepherd with His Crook and a Pebble.

The man or woman who has become interested in golf must needs know something of its origin over in Scotland. In his book, "The Art of Golf," Sir W. G. Simpson tells the following pretty story as to how the game had its beginning:

"A shepherd leading his sheep would often chance upon a round pebble, and, having his crook in his hand, would strike it away; for it is inevitable that a man with a stick in his hand should aim a blow at any loose object lying in his path as that he should breathe. Over pastures green this led to nothing; but once upon a time a certain shepherd, feeding his sheep on a links, perhaps that of St. Andrews, rolled one of these stones into a rabbit scrape.

"Mary," quoth he, "I could not do that if I tried," a thought which nerved him to the attempt. But a man cannot long persevere alone in any arduous undertaking, so Mr. Shepherd hailed another, who was hard by, to witness the endeavor. "That is easy," said the friend, and, trying, failed. They now searched the grass for the roundest stones, and having deepened the rabbit scrape, so that the stones might not jump out of it, they set themselves to practice putting.

"The stronger but less skillful shepherd, finding himself worsted at the amusement, protested that it was a fairer test of skill to play for the hole from a considerable distance. With this arranged, the game was found to be much more varied and interesting. The sheep having meanwhile strayed, the shepherds had to go after them.

"This proving an exceedingly irksome interruption, they hit upon the ingenious device of nailing a circular course of holes, which enabled them to play and herd at the same time. These holes being now many and far apart, it became necessary to mark their whereabouts, which was easily done by means of a tag of wool from a sheep attached to a stick, a primitive kind of flag still used on many greens, almost in its original form. Since these early days the essentials of the game have altered but little."

Scotsman's Prelate Folly.

Maj. James B. Pond, of world-wide repute as a pilot of celebrities of the concert stage and the "lyceum," tells of a waiter, a Scotsman, of whom he once inquired the exact time to leave to catch the morning boat plying between the river town where he was visiting and the next stopping place on his itinerary.

"Weel, I eanna' tell ye jist whit time 'twill be; but if ye'll leave five minutes afore ye see the steamer comin' roon the pint, ye'll jist be in time to catch it, sir."—Philadelphia Times.

Had the Most Science.

In responding to the toast "Science" at a banquet in New York recently President Pritchett, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, told this story: "In a Boston school the other day a teacher said to a small boy: 'Who won the battle of New Orleans?' 'Why Jim Corbett, of course,' was the answer. 'How did that happen?' asked the teacher, thinking to set the boy right. 'He won,' was the prompt reply, 'because he had more science than the other guy.'"—Chicago Chronicle.

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