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SHOULD BE REPEALED

Secretary of the Interior Lane was swamped with letters and telegrams from all parts of the West, telling him of the manner in which big stock companies were hiring men to file on land under the 640-acre act. As a consequence all filing was at once stopped and those who had filed were sent notice that their entry had been suspended.

In the first place the Ferris 640 acre homestead law is about as idiotic a piece of legislation that ever passed the U. S. Senate, and the best thing possible to do would be to repeal it. It will prove detrimental to the development of every western state where there is government land, and will do away with any further settlement as it will allow a few big stock companies to own all the range in a very short time.

The government is planning a careful investigation of each claim already filed, and a lot of foreigners and others are said to be wondering if they were not a bit hasty in answering certain questions while under oath at the time of filing. One thing is certain, if the investigators do their duty there will be a great number of prosecutions for perjury right here in Baker county, and conditions are no worse here, if as bad, as in other sections.

Can You Beat It?

"Take my word for it," said old Si Chestnut, "you can't beat this old age game." May be old Si was right. What do you think about it?

Here's our opinion. If old Si meant that one couldn't keep from growing old, he was probably right. But there are ways to beat the old age game by at least robbing it of some of its terrors. It is possible to avoid needy and dependent old age. Industry, the saving habit, an account at our bank, all these will protect you against some of the discomforts of old age and make life pleasant in your declining years. Now is the time to think about such things. Don't make the mistake of waiting until you are old.

ad) EAGLE VALLEY STATE BANK

Card of Thanks

We extend our sincere gratitude to the people of Sparta and Eagle Valley for their many acts of kindness during the recent illness and death of our little daughter. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson

Bids Wanted.

Bids will be received by the undersigned until Feb. 15th, for the cleaning of the Waterbury & Allen Ditch from head to end of corporation. Right reserved to reject any and all bids. Address, Sec'y, Waterbury & Allen Ditch Co., Richland, Ore.—ad

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Remember the H. S. program at the opera house on Tuesday night.

Chas. Howell was severely kicked by one of his driving horses Tuesday morning.

Charlie Barber wishes to know "If John D. is a gold bug, would you say Ben Franklin was a lightning bug?"

We learn that Peter Sass was offered \$16 per head for his band of 1500 ewes this week—and refused it. Who dares to say that sheep doesn't spell money?

The Mutual Creamery Co. shipped a car of cheese from Robinette Monday. The car was billed to New York City but the cheese has been sold to a firm in England.

Saturday's "chinook" certainly made the snow disappear from the hills, but a new coat of "the beautiful" came Monday. Indications now point to a genuine thaw—some time before July.

The four-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sharpen died suddenly at New Bridge last Thursday night and was buried in the Eagle Valley cemetery Saturday.

Lambing is now on in full blast. Thos. Seigel reports about 1000 at his ranch and says the little ones are arriving at the rate of over 100 per day. Mr. Seigel will lamb 3200 ewes in Eagle Valley and 1200 on Snake River.

W. H. Lytle, State Veterinarian, was a guest at the Thomas Seigel ranch Monday night. Mr. Seigel had been losing a few ewes in a peculiar manner and was considerably worried, but his fears subsided when Mr. Lytle informed him that the loss was probably due to the ewes being too fat.

Special Deputy Grand Master Forrest L. Hubbard of Baker will visit Eagle Lodge No. 123, I. O. O. F. tomorrow evening, Friday, February 2nd. All Odd Fellows are urged to come and bring their families, as after a short lodge session a short program will be rendered and this will be followed by a banquet and good social time.

Tomorrow is "ground hog day" and all will be on the lookout to see if that animal gets a chance to observe its shadow. To those who have never seen a ground-hog a treat is in store for them at Desch & Chase Meat Market, as these gentlemen captured one a few days ago and will have it on display in their window tomorrow. Go see it.

The benefit to be given Phil Kearney Post G. A. R. at New Bridge on Lincoln's Birthday, Monday, Feb. 12th, is not only a fine scheme from a charitable standpoint, but its success will show that our citizens still honor the "old boys" for their valor in defending Old Glory. Let all turn out and bring all baskets possible; also come prepared to buy one or more.

THE HAPPY FARMER

A certain class of newspaper men assert that a farmer is the most independent man on earth and that he has nothing to do but enjoy life. That when winter comes and the blizzard's on the wing he toasts his feet in the oven and reads the local newspaper and the only thing that disturbs him is a call three times a day to a banquet of mince pies and other luxuries. It is a mistake. The industrious farmer begins work long before the sun thinks of getting up. With his soul shrouded in gloom he proceeds to build a fire and softens his boots with a sledge hammer. He then takes a lantern and shovels his way to the barn and feeds the hogs. It is then time to feed the newly arrived calf, which seems to delight in butting a pail of milk over the tiller of the soil until he only needs to be stamped to pass for a package of oleomargarine. He crawls through a barb wire fence and digs the hay out of the snow, feeds the cows, cleans the stable, gathers up the frozen chicks, chases a stray pig worth 25 cents four miles—and does not catch it, doctors a sick horse, freezes his fingers, gets kicked by a one-eyed mule, and when the gloaming comes and quietness broods over all the earth, he has a single half hour to meditate and wonder how he will pay his taxes

DEER SEEN IN VALLEY

A large doe got into Borings hay corral at the Mut Simonis ranch Monday night and when driven out Tuesday morning hit the road down past Sam Saunders' ranch in the west end of the Valley. The animal had evidently been chased from the hills by the coyotes or a cougar and although apparently in good flesh seemed to be weak and tired from running. A number of our residents are watching out that the animal is not killed by some unprincipled person, and should it be, someone will pay the full penalty of the law.

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