

The Hon. T. E. Fell has sent us a copy of House Bill No. 121 which provides that sheep, horses and cattle owned and taxed in one county, shall not be permitted to range in another county. Its effect would be that stock owned, taxed and ranged in Morrow county during the winter would not be allowed to go into Grant county for summer range.

The committee on counties have reported this bill favorably, and there seems to be a strong disposition to pass it. The representatives of Baker, Crook, Grant, Malheur, Wallowa and other interior counties, with whom the valley members sympathize, are strongly pressing it, Waco, Gilliam, Morrow and Una, only opposing it. If it becomes a law the sheepmen of Morrow county must go further back in the mountains during the summer than the sheepmen of other counties, and the familiarity of every sheepman with this section will determine that it would be an inadequate range.

Another result of the passage of this bill will be that Grant county will vigorously oppose Morrow in acquiring any townships on the north, for the evident reason that she will then want them for summer range.

It seems to us that this law must work a dreadful hardship upon the sheepmen of Morrow county. We know that during the summer months there is absolutely no feed for sheep in the larger portion of Morrow county. The Legislature might as well pass a law saying "you shall keep no sheep," which would certainly be invading our constitutional rights. Upon free government land one man should have as much right as another, and it would appear inconsistent for a legislative body to give one man exclusive rights to the broad and free domain of the general government. There is no county in the state that would suffer more by the passage of the bill than Morrow, as we are dependent on other counties for nearly all our summer range, and the only thing which will save the complete wiping out of the sheep industry in our county in that event, will be the acquisition of the thirteen townships on the south. We hope that our Hon. representative at Salem will use his utmost endeavors to prevent the passage of H. B. No. 121, and if possible acquire the thirteen townships on the south.

ALL PULL TOGETHER. The time has come when Eastern Oregon should come to her senses and organize a wide awake Board of Immigration. Good work has been accomplished by the State Board of Immigration at Portland, but it is a well known fact that nearly all their energies are directed toward locating immigrants in the Willamette valley, and Eastern Oregon is little benefitted thereby.

It is a well known fact that every town in the eastern part of the state would select a man as their representative in this matter and then have them meet at some central point, an organization could be effected, which through its agents and the distribution of descriptive literature, setting forth the advantages of Eastern Oregon as a home for immigrants, would have the effect of locating in our midst a large portion of those who now pass by in train loads to seek homes in the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon. The men who are engaged in the real estate business would lend valuable assistance to this enterprise, and it stands to reason that our combined efforts in this one direction would have a telling effect and instead of Eastern Oregon being as it now is, an unknown quantity, it would become in point of population and wealth the bone and marrow of the state. We have the soil, timber, water, and minerals, with as fine a climate as can be found in Oregon or Washington Territory. We can see no reason why the population and wealth of Eastern Oregon should not be doubled within the next two years if we but wake up to our interests and make known to the tide of immigration now moving westward, seeking homes, the advantages which our inland Empire offers them.

THERE are now 234 bills introduced in the house and 189 in the senate, to say nothing of resolutions, memorials, etc. During the last session 270 bills were introduced in the house and 185 in the senate. This session was half over on the 9th inst. It will end at 12 o'clock on the night of Friday, February 22. There is a question, however, if a session can be held on that day, as it is a legal holiday, and if not the adjournment will have to be taken on Thursday before 12 o'clock, midnight. The last session cost \$25,000. There has been appropriated for the expenses of this session \$42,000; over \$1000 a day, including Sundays.

At Chicago last Wednesday, Mrs. Rayson, wife of the millionaire banker, who in open court shot her husband's lawyer, was acquitted in short order, when the case went to the jury, the verdict being that she was temporarily insane at the time of the shooting. Mrs. Rayson was at once formally discharged, and received the congratulations of many of her friends. The jury came in for their share of thanks. Money may be the root of all evil, but it's a sure cure for crime, as well as disease. In this case it cured temporary insanity.

INFORMATION of another outrage, so alleged, comes to New Bedford, Mass. On October 3d, last, a Portuguese man-of-war stopped an American vessel on the high seas, claiming that the latter had on board smuggled tobacco. The vessel was a whaler, the Mary Frazier, of Edgington, and professed to have on board only one hundred pounds, which the captain claimed was duly stamped. However, he was fined and the vessel held for the same and costs.

This bill introduced in the legislature providing for a fine of \$50 to \$200 for betting on elections, it is safe to remark will not pass, as men who won last are in power.

A common query of late: "What is the matter with Secretary Bayard?" He needs Sassa-parilla.

Consider the chickens, my son; study their ways and be wise. Whenever they take to drinking, their bills go up; and by keeping their bills down, they find enough to eat.—Puck.

NOTES FROM SALEM.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11, '89. It is not difficult to understand that the capital city is a dull place. Even the horses that drag the Chemeketa hotel coach up to that hostelry, have caught the universal depression. The menu of this hash house is a disgrace. Evidently Salem needs a hotel lady.

I find Morrow county measures in good condition. House Bill No. 21, referring to the extension of the southern boundaries of Morrow county to reach to the John Day, having passed the house, is in the senate committee, who will report it whenever Mr. Fell requests, it being held back as a matter of courtesy to Senator Hamilton, that the chances of his bill for the creation of the proposed new county of Hamilton might not be affected by it. The bill for Hamilton county will scarcely reach consideration at first hands, there being about 330 bills before both houses. Nothing but energetic push keeps a bill from dying in birth.

The road appropriation bill, No. 93, was vigorously opposed in the house for the reason that one bill had already been passed under pressure existing in anticipation of a Portland water bill. It was claimed that the Monument road and the Canyon City road were parallel, and that the construction of but one was essential to open up the north of Grant county. Messrs. Hume and Northup, of Portland, and our old friend, J. Q. Wilson, made forcible speeches, supporting Fell upon the floor in a lively discussion, while Geer, Apperson and Bowditch opposed the granting of funds to be used by Messrs. Gilliam, Sperry and Wilson, stating that they saw a job in the scheme. They made a good Lexington speech, but it didn't take. House Bill No. 93 is on first reading in the senate, where its friends say that it will unquestionably become a law; that is, ready for the governor's signature. He has given out that he will sign all road appropriations, believing that the country demands and deserves this assistance. It is entirely quite unconvincing to know that this is the case, for to pass a measure to have it placed in the position of the Bill Run water bill, is not the thing wanted.

As most of the GAZETTE readers are aware, the Bull Run bill is now in the hands of the governor's veto, having already passed the senate. The governor's action in this matter has led some of our Oregon Parous Platers to rush to print with pointed editorials showing his good judgment in giving this measure a severe blow. The fact of the matter is, and it exists a very hairless fact, too, that Gov. Pennington looks at this matter like some of our Heppner real estate owners understand enterprise, a sort of an antiquated, behind-the-times opinion. No city, to my knowledge, ever issued bonds for public purposes, liable to taxation. The reasons are palpable. Should they be taxed, they would command a much lower price in the market, requiring more bonds to be issued for their water works, which would of course have to be redeemed at par, taking more money out of the pockets of the taxpayers than they pay in taxes. Besides, a partial taxation would induce Portland capitalists to invest, leaving the coin at home, of which no city or community has any too much. While I believe the governor to be an honest man, sincere in all of his actions, he is decidedly wrong in this instance, appearing to take an unbusiness like view of the matter. Some of the granger members of the house, in their anxiety to benefit the poor man, will no doubt give it a close rub to pass with the necessary two-thirds majority.

The weather being more like spring, Salem never appeared better than during the past week. It is well known as a pretty place, but it appears that no amount of May weather, sprinkled along in the winter month of February, will awake it from its sleepy condition, already mentioned in this correspondence. A new street car line is operating, proving that some enterprise exists. The general condition of the valley, as far as I am able to see, is much like the staid and slow-going east. No rustle, bustle exists as may be found in the lumbering region.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Conser, who is a conductor on the San Francisco train on the O. & C. He is a genial gentleman, a brother of our George, the cashier of the First National Bank. He had some questions to ask concerning his brother in Eastern Oregon, all of which were answered in full accordance with the facts. Sir.

TRAGEDY IN ASTORIA.

A Man Shot Dead and Nobody Seems to Know How It was Done. A dreadful tragedy was enacted in Astoria on Wednesday last, the particular details of which are gleaned from a dispatch in the Oregonian. Neil Livingston, a Scotchman 54 years old, and an employe in the reading room of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, was shot dead, and though the dispatch does not say who did the shooting, the facts related leave no doubt that it was Mrs. James Ingleton, the young wife of Livingston's friend, for whom he was in the habit of doing odd jobs in a friendly way. Livingston was at the time in Ingleton's rooms in a block where several other families live in adjoining rooms, and was taking up a piece of music across the tannum over the door of the sitting room, the door being locked on the inside, when the muffled sound of a pistol was heard. Livingston came out of the room, ran diagonally across the passage way, burst into the rooms occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Osbeck, and flung himself on the bed, the blood pouring from his mouth. Mrs. Osbeck, startled beyond measure at the bloody apparition, pulled the door of the bed, he dropped on the floor, and died in a pool of blood by the bedside.

Mrs. Ingleton was met coming down stairs, a hatchet in her hand and blood streaming from a ghastly wound in her head. She was taken to Dr. Fulton's office, where it was ascertained that her wounds were not dangerous. Her skull is fractured on the right forehead, and there were two other wounds in the head, apparently caused by the corner of the hatchet.

Mrs. Alice Atkinson, who lives next door to Mrs. Osbeck, in the latter's back room at the time, and was first to go toward the door when it was flung open. She says when she came out of the back room door, she saw, in the open door, Mrs. Ingleton being shoved forward by Livingston. He had a collar of her dress grasped in one hand and

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THE SAMOAN ISLANDS.

Since so much has been said in diplomatic circles about Samoa, perhaps a brief description of the Islands and their resources, and their relations to Germany, Great Britain and the United States will be of interest to our readers. The Samoan, Navigator's Islands in the south Pacific, with an area of something over 1,000 square miles and about 37,000 inhabitants. They have for some time been a subject of interest to the government of the United States, Germany and Great Britain, owing mainly to the fact that citizens of those countries have interests of greater or less value there, having bought land and engaged in trade there. In 1878 a treaty was made between the United States and Samoa whereby the latter granted the former the right to establish a coaling station in the port of Pago-Pago. The unsettled condition of government in the islands, there being a struggle for the sovereignty between two native chiefs, furnished a tempting opportunity for foreigners wishing to extend their power, and the action of Germany in reference to affairs in the islands has been such as to lead the government of the United States to regard her position and conduct there with some concern.

However, there as yet is no cause for alarm. Our fighting statesmen are talking very excitedly about the probability of war, and encouraging the secretary of state for not making more noise about the matter, but the storm will no doubt pass by without any bloodshed.

FRIGATE MAKING HER WAY.—The desperate convict, Frank Howard, writing in pain from his self-amputated arm, declares that he will not work, even when recovered. He says he will cut the right hand off before he will do manual labor. He willly tears the bandages from the left stump and causes hemorrhage to follow, says the Capital Journal. Superintendent Downing declares the man will work, even if a tread wheel has to be constructed at his personal expense. Mr. Downing says those mills are successful in other prisons in bringing obstinate men to terms. The mill is turned by water and the man who does not walk with it, stepping as the wheel turns, will be dragged under and drowned. The superintendent is determined that Howard shall, if he again refuses to work, walk the tread-mill twelve hours each day or be carried into the stream and be destroyed.

MARRIAGE NOT A FAILURE.—"Marriage a failure! I should say not!" remarked a farmer this week, whose opinion was decided on one of the great questions of the day. "Why, there's Mary Jane, she gets up in the morning, milks six cows, gets breakfast, starts four children to school, looks after the other three, feeds the hens, likewise the hogs, likewise some toothless sheep, skins twenty pans of milk, washes the clothes, gets dinner, et cetera, et cetera. Think I give her anybody to do it for what she gets? Not much! Marriage, sir, is a success, a great success!"

K. OF P. BALL.—On the 19th inst. Doris Lodge No. 20, K. of P. will give a ball in the opera house of Garrison & Rogers in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the order. The members are making preparations for a grand time, and extend a general invitation to all to be present at that occasion. Tickets, \$1.50.

HOWARD M. NEWELL, counsel-general to Samoa, has been asked by Secretary Bayard to tender his resignation on account of a disagreement regarding the Samoan difficulty. Bayard has shown himself to be a very small man, figuratively speaking, all through this matter.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.—The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection and that dread disease, consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. For those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for consumption, asthma, catarrh, bronchitis, and all throat and lung maladies. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will send them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address, Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Williamsburg, Kings county, New York.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned having filed his final account as administrator of the Estate of James L. Fuller, deceased, and Saturday the 9th day of March, 1889, the same being a regular day of a regular term of the District Court of Morrow county, Oregon, at the hour of ten (10) o'clock A. M. of said day, is appointed as the time and place for settling up the estate of said James L. Fuller, deceased, and to show cause, if any there be, why an order be not made discharging the undersigned from further duty in and to the administration of said estate.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned having filed his final account as administrator of the Estate of Charles H. Johnson, deceased, and Monday, the 4th day of March, 1889, the same being a regular day of a regular term of the District Court of Morrow county, Oregon, at the hour of ten (10) o'clock A. M. of said day, is appointed as the time and place for settling up the estate of said Charles H. Johnson, deceased, and to show cause, if any there be, why an order be not made discharging the undersigned from further duty in and to the administration of said estate.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at La Grande, Or., Feb. 4, '89. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge of Morrow county, Or., or in his absence before the clerk of said county at Heppner, Or., on March 25, 1889, viz: Andrew Crow, Hd. No. 3360, for the NE 1/4 Sec. 8, T. 18, R. 27 E. M.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at La Grande, Or., Dec. 29, '88. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge of Morrow county, Or., or in his absence before the clerk of said county at Heppner, Or., on March 25, 1889, viz: Alexander Glenn, Hd. No. 2003, for the S 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 18, T. 18, R. 27 E. M.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

Land Office at La Grande, Or., Jan. 28, '89. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge of Morrow county, Or., or in his absence before the clerk of said county at Heppner, Or., on March 25, 1889, viz: Robert A. Padgett, Hd. No. 3360, for the S 1/2 NW 1/4 and N 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 8, T. 18, R. 27 E. M.

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