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VIOLATIONS OF THE STOCK LAW.

Several complaints have been made lately that the law requiring owners of stock to keep their animals from running at large in those sections or precincts where the law is in force, is being continually violated, causing damage to property, especially orchards. Mosier fruit growers have experienced considerable trouble and expense this year in keeping stray cattle out of their orchards. In fact, they have not succeeded altogether in keeping them out, and in at least two instances cattle have caused much damage to young fruit trees and other growing crops. The damage was done partly by stock belonging in this neighborhood, but principally by cattle owned in other sections which have wandered off their summer range in the mountains in search of better feed. These cattle, being hungry, will go through, over or under anything to get good feed. A legal fence will not keep them out, and as most of the fences are built around the orchards simply to have them enclosed and are not made "pig tight, horse high and bull stogg," it requires little effort on the part of stock to get thru them, and it would require the services of line riders to protect those orchards that are fenced, as well as those unfenced, and there are a number of them having no fences whatever, the land being set to fruit trees close to the public roads. It is easy to see that one stray cow or a bunch of cattle, could do incalculable damage in an orchard in one night—more damage than the profits from the sale of many head of cattle would amount to. When the question of allowing stock to run at large in Mosier precinct was voted on in June of last year, the people decided by a vote of 4 to 1 that stock should be kept up. As this particular section is almost exclusively a fruit country, from which the people derive their income, and as there is no profit in raising cattle in a country where hay must be shipped in to feed stock thru the winter, it is plain that the chief interest lies with the fruit growers, and that they should be protected. And that is the reason they voted for this protection. While most of the fruit growers in Mosier district have fenced their orchards, at considerable expense, for the benefit of those farmers, perhaps neighbors, who wish to raise a few cattle, they know it is not necessary for them to do so, as the law is perfectly plain on the subject. The cattle men have apparently become careless in regard to letting their stock run at large and the result is, as stated above, that the fruit men are getting tired of it and are complaining. They have been passive in the matter heretofore, not wishing to cause trouble, but now they say that something must be done to protect their interests, and that if the stock-owners do not keep their cattle up, the matter will be taken up in the courts. We have been requested to announce that a meeting of the cit-

izens of Mosier district will be held next Monday night in Lamb's Hall, for the purpose of settling the matter amicably, or considering means of enforcing the stock law in this precinct.

OPPORTUNITY.

It is said, knocks but once at each man's door. If this be taken to mean the Supreme Opportunity—i. e., the chance to become wealthy or to achieve a great success in some particular line—then the saying might, by some stretching, be taken to be true, but otherwise we hold that it is not true. Numerous opportunities, more or less attractive, come to every man, who is observant, and the difference between failure and success in life is very largely a matter of being able to take advantage of the opportunities when presented. A man may see an opportunity to make a nice profit by the investment of a small amount of money, and if he hasn't that small amount the opportunity passes by and some other fellow grabs it. So it follows that if one is to make a success in the business world he must get in position to take advantage of opportunities as they come along, either by getting together some extra capital or by establishing a line of credit and using it.

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Egg Price for Apples.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Sept. 7.—Joseph Steinhardt, of the commission firm of Steinhardt & Kelly, the New York firm that bought the output of the Hood River Applegrowers' Union last year, today set the apple-buying ball rolling by again purchasing the entire crop handled by the union at a gross figure that will total over \$150,000.

The deal was perfected at a conference between the directors of the union and Mr. Steinhardt that lasted most of the day yesterday and until this afternoon, and while the exact figure paid per box for the fruit will not be given out, it is said the figures are higher by a goodly margin than last year, when the average price was better than \$2.25 a box.

According to Mr. Steinhardt and the officers of the union, the announcement of the sale will cause a quick scramble for box fruit in other Northwestern sections, as they have been waiting for the signal from Hood River in order to get a line on the prices.

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