

Residue Lands

Surplus Lands of Warm Springs Indian Reservation May be Thrown Open to Settlers at an Early Date.

News from Washington is to the effect that the cattle and sheepmen, living on the outskirts of the Warm Springs Indian reservation, are desirous of having the unceded lands of this reservation thrown open to settlement. For a long time the regulations strictly prohibiting any grazing within the boundaries of the reservation have been enforced by the bonded superintendent. This has hardshipped the stockmen to some extent, and they now desire to recover the privilege of pasturing on the unallotted lands of the reservation.

Commissioner Jones, in reviewing the matter, says the records of his office show that 140,696 acres of the Warm Springs reservation have been allotted to 969 Indians; that 1,195 acres are reserved for church, school and agency purpose, and that there is a residue of 322,108 acres of unallotted lands. The authorities are not advised as to the wishes of the Indians regarding this residue. The pending Indian appropriation bill contains a provision authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate with the Indians of any reservation for the cession of their surplus lands to the United States. It is understood that each Indian of the Warm Springs reservation has secured all the land allotted to him, and that there is no further call for the surplus. Therefore, if the people living near the reservation can start a movement and secure the consent of the Indians themselves to the cession of this part of their reservation, the department will take the matter up. If an examination should convince the department that the throwing open of these lands would not harshly injure the Indians, but, on the other hand, would benefit any considerable number of people, it is wholly reasonable to suppose that the lands may, in due course of time, be thrown open to settlement.

The Old Engine.

An Examiner representative asked one of the councilmen the other day what would be done with the old fire engine, now that the town had a new system. The city dad replied that the engine was for sale at \$200. Here's a chance for some small town with able-bodied material for a fire company to get a good thing at a very small cost. That old engine, much as it has been damned, has saved many thousands of dollars worth of property in Lakeview. It never was the engine's fault that fire destroyed property here, but it was the fault of the water system. With plenty of water the engine will yet do valiant service, and many a town might well feel proud of it. Here's a snap for Paisley or New Pine Creek, both enterprising and growing towns—a fine engine for \$200 that cost the town of Lakeview \$1,000.

Seeds That Surely Grow.

The cost of seeds compared with the value of the crop is so small that a few cents saved by buying second-rate seeds will amount to many dollars lost when the harvest is gathered. Farmers have found out by many costly failures what a risky thing it is to buy seeds without being pretty sure that they are reliable and true to name. The latest catalogue of the seed house of D. M. Ferry & Co. of Detroit, Mich., is a reminder that thousands of farmers in the United States and Canada have pinned their faith to the reputation of this great firm. During a business career approaching half a century in time, Ferry's seeds have won an annual increase in popularity, which is perhaps the best evidence that they grow and give satisfaction. Ferry's Seed Annual for 1901 is a useful guide in selecting seeds for the farm, the truck garden and the flower garden. It is sent free on application.

"A Million Dollars a Week."

The Oregonian of Sunday, February 17th, contained a column article headed "A Million Dollars a Week," giving an interview with President West of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. The Fifty-third Annual Statement of that company is a remarkable showing. The new business written during 1900 was \$52,232,846—exceeding by more than \$8,000,000 the work of any previous year. The Penn Mutual in Oregon, under the management of Sherman & Harmon, Portland, made a great record during the year, writing \$1,047,000 carefully selected insurance, thereby leading all their competitors for 1900 in this state.

A number of New Pine Creek young people attended the W. O. W. ball.

SOUTHERN WARNER

The Terrible Experience of Settlers in Saving a Band of Sheep During the High Water.

By E. Aguinaldo.
Written for last week's issue.

Say, did you ever go to a euchre party, get "euchred" and then take two days to get back home? That was our experience last week. We had an invitation to attend a euchre party at the residence of A. N. Bennett last Friday. The creeks were low and we walked. During the day and night before the chinook winds and rain had been doing effective work on the high table lands. Well, we reached Bennett's; we played euchre till midnight, then enjoyed a fine supper prepared by Mrs. Bennett, and then started for home. But, behold! we found the creeks impassable, so we concluded to stay until the break of day. The young folks enjoyed themselves in tripping the light fantastic, while the elder ones played whist and got "euchred" some more, and sang songs.

Early in the morning the water had surrounded Mr. Bennett's band of sheep on a high knoll. Some of the animals could not get on the dry land and stood in the water nearly a quarter of a mile from shore, each minute the flood rising higher and higher. By 2 o'clock the sheep were in ten inches of water, and the neighbors began to congregate to assist in getting the poor animals to dry land, if possible. Meantime Mr. Bennett and his partner, Mr. Nichols, had the sheep bunched on the knoll so they would not break away and pile up in a slough. The men were in water from knee to waist deep and nearly chilled to death, when sixteen of the neighbors, under the leadership of W. L. Pope, started in the work of rescue. Pope proved a valiant leader, and by 5 p. m. we had the band, numbering 1,750, on dry land—with the exception of 15 poor lambs and old sheep that were drowned. We had to swim the sheep five times, and two of the creeks crossed were swimming for a horse.

It was as exciting as a rabbit drive on the West Side. Occasionally a man on horseback would go under and out of sight with a "wow!" and come to the surface some distance away. Owing to the swift current those on foot would cling to the horses' tails to cross the deepest places. The situation was laughable to all but Will Rhinehart when the last sheep crossed the first creek. Will grasped hold of the tail of a horse with one hand and with the other held the sheep, and crossed safely but with some difficulty. Al Kafader was seen to roll down stream like a log, at one time, with only his head above water and finally struck bottom. Lewis Frakes swam a creek with one hand, with a sheep tightly gripped in the other. There were many laughable incidents to all but the party in action. It was a trying time on a man's nerves and constitution to be in ice water for two hours and swimming creeks, without touching dry land. But the work was as successful as it was uncomfortable, and no one regrets that he was a participant. With a gallon and a half of Monroe's three AAA Kellogg, there was not a single bad cold as a result.

Messrs. Bennett & Nichols are well pleased and thankful to the neighbors who risked their lives to save the property from what seemed to be utter destruction. "A friend in need is a friend indeed," Mr. Bennett has lived on his place for sixteen years, and this is the first time the water was ever known to have covered that ground. In fourteen hours it rose a foot above high water mark.

Jake Messner, the Bidwell stage driver, could not cross "20-mile" at W. L. Pope's place, and had to return with the mail. Two Indians attempted to cross the same day. One of them swam across with his horse; the other got separated from his horse, but finally succeeded in reaching shore more dead than alive.

Will Rhinehart has been over from his Guano ranch to look after 300 head of cattle he has been feeding at Calderwood's.

Sheriff Dunlap's cattle, being fed at the ranch of Tom Ferris, are looking exceedingly well.

We notice "The Colonel" has been in Washington, presumably to induce Commissioner Hermann to reverse his decision in favor of the settlers of Warner(?). Poor fellow, how he does sympathize with us all.

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