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LAKEVIEW, OREGON, JULY 11, 1901.

The ungallant baseball teams at the railroad towns from Portland to San Francisco are "walloping" the Boston Bloomer girls in great fashion. The Examiner would make a good-sized wager that the Bloomers could make the Lakeview team look like three bits.

P. J. Brattain came to town from the range first of the week, says the Post. He will go this week to Sicun, where his band of horses are on pasture and if they are in shape to travel he will start for California within a few days. Geo. Cooley will help him make the drive to the lower country.

George S. Niekerson, the civil engineer has completed a map of the properties of the Chawaucan Land & Cattle Company in the Chawaucan Marsh, near Fairlev. The map will be sent to the office of the company in San Francisco. The work is neatly executed and shows the ability of Mr. Niekerson.

Frank McDaniel, the Portland young man convicted of the murder of a young girl in a Portland park, was denied a new trial by the supreme court, and was taken to the penitentiary at Salem to serve a 15 year sentence. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence which was very strong. Public opinion says he should have been hanged.

A party of Shasta prospectors have filed on fifteen "white metal" mining claims in the vicinity of Lake City, Modoc county. Assayists pronounce the "white metal" a new thing in minerals heretofore unknown to science. When heated it permeates iron as readily as water is taken up by a sponge, and renders the iron thus treated harder than chilled steel. This alone would make it a very valuable metal.

Dr. B. B. Birtch, the oculist, is located in the Post-office building, where they will be pleased to assist those in need of their services. Examination of the eye made free. If your glasses don't suit you, or your eye sight is failing, you should not fail to see these Drs. They come highly recommended as thoroughly reliable business men.

L. G. Beach, who for the past two months has held the position of foreman and job printer on The Examiner during the absence of his brother A. Y. Beach, left yesterday with his wife and child for Lakeport, Cal. where he goes to take charge of the Lake County Bee. Mrs. M. E. Hart and daughter Ollie accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Beach to their new home.

When the eyesight fails one is in a predicament. The predicament will be worse, though, and the damage to the eye costly, if a chance is taken to further impair the eye sight by purchasing a pair of glasses that you think suit your eyes, when in fact they only suit for a time. Better have your eyes thoroughly tested by Drs. B. B. Birtch, and procure a pair of glasses that will fit your eye for years. See them at Post-office building.

Lawrence Gallagher and Miss Ora Vulgamore were married at the residence of Rev. Vineyard, New Pine Creek, Oregon, Sunday evening, June 30th, 1901. The happy couple are residents of the state line town, and have numerous friends who wish them much happiness. Only a few friends witnessed the ceremony. The bride has friends in Lakeview, who, with The Examiner, wish her much joy. Rev. Vineyard officiated at the marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Russell, and son of Ashland, Wisconsin, J. H. Rice and wife of Watertown, Wisconsin, and G. A. Rice of Oak Park, Ill., constitute a party which is now enroute to Lake county to look at the country. The party travels at easy stages and will arrive some time this month. Mr. Russell is a timber land dealer, and J. H. Rice is an expert laundryman, who will look at the Lakeview field with a view of establishing a steam laundry plant.

George S. Down and Myrtle M. Grimes were married last Sunday evening, July 7th, at the home of the bride's father, by Rev. L. E. Henderson. There were only a few witnesses to the happy event. The bride is the second daughter of Gainford Grimes of the Hot Springs, and is a very pretty and estimable young lady. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Down of Goose Lake valley, and is an industrious young man who is well thought of by all who know him. The Examiner wishes the happy couple long life and much happiness.

## AN ARGUMENT AGAINST LEASE

### Leasing the Public Lands Would Hinder Settlement.

#### An Aristocracy of Range Lords and Cattle Kings Would Rule Our Mountains and Plains.

At the next session of congress a bill to permit the leasing of public lands for range purposes will be presented and it will probably cause a great deal of discussion among the people of the West and their senators and representatives. A strong effort will be made to pass the bill by both sheepmen and cattlemen from different localities but their endeavors will be met with vigorous opposition, says the Pendleton Tribune.

The question has not been discussed to any degree in Eastern Oregon but with the exception of some of the large cattlemen in Harney, Malheur and Lake counties the sentiment is much against the idea of the government leasing its lands to private parties. This opinion exists among sheep owners as well as among the cattle raisers, and by it they show their wisdom and foresight. The land leasing proposition is generally held by the big fry but this depends upon conditions. If the big fry is a cattlemen and his range is being invaded by the sheepmen he is in favor of leasing. The size of his herds makes it impossible for him to buy rangeland and he must either reduce its numbers or protect his range by a lease from the government. If no marauder troubles him he is generally opposed to paying a tribute to Uncle Sam. The big sheepmen who by owning a small tract of land that controls water and a much larger tract of good pasture land is also opposed to leasing. When the time comes that he will be forced to open a way through his narrow strip into the large tract it surrounds, he will probably favor leasing. The small man can afford to own what land he needs as well as he can afford to pay the price of leasing. And in this is involved one of the principal points of the whole problem.

The great argument against leasing public ranges is that the land would be withdrawn from settlement and appropriated by large corporations. A few rich men would be benefited but the many who would make homes on these lands and raise stock in smaller numbers would soon be excluded. The great Western ranges would soon pass into the hands of a few big cattle or sheep companies, and thus they would remain for years, perhaps many decades. The growth the country is experiencing from being settled by homeseekers would be stopped and an aristocracy of range lords and cattle kings would rule our mountains and plains. It is claimed that the proposed new law will protect actual residents of any county, and the possibility of any syndicate coming in and renting the lands away from local stockmen will be removed. Leases, it is proposed, will not be put up at auction but will be sold at a moderate price to the man who comes first. Actual stock growers will be given the preferences, etc. All these provisions sound well but they cannot be carried into effect. The syndicate with its money will gradually obtain possession of the leases either by securing them through paid representatives or by buying them from small cattlemen, along with their herds perhaps. In one way or another the cattle king or the corporation will acquire the control of vast areas of pasture land and the small fry will gradually be crowded out. Not to sell the leases to the highest bidder would involve no end of difficulties and give opportunities for a great deal of favoritism.

To help the bill along it has been proposed to donate the revenue derived from leasing to a fund to promote the irrigation of arid lands. A better way would be for the government to donate the revenue obtained from the usual sales of land to settlers for this purpose.

The only true way to settle this question is by private ownership of the ranges. This is the manner in which it is being disposed of and if the lease law is prevented from passing for ten years, the problem will be solved. In the La Grand land district alone, over 100,000 acres have been filed on during the last six months and the larger part of this area is grazing land. Wherever there is a spring of water or a small stream a settler or stockraiser is hastening to acquire a title to the land surrounding it.

When this is accomplished the land will be held or transferred according to natural business laws. If the capitalists is willing to pay the highest price he may if wealthy enough buy the entire Blue Mountain region or a smaller section of country. It will require much

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more money, however, to conduct a big stock business under these circumstances and the industry would more likely be divided up into numerous small ranches.

The only solid basis for a country is for its citizens to own its land. Renters are a transient class and no people are so prosperous and happy as the land owners. A lease rarely improves the land he holds and he fails to become interested in the affairs of the community in which he lives like the man who owns a place of residence. Where your treasures are there is your heart; also, applies well in this instance. The West cannot afford to put an end to settlement of its territory. It is not American. We must not give an opportunity for controlling vast areas of land to one man, which might make homes for large and growing communities.

#### Bring in Your Horses.

A. F. Rooker, the horsebuyer from San Francisco, arrived here last night and will remain here today only, to receive saddle horses fit for cavalry use.

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#### Notice of Settlement of Final Account.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Lake County.

In the matter of the estate of Benjamin Warner, deceased.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Benjamin Warner, late of Lake County, Oregon, deceased, has filed his Final Account, as administrator of said Estate, in the Office of the County Clerk of Lake County, Ore., and that Friday Aug. 9th 1901 at 10 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Judge's Office in the County Court House of Lake County, Oregon, in the Town of Lakeview, has been appointed and affixed by Hon. Chas. Tonnigsen, Judge of said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said Final Account, if any there be, and for the settlement thereof.

Dated this 11th day of July, 1901.

O. E. CHARLTON,  
Administrator of the Estate of Benjamin Warner, Deceased.

#### Notice of Appointment of Administrator.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lake.

In the matter of the estate of Ruby Clark, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lake, made and entered on the 9th day of July, 1901, the undersigned was duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of Ruby Clark, deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased are hereby required to present the same with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice to the said Administrator, at the Bank of Lakeview, in Lake County, Oregon.

Dated July 11th, 1901.

F. M. MILLER,  
Administrator of the Estate of Ruby Clark, deceased.

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