

HARNEY GETS INTO LINE

County Live Stock Association Passes Strong Resolutions in Condemnation of Leasing of Range Lands.

At a meeting of the Harney County Livestock Association held at Burns, on October 1st, resolutions were adopted condemning the leasing of range lands. The meeting was well attended by ranchers and livestock owners. Following are the resolutions adopted:

Whereas, a bill is to be introduced in the next Congress authorizing the Government to lease the public domain or ranges of the Western States; and

Whereas, the land laws now in force are liberal enough to enable any person to gain title to all the land sufficient for all ordinary purposes; and

Whereas, such a bill, if passed, will be a dangerous act and detrimental to all small livestock growers, and also retard the settlement of our already sparsely settled territory; and

Whereas, such a bill is more liable to be framed for the benefit of large sheep and cattle syndicates, and enable them to gain control of all our valuable public lands; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Harney County Live Stock Association is emphatically opposed to any bill being introduced or passed by Congress authorizing the Government to lease or sell any of the public domain, and that no person shall be allowed to own or control any of the public lands except by the beneficent laws now on our statutes, and be it further

Resolved, that the members of the Harney County Livestock Association will endeavor, by all honorable means, to defeat any candidate for Congress, at our next election, who shall favor any such bill, regardless of politics; that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our members in Congress, to all associations in Eastern Oregon, to the Oregonian, the Harney County papers, and all public papers elsewhere.

A Typical South African Store.

O. R. Larson, of Bay Villa, Sundays River, Cape Colony, conducts a store typical of South Africa, at which can be purchased anything from the proverbial "needle to an anchor." This store is situated in a valley nine miles from the nearest railway station and about twenty-five miles from the nearest town. Mr. Larson says: "I am favored with the custom of farmers within a radius of thirty miles, to many of whom I have supplied with Chamberlain's remedies. All testify to their value in a household where a doctor's advice is almost out of the question. Within one mile of my store the population is perhaps sixty. Of these, within the past twelve months, no less than fourteen have been ably cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This must surely be a record." For sale by Lee Beall, Daugst.

Miss Rinn Returns Home.

Miss Gussie Rinn, an accomplished young lady, formerly telegraph operator at Ft. Bidwell, returned to her home Thursday evening from San Jose, Cal., where she has been employed for some time as bookkeeper in her uncle's store. Seldom does an experienced telegraph operator sacrifice telegraphy for the monotonous work of bookkeeping alone, and Miss Rinn is following out her desire to get back where she can hear the familiar click of the telegraph. She is a first class operator and will no doubt take a position in the general office of the California & Oregon Telegraph Co. at Susanville, the place having been tendered her previous to her departure for San Jose.

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Where is George W. Davis?

George W. Davis, ex-clerk of the State School land board, filed an answer on the 7th inst. in the suit brought against him and his bondsmen by Attorney-General Blackburn. The answer was sworn to by Davis September 14th, in Kern county, Cal., before a notary public. There is nothing to show what part of Kern county Davis is in. The complaint filed against Davis was upon his bond for \$5,000, and it was alleged that during his term of office he collected \$30,939.08 more than he turned into the state treasury. In his answer Davis denies the allegations of the amounts of his collections and disbursements.

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GATHER LADY BUGS.

For Shipment to South Africa to Be Used as Crop Savers.

Twenty Thousand of the Insects Being Hunted For by Children of West Stockbridge, Mass., for This Purpose.

What will happen to the crops of New England if 20,000 lady bugs are taken from the Berkshires and shipped to South Africa?

Prof. Lounsbury, the official entomologist of South Africa, has ordered a supply to kill a certain injurious insect which abounds near Cape Town. F. C. Tobey, of West Stockbridge, Mass., has engaged 100 children to fill the order, reports the New York World. The little red-dotted beetles are being scooped up in great numbers. The Berkshire farmers are beginning to protest. The lady bug is estimated to be worth any day ten times her weight in gold.

She comes of a family which has a good many black sheep in it, as black sheep go in the insect world, but the lady bug is a lady "for a' that."

Of all the myriad insects in the world this little reddish beetle is the most useful to man. Its value is beyond all price. It saves more crops the universe over year after year than any other agent.

Its whole life is a warfare against other insects that destroy the farmer's substance.

French children long ago named it bete a bon Dieu (the insect of the good God), and in English we have the gentle and affectionate rhyme:

"Lady bug, lady bug, fly away home." The lady bug is found in every country on the globe, although the species in some localities are more useful than those in other localities.

It has a round body only about one-eighth of an inch in diameter and is unobtrusive both in looks and manner. Its long suit is its appetite. It is always hungry. It feeds entirely upon the eggs of other insects and upon the insects themselves if they are small enough to be swallowed by a specimen so diminutive as the lady bug itself.

The lady bug lays a string of tiny yellow eggs. She is cunning enough always to lay these amid a colony of plant lice. As soon as the larvae hatch out, looking like miniature alligators, they begin to eat, and being carnivorous they fall upon the tiny insects around them. In the five or six weeks that they are growing up they destroy a whole plant-lice settlement. Then they roll up as cocoons and hang suspended head downward in nearly any available nook. They came out of the shell full-grown lady bugs and keep on their carnivorous career.

Curiously enough, the lady bug itself has few enemies. Its only means of defense is a pungent liquid which is not poisonous, is not really of a bad odor and probably frightens none of its haphazard foes. When it is frightened it draws its feet up close under its body and sticks tightly to the under side of a leaf. Presently, if nothing alarming happens, it spreads its small wings and flies away, all the time watching sharply out of its brilliant black eyes.

The lady bug really has two pairs of wings, although it seldom gets credit for them. The front pair fold over and form part of the hard shell that incases its body. The hind wings are used for short flights.

Nearly every insect which destroys the crops is the prey of the lady bug. Many of these are the lady bug's cousins, such as blister beetles, squash bugs, cabbage bugs, weevils, bark-boring beetles, flour beetles, beat beetles and cotton bugs, all of which belong to the coleoptera order.

The lady bug's greatest service, perhaps, is in the devouring of the deadly aphid. These plant lice, little green insects no bigger than a tiny pinhead, are the most prolific of insects. They infest all plants and are particularly injurious to cotton crops. Too small and frail to eat the leaves, they suck out the juices.

But the lady bug pounces upon the plant lice. If it were not for this warfare scarcely any small crop or any flowers could be grown.

In California a few years ago a particularly large lady bug was introduced from Australia. It was found to be the only agent which could cope with the aphid which caused the cottony cushion scale on grapes. In two years the work of the lady bug netted a profit of \$500,000 to the state. It has now practically exterminated his special scale insect.

A Combination Tree.

There is a curious combination tree in West Stockbridge, Mass. It is primarily a maple which measures, a foot from the ground 12 feet 3 inches in circumference. Fifteen feet from the ground there are one or two birch limbs growing and higher up are currant and raspberry bushes, which bear fruit each year. It is not stated whether the sugar made from its sap has a raspberry flavor or the birch bark a currant color and taste or the berries a spicy tinge of birch. It is very old and bids fair to stand for many years longer.—Chicago Chronicle.

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