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LAKEVIEW, OREGON, APRIL 30, 1903.

W. R. and one of the best inform men on stock in the state, estisuates the number of sheep in eastern Oregon at present at 3,100,000. This includes all counties east of the Cascades, tifteen in number. Mr. *Hillis' distribution follows.

Umatlla, 250,000; Morrow, 300,000; Malheur, 300,000; Crook, 300,000; Grant 390,000 Harney, 200,000; Lake, 250,000 GHHam, 200,000; Wasco, 200,000; Wallowa, 260,000; Baker, 150,000; Union, 100,000; Wheeler, 200 000; Sherman, 75,000; Klamath, 25,000; total, 3,105,-West of the Cascades Mr. Millis estimates about 900,000, makeing 4,000,000 sheep in the state. His estimate is somewhat above the totals as given by stock inspectors and by wool growers' association offi-

Ten years ago there were between 2,000,000 and 2,500,000 sheep wintering and summering on the ranges of eastern Oregon. Since that time, three important problems have figured in the range problem-the decrease of the actual range area by homesteading, irrigation withdrawals, mining reservations, farming and other settlement; second, the decrease in the luxuriance of the vange by years and years of ceaseless sheeping, which has to some extent destroyed the growth; third, the in-Thus an area fimited by about one-fourth less than it was ten years ago and less capable of supporting too numerous bands than it is now, is made to maintain a third more sheep than at that time.

The result is an overcrowding that threatens to permanently injure the range, and which constitutes to-day one of the gravest problems ped into his carriage, she put a and officials from many parts of east in Oregon have assured us that while in public they felt called on to deny the existing range conditions because of the harm it might do the industry and the development of the laterior, the tales of the bloodshed on the range and the alarming situation in the Interior were all true.

"We dare not allow ourselves to be quoted," said one sheepman, "because when the story got into the interior and hostile interests got hold of it, there is no telling what the result might be. A sheepman has to keep his mouth shut. If he doesn't, it may come home to him."

Alr-ady this year, before a single sand has set foot on summer range one of the worst shootings in Oregon's range history is reported. It happened in the Hampton Butte country, in the distant interior between Burns and Princyllle. Reports as to the number of sheep killed vary between 400 and 500. The band betonged to W. W. Brown of Crook county, the man who was accused of informing on Crook county stocksien who had government land illegally fenced. Men with rifles chased away the herder and took their time in indiscriminate slaughter.

This spring, many Umatilla and Morrow sheepmen will try to avoid the crush that was experienced on the range of Grant last year by un-Coading. Reduction of flocks, betterment of grade and more raising They never said a word until he of feed is the solution given of the wange problem of Eastern Oregon.

"TAGGED" ROOSEVELT

Some of the Funny Things That Have Been Told During the President's Western Trip

Here are a few unconsidered trifles sent to the New York Sun by its correspondent aboard the Presidentinl train:

One of the most hospitable cititens of Sioux Falls was Judge Fuller of the Supreme Court. He was introduced to the President's attention with the following incident of his

The Judges made a strong campaign to get the Legislature to raise their salaries. The bill met with great opposition. Judge Fuller, who had no small political influence, went up to Pierre to see about it. He was met by one of the leaders of

"How about this thing?" said the Judge, "Judge," said the other politician genvely, "you better drop this salary 1 usiness. I tell you as a friend. You don't want it to go through. It is not in your interest." "The b-I it ain'i!" exclaimed the Judge, who felt deeply on the sublect. "Why ain't it?"

"Don't you see, Judge," explained the politician, "that if we put the salaries of the Judges up to the figure you want, the people will turn around and elect real lawyers to the

The point of the story is that the could't stand it any longer. Judge dropped the amendment at

When the President goes through a crowd a peculiar mania for touching his clothing is sometimes developed among the women. The hands reach out from all sides, and unless the Federal guards were alert and on his own account, he would be fondled over like a prize pony at every meeting place.

At Sioux Falls a hatchet-faced old lady not a member of the divorce colony-no hatchet faces theremade a dash for him. She was shouldered off, but returned to the charge again and again.

At last, just as the President step- stand the Chicago code of etiquette. skinny claw over Senator Kittredge's entering the Auditorium on Thurs shoulder and slapped the President day night when a large, red-faced, vigorously on the forearm.

around. There had been no visible and shook him violently. evidence that he had noticed his Kittredge and whispered in his ing in here?" grimmest way:

"I'm It, Senator."

"Congressman," said a constituent train for the run from La Crosse to Winona, past the low wooded islands of the Upper Mississippi, "there's

"Which is?" said the Congressman. deliberately and calmly: "Does Congress appropriate the money that pays for all this?" He waved his hand at the glittering effect. luxury of the dining-car and the good the travelers who were at their thrown out. But he wasn't. Inknow, Jim."

"Well, I tell you," said the Con- breathlessly: gressman, "I think we do; but I'm swigged if I know just how."

One of the press association corresir." spondents was proudly displaying to a politely grave gathering of Dakotans the other day the somewhat elaborate outfit which he had of Chicago to be polite to you, tell purchased in the East for use during him, profanely and insultingly, that the two weeks' loaf at Cinnabar. he is a liar." brought out a lovely pair of russit leather riding boots, laced with red Journal, P. O. Box 121, Portland, Or.

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silk strings. Then Seth Bullock

"Those are fine," said he, with mild enthusiasm. "Where're you

going to use 'em?" "Cinnabar," announced the correspondent.

"That't too bad," said Seth, with real concern in his voice.

"You know there's snow out "What of it?"

"Why," sald Seth, still as solemn as an overfed steer; "they'liget wet." And he passed back toward the President's car.

Chicago did not attain great popularity with the great mass of the membership of the Presidential party They said that they didn't under-

For instance, one of them was prominent citizen who was at the The President never glanced door reached out and grabbed him

"Who are you?" demanded the pursuer. But he turned to Senator red-faced man, "What are you do-

> "I am a member of the Presidential party," said the young man, with meekness.

"Oh. h-l," roared the Chicago of the Hon. Jim Tawney, who had man, "Go in. Go in. But you're been permitted to get aboard the not any member of the party, just the same.'

The young man rose in his wrath and came back and put his nose very one question I am moved to ask close to the nose of the red-faced gentleman of Chicago and said very

> "You are a double-dyed, forkedtongued liar," or words to that

He acknowledged afterward that things which were spread out before be expected to be knocked down and luncheons. "That's what I want to stead the committeeman bowed low and said most sweetly, if somewhat

"I beg your pardon, sir. I beg your pardon. I was wrong and you were right. You are very welcome

The young man has written the following entry in his diary:

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