

RESEEDING PUBLIC RANGE

Government to Make Experiments

SMALL TRACTS FIRST

Means for Improving Forage Crop Will Be Studied to Help Stock Industry

The Government has planned a series of scientific reseeding experiments on several of the National forest ranges next Spring and Summer to determine under what conditions and in what manner those portions of the range which have been seriously damaged by overgrazing may be restored to their former productivity.

A great deal of the range land in the West is overgrazed and does not carry as much stock as formerly. The method of handling stock, particularly sheep, is perhaps more responsible for this condition than any other cause. But all causes of deterioration and all means for improving the forage crop need to be studied, that the range may be brought into the best condition to meet the imperative demand of the livestock industry.

The plan is to establish experimental stations in several parts of the country, probably not more than six will be tried first, but they will be so located as to secure typical conditions. The experiments will be begun on a small scale, on one or six-acre tracts. Both native and introduced grasses will be tried, but it is believed that the plan of encouraging native grasses will meet with greater success than the introduction of cultivated species, at least, in the Rocky Mountain region. In the Coast Range, with their greater rainfall, cultivated grasses are more likely to play an important part in range development.

The ranges of the Northwest have not been so seriously damaged by overgrazing as those of the Southwest, perhaps because of superior moisture conditions in the northern part of the country. It is a fact, however, that none of the ranges support the stock which they did formerly, and reseeding experiments will probably be undertaken in this section of the country also.

The method of handling stock is also to be considered. Every stockman knows that stock do not waste as much feed when unrestricted in their movements as when closely herded. An experimental pasture was enclosed last summer in the Imnaha National Forest, Oregon, which will be a model for

others next season. In this pasture sheep were turned loose without a herder to shift for themselves. It is too soon to draw positive conclusions from this experiment, but the sheep did well and there was a decided lessening in the loss of forage through trampling. It looks as though a given area of ground can be made to carry a very much larger number of animals when they are allowed to graze free than when close herded. This fact, if established, will be of decided importance to stockmen.

BEAVERS ABUNDANT

Build Dams on Sican Marsh and Flood Many Acres of Valuable Land

According to a dispatch from Silver Lake beaver, which but a few years ago were thought to have been exterminated in that region, are abundant and troublesome in the Sican marsh, which drains into the Klamath. Their dams have flooded the reclaimed marshlands of the X Z company and have rendered haying and pasturing difficult over thousands of acres. Trappers do not molest them, owing to legal protection and the low price paid for their pelts, hence the rapid increase.

Cougars are quite numerous in the rough country, and frequent hunts are organized against them. The stockmen's association pays a bounty of \$10 on each scalp taken within their range limits.

Deer are unusually scarce, and few are known to have been killed in this section this season.

Ready for Business

L. Alva Lewis has already secured quarters for his repair department, which is in charge of Frank Upp. Space has been secured from the Chitwood Drug Co., and that department will be running as usual hereafter. Mr. Lewis has removed all damaged goods to his residence, and as yet has made no plans for the future except as stated above.

The school boy was typically human who wondered why the things he wanted were always the things that seemed hardest to get.

For sale—One-half dozen full blooded brown leghorn chickens. Address P. O. Box 74. 5-11

Wisdom that it has taken a life time to put into a man's head can be driven out in a minute by one little dimple.

Girl wanted, to learn the printer's trade at the Herald office.

When a woman is right it is a waste of time to argue with her; when she is wrong it is equally useless.

A written guarantee with all watch repairing at Lewis'. Present location Chitwood's Drug Store.

Posing and phrasing fool few people; you must show goods to catch and hold trade.

NATURE NEEDS HELP

Wealth and Beauty Lavished Here Should Be Encouraged and Perpetuated

ORGANIZATIONS CAN DO EFFECTIVE WORK

Natural Resources Await Development--Remaining Game of All Kinds Needs Protection and the Depleted Ranges Should Be Restocked

Where a county as large as ours possesses so many undeveloped resources, both for the seeker of wealth and of pleasure, possessing healthy virils organizations for the development and exploitation of the same, struggling like "hounds in their leashes" to be turned loose to their work, it may not be amiss to point out a few objects not unworthy of their pent up energies.

I will therefore with your kind permission, put "them on the trail" of something.

Nature in its lavish preparation of this country as a habitation and treasure house for man has created a wealth of mountain with forests and plains, with marsh and tangled glen, with crystal lakes, peering streams, grassy meadows and bushy hills, nearly all fairly well stocked with fish and game, for the use and pleasure of man.

And yet her work in parts was not complete as though left for man to finish, either in whole or in part. Not in creation, but in the stocking of her preserves with the animal life to which they seem especially adapted.

The writer recently stood upon one of the peaks of our western range of mountains and saw as a vast panorama, almost the entire county spread out before him; its rivers its plains, its mountains with their green forests, and most wondrous of all twenty lakes, more than half of them land locked. Most of these lakes, seemingly made specially to afford sport and recreation for the angler, were tenantless so far as the finny tribe was concerned, just waiting as it were to be stocked with rainbow trout, others as Swan Lake, Aspen and Round Lakes, with their shallow vegetable covered bosoms, awaiting the advent of the catfish and the musical bull frog. The vast stretches of tule and swamp that should be the ideal home of the muskrat, have never known this cunning house builder's skill. And its former denizens of the furry skin are fast disappearing with no hope of their ever being replaced, unless by the muskrat. In the early settlement of this county the spring time was resonant with the calls of the myriads of water fowl, the mating call of the prairie cock, the curlew and the plover, while the air was vibrant at eve tide with the whirr of wings as the towls sought their nightly feeding grounds or their roosts.

Today while we have a fair supply of water fowl still left, their numbers are sadly decimated by the pot hunter and the nest thief, but our upland birds, the sage hen, the prairie hen, the curlew and plover, there remain a scattering remnant of sage hens only.

Could not our Commercial and other bodies procure several score of the prairie hen and partridge of the Middle West, with perhaps a few Bob White quail, and turn them loose under the protection of our game wardens to multiply and restock our depleted ranges? Surely the conditions now, with the large grain fields to glean and the straw stacks to feed on in winter, offer conditions more favorable than ever before for upland birds.

The stocking of our swamps and marshes with the edible bull-frog would add much to the longing of the newly-arrived settler for familiar music besides

their economic and commercial value.

It is perhaps too late to restock our western ranges with the mountain sheep, antelope and mule deer that have been swept away by the rapacious and consciousness hide hunter and self-styled sport, who found those animals here in countless thousands years ago, but much could be done to protect the few mule deer yet remaining, from extinction.

The antelope, being a plain's animal, was the first to disappear, followed very closely by the mountain sheep, less numerous and less widely distributed; but Eastern Klamath and the more mountainous parts of Lake County are still inhabited by the remnants of the once mighty herds of mule deer.

These deer, gregarious in their habits, would collect in large herds in the fall of the year and travel to the lower hills and sage plains to winter. Often many thousands would be in a single herd, and when the heavy winter storms covered their feeding grounds would seek shelter in the deep rocky canyons where they could escape the storms and find brush on which to live. Taking advantage of this fact the hide hunters would follow them to this canyon, where, being trapped and unable to escape, entire herds were ruthlessly butchered, their skins only being taken.

As an illustration of the relentless slaughter of these animals, it is stated that one firm shipped from a small Eastern Oregon town in the spring of 1890, two hundred and fifty thousand deer pelts, of this number twenty-five hundred, or one tenth of the number, was furnished by one party of two hunters.

We have a fairly good game law, if it was enforced, but too many regard it as a joke to evade its provisions and slaughter game regardless of season or sex.

If our local organizations will by precept and example seek to protect our game, aid in restocking our depleted preserves, secure our Congressional delegation's aid in having our lakes stocked with the fish best suited to them, and add to the wealth and attractiveness of our great natural game and fish preserves, they will merit and receive our heartiest commendation and co-operation.

O. A. STEARNS.

THE MONG TROPHY

Rules Governing the Series of Basket-ball Games to Begin Saturday

T. W. Zimmerman, Dr. Leonard and C. H. Underwood, the committee selected to arrange the series of basket-ball games for the Mong Cup announce that on Saturday evening, at 6 o'clock the bookings will close for team entries, at which time all teams intending to compete for the cup will be expected to present the names of their teams and players to Mr. Underwood. Below is given the conditions under which Mr. Mong will award the trophy.

The competing teams will be announced in the opera house on Saturday evening. During the series of games Mr. Underwood will referee, and Dr. Leonard will umpire.

The committee has requested Mr. Mong to act with them, and it is understood that he has agreed:

1. The contest shall be open to all

who wish to enter, providing the teams are made up and entered at the opening of the series.

2. Each team shall name its players at the time of entering the contest.

3. No team shall have more than seven members.

4. If less than four teams enter the tournament, the best three in five shall determine the winner.

5. If four or more teams enter the best two in three shall determine the winner.

6. The final games played by the last two teams shall be the best two in three or the best three in five, as shall be decided upon by the committee at the opening of the series.

7. After the cup has been played for and won for three consecutive years or seasons it shall be turned over to and become the property of the Klamath Falls High School Athletic Association.

8. So long as basket ball shall be played in Klamath Falls the trophy shall be awarded for this sport, but when basket-ball ceases to exist an athletic sport the committee shall have the right to offer the cup for any other athletic sport played in Klamath Falls.

9. The winner and defender of the cup shall be required to accept a challenge for the cup from any team not entered in the tournament but shall not be required to play more than two games with the challenging team.

10. Any team which has held the cup and lost it shall have the right to play for it again under the conditions in rule 9.

11. The defender shall not be required to pay any expenses incurred by the challenger.

12. The net receipts shall be given as determined by the committee, to either the town's charity the Public Library or Klamath Falls High School Athletic Association.

13. Unless the committee can suggest a more suitable place, the cup shall remain on exhibition at Heitkemper's Jewelry Store until finally turned over to the Klamath Falls High School Association.

14. Whether the cup be won by a team or individual sufficient money shall be taken from the gross receipts to pay Mr. Heitkemper for an artistic engraving of the date and name of the winning team or individual.

15. Any team or individual not a resident of Klamath Falls, upon winning the cup shall of course have the name and date engraved as in Rule 14, but under no circumstances shall the cup be removed from Klamath Falls.

The committee shall be composed of T. W. Zimmerman, Dr. W. A. Leonard and C. H. Underwood.

16. Upon the retirement of one or more members from the committee the remaining members shall choose his successor.

17. The cup shall not be awarded for any game or games not arranged for by the committee.

18. No money shall be taken from the gate receipts to pay the expenses or salary of any player contesting for the cup. MR. AND MRS. WM. V. MONG.

Bonanza has two girl basket ball teams, and they are ready to challenge the world. It would make a nice interesting game if arrangements could be made to have them meet one of the Klamath Falls teams.

BONANZA HAS

"GUN MAN"

Woods Uses Weapon on Williams

NO ARRESTS MADE

Undesirable Element Will Be Forced to Leave Town as Result of Scrape

In a fight at 9 o'clock last night at Bonanza between Bill Woods and Nick Williams, the latter received a severe scalp wound, either from being hit on the head with a revolver, or from a soft nose bullet.

According to reports there has been trouble for some time between Mr. Woods on one side and Nick Williams and "Curley" Devoil on the other. Williams is known as a prize fighter and he and "Curley" have been hanging around Bonanza for some time, doing nothing but picking a fight whenever opportunity offered. Both parties are known here and at Lakeview.

It is said that Woods went out to his barn and was followed by Williams and Devoil when the quarrel was started. The fight occurred outside of the barn and was witnessed by Jim Goss and Claude Clopton. The reports differ as to the details of what happened during the scrap, but as a result Williams is nursing a sore head, which, Dr. Patterson gives as his opinion, was caused by a soft nose bullet. Others claim that Woods struck Williams with his revolver, the hammer causing the wound on the head, also discharging the gun. No arrests have been made but it is said that Devoil has left town and that Williams has been ordered to do so.

In talking with a prominent business man of Bonanza over the phone, the question was asked if any arrests had been made. The answer was "No, they cannot arrest Williams, as it was the other man who used the gun." From this we would conclude that the sentiment is not very strong against the action of Woods.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Surveyor, subject to the consideration of the Republican voters at the primary election. M. D. WILLIAMS.

\$50 Reward

I will pay the above reward for the arrest and conviction of party or parties who robbed and burned my store on the morning of January 18th.

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