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THE GOLDEN STATE.

Letter from our Venerable Correspondent, the Hon. James Fergus. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18th, 1884. EDITORS MINERAL ARGUS: Your correspondent left Helena for California via Portland, on Sunday evening, February 10th, weather very cold, with snow all the way until very near Portland. At Trout creek, the snow between the canvas and board shanties, averaged nearly four feet. At the crossing of Snake river, the mercury was reported at 26 below zero. At Portland, the weather was cold and chilly. In good weather it must be a beautiful city, but so many evergreens out of doors and robins hopping about, looked out of place with both the Willamette and the Columbia rivers frozen over, and the Columbia, below its junction with the former, full of floating ice to its mouth. We left Portland on Friday evening the 15th, on the screw iron steamship Columbia, 2,500 tons burden, 326 feet long, for San Francisco. She had to plow her way to Astoria, ninety miles, through fields of ice in some places four inches thick, throwing it from her bows like spray, and again cutting a channel through mush or broken ice from two to three feet thick. On the bar at the mouth of the Columbia—which is here at least two miles wide—the water was rough and from there here a heavy broadside swell was on from the Pacific which rolled and tossed the great ship like a bubble and was anything but pleasant to "land lubbers" like us, who had no "sea legs" to steady us. We have been here but a few hours, but long enough to find out that it does not take a "cow boy" a great while to get rid of the price of a steer. Weather cool and chilly, but grass is green on the hills, and bricklayers are at work. Comfort, so far, not over fifty cents to the dollar expended.

WOOL-GROWERS!

Meet in Maiden and form an Organization for Mutual Benefit.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

Subject to call of a number of wool-growers in the vicinity of Maiden, a meeting was held on Saturday, March 1st, 1884, at 4 p. m., in the parlor of the International Hotel, and formed into an association to be known as the "Lower Judith Wool-Grower's Association." The following gentlemen subscribed their names and were admitted as original members:

C. W. Cook, E. P. Chandler, W. T. Swope, Andrew Fergus, J. L. Gjerde, William Fergus, David Hilger, G. W. Sample, H. P. Brooks.

Upon motion Mr. C. W. Cook was elected temporary chairman and D. Hilger, temporary secretary.

The secretary stated that the objects of the meeting was to discuss certain matters pertaining to shearing; when to shear, to protect themselves from the infection of scab, in fact to consider all subjects pertaining to the industry, and to pass resolutions expressing the sense of the meeting on the reduction of tariff on foreign wools.

Upon motion the above named officers were unanimously elected as permanent.

E. P. Chandler was unanimously elected as treasurer and also an executive committee of three members, viz: W. T. Swope, chairman, Andrew Fergus and D. Hilger.

Upon motion the executive committee were instructed to draw up resolutions, by-laws and regulations, and report same at the evening meeting.

On motion of Mr. Chandler the meeting adjourned till seven P. M.

The evening meeting was called to order, with all officers and members present.

The executive committee presented their report which was read, and after due consideration, it was deemed advisable to give the committee more time in order to perfect their work and report same at next regular meeting.

After a full expression of the views of the members present it was agreed by all to drive their sheep to Judith landing to shear. A proposition of Mr. G. R. Norris, located at that point, to build shearing sheds, provided the wool-growers present would insure driving their sheep there, was unanimously accepted.

The secretary introduced the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the last session of congress, in reducing the tariff on foreign wool, has so effected the wool-growing industry as to damage the interest to such an extent as to work a hardship upon all wool-growers in the territory, and we earnestly, in connection with the wool-growers of the Eastern states, insist upon the replacing of the original tariff or else we will be compelled to abandon the pursuit.

Upon motion the MINERAL ARGUS was requested to publish the proceedings of the meeting.

A motion prevailed to hold a regular meeting at Maiden, April 9th, 1884.

Upon motion of E. P. Chandler, the association adjourned.

DAVID HILGER, Sec'y.

The members of the Wool-Grower's Association desire to express their sincere thanks for the cordial reception they received from the Maidenites, especially to Mr. J. H. Wolfe, for kindly furnishing the parlor for the use of the association, and for his endeavors to make all happy by inaugurating a social hop in the evening, furnishing hall, music and supper, free of charge.

And last but not least, to all ladies present who kindly responded to the call of Mr. Wolfe, in arranging a social hop for the benefit of the wool-growers.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE.

"I don't understand why women dress that way," said a man, pointing to a lady who passed along the street.

"I don't either," replied a bystander.

"That woman," continued the first speaker, "is dressed ridiculously. Her husband must be a fool."

"I know he is," said the bystander.

"Do you know him?"

"Oh, yes. I am the blamed fool myself."