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MEETING OF STOCKMEN

Equitable Allotment of Range Privileges a
Hard Problem to Solve.

COMMITTEES HARD AT WORK

The Heppner Forest Reserve will be Divided
into Two Divisions to be Known
as Eastern and Western.

The meeting called by Forest Superintendent Sheller for all stockmen interested in the Heppner forest reserve, in this city was attended by a large number of stockmen.

Umatilla, Grant, Wheeler and Gilliam counties as well as Morrow county, in which the greatest interest centers were well represented.

About 200 sheep and cattle owners were present. While the meeting of a public nature was only of few hours duration, still there is a large amount of business to be transacted and most of the stockmen are still in the city in attending to the applications for permits for grazing purposes and also the allotment, trail privileges and the thousand one grievances and questions that naturally arise where so many are interested.

In Mr. Sheller's opening address at the court house an outline of the forest reserve policy was given out in which the forest superintendent stated that it was the intent to help out the stock interests as much as possible by dealing out the grass privileges fairly and judiciously.

The main object of the meeting was to get the stockmen together. While many are interested in the actual allotment of the Heppner reserve grass, there are many others who use other ranges but have been passing through the Heppner withdrawal and of course a continuation of trail privileges.

The two committees of six members each representing both the sheep and cattle interests have important labors as well as responsibilities of no little consequence. The committees have been working hard in taking in the situation and the very difficult problem of making recommendations for the equitable allotment of the grass.

Upon the recommendations of these committees the forest superintendent will use as a working basis and will be a great aid in acquainting the superintendent with the facts and conditions in determining individual rights.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 o'clock Tuesday morning at the court house by Superintendent Sheller.

distribution. A petition was read by H. A. Murphy, of Monument, from the Grant County Stock Association asking for range privileges.

The question of taking wood from forest reserves was introduced and several questions were asked. Mr. Sheller stated that in order to get wool from the reserve it was necessary to at first obtain a permit which would entitle the holder to dead timber to the value of \$20 for his own use.

The question of grazing privileges for a short time in the spring and fall by sheepmen while trailing through brought out another storm from the cattlemen.

R. F. Hynd moved that committees to represent the cattle and sheep interests be appointed.

The committees appointed are as follows: Sheepmen—C. A. Minor, John Kilkenny, W. B. Barratt, W. W. Steiwer, T. J. Merrill and Geo. Perry.

Cattlemen—J. D. French, Geo. Horseman, L. B. Gilman, L. A. Miller, R. J. Carsner and J. H. Wyland.

The indications are that the reserve will be divided into two divisions to be known as the Eastern and Western with the Hardman-Monument wagon road as the dividing line.

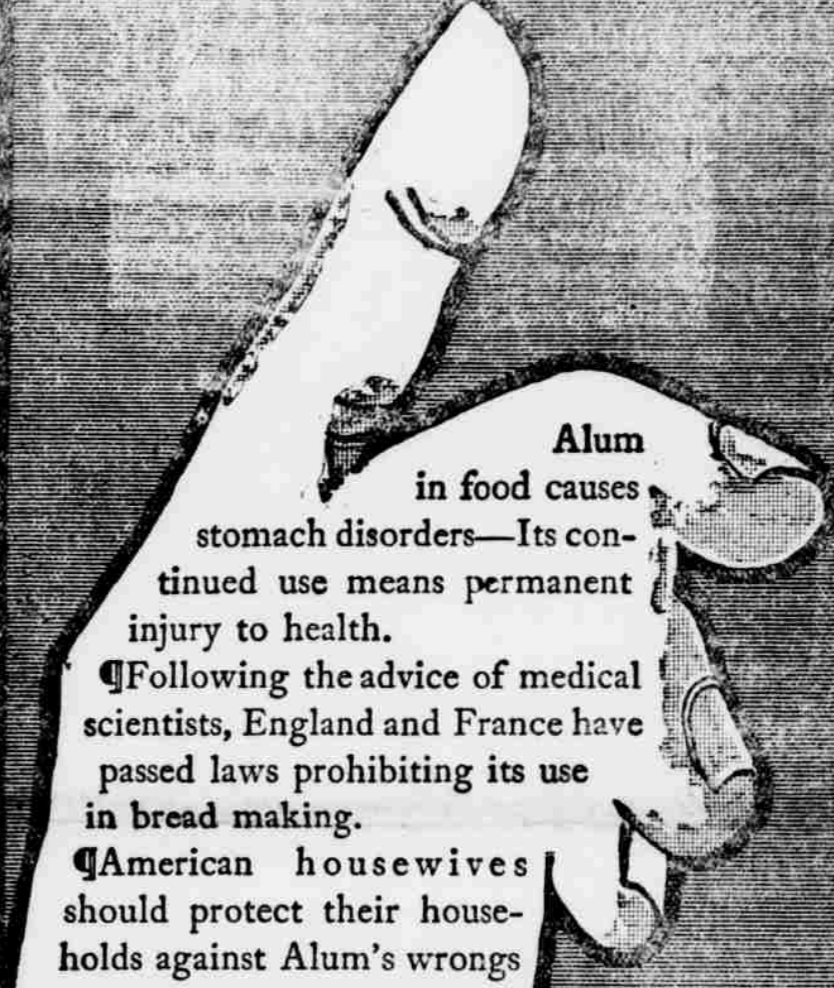
URGE LEGISLATION

Sheepmen Send Telegram to Legislature

The following telegram was sent to Salem yesterday, by a committee representing 150 sheepmen: Heppner, Oregon, President of Senate, Salem, Oregon—A committee representing one hundred and fifty sheepmen assembled here, urge the passage of House Bill number seventeen.

W. B. Barratt, C. A. Minor, T. J. Merrill, John Kilkenny, Geo. Perry, W. W. Steiwer, committee. House Bill number 17, by Slusher, which has already passed the house met with an unfavorable report in the Senat. The bill provides for the appointment of a sheep commissioner and also that all sheep must be dipped before being started to the summer ranges. The sheepmen generally are very much interested in the passage of the measure.

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