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WILL INCREASE GRAZING FEES

ADVANCE IS EFFECTIVE ON
MARCH 1, 1919.

Secretary Says Charge Should Be
Made on Real Value of
the Forage.

Secretary Houston, believing that further suspension of the increase in National Forest grazing fees first decided on in 1913 is no longer justified, has announced a new rate to go into effect March 1, 1919, according to an announcement received from the Washington office of the Forest Service by District Forester George H. Cecil, Portland. Effective at the same time, he has authorized the granting of 5-year grazing permits, under the conditions warrant and such permits are desired by the stockmen.

In accordance with the conclusion reached by him on February 1, 1917, Secretary Houston has informed the stockmen through letters to their two National Associations, that the charge for grazing should be based upon the real value of the forage. He has decided that beginning March 1, 1919, the charge for grazing upon the National Forests during the year period will be from 30 cents to \$1.50 per head for cattle, varying with the advantages of the different ranges. The rate for sheep and goats on each forest will be 25 per cent of the rate for cattle. The rate for horses will be 25 per cent more than for cattle, and the rate for swine 25 per cent less. The proportionate charge for grazing during only a part of each year will be in accordance with the provisions of the National Forest regulations.

The original plan was to advance grazing fees to 15 per cent a year for three years, beginning in 1917, but on account of the disturbed conditions which confronted the stockmen that year the advance made was only 25 per cent, while a year later the emergency situation created by the war led Secretary Houston to suspend temporarily the further carrying out of the plan. "I am not unmindful of the difficulties which still exist," he says, "but under the circumstances it seems wise to further defer action on this important problem."

Regarding the authorization of 5-year permits, Secretary Houston, after noting the fact that the stockmen have from time to time urged the issuance of such permits, not subject to reduction except for violation of their terms or to stop damage to the forest or range, as a means of stabilizing the livestock industry, goes to say:

"On several of the forests applications have already been approved for permits during a five-year period, subject to an annual reduction of five per cent to provide for the issuance of permits to new settlers, in addition to such reduction as might be necessary to prevent damage to the forest."

"It appears that while the stockmen are willing to subject themselves to whatever restrictions are necessary for the welfare of the forest from the standpoint of timber production or other primary purposes for which the land was set aside, yet the possibility of the five per cent annual reduction proves an embarrassment to them. It is appreciated that the assurance of continued use of the range for a specific number of animals during a term of years would undoubtedly tend to greater stability of the industry and encourage the handling of business in a way to increase the quantity and improve the quality of the livestock and would also enable a better administration of the range itself."

"On a considerable portion of the national forests we have reached the point where permits for a period of five years can be put into effect without difficulty. On certain other forests we are not in a position to grant five-year permits for more than a portion of the stock at present upon them, because there is serious question whether there is not more stock than can be carried permanently without injury to the forest. There is also the extra stock which has been taken care of as a war emergency, some of which we will not be able to vacate, and for that reason should not be included under five-year permits."

"The issuance of annual permits will be continued until such questions are necessary to issue against overstocking or other conditions may be required for any other reason. The plan is progressively to bring about a more secure tenure of the grazing privilege through the issuance of five-year permits as fast as this can be done in consideration of the various public interests involved."

Dr. Roy Logan was called to Hillsboro today on professional business.

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NEW SERUM FOR THE BLACKLEG

WAS DEVELOPED BY KANSAS
EXPERIMENT STATION

County Agent Says the Disease Is a
Serious Problem Confronting
the Stockmen.

(By P. H. Spillman, County Agent.) Blackleg is one of the serious problems confronting the cattlemen of this section, and in fact, is a serious disease in practically all parts of the country where cattle of any kind are raised.

However, there has been a standard preventative for the same which has been used quite generally for a number of years, and is known as blackleg vaccine. However, it has not been entirely satisfactory. The animal is subject to the disease between the ages of six months and two years and the older animals occasionally develop the disease. The immunity produced in this way may last for eighteen months, but in badly infected districts they should be vaccinated before the following blackleg season.

The Kansas experiment station has developed a blackleg serum which has been highly successful. This serum immunizes the animal against this disease for life. Walter Pierce, who has been using the same, reports that he has used the Kansas serum on animals that were affected with blackleg, and that they recovered from the same. This serum is more expensive than the old blackleg vaccine, but when one takes into consideration that after it is applied there is no further danger of the disease, it certainly is worthy of consideration, especially in breeding stock. Mr. Pierce reports that his cattle have not had a single case of blackleg since he first started using this serum a year ago last August. The serum is now manufactured and placed on the market so that stockmen can secure it in quantities large enough to treat all their young stock.

BASEBALL MAY SUFFER
FROM NEW RIVAL GAMES

By H. C. Hamilton

(Written for the United Press.) CAMP KUSTIN, VA., Dec. 12.—Baseball is going to suffer from the war.

Before this conflict ended it was a common thing for baseball fans to stage an argument over what might be expected to happen to the national game at the end. It was generally contended that the soldiers would have a big kick to make when they came home and found that a number of baseball players had done their bit as timekeepers in shipbuilding plants and as sailors up and down Brazil.

But that isn't the reason for the statement that baseball likely will be hit to some extent by the hegemony of the nations. It is a fact that the soldiers themselves have learned games, like to play them, and have become reasonably proficient at them. They have learned amateur sports according to a code of rules that does not exist in professionalized sports. The dollar has been kept on the outside of the barbed wire fence and has had no place in the thoughts of the athletes.

Several years ago small communities which supported minor league baseball clubs began to lose interest in the game, and many leagues were hit hard enough that they disbanded, deserted cities or resorted to other methods entirely to keep themselves afloat. That was what is going to hit baseball when the war is over. The men who have learned new games are going to continue to play them when the war is over or they are going to be set against other sorts of sports that they will ignore baseball.

Of course, this does not apply to every soldier, nor does it apply to all baseball players, but the effect of this feeling, already noted in the home camps, undoubtedly will be most apparent when spring comes again.

OPEN KHANI COLLEGE

Means Provided for Soldiers' Improvement in France.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—(By Mail.)—With thousands of soldiers in France studying French, mathematics, history, agriculture and other subjects to fill themselves for better positions upon their return to America from the war, the Y. M. C. A. has instituted what is commonly called "khani college."

Two thousand American college professors, many of whom are now here, or on the way, are being enlisted by the Red Triangle to organize and act as superintendents of these schools. Every man in the army will be given a chance to better his condition and fit himself for a better job than he ever held before.

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TEXAN GOES TO JUDEA

COLLEGE STATION, TEX., Dec. 12.—(United Press.)—Because of the similarity of climate and soil conditions of Texas and the land upon which the Jewish "Republic of Judea" will be built, the Zionist society has retained Dr. J. J. Taubenhause, plant pathologist of the Texas agricultural experiment station, for a high agricultural post in the new nation.

Much of the data compiled during his service here will be available for use in Palestine, Dr. Taubenhause says.

YOMEN MEETING

Thursday evening, December 12. There will be installation and the following officers installed: Overseer—E. F. Buck. Watchman—W. H. Patrick. Sentinel—Emil Gaertner. Guard—Albert Eaton. Lendy Rowena—Ardella Stacey. Lendy Rebecca—Helen Dyle. All members invited to be present.

J. J. MURCHISON, Foreman.

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Daily Nov. 14-21-23-Dec. 5-12-19.

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