

SCOTLAND ASKS FOR HOME RULE

LONDON, June 24.—Some Scotsmen in the house of commons want home rule for Scotland and intimate that there may be "trouble" in Scotland soon if Scotland doesn't get it. They see an opportunity to say what they thought about it the other day when the "Government of Scotland bill" was unexpectedly introduced. He also said some of his opponents who were very strongly of the opinion that it was not wanted.

Alexander Shaw, a Scots member, protested that there was no desire for anything like separation in Scotland. Under the bill the Scottish representation in the imperial parliament would remain unchanged, but one legislative body would be set up in Scotland to deal with its local affairs.

Sir Donald McLean, the staunch anti-secession Scots Liberal, gave the bill his blessing. He alluded to the land hunger in Scotland and told how it had led to the seizure of land there since the war. If they had had a Scotch legislature the land question, he declared, would have been settled long ago. At the next election every candidate for a Scottish constituency would have to support the principle of home rule for Scotland. It would give England a better chance to attend to her own legislative business property.

Colonel John Ward, who entered parliament as a navy and was promptly acclaimed the handsomest man in the house, humorously put the British at ease. He said he would support the bill if it would keep Scotsmen out of the best posts in England and induce them to stick to their own business at home.

Dr. Murray, a representative of the Western Isles, darkly suggested that the house should pass the bill while Scotland was yet calm, and not wait to be coerced into doing so by the burning of sundry ancient castles of Scotland. The bill was finally "talked out" while there were still a lot of members anxious to air their views about it. The hope was expressed that an opportunity might be soon afforded for really testing the feeling of the house concerning the matter.

PROOF AGAINST WOOD ALCOHOL

HOOD RIVER, June 24.—Peter Cardell, who claimed to have arrested recently from Mosler, was arrested by Sheriff Marshal Webster and lodged in jail on a charge of selling denatured alcohol to Indians. Officer Webster was attracted in the jungle of the Columbia by a free for all fight between four Indians. He arrested the bunch, taking from their possession a quart bottle, half full of the poison. He expected to see his real prisoners collapse on reaching the prison. Except for an apparent hilarity, however, they seemed not to have been affected by the fuel.

One of the Indians, known as Wesley the policeman, who claims to be an officer of the Cello tribe, was later released. While officers say Wesley showed effects of bibbing, he claimed that he was merely trying to stop the other Indians from fighting. Wesley was evidently confused and thought City Marshall Hart who asked him why he had been drinking, meant to find out why he had entered the fray.

"I have to do my duty," he said with much dignity. Cardell was rounded up after the Indians had told where they had secured the poison beverage. It was learned from him that he had purchased the alcohol at a hardware store. The bottle was marked with a red skull and crossbones label.

It later developed that the Indian policeman had purchased his star from Sears & Roebuck Co. On Tuesday Cardell was given a suspended time. He was instructed to leave the city never to return.

BEAVERS DAMAGE LAKE PROPERTY

EUGENE, June 23.—For the purpose of investigating complaints that have been received from farmers near Elmira concerning damage to their property from the depredations of beavers in that district, Ed Hester, deputy game warden, is in the city and today will look over the dams that have been constructed across several of the small streams by the busy water rodents. As there is no open season on beavers and they are under state protection at all times of the year the farmers have to obtain permission before trapping the animals.

The game warden states that as the beavers are the property of the state if they are trapped the pelts are turned over to the fish and game commission for disposal but that they are not in marketable condition during the summer months.

EXPECTS SMALL APPLE CROP

HOOD RIVER, June 24.—J. C. Duckwall, apple buyer and shipper of the Odell district, declares that his observation of orchards throughout the valley led him to expect the estimate that has been made by other shippers who have seen the 1922 crop of 2,500 barrels.

"I do not anticipate a crop in excess of 2,000 carloads," says Mr. Duckwall. "I am placing the yield at only 75 per cent of that of a year ago. We are advising all of our affiliated growers to thin their apples with care this season. Where the trees are heavily loaded, the apples ought to be thinned to 10 inches apart. The crop of the east is going to be very heavy, and our salvation lies in our production of large apples of extra fancy quality."

MAKES RECORD ON LONG TRIP

ENTERPRISE, June 23.—Beating the train time by an hour and a half, A. K. Parker drove from Portland to Enterprise last Friday in 17 1/2 hours. He and Mrs. Parker and their son, Knox, left Portland at 5 a. m. and struck out for western Oregon. They took breakfast at The Dalles and then were on their way again, reaching Arlington at dinner.

A brief stop was made west of the mountains, to get lunch for Knox and give him a rest, and the car reached La Grande for supper. The trip in Wallawa county was made in the evening, with arrival at home at 10:30 a. m. The distance figures something more than 350 miles and the best time by rail is 18 hours and 50 minutes, leaving Portland at 5 p. m. and reaching Enterprise the next day at 11:50 a. m.

Along the Columbia river above The Dalles the highway was heavy, for the rough gravel refuses to pack in the dry heat of that region. The Wallawa canyon road, Mr. Parker concluded was as pretty as anything on the whole route. Mr. and Mrs. Parker hurried home because Knox had been taken with a slight illness in Portland.

MUCH WOOL IS BEING SOLD NOW

DAYVILLE, June 24.—The movement of wool from Grant county toward Condon has been quite heavy since shearing has been completed. Much of the wool is being transported by trucks over the John Day highway all enroute to the railroad at Condon.

The transportation of freight over the John Day highway from Condon into Grant county has increased rapidly with the progress in construction of this highway.

TEMPTING A LIONESS

LONDON—While he was striving to lure the zoo lioness from one cage to another with a piece of meat, the head bit off Keeper John Woolston's finger.

CAR COLLIDES WITH BULL HERD

ENTERPRISE, June 23.—While driving up the valley highway several days ago Charles Litch had an unusual experience of the curve near Wayne W. Wade's home. Mr. Litch was coming home from Hot Lake, where he had been to see his mother, Mrs. Sam Litch and was traveling at a good rate of speed.

At the bottom of the long grade the road turns sharply north to cross the railroad. No obstruction shuts off a clear view of the whole curve by day, or prevents the lights of a car being seen at night, so Mr. Litch kept his speed, although his own lights naturally shone out into space and did not follow the swing of the highway.

Thus he suddenly found the road before him fairly blocked by a bunch of Angus bulls. Seven of them were lying down comfortably on the surfaced highway and the eighth stood in the middle of the group, facing the car.

It was impossible to stop before reaching the heavy black bulls, and they completely blocked the road, so that a car could not turn out and go around them. Mr. Litch, therefore, put on the brakes for all he was worth and held to the middle of the highway. The car charged into the standing bull and its speed

was checked in a hurry, and it was deflected through the group of animals and to the ditch. One right and front fender were smashed and the rear axle on the same side was jarred in two, as the wheel apparently dug into one of the massive black fellows.

ALICEL BOY AT SUMMER NORMAL

Special to The Observer: ALICEL, June 24.—Ralph Wells and wife entertained a number of self invited guests on their wedding eve. The Alicel Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Hammond Thursday. A delightful lunch was served to about thirty ladies after the business meeting.

Marjorie Wallinger has been quite sick with influenza. Mrs. Fred Brown and children spent a few days in Alicel this week. Miss Dorothy McGahey of La Grande spent Sunday in Alicel as a guest of Pansy Van Housen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan and granddaughter are spending their vacation in Idaho. Making the trip by auto. Giles Van Housen and family of Union spent Sunday at the home of M. F. Van Housen.

Ray Keown of Imbler is visiting his brother in Alicel this week. One Shultz has entered summer

normal at Monmouth. She expects to return early in September. Ruby and Eva Ledbetter are spending their vacation with their parents. They arrived from Salem last Friday and were accompanied by Nolan and Lawrence McKennon of Hood River.

Test Van Housen, who has been quite ill for some time is improved at this writing.



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