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HAY SCARCE IN WALLOWA COUNTY

Some Farmers Paying As High As \$25 a Ton; Supply Diminishing

By G. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent)
WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—With the winter weather hanging on well in this community making it necessary to feed practically every hoof of livestock, there is a steady call for hay which is said to be getting very scarce at this time. A few small lots are still heard of over the county. The increased demand for hay has had a very strengthening effect on prices and some farmers who have small amounts for sale are asking as high as \$25 per ton while some other lots are still being sold at \$20. Chas. Geobel, who was in need of considerable hay for feeding logging horses, purchased a number of tons on Alder slope in the upper part of the valley and hauled it here with a number of teams during the past week. With the snow covering much of the winter range sections on Snake and Imnaha rivers making it necessary to bring several thousand head of sheep into the upper part of the valley where they are being fed and will likely be held until after lambing time, will in the opinion of many create a serious situation in the matter of getting sufficient feed supplies should the snow lay on the ground for the next month or six weeks.

Here and There In Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—

A proposal to increase the speed limit on Oregon highways from 35 to 40 miles per hour was stepped on by the house committee on roads and highways and automobiles and roads, at a joint meeting. A vote was cast and Chairman Winslow cast his vote in favor of leaving the limit at 35 miles. The increase was suggested as an amendment to senate bill 162, which is now in the hands of the two house committees. The house roads committee will recommend that the Bailey bill requiring chauffeur's licenses "do not pass." This would wipe away an annual revenue of \$25,000 agreed committee members. Favorable recommendation was given Senator Upton's bill to exempt rural mail carriers from paying the gas tax. The house committee will not make a recommendation on the Dunne bill to repeal the law requiring the printing and distribution of lists of motor vehicle registrations until the secretary of state is able to make a contract of satisfactory nature with the Portland firm which has offered to make mimeographed copies of such lists.

Governor Patterson, Senators Bell and Schumacher, joint sponsors for the bill to consolidate the boards of regents of the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College, and the normal schools; Representative Hector MacTheobald, author of the cabinet government consolidation resolution adopted by the senate Tuesday morning; President Arnold Bennett Hall of the university; President W. J. Kerr, of the college, and President J. S. Landers, of the Monmouth Normal school, went into conference in the executive chambers at the call of the governor shortly after noon. The call for the session was sent out by the governor at the request of Representative MacTheobald and Senator Schumacher, but its purpose was not announced.

Briggs and Carlin, both of Jackson county, introduced a memorial to the house Tuesday afternoon memorializing congress to provide financial assistance in financing constructed feasible irrigation projects on the same basis as the U. S. reclamation projects. These projects are in direct competition in amounts not to exceed their economic value as determined by surveys made by federal agencies, says the memorial.

House bills passed by the house Tuesday afternoon were: H. B. 387—Relating to transportation facilities for school districts. S. B. 57—Increasing compensation of county surveyors and their assistants. S. B. 72—Prohibiting stock from running at large in parts of Marion county. S. B. 73—Raising salaries of Wasco county treasurer from \$1000 to \$1200; Wasco assessor from \$1250 to \$1800, and the county commissioner from \$3 to \$5 per day.

S. B. 134—Amending sections relating to candidates for president and vice president of the U. S. S. B. 39—Amending sections relating to purchase and resale of property acquired by counties under tax deeds. S. B. 73—Amending sections relating to the handling of prohibition funds and requiring the submission of certified statements of account. S. B. 144—Giving Judge in probate department in Multnomah county authority to appoint clerks to take charge of mothers' pension work.

S. B. 8—Amending sections relating to attorney's fees in suits or actions brought upon any policy of insurance. S. B. 69—Authorizing the issuance of non-cancelable policies under certain conditions. S. B. 115—Amending sections relating to certification of irrigation and drainage district bonds.

Senator Upton warned the senate roads and highways committee of the danger of the procedure Tuesday afternoon when it attempted to go into executive session after the hearing proponents of house bill

Weather in this section has moderated considerably during the past few days resulting in some thawing in some parts of the county. The weather has softened the snow and it is settling down to some extent. Sleighting is still fine on all roads and much hauling of logs, wood, hay and other feed supplies is being done by farmers who are anxious to get as much of the heavy hauling finished as possible while road conditions are good.

Charles Geobel, with the aid of several men and teams, has been hauling a considerable quantity of logs from Bear creek to the mill here. Thomas Scott and family, of Middle valley, have about all recovered from the severe siege of the flu. Clark Scott, a son, suffered the loss of the hearing of his right ear as a result of the bursting of an abscess. He was a patient at the hospital for several days but is able to be out again at this time.

M. E. Wally has been helping Charles Geobel haul logs from Bear Creek. Word reached friends in this community on Friday telling of the death of Mrs. Charles Hood, at Portland. Mrs. Hood has been in ill health for the past several months and recently underwent a major operation. Ross Hood the only son of the family was called to his mother's bedside about two weeks ago, but who seemed to have started gaining in strength and he returned to his work at the H. B. Halsten & Co. store here, receiving word about the middle of the week of her turn for the worse. Mrs. Hood was well known in this section of the county, having lived here for about 20 years. She was an operator at the local telephone exchange for a number of years and later served as postmistress. It is understood that the burial was at Walla Walla Wash., Saturday. She is survived by the husband, Charles Hood, and one son, Ross Hood, who have the sympathy of the entire community in their hour of sorrow.

An acute water shortage is still a very troublesome question at a number of farms in this part of the county. Apparently there has not been enough thawing to have any effect on replenishing the underground supply of water which feeds the wells. For the first time in many years some of the farmers in Lower valley find themselves very short of water. Charles Geobel, who lives in that community has been hauling water from town for domestic use.

Truman Poulson, of Promie, was a business visitor in town the last of the week. He reports that when he left home Friday morning that a warm chinook wind was blowing and the snow melting considerably. He says that there is still a large amount of snow there but that a chinook lasting for any length of time would make much bare ground on the brakes on which stock could be ranged in a short time. He took back a load of hay with him the first of the week and the snow melting is leaving plenty of feed should the snow remain on the ground for the next few weeks making it necessary to feed hay.

Dick Galloway was called to Boise the latter part of the week by the serious illness and death of his wife. Mrs. Galloway who was formerly Miss Billy Stanwick, was well known in this section having been a resident of the county the greater part of her life. She was about 35 years of age and leaves four children, a mother and several brothers and sisters.

The Charles Scott sale held at the McGill farm west of Lostine Feb. 13 was attended by a large crowd of farmers from many sections. By dismissing the proponents from the room and allowing members of the state highway commission to remain. The commissioners had listened to the arguments for the bill but had not yet been heard themselves.

The highway commissioners present were C. E. Gates and Robert W. Sawyer. The bill gives contractors the right to sue the state highway commission. Gates said the first thing the bill would do would be to add from \$25,000 to \$25,000 a year to the cost of the highway department and double engineering costs. "We will have to have an engineer and a timekeeper on every job all the time," he said.

tions of the county. The greater part of the stock and other articles sold are reported to have brought fair prices. However, in the opinion of many, the bunch of high class milk cows which Mr. Scott had did not bring the prices they would at almost any other time of the year, because of the great food shortage keenly felt by most farmers. The best prices obtained for the cows was slightly over \$100 while a number of fine young cows sold from \$55 to \$70 each. At a number of other sales held in this county during the past few months the price of this class have averaged over \$100 per head. A number of fine brood sows which were bred to farrow in March were sold, with some going at \$35 each while second choice went at around \$25 each.

H. D. Reichtel and J. W. Crowley were Enterprise business visitors the last of the week. Cars are now being used on the Whiskey creek market road as well as a number of other rural roads in this end of the valley. One of the large county graders pulled by a caterpillar tractor was busy several days the past week scraping the snow off of these roads.

Miss Ann Murphy, teacher of Lone Pine school, a few miles east of town, was a visitor in town Saturday. A regular meeting of Wallowa grange No. 603 was held at the L. T. Powers home in Lower valley Saturday night. A fairly large number of members were present. A. W. Johnson, director of the Wallowa County Stock Marketing association and shipping manager for this community, was busy the last of the week loading out two cars of fat hogs for the association, from here.

The fuel supply of both wood and coal is reported to be very short here. According to a number of home owners there is only a small supply on hand and dry wood does not seem to be very plentiful. A few farmers in the surrounding country who have a little extra wood on hand have been hauling in some during the past week or two, and according to reports have had no trouble of disposing of it at very good prices.

Giles Plass who has been living at Enterprise much of the past winter, was a business visitor in this community recently and made a trip to his ranch in the hills for the purpose of getting his horses from the pasture and putting them to a straw stack at the farm.

In parts of the country many small birds have been observed dead, presumably having died for lack of sufficient food. The larger species of game birds appear to have fared some better and have been noticed in considerable numbers around yards where stock are being fed. Some of the birds have been seen in parts of the county. The feed situation has even been a tough one for the wild rabbits. Since the deep snows they have gone into orchards and done some damage in barking the trees.

Same Meek was at the Bruce Fisher ranch by Leap Wednesday for a load of grain.

A number of sheep owners in this section of the country have had their time well occupied recently in caring for the young lambs which have been arriving during the past few weeks. From scattering reports over the county it would appear that more early lambing is being done this season than ever before. Sheep have some through the winter in good shape generally, with only an occasional loss of ewes. The earliest part of the lambing which started during the latter part of January appears to have been more successful in saving the lambs, than those which have come more recently, of the extra early arrivals but few reported losses, while during the past two weeks it is stated that a considerable number of lambs have been lost at some of the farms. The deep snow everywhere in this section has prevented to a large extent in allowing the ewes to have the proper amount of exercise, which according to successful sheepmen is a very essential factor



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in producing strong lambs. Roy Gastin has been busy the past several days sawing some wood for L. W. Minor.

Farmers in many parts of this county are getting up their year's supply of wood and doing other hauling which will be necessary during the next few weeks, while road conditions are good.

Joe Feagins who lives at the former P. W. Heskett place in upper Leap, has been cutting wood and hauling it to Enterprise. The wood market at that place is said to have been very brisk of late. With the sawmill closed down for several months and roads from the north end of the county blocked with snow, the supplies of wood on hand is exceptionally low.

Bruce Fisher and Frank Downing and wife, of Leap, were Enterprise visitors the latter part of the week.

The "driving-in" power of long continued cold is illustrated by the fact that vegetables have been frozen in many cellars in this section during the winter. This also bears out the opinions of some of the older residents that the past winter has been the most severe ever experienced here within their recollection. Some of the cellars in which vegetables have been frozen were thought to be practically frost proof because of the fact that a number of years ago when the thermometers registered as low as 26 degrees below zero there was no freezing in them, however, most of the former cold spells were of short duration.

Wille Heskett has been helping Bruce Fisher with his chores and other work for the past several days. Miss Dorothy Bennett, of Wallowa, visited the latter part of the week with Mrs. L. W. Minor, at their home in the hills east of

town. Bruce Fisher and family were visiting at the W. M. Downing home in Leap, Sunday. A. S. Cooley, attorney of Enterprise, was a business visitor in town the last of the week.

Child's Kidnaping Still A Mystery
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20 (AP)—With hundreds of clues to the mysterious disappearance of 4-year-old Doris Virginia Smith last Friday leading nowhere, police today concentrated their efforts on learning the whereabouts of her father, Ulysses E. Smith, last seen in New York. Meanwhile rewards for capture and conviction of the kidnaper increased to \$8,000.

Working on the theory that the missing girl might have been kidnapped here, police wired New York authorities to aid in the search. Officials at Peacetto, Idaho were also asked to look for Smith, who has a sister living in that city.

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