

## MILES CANNON MAKES ATTACK ON SENATORS

Idaho's Commissioner of Agriculture Calls on Members of Upper House Explain Actions—Declares Ranchers Await Pay

Bitter attacks upon United States Senator R. N. Stanfield of Oregon and his colleague Frank Gooding of Idaho have marked the past week on the part of Miles Cannon, commissioner of agriculture for Idaho. The opening gun of the commissioner's attack which has been followed with interest by people in Eastern Oregon was the publication of an open telegram in the Statesman to the Junior Senator from Oregon demanding that he explain why Idaho ranchers have not been paid for hay purchased by companies which the commissioner alleged were controlled by Senator Stanfield. To this, so far no reply has been published.

Following on the heels of the first attack came another in which the commissioner declares that there exists an apparent conspiracy on the part of big sheep men to secure all of the public range in Southern Idaho through the results of the passage of H. R. No. 77, which will permit of the exchange of title to land in Southern Idaho for land now held within forest boundaries on the Salmon river to Wallace Idaho.

It is in this attack that the commissioner links Fred Gooding, J. E. Clinton and through his brother names Senator Gooding as being a party to the effort to thus control the range. He also makes repeated statements that since through his various sheep companies, Senator Stanfield has of late secured possession of vast numbers of sheep, which total he gives a Portland paper as authority for numbering between 500,000 and 800,000 and declares that if these can be bought and paid for the feed which keeps them, can also be paid.

Commissioner Cannon also gives it as his opinion that the operations of all the big sheep men is in reality the activity of the packers who thru them are securing control of the sheep range of Idaho.

Here in Malheur county it has long been believed that the Columbia Basin Woolwarehouse and other companies indirectly connected with the packing industry or the so called Swift interests have had control of the various Stanfield companies, and that the senator only recently had secured a greater interest in the management of the companies which bear his name. The many conferences here, and the attitude assumed while the Stanfield offices were here confirmed in the belief that the Senator was only nominally the directing head of the concerns.

The revelations of Commissioner Cannon in Idaho relative to attempt to tie up the range may be but another phase of the effort to transfer the management of the public range from the department of agriculture, through the forest service, to the department of the interior's land office department. The officers of the land office are appointed by the senators, and since Idaho, Wyoming as well as Oregon is represented in the senate by a big sheepman, the small stockmen and the public is mightily interested in the outcome of the fight in Idaho.

A number of the members of the Odd Fellows Lodge went to Nyssa Tuesday night where they attended a banquet held in their honor.

## COMMISSION FIRM OFFERS SEED FOR THREE TO ONE

Through the activity of W. J. Pinney the Harbord Commission firm of Idaho Falls has offered to furnish potato growers in this section seed potatoes on a basis of three to one. Already growers whose total acreage will be over 400 acres have signed up to receive their seed through the firm under the contract which beside calling for the delivery to the commission men, three sacks of potatoes for every sack of seed, also calls for the delivery to the commission firm for sale through them with the usual ten per cent commission. The action of this firm has solved the seed problem which a number of the ranchers were wrestling with.

## "GREEN STOCKINGS" SENIOR CLASS PLAY

Clever Farce to be Presented by Class of '22 at Majestic Theatre Next Thursday

The senior class of the Ontario High School will present A. E. W. Mason's clever comedy, "Green Stockings," at the Majestic Theatre Thursday evening March 2 at eight o'clock.

The play abounds in interesting situations, clever dialogue and subtle humor. The plot centers around the old custom which requires an elder sister to wear green stockings at the wedding of her younger sister. If the younger sister had captured a husband first, Celia Faraday has had to wear green stockings at the wedding of each of her two younger sisters and when the youngest announces her engagement, Miss Faraday, forms a plan whereby she will escape wearing green stockings at a third wedding.

The cast is as follows:  
Admiral Grice (Retired) A testy old sea dog..... Homer Maddux  
William Faraday, father of four daughters; fashionable and thoroughly selfish..... Dick Adam  
Robert Tarver (Bobby) An empty headed young swell..... William Lee  
Henry Steele, a superficial young Englishman..... Francis Rieder  
James Ralfeigh, Another.....  
Lawrence Rowe  
Martin, A dignified old family servant..... Webster Jones  
Col. J. N. Smith-Vavassour, D. S. O. A dryly humorous military man..... Hugh Biggs  
Madge (Mrs. Rockingham) Fashionable and selfish..... Gertrude Skow  
Evelyn (Lady Trenchard) A flirtatious young widow..... Evelyn Stewart  
Phyllis, youngest sister charming but thoughtless..... Mildred Ratcliff  
Mrs. Chisolm Faraday (Aunt Ida) Quick tempered but warm hearted..... Clara Inez Wood  
Celia Faraday, a dear delightful young woman still under 30..... Lela Everett  
Business Manager..... Frank Clement  
Property Man..... Eldon Fortier  
Stage Manager, Leonard Zimmerman

The Music Club will hold its next regular meeting at the home of Mrs. D. F. Graham on Saturday February 25th.

Judge W. W. Wood left Monday for Hesper, Oregon where he expected to remain for several days this week.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. Jaquish.

## COMMISSION FIRM TO ERECT PACKING PLANT

U. F. Powell & Company of Boise Have Contracts for 100 Acres Of Lettuce in Nyssa, Cairo and Ontario Section This Season.

U. F. Powell of the commission firm which bears his name and whose headquarters is in Boise, was in Ontario today signing up lettuce growers for this season.

Mr. Powell has already secured contracts with growers whose total acreage of lettuce will be more than 100 acres and to pack and ship their crop will have a warehouse here in Ontario this fall. The growers already contracted with are in the Nyssa, Cairo and Ontario territory. Later he expects to add to these a number of growers in the Fruitland district and possibly as far west as Vale.

"The only purpose of our contract is to ascertain approximately how much lettuce we can depend upon and is not the iron bound contract some of the growers have been asked to sign.

"We believe that there is no necessity of introducing an outside firm to handle the crop of this section. We were the pioneers in shipping lettuce from this district. Two years ago we shipped 15 cars; last year we shipped 68 cars, or one fourth of all the lettuce shipped from the valley. We have paid cash to the growers as high as \$4.25 per crate, and we will be in position to pay cash for the lettuce of the growers if they so desire.

"We are not particularly interested in taking the farmer's crop on a consignment basis. We would sooner pay cash f. o. b. the cars and the farmer thus has no doubt concerning his returns. We sell in exactly the same markets and to the same people that the California Vegetable Union does, and we do not bind the ranch under any such contracts as that which the farmers have been asked to sign.

"It appears strange to us that we and other Idaho firms who have been in the shipping game for years were not given an opportunity to present our proposition for consideration before the marketing committee of the Canyon county farm bureau and the other bureaus in this section. However we are going to be in the market and will have a plant here in Ontario this fall, and will have field men ready to assist the grower, provide him with seed and otherwise assist him in getting his crop in condition for the market.

"There is no doubt concerning the ability of this section to produce head lettuce of the highest quality, and in great quantity. Neither is there any uncertainty concerning the market, but we do not advise a beginner in the game to plant more than five acres the first year."

## RAILROAD SCHEDULE HEARING DATE IS SET

Public Service Commission to Hear Application of Railroads for Cut in Service on March 1 and 2 P. M.

On March 1 and 2 p. m. the Public Service Commission of Oregon, at the city hall here in Ontario, will hold a hearing on the application of the O. S. L. Ry. Co. to cut its service to the branch line towns in two.

Notice of this hearing was received this week by City Attorney P. J. Gallagher, who on behalf of the City of Ontario, the Commercial club and also on behalf of the branch lines filed a protest against the change.

Under the proposed schedule there would be only one train every other day on the Oregon Eastern to Crane, and the same to Brogan and Home-dale.

The commission will be in Ontario on February 25 to hold a hearing on the application of the Idaho Power company to file its schedule of valuations for rate making purposes and apparently is making the one trip serve the double purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. G. Smith of Caldwell arrived Tuesday afternoon for a visit with Mrs. Smith's parents Mr. and Mrs. James Lackey.

## LADINO CLOVER WILL BE RAISED ON FLAT

Frank W. Brown, Secretary to Governor of Idaho Planning Big Development on His Ranch on Oregon Slope This Year

Frank W. Brown secretary to Governor D. W. Davis, of Idaho, and secretary of the Western States Reclamation association, was in Ontario last Friday, and while here told of the ambitious plans he has in view for the development of a ranch on Dead Ox Flat.

Among other things, Mr. Brown has sent to Italy for enough seed to plant 20 acres of Ladino clover, a gigantic type of white clover which is a native of the mountain regions of northern Italy. So far this crop has been experimented with in several sections of the west during the past few years with varying success. Among those who have experimented with it are F. C. Fry of Nyssa, and County Agent L. R. Breithaupt.

Mr. Brown is to experiment with the new crop for the purpose of raising seed. He also is going to put in one acre of lettuce for seed purposes.

These, however are but a few of the features which the rancher secretary of the Idaho executive has worked out for the development of their ranch which he plans on being an ideal example of what diversity will do for the promotion of agricultural prosperity in the Snake river valley. He plans on having not less than five, and possibly as many as twenty dairy cows on the ranch; and to feed them to retain 20 acres of alfalfa, as well as planting 20 acres to corn for ensilage. He will have some wheat, some oats, and 20 acres of potatoes too. In other words it will take a calamity to the world agricultural industry of this section ere this farm would be denied several crops which are profitable.

While in Ontario Mr. Brown secured the names of several farmers who have written to Secretary W. H. Doolittle seeking a place to rent in this section, and since Mr. Brown is to provide the seed for his farm plan he does not anticipate difficulty in securing a renter to follow his plan of action.

## WILDHABER PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY FILED

Former President of U. S. National At Vale Lists Liabilities at \$363,444—Assets Only \$11,950—Many Big Creditors Named

Portland papers of Saturday contained the story of the filing of a petition in bankruptcy by G. F. Wildhaber, president of the defunct U. S. National bank at Vale and one of the stockholders of the First National bank which failed at the same time the U. S. National went under. Mr. Wildhaber is now in Nebraska, it is understood.

The Oregonian story is as follows: G. F. Wildhaber of Vale, Ore., filed as a bankrupt a list of liabilities aggregating \$363,444 in the federal court Thursday. It is one of the largest individual bankruptcy petitions filed in several months. Mr. Wildhaber was a stockholder in the First National bank of Vale, and the United States National bank of Vale, both of which closed their doors last year. In the former bank Mr. Wildhaber had 129 shares and in the latter 275 shares. In the list of assets these shares are scheduled as of no value.

Among the unsecured creditors are the First National bank of Vale, \$18,900; United States National bank of Vale, \$27,500; R. N. Stanfield, -40,000; G. E. and R. N. Stanfield, \$10,000; J. L. Rand, Salem, \$1200; Portland Cattle Loan Co \$6,000; American Surety Co. and Utah Fire Clay Co. \$16,000; George McLaughlin, Vale, \$2668; J. L. Soule Baker, \$1000; Jensen & Holman, Salt Lake, \$900; Davis & Kester, Vale, \$500. Other liabilities include notes due the American National bank, Pendleton; Western Bond & Mortgage Company; Fidelity National bank, Spokane.

Mr. Wildhaber lists his assets at \$11,950 and claims exemption for \$1175.

## REFILLING GAS TANK IS CAUSE OF TRUCK BURNING

When C. M. Parr who drives the big truck between Boise and Weiser ran out of gasoline on the Old Oregon Trail between here and Weiser last Tuesday night he endeavored to refill the tank from a supply secured at a ranch house. While he was pouring the gasoline into the tank some of it spilled over onto the hot manifold and it exploded. The truck was burned, and so was Mr. Parr. He was so badly burned that he was rushed to the Holy Rosary hospital where he is still suffering badly but is now out of danger.

## POWER USERS PROTEST INCREASE IN RATES

Ask for Consideration by Public Service Commission on Rates and Service; Increase Thought Unfair and Power Rotation Ruinous

At a meeting of irrigation power users representing seven of the eight large irrigation companies and districts affiliated, held in Ontario last Saturday afternoon, it was the unanimous opinion that there should be no further increases in the charge made by the Idaho Power Company for electrical energy for pumping purposes. It was further decided that the ten per cent surcharge which the Public Service Commission has allowed the company for the past two years pending determination of the valuation of the company's properties, is unjustified and should not be continued in 1922. Also that the company's proposal to rotate power between the different irrigation districts would be ruinous to the farmers, and therefore must be vigorously protested. Chairman Claggett was instructed to proceed with necessary preparations for the presentation of the users case before the Public Service Commission.

Just what formal action the users will take has not been disclosed, but it was decided to lend assistance to the farm bureau organization in completing a farm survey to show the returns secured by the farmers in 1921 which will supplement similar records taken for 1919 and 1920 and make up a financial showing for the farmers, which will enable them to put the true condition of their business before the commission in definite form. The assistance of R. V. Gunn, extension specialist of the Oregon Agricultural College has been secured through the county agent, and the work of taking reports and compiling the returns is now under way at the farm bureau office in Ontario and all farmers who wish to lend their support to the move are being urged to either mail a report or call in person.

Whether the power users will start action at the hearing which is to be held at Ontario on the 28th will depend, it is understood, upon the attitude of the Public Service Commission. As announced, this hearing will be for the purpose of establishing valuations of the power company property. If the farmers are denied the privilege of being heard at this time, another hearing will probably be petitioned for to settle the matter of rates as the users are not inclined to allow the rates to be increased on them or the sur-charge to be continued without having a fair opportunity to be heard in the matter. The idea of allowing the power company to rotate the power between the old users so as to stretch it out to take on new business at the direct expense and detriment of the establishment users does not seem to set well either.

The regular meeting of the Ontario Womens' club will be held Thursday March 2 at the home of Mrs. J. H. Anderson.

Mrs. Fred Canfield returned to her home in Weiser Thursday after visiting for several days in Ontario.

Tom Jones of Vale spent Thursday in Ontario.

## Breeder of Registered Polands China's Comes to make Home in Malheur County

Among a number of new residents which Malheur county has secured of late is Arthur R. Karr of Oregon Slope, who for several years past was numbered among the prize winning breeders of large type Poland China hogs. Mr. Karr has some of his ribbon winners on the Goddell ranch on Oregon Slope now.

Mr. Karr came to Ontario from Harney county where he went last spring from Iowa to manage a big stock ranch, and had hardly settled there when the owners of the ranch dissolved partnership and he was out of a job. He came here and brot with him some of the finest hogs this county has ever seen, hogs

## JURY MAKES AWARD IN JOSEPH CONDEMNATION

Verdict Gives Rancher \$4,323.16 Which Includes \$600 Attorney's Fees—Sought \$10,000—County Offered \$3,300—Was Bitter Battle

The sealed verdict which was returned in the district court at Baker this morning in the condemnation case of Malheur county vs. Joseph for right-of-way for the Old Oregon Trail across the Joseph ranch on lower Dead Ox Flat gave Joseph \$4,323.16.

Of this sum according to telephone advises received by attorneys in the case, \$600 was demonstrated as attorney's fees the balance for the land and damages. In his action Joseph damages in the sum of \$10,000 while in the attempt to compromise and settle without suit the county offered \$3300, and Joseph wanted \$3,750.

The case was one of the hardest fought condemnation suits in the records of Eastern Oregon, seven days were required to try the case before Judge Gustave Anderson and a jury which included four women. In all nearly 30 witnesses were called and a mass of technical testimony by irrigation engineers occupied the attention of the court for days.

Joseph was represented by R. W. Swagler of Ontario and Nichols & Hallock of Baker while District Attorney Robert D. Lytle and F. J. Gallagher represented the county.

Among the witnesses summoned from Ontario were: E. M. Greig, Ivan E. Oakes, J. F. Joyce, Judge E. H. Test, Fred Test, C. F. Cox, A. V. Wilson, George W. Lattig, P. M. Boals, Guy Graham and others.

## "UNCLE" DICK RUTHERFORD RECIPIENT OF ANNUAL CAKE

The "22 Club" of the followers of Truth entertained in royal style at the Odd Fellows' Hall in honor of Uncle Dick Rutherford who celebrated his eighty-second birthday. Nine members were present of the twelve whose birthdays fall upon the birthday of the "Father of His Country." Those present were: Uncle Dick Rutherford, Mrs. John Weaver, Mrs. C. E. Ingraham, Clarence Poor-man, Mrs. W. S. Maxon, Miss Elsie Cox, Miss Eula Gramse, Clarence Dowell and Mrs. Irving Harris.

Uncle Dick was presented with a large cake which was made by Mrs. Adria Rutherford and grandsons John Rutherford, also a beautifully carved cane, and later in the day an honorary membership for life in the Pythian Sisters. A number of pioneer families and friends of the club members were invited guests to dinner, which was presided over by Charlie Garvin as the chef of the day. The guests to the number of 75 wished Uncle Dick many more birthdays and voted him a very entertaining host.

The first rehearsal for the play which the girls plan on presenting sometime next month was held at the home Mrs. E. M. Greig Monday evening.

A very successful basket social was held Wednesday evening in the Congregational Church. The church was beautifully decorated in the patriotic colors and many various games were presented for entertainment. The persons who were lucky enough to have had a birthday in the past three months were called upon to entertain the remainder of the crowd and the result was a very enjoyable evening. More than one hundred were present.