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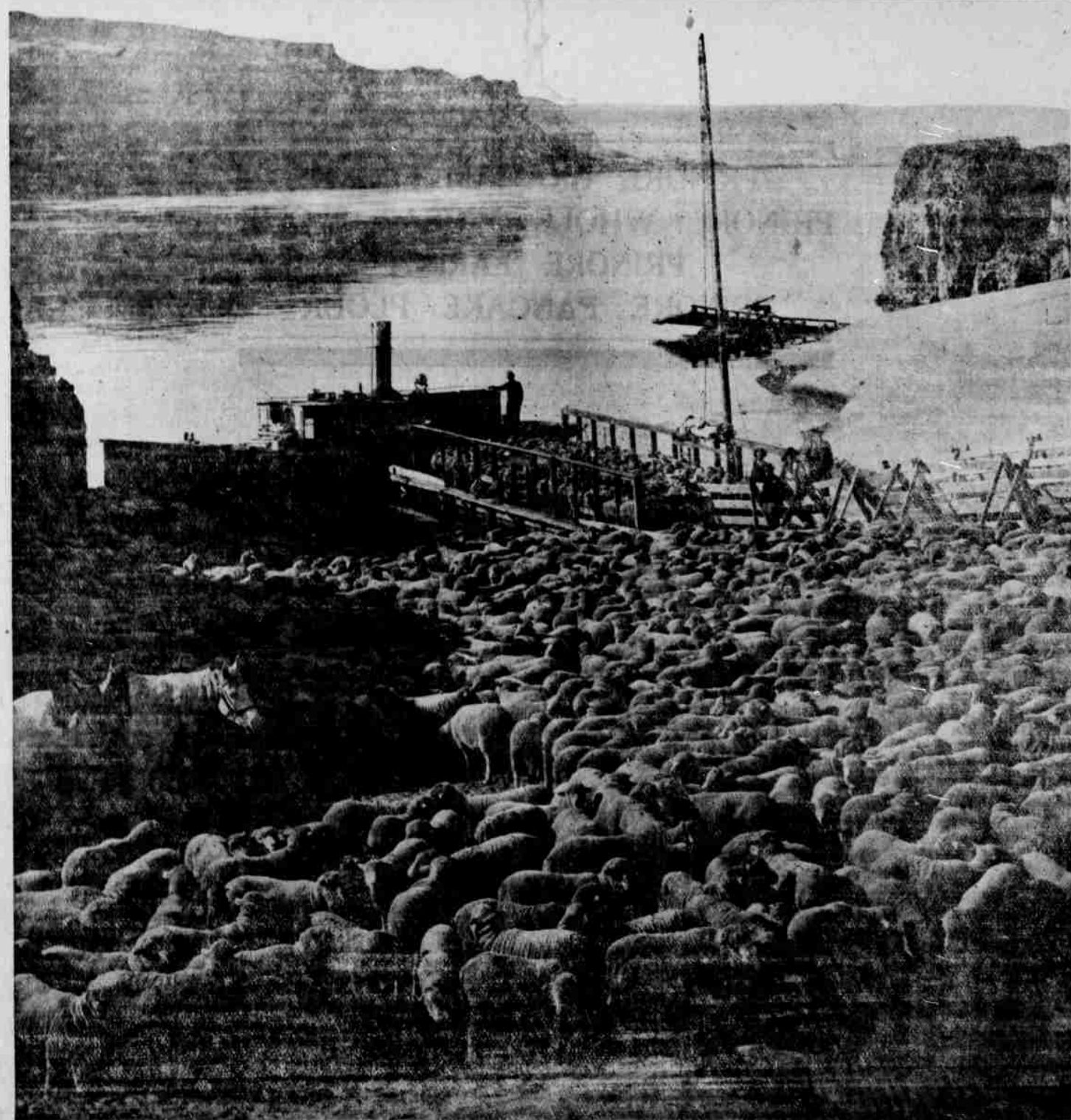
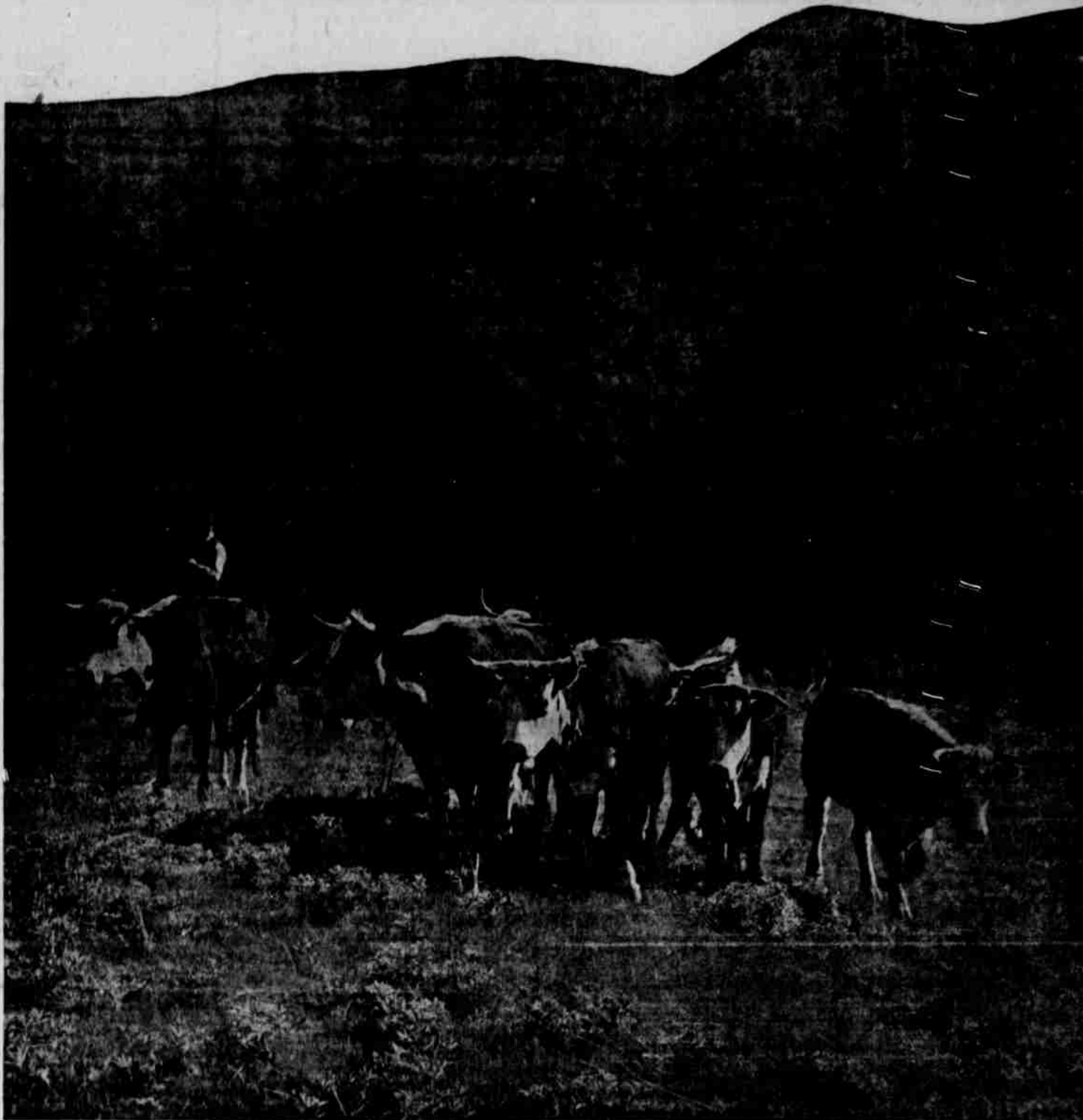
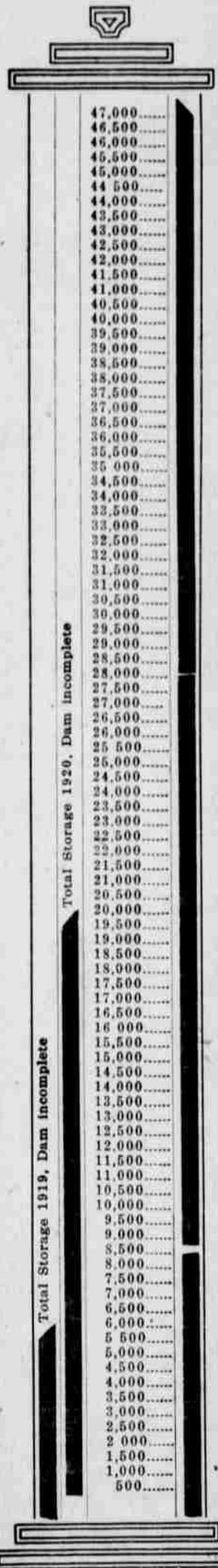
## WATCH THE INDICATOR

Lake Ochoco has a total storage capacity of 47,000 acre feet of water.

The figures shown by the indicator gives the total amount of water in storage at the time the reading was taken at eight o'clock this morning by officers of the district, and the report is official.

It will be corrected each week for the benefit of those of our readers who are interested in watching the water supply raise for the crops this year.

The storage of 1919 and 1920 are also given at the left.



## A REAL SERVICE TO THE FARM

In almost every section of the county there is apparently a scarcity of livestock, a very natural situation in view of the prices obtainable for all classes of crop production during the past half a dozen years. In the ranching country where livestock is the principal source of revenue other unusual conditions prevailed that had a tendency to reduce the numbers. One may travel in the Corn Belt long distances and note only a few hogs. It varies in different parts but there are stretches of a hundred miles or more where the farms seem to be almost denuded of cattle. This situation was not regarded by the land owners as a serious one during the days of high prices of wheat, corn, etc., but with the drop in grain prices they have come face to face with the seriousness of it. They must now turn to livestock. Many of them recognized this necessity some months ago and others have come now to acknowledge it and as a result there is now a very considerable demand among the farmers for cattle and hogs of the better types.

Having had the opportunity to observe the tendency over a very wide area and knowing the conditions more or less accurately in much of the country, I am led to recommend to the breeders of pure-bred livestock that they arrange to hold public sales locally with the farmer's patronage chiefly in mind. Whenever I have traveled I have noted the inclination of the farmers to favor purebreds of the breeds that best serve the farmers needs. To a very general extent this inclination has been favorable to Shorthorn cattle because of the acknowledged adaptability of the Shorthorn to the farm conditions and requirements. But our shorthorn breeders should give sufficient consideration to the farmer to hold the sales where the largest amount of farm patronage is likely to develop. For a long period, breeders of purebred cattle have been in the habit of holding sales at central market points. The wisdom of this plan depends very largely on the class of cattle being offered, but when the farm trade is being sought after, there is no advantage in holding sales at central market points. It is more desirable to hold such sales in the communities where the farmers can attend them at the least expense of time, carfare and freight on the purchases. As a general proposition the county seat is a good location for holding sales of this class.

The patronage will be very greatly increased by arranging for county or local sales in every section. In working out this plan the breeders are rendering a most useful service to the farmers because they are bringing to the farmers' gate the better types of which he is much in need. He is now in a receptive mood. He wants to put in breeding stock. He is favorably impressed with purebreds. It is decidedly an opportunity for breeders. Such sales could be arranged for economically. The advertising should be chiefly in its local contact. Expenses could be held to the minimum and in the majority of cases cash would be paid for the offerings. If such a plan is introduced and carried on to any considerable extent, there will be a marked expansion in the interest in Purebreds and the farmers who become purchasers will be materially benefited.

every herd of purebreds, however, well bred of meritorious the individuals, contains a few animals that can be sold profitably to the farmer trade and will fully take care of the farmers needs. So I have no hesitancy in advocating this plan to the breeders to adopt, either collectively or individually, knowing that it will not only serve their interests in disposing of surplus stock now on hand, but will have the effect of creating a surer, broader market in the future.

In my judgement the breeder—the cattle breeder more particularly and for the reasons stated Shorthorn first of all—have in this situation a responsibility that carries with it an opportunity for rendering a broad and practical service to the farmers.

STOCKRAISING IS AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY IN THIS SECTION

### "Pheasant Shell."

This name is given to the shells of a gastropod mollusk of the family of Turbinidae, which are much valued for their beauty, suggesting by their gorgeous metallic tints the plumage of pheasants.

### First Chisel Was Bronze.

The chisel was a perfected tool 2,500 years ago, though made of bronze, and therefore somewhat less efficient for cutting.

### The Golden Rule.

The "Golden Rule" is a term applied to Christ's doctrine of doing to others as we should wish them to do unto us. See Luke 6, 31.