

PINCHOT POLICY HIT

President Gooding, of Wool-growers, Sends Warning.

RULE TERMED IGNORANT

Benefit of Sheep to Forests Told and National Association is Urged to Publish True Facts in Price Unfairness.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special).—In his annual address before the National Wool Growers' Association today, F. H. Gooding, ex-Governor of Idaho and president of the association, denounced the conservation policy of Gifford Pinchot, ex-forester, as "erratic and outrageous," and as founded upon "prejudice and ignorance." Admitting that it was difficult for him to discuss the subject with any degree of moderation, Mr. Gooding said in part:

The outrageous policies inaugurated by Mr. Pinchot at the beginning are still fresh in the memories of the flockmasters of this country and another day will be given credit for the toleration with which the chief forester and many of his officials, there is no doubt in my mind but what was Mr. Pinchot's first intention to drive sheep out of the forest entirely.

Exclusion Kills Profits. He believed honestly enough, no doubt, that they were detrimental to the great forest, in fact, he believed that sheep meant their destruction, and for that reason must be excluded, and so he began in a systematic way the exclusion of one of the great industries of America.

On some reserves the number of sheep were reduced until it was no longer profitable to keep them, and it was only through vigorous protest that we were able to save the industry from the fate of the sheep. Men were fined hundreds of dollars for having some of the sheep on the reserve being given a hearing.

Mr. Pinchot inaugurated a policy in which he was the judge, prosecutor, jury and sheriff. We were denied the right of appeal even upon the completion of the case who employed for \$50 per month and were compelled to furnish two horses and to feed themselves and their animals.

Rangers in Complete Control. There were some good men among the rangers, others were known to be ignorant and prejudicial; yet they were made masters of a country as large as some of our New England States.

It was a full year before the application of Pinchot's outrageous policies towards the flockmasters in the West. If Mr. Pinchot had been correct that the grazing of sheep in the forest reserves was a great detriment to the forest, he would have had the sheep removed from the forest long before Mr. Pinchot thought of conservation. It had been demonstrated in the forest that the grazing of sheep in the forest was their only salvation.

All of the great timber companies owning lands in the West, wherever it was possible, saw to it that their herds of sheep were grazing on their holdings every year to keep down the vegetation, and in this way prevent forest fires.

Wallace Fire Revealed. Great public calamities sometimes bring men to a realization of truth that they will learn in no other way. The great forest fire in my state last year, and more than 500 human lives were lost, besides destroying millions of dollars' worth of the best timber in the forest. The forest fire revealed the fact that the forest reserves were not being protected.

It was then that they first discovered the value of sheep in the forest, for not many miles away from the forest, the sheep were grazing in the Clearwater, flocks of sheep were grazing in the forest, where thousands of sheep grazed over an immense area that same year. Practically the same conditions existed on the Clearwater as those in the great fire some years ago. The sheep were grazing on the forest, and the forest was being protected.

Last February, while I was in Washington, I found the secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Wilson, trying to secure better freight rates on sheep from the forest. He was telling me that he was going to have the sheep shipped into the forest of Northern Idaho to prevent again such a disastrous result from forest fires.

Forest Peril Pointed. I fear, without fear of successful contradiction, that the sheep were the best protection that the forest reserves of the West for many years had. The sheep were grazing on the forest, and the forest was being protected. If the vegetation is allowed to accumulate and if fire is started, the forest is lost. There are not enough men in all the forest reserves, if they were all on the ground, to cut out some of these great trees. The sheep are the best protection that the forest reserves have.

The straits policies inaugurated by Mr. Pinchot have done more to conserve the forest in the West and have done much to delay the great work for a number of years. Every great timber company in the West has a full and complete knowledge of the natural resources. The West is not lacking in intelligence. The sheep are the best protection that the forest reserves have. A kind providence has given us with us a generous and a noble people.

Resources Wrongly Held. The mighty resources of the West are our heritage. We do not want to destroy them. And if they are not looked up by scientific methods, through them we will build some of the greatest cities in America. The citizenship of the West is every state in the Union, and if they are given an opportunity to see the forest, they will operate in the great work of the protection and preservation of the mighty resources of this country.

Discussing the subject of protection, Mr. Gooding declared the people of the United States should protect the sheep industry first, because the industry could not survive in this country without protection, and, secondly, the American farmer must protect the sheep industry to keep up the fertility of his soil. He referred to the fact that the woolgrowers of America employed about 120,000 laborers who received in wages approximately \$10,000,000 annually. In the last year, 11 new states were added to the membership of the organization, the increase in membership for the year being 140 per cent.

Merchants Get Big Profit. Mr. Gooding emphatically denied that the sheepowner was responsible for the high cost of woolen goods. Taking the suit of clothes he was wearing as an illustration, the speaker said the cost to him was \$50. The suit contained 3 1/2 yards, weighed four pounds and required exactly 15 pounds of wool in the grease for the manufacture of the cloth. At 14 1/2 cents a pound, the average price paid for wool in the last two years, the grower who produced the wool received only \$2.36 for furnishing all of the wool required to make the suit.

The total cost of the wool and its manufacture into cloth for the suit was \$7. The other \$43, declared Mr. Gooding, went to the wholesale merchant and the tailor for distributing the cloth and making it into a suit of clothes.

I hold in my hand an all-wool undershirt and a pair of socks for an infant, a complete suit of all-wool and of the heaviest weight. These four articles, made from the chest and two in the back of this suit. The total price paid for the two suits in the store was \$6.00, and the American wool-grower received 9 1/2 cents for all the wool required to make the suit.

Muckrakers Are Scolded. Let me say that so far as the wool is concerned, there is not a muckraker in the continent of New York that is so poor but what he can grow her little one in an all-wool suit of clothes made from the best wool that is grown on earth. The American wool-grower has been made a laughing stock under the stigma of robbing the American people. We are not responsible for the high cost of woolen goods and we should begin a campaign of education in every state in the Union, so that the people may know the whole truth and if woolen goods are any higher than they should be let the blame fall where it belongs. It is a crime for us to stand idle any longer and allow our industry to be destroyed by the muckrakers and the huge politician.

CHURCH SERVICE RUFFLED

Stranger Takes Charge of Pulpit and Harangues While Pastor Waits.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Dec. 14.—

(Special).—A stranger who later gave his name as Ellis, disturbed the equanimity of the worshippers at the Methodist Church in this city Sunday evening by entering when the sermon was well along and marching straight to the pulpit, which he entered and began a harangue without asking permission or waiting till the minister was through. The pastor, in a low tone, requested him to wait until the sermon was finished, but he paid no heed and went on and had his say while the minister waited.

He announced that he was an evangelist and that he came here to purify the town and drive away all forms of sin, and called on the congregation, particularly the men, whom he addressed as boys, to stand by him. He then sat down and Mr. Brittain, the pastor, finished his sermon. After the meeting was over he asked permission to hold revival meetings in the church. Not being successful in this, he stated that he would obtain the Christian Church saying he and his co-workers were members of that sect. He has since dropped completely out of sight.

GANG TERRORIZES TOWN

Roughs at Hammond, Or., Destroy Property in Night Raids.

PORT STEVENS, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special).—The destruction of property through the actions of a gang of men in Hammond, Or., by a gang of men. The destruction of much valuable property has resulted. Through this has continued for some time, it is only recently that it assumed formidable proportions.

Between 1 and 3 A. M. this crowd of worthless ruffians, through the main thoroughfare of Hammond, tore down fences, stopped at the home of Ben Anderson and tossed a bottle, partly filled with whiskey, through the window of the sleeping apartment, and continued on their destructive way toward the home of Mr. Mudd, a local business man. At Mudd's residence they paused long enough partly to destroy the fences. Then they continued toward the schoolhouse. Arriving there they demolished the door and destroyed the main window pane. From this point they proceeded in the direction of Flavel, leaving a wake of destruction in their train.

GLEE CLUB AT VANCOUVER

Pacific University Organization on Tour of Northwest.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special).—The Pacific University Glee Club, of Forest Grove, Or., entertained a large audience in the high school assembly hall here last night. The selections by soloists and the 12-piece orchestra were unusually good. Members of the Glee Club are: Miss Leah Sussner, Miss Gertrude Peterson, Charles McNeil, Archibald Markee, Dwellen Clapp, William Livingston, Miss Margaret Lowell, Miss Georgia Kessel, Charles Walker, Harlan Turner, Leonard Heble, Clinton Ostrander, Edward Livingston, P. Burton Arant and Karl House, manager. Professor Frank Thomas Chapman, director, accompanied the Glee Club, while the vocal numbers were given under the direction of Miss Pauline Miller Chapman.

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This decision came after a final hearing which consumed almost all day and in which several witnesses testified that Greene was in Oregon all the time since and for some time prior to the commission of the alleged crime and hence could not be a fugitive from justice in Washington.

Judge Duncan in announcing his decision said he was reluctant to interfere with the requisition issued by the Governor, but that this was the first time the merits of the case as to whether or not Greene was a fugitive had been investigated and the testimony showed that the prisoner was not a fugitive. Constable Ashby, of Tacoma, who has been waiting here since Saturday to take the prisoner to Tacoma, will return alone. Because of unusual legal points involved this case has attracted great attention.

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