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PROBLEMS OF THE WOOL POOL

Amendments to the Present System Needed to Increase Its Efficiency.

MANY OF ITS BEST AIMS ARE OFTEN DEFEATED.

Amendments and Suggestions Are Offered by a Woolgrower Who Belongs to the Organization, and Who Enumerates Some of the Drawbacks Encountered in Its Administration.

A. H. Sunderman, one of the prominent woolgrowers of Echo, is in the city today and reports the stock in that vicinity doing well, considering the "red" weather and unfavorable conditions for feeding. Mr. Sunderman will attend the meeting of the woolgrowers and the National Live Stock Association convention at Portland in January, and thinks every Oregon stockman should be in attendance.

Mr. Sunderman is especially interested in seeing the sheepmen attend the meeting of the National and State Woolgrowers' Association and prepare to make those organizations more effective in assisting the individual members in the struggle against the combinations.

For Better Organization. He believes one of the most vital topics to be discussed by the Oregon woolgrowers is the more thorough organization among the members for a fixed sales day at which all the wool grown by the members must be offered for sale, after being graded by the growers.

He believes that the woolgrowers' organization should make it binding on the members to save their wool for this sale day, and prevent individual members of the organization from selling choice lots of wool in advance of the sale day, thus making it more difficult to sell the remainder of the clip, after the buyers have picked out the choicest.

Present System Weak. In the present method of conducting the sales days Mr. Sunderman thinks that very little good is accomplished for the individual sheepmen. The buyers go among the woolgrowers before the date of sale pick out all the choice wool, and when the day of the sale comes the growers are left with the bulk of the poorer grades and the buyers are left with the cream from the market in advance, are independent and offer whatever they feel disposed of for the wool in the so-called pool.

Mr. Sunderman thinks that the constitution of the woolgrowers should provide for a set day of sale, pick out all the wool clips of the members, which would be binding on all the members alike, and make a sale day a benefit to every individual member. The force of the organization should stand behind and protect every member, in selling his wool. The wool should be graded before being sold, and all the different grades from the various clips should be put together and sold together, thus making the wool pool a pool in fact, and making the organization a direct benefit to every individual member.

For a "Binding" Sales Day. If members are at liberty to sell out the choice clips in advance, it takes away the interest in the pool. It spoils the strength of the organization, and all the money spent in maintaining the organization is wasted.

He thinks the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association should take up this vital question and decide to make that portion of the constitution which provides for the sales day, binding on the members, so no one would be allowed to sell wool belonging to members in a sale outside of the pool on the sales day. To this end he will labor and if this is not accomplished he feels that the aim of the organization fails of fruition.

PARKER CAPTURED. He is Arrested at Livingston, Montana—Will Be Taken to Portland.

Spokane, Dec. 17.—L. C. Parker, the convict for whom the officers of Portland have been hunting several weeks, has been arrested at Livingston, Mont., and will be taken back to Portland to stand trial on a charge of forgery.

Parker is the man who attempted to pass forged paper in Walla Walla shortly after his release from the state penitentiary. He went to Portland, where he followed the same practice, and after a hard chase by the officers he escaped. He finally reached Montana, where he resumed his old tricks, but was apprehended by the officials.

ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL. Threats to Wreck a Train on the N. W. H. M. Railway.

Heavy guards have been placed on the special train. Marie Correll sued for libel. The libel action brought by Marie Correll against a local company named "Witter and Editor" opened in Birmingham, Ala., this morning. The space in the chamber was made up for the crowd. Correll took the stand, assumed a dramatic attitude and told her lawyer she did not need his assistance. The case arose out of criticisms of Correll in local papers.

SUGAR BOUNTY IN COURT.

Idaho Citizens Trying to Prevent the Payment of Bounty Money.

CHINESE BURNED.

Fire in Portland Destroys Sherick Building—Several Celebrities Missing.

Portland, Dec. 17.—Fire in the Sherick building at Second and Oak streets last night, occupied mostly by Chinese, caused a loss of \$100,000, insured. Three bodies were found and half a dozen Chinese are missing. The building was located across from the police station. The officers helped many escape.

DECLARED INSANE.

Easy Come-Off for Man Who Attempted to Murder.

GOING HUNTING.

Kaiser Wilhelm Feels the Need of a Vacation.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Wealthy and Prominent Oklacons Parish in Their Homes.

TO PROGRESS MADE ON EXPOSITION GROUNDS.

Nine States Have Appropriated Nearly \$1,250,000—Proposed Measure Provides for \$2,250,000 of Federal Funds—Not a Dollar of Government Money Has Ever Gone Into an Exhibition in the West.

A LONG ISLAND MAN STANDS OFF A POSSE.

BARRICADED HIS HOUSE AND HOLDS THE FORT UNTIL HE IS SHOT IN THE FACE WITH BUCKSHOT—KILLED A DEPUTY SHERIFF WHO TRIED TO SERVE PAPERS.

RIVERSIDE, L. I. Dec. 17.—Alonso Reeves, who shot and killed a deputy sheriff yesterday when the latter attempted to serve papers, and then barricaded himself in his home, surrendered this morning after defending the house the entire night.

IDAHO MAN IN JAIL. Claimed He Made Fraudulent Sales in New York.

PROUD SCHOOL RECORD. County Superintendent Myers announces that he has one of the most remarkable cases of close application to studies in the Walla Walla county school that has ever been brought to his attention.

ARGUMENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

Attorney General Knox Proves that the Merger Promoters Beg the Question.

MAY YET BE ARRAIGNED CHARGED WITH CRIME.

Proves Securities Company a Trust by Quotations From Pierpont Morgan, James J. Hill and Others, and Shows They Are Responsible for Violation of Anti-Trust Law—Supreme Court Has Jurisdiction.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The argument in the supreme court today, in the Northern Securities merger case, was resumed this morning by Attorney General Knox for the government.

"Gentlemen on the other side, not to mention the fact that it is a criminal, but as defendants in equity, and that is what you are. It is time enough to evoke a strict construction of the statutes when you have been actually arraigned, charged with crime."

He declared the statute under which the case was brought to be remedial rather than penal, and quoted decisions in trans-Missouri and joint traffic cases to show applicability to the securities case.

He declared the government's case can be put into one terse sentence. "If there combination, and does it violate the securities law, and if such a combination challenges common intelligence; to deny that it is in restraint of interstate commerce, challenges the authority of this court."

O. R. & N. CASHIER ON TRIAL. Second Case Against Brew Now Being Heard at Baker City.

Baker City, Dec. 16.—Judge Eakin and a jury were busy all yesterday, in the circuit court with the second trial of the case against Brew. The case in the case known as No. 1, he has been acquitted last week in case No. 2. This is an indictment on the charge of raising the amount of a voucher from \$264 to \$120.84.

CRUISE AT NEW ORLEANS. French and American Vessels Celebrate the Purchase.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—The French cruiser Gravelle arrived before the city this morning and took part in the celebration of the centennial of the Louisiana transfer to the United States. The cruiser is a national sailing ship from the Cuban fleet, and she is being used to celebrate the delta this morning and will be before the city tonight. The training ship Hartford arrived Tuesday, it was reported, and she is expected to visit the city, 41 years ago.

WRECK ON THE FRISCO. Two Killed and Others Badly Hurt Near Fort Scott.

Fort Scott, Kan., Dec. 16.—In a wreck on the St. Louis & San Francisco line here this morning, two are reported killed and a number seriously injured, two probably fatally. The wreck was caused by the collision of a freight train with a passenger train. One of the dead is P. H. Magee.

WRECK FOUND. Mystery of Disappearance of the "Discovery" Solved.

Seattle, Dec. 16.—A dispatch from Juanita, Tonopah, Nev., cables that the steamer Discovery has been found by Indians near Cross Landing. The United States ship Rush was on the coast.

JEFFRIES WILL FIGHT MUNROE. New York, Dec. 16.—Jeffries this afternoon agreed to fight Jack Munroe's snoring last night, to give the miser battle.

BELIEVES IN A SHORT SESSION.

Representative Adams Hopes Active Will Be Taken on Tax Law Only.

IF SIDE ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED WOULD HAVE SOMETHING DONE TO INSURE THE EXECUTION OF ARMSTRONG—STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF RETAINING THE PORTAGE APPROPRIATION ACT—OF GREATER CONCERN TO WASHINGTON.

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But the Illinois senator could not be present for the session, and Mr. Adams never made his appearance on the field of action, so that this is his first trip to the capital in his official capacity. And in his morning his first interview on the affairs of the state that has appeared in the public press.

When asked about the session, his views on the portage bill, and the chance of an extended sitting, Mr. Adams was reticent in his opinions.

For a Tax Law Only. "I am in favor of a short session, and my vote will never help to keep the legislature in session longer than the law is under discussion. I do not think that the valley people want a long session, and there is no reason why Eastern Oregon should not take needless time to make a lot more."

There is only one thing that I would be willing to introduce before the tax bill, and that is to remedy the hitch in the Armstrong case. I do not think that man should be turned loose on the community, and would be in favor of taking time to amend that law or make provisions for the execution. But I would not favor that unless it was necessary. The attorney general seems to think that the man cannot be executed under the law as it now stands, and the case will be appealed to the supreme court. At the same time some of the best lawyers in Portland are of the opinion that the execution can be held without legislative interference. If that is the case, I would not be in favor of that. A picked battle should be fought by bringing up the matter at this session."

Let the Portage Bill Alone. "What do you think about the report of the portage bill? He was asked by the speaker after informing Mr. Adams looked a little doubtful, but he replied that he was very much opposed to its repeal. I think that the men of Eastern Oregon should stand as a unit against the repeal of the portage bill, and if they do not stand as a unit, the bill will stand. If anything should be done with it I would be in favor of increasing the appropriation instead of cutting it off."

Portland seems to be in favor of retaining the appropriation, and the speaker seems to be in favor of it, for it will be a benefit to the portage in good for them in a lesser or greater degree. The chamber of commerce of Portland wants the road, and I think that we will keep it. I do not hurt any railroad or other freight carrying business, and there is no reason why it should not be built.

Of Greater Interest to Washington. "The people of Washington are more interested in the construction of the road, or in the fate of the bill, than are the people of this state. I have received many letters from men in this state, and they are all in favor of the bill. I think that the people of this state should stand as a unit against the repeal of the bill, and if they do not stand as a unit, the bill will stand. I do not think that the bill should be tampered with, unless, and here the speaker hesitated a little, "it were taken up to add to the appropriation."

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