

ATKINSON STANDS BY SUBORDINATE

Pacific Livestock Association Must Pay the Shot, He Says.

CAN'T FALL BACK ON ITS POLICY-HOLDERS

Trustees Having Adopted Non-Assessment By-Law and Incorporated It in Policy Form, Policy-Holders Are Absolutely Immune.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Aug. 25.—Attorney General Atkinson on having his attention called to an interview of the officers of the Pacific Livestock association of Spokane, made the following statement:

"All matters relating to the insurance department have generally been assigned to my assistant, A. J. Falkner, and I have no intention of modifying or reversing any opinion given by him relative to an assessment attempted to be made upon the policy-holders of the Pacific Livestock association. I have independently looked into the law relative to such assessment and the by-laws of such association incorporated in the policy.

"In the policies issued by the association is an express provision that the policy holder, after payment of the stipulated premium, should not be under any further obligations whatever. The law provides that the trustees may by by-laws so limit the liability of its policy holders.

Too Late to Force a Big Now.
"The trustees having passed such a by-law and the same having been solemnly incorporated in their policy, it would be little short of fraud for the company thereafter in violation of such express provision of the policy to attempt to levy against the policy holders an assessment to meet the unpaid losses of the company.

"It is unfortunate if the premiums collected by the company have not been carefully preserved so as to meet the losses. But having failed so to preserve them the company ought not now to be permitted, in violation of the express provisions of its policies, to compel the policy holders to dig up for unpaid losses."

As to the question of the appointment

of the receiver, the attorney-general stated that in view of the cancellation of the certificate by the insurance commissioner on the ground of insolvency, he sees no reason why any creditor of the concern could not, of his own motion, bring about the appointment of a receiver.

CIVIC FEDERATION TO HOLD A TALK

Governor Mead Names Railway Commissioners as Delegates.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Aug. 25.—Governor Mead has appointed H. A. Fairchild, J. C. Lawrence and Jesse S. Jones, members of the state railroad commission, as three of the delegates to represent the state of Washington at the conference on combinations and trusts of the National Civic Federation, to be held in Chicago, October 22.

Several matters of importance to the members of the railroad commission will be discussed at this conference, notably the subject of railroad pooling, maximum rates and the relations between state railroad commissions and the interstate commerce commission. Men of national reputation will attend the conference and take part in the discussions, delegates being appointed by President Roosevelt, the governors of the various states and territories, and by commercial organizations throughout the country.

The members of the Washington state railroad commission will be in attendance at the meeting of the National Association of Railway Commissioners at Washington the second week in October, and will probably remain over for the conference on combinations and trusts at Chicago before returning home.

Year for Young Horsethief.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Lewiston, Ida., Aug. 25.—Alvin Lahar, the young man who was arrested on a charge of horse stealing by the officers at Peck a short time ago, must serve one year in the penitentiary for his crime. He was sentenced by District Judge Steele. He claims that he had worked in the Yakima country but, leaving there, hired the horse at Trout Lake to go into the Burnt Ridge district and rode to Peck on the animal, where he sold it. Lahar is 21 years old and an orphan.

Water Famine Relieved.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., Aug. 25.—The water situation has been much relieved. The mills have been notified that they can have water so that they could run full time. Some of the mills have orders on hand which require them to run five quarters time.

PHILADELPHIA CAPITALISTS IN NORTH IDAHO

Twenty-Two Capitalists Pass Through Lewiston Incognito.

LOOKING INTO POWER, TIMBER AND RAILWAY

En Route West Stop Made at St. Paul to Confer With Elliott as to Branch Line to Timber—Making Investigation Generally.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Lewiston, Ida., Aug. 24.—A party of 22 Philadelphia capitalists reached Lewiston Saturday in their private car attached to the Owl train and went on to the town of Forest, where they will make headquarters while investigating the Craig mountain timber, the electric power project on Salmon river and the Lewiston & Southeastern road from Lewiston to Grangeville.

The party was brought to Lewiston through the efforts of Dominick Cameron, a widely known timberman, who is largely interested in the development of the pine industry in the Craig mountains. In this project Mr. Cameron is associated with W. C. Hammer of Philadelphia and George B. Hummer of Elk Grove, Pennsylvania, and these men are directing the party from the east.

The identity of the members of the party is being carefully guarded and during their entire stop in Lewiston no name was mentioned, even while arranging for their departure by carriage. The only information vouchsafed was that on their return in a week, the names of the party and results of the trip will be announced.

The car stopped a day at St. Paul and while there the members of the party took up a proposition with President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific to construct a branch line from Valmer to the Forest timber lands. To see the practicability of this line, Construction Engineer T. H. Crowell of the railway is now with the party.

The party stopped for lunch at Lake Waha and while there visited the Waha springs, from which the Waha-Lewiston company intends to supply the city with drinking water. The party will make a general investigation of the resources of the country.

ROAD TO OPEN UP NEW MINING GROUND

Eastern Capitalists Think Well of Line From Helena to Kalspell Through Wilderness.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Helena, Mont., Aug. 25.—A railroad from Helena to Kalspell is the plan nearly perfected by Marcus L. Hewitt, who is now at the Broadwater hotel with a number of Boston and New York capitalists. The plan is to build an enterprise. Surveys have demonstrated the feasibility of the proposed route.

S. L. Fuller, of the banking firm of Kinzie, Kincaid & Company, 37 Wall street, and Barlett Hays of Tucker, Hays & Company, of Boston, are now in Helena after an exhaustive investigation of the proposed road and its possibilities.

"This road," said Mr. Hewitt, "will be an immediate factor in what is to be the greatest mining region of Montana between Helena and Kalspell. By the route which we favor there lies the richest and least developed mining area in Montana, perhaps in the west. It will touch Basin, Rimini and the porphyry dyke, thence to Elliston in the vicinity of Avon and Ophir, thence to Clearwater and up that waterway to the divide. Our road will later skirt the edges of Flathead lake to its northern end and from that point on to Kalspell. The route is already made by nature.

The new road will open up the newest and perhaps the richest mining region of Montana."

MONTANA TOWN HAS COLD STORAGE WELLS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., Aug. 25.—One of the most wonderful phenomena of its class is to be found at the little town of Thompson Falls, just over the Idaho line in Montana. The people of that town have no refrigerators and dig holes in the ground to get their ice. Cold currents of air are found at a distance of 40 feet below the surface and the merchants have it piped into their stores and the residents' into their houses.

Behind the stores are little chicken-coop sort of buildings, in which are the wells that yield the cold air. These wells are well padded the year round, so the residents assert, lest the pumps freeze. Those too poor to dig wells have but to put in pipes and buy cold air from those who have it.

EQUALIZATION DATES STATE OF WASHINGTON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Aug. 25.—The state board of equalization has arranged the following schedule of dates on which the various counties are to appear before the state board in Olympia:

- September 3.—Asotin, Garfield, Walla Walla, Adams, Douglas, Kootenai, Whitman, Columbia, Franklin, Lincoln and Benton.
- September 4.—Spokane, Ferry, Okanogan, Yakima, Stevens, Chelan and Kittitas.
- September 5.—Clallam, Jefferson, Clarke, Wahkan, Island, Kitsap, Cowlitz and Chehalis.
- September 6.—Skamania, Snohomish, Whatcom, King, Skagit and San Juan.
- September 7.—Pierce, Thurston, Pacific, Lewis and Mason.
- September 13.—The various railroad companies, and such counties are not able to complete the presentation on the other dates in the list.

BOY HUNTER SHOT WITH HIS OWN GUN

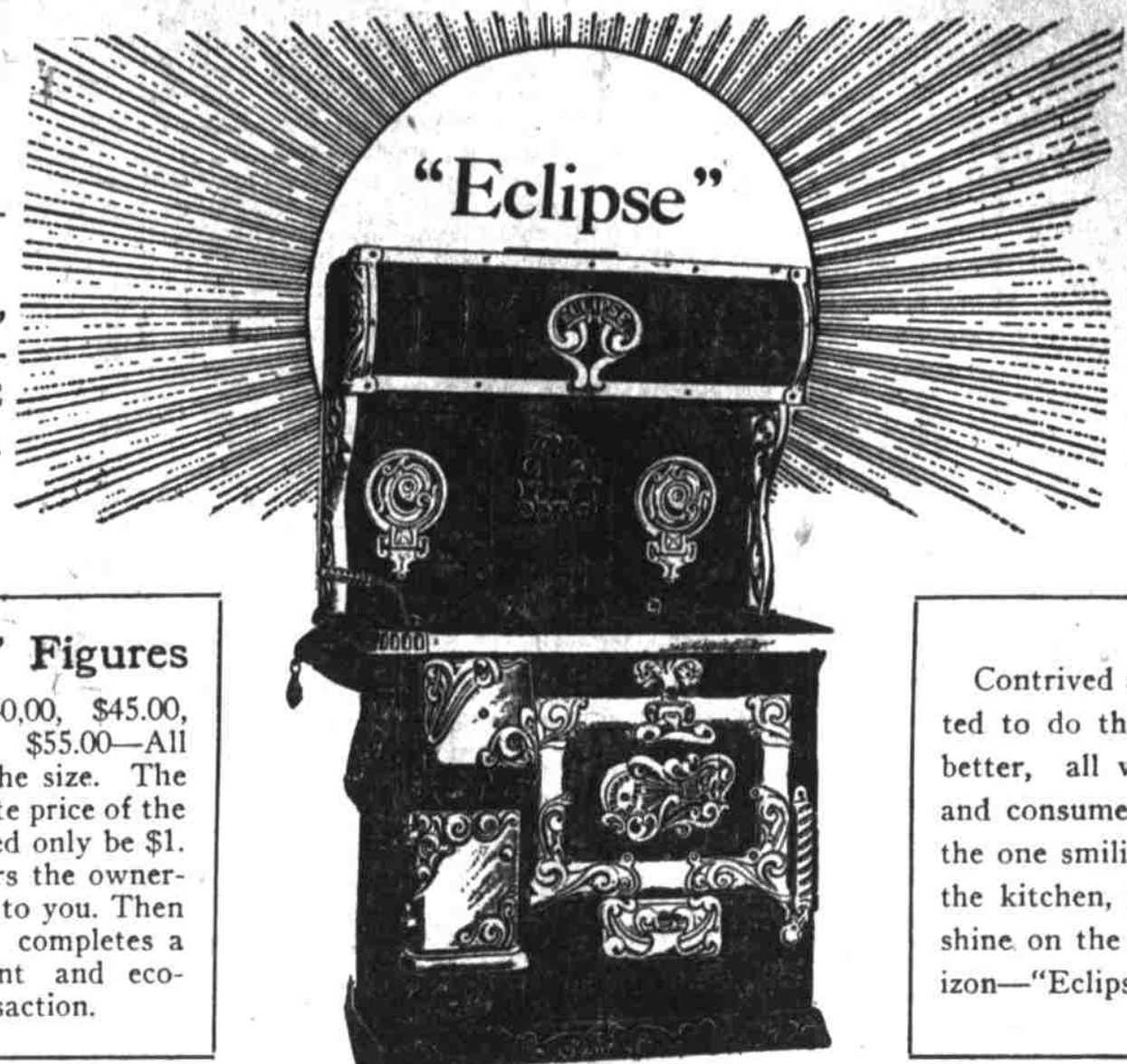
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Lewiston, Ida., Aug. 25.—The first fatality of the hunting season occurred when 14-year-old Charles Sage of Asotin, Washington, was killed by the accidental discharge of a 25-calibre rifle. His gun was found lying by a wire fence, where he had received his injuries, and a trail of blood led the searcher to where he had crawled. It was the father who found the body. The small bullet had pierced the throat, severing the jugular vein and the position of the boy's hand and his saturated sleeve showed the desperate effort he had made to staunch the flow of blood.

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., Aug. 25.—W. W. McCord of Seattle, assisted by Joseph B. Furman, has organized a council of the Knights and Ladies of Security here with 40 members. Temporary officers chosen were: A. J. Stewart, pres-

ident; Mrs. Lilla McDonald, financier;

Mrs. C. S. Black, secretary.

M. B. A. social.—All members and their friends are invited to attend the ice cream social and dance at W. O. W. hall, 11th street, Saturday, August 31. Don't forget the date.

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