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GRAZING IN THE FOREST RESERVES

Governmental Departments Are Wrestling With Problem.

MANY INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED

Controversy Over Alleged Evil Effects of Sheep Grazing Has Become So Bitter That Agricultural and Interior Departments Will Make an Exhaustive Investigation With a View to Finding Remedy.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, has received a communication from Secretary Hitchcock, of the Department of the Interior, asking his aid in solving the problem of grazing in the western forest reserves. The Division of Forestry will commence immediately an investigation which will last several months.

The controversy over the alleged evil effects of sheepgrazing has involved western cattlemen, woolgrowers and farmers in a bitter war for many years, and the recent increase of irrigation has added to the bitterness. Government action in the matter has been hastened by the establishment of forest reserves.

In view of the injury to the forests in many sections from overgrazing, all reserves except those in Washington and Oregon, and the Black Mesa Reserve, in Arizona, which is to be opened to 300,000 sheep at 3 cents a head, are closed to sheep by an order issued last May. This step has raised a storm of protest from woolgrowers, who insist that no harm is done by grazing under proper restrictions. Many are reported to have driven their herds into the mountains last summer in defiance of the law.

Against the sheepowners are arrayed the cattlemen and farmers, and especially the irrigators, who claim the practice means disaster to agriculture in the lowlands. These argue that sheep destroy the forest cover in the mountains and thus diminish the water supply. They are said not only to eat the young growth which is to perpetuate the forest, but to tramp down innumerable seedlings and destroy the layer of leaves necessary to keep the soil in good condition. Sheepherders are accused of burning large areas in order to secure a growth of grass.

While the government will decide the matter only in the case of the forest reserves, these include a large part of all the summer ranges of the western sheep-raising states, and the results will be of great importance to the American wool-growing industry. As no general rule can be applied, each reserve will be studied separately.

The first step of the Division of Forestry will be to collect impartially the testimony on both sides. Lists of questions will be sent to thousands of sheepmen and their opponents. About July 1 an examination of the reserves will begin. A number of botanists, irrigation experts and similar scientific men will be secured from all parts of the United States, and they will spend several months in the field. In addition, all field parties of the Division of Forestry engaged in other work in the interested regions will be required to give time to the sheep question also.

Secretary Hitchcock has asked the Department of Agriculture to give special attention to the following phases: Relation of grazing to taxation and the general prosperity of specified localities, relation of grazing to forest fires, relation to irrigation and water supply, effects of grazing by different kinds of stock, moderate grazing and overgrazing.

German Praises Americans. BREMEN, March 26.—A Record special says: The Bremen Wesser Zeitung publishes today a letter from a German at Manila, who says he expresses the sentiment prevailing among the German residents, which is remarkable for its

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commendatory tone regarding the American occupation. "Everything" the correspondent says, "is better since the Americans took hold. Trade is beginning to flourish and work is being taken up in all parts of Luzon. There is beginning an era of prosperity and good feeling such as was never known here. There is remarkable activity in the gold mining and coal mining industries."

"If the United States congress shuns the mistake of excluding the Chinese, the Philippines soon will be the jewel of the American dependencies. The Chinese are necessary to the industries of the archipelago.

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Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I could not even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's drugstore; every bottle guaranteed.

Puerto Rican Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The House today, without preliminary business, resumed consideration of the army appropriation bill. Talbert, the first speaker, complained of the vast extravagance involved in the bill.

Pierce, who stirred up something of a hornet's nest last Saturday by bringing to the attention of the House an interview in a local paper with an alleged Republican representative, charging that the Puerto Rican tariff was the

result of a bargain for campaign funds, read that newspaper's affirmation of the accuracy of the interview. He also read Hanna's denunciation of the story that the Puerto Rican tariff bill was framed for the purpose of raising a Republican campaign fund, and challenged investigation of the charges. Steele engaged Pierce, and there was a sharp exchange. Steele said he would not believe the anonymous Republican Congressman, who is believed to have told the story, on oath.

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A SUPERIOR PEOPLE

General Wheeler Writes of the Filipinos as He Saw Them.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Under the caption "What To Do With the Philippines," General Joseph Wheeler contributes to this week's issue of Leslie's Weekly a long article on the situation in the islands as he observed it during his service there. He says in part:

"I believe that the back of the rebellion in the Philippines is broken; there will be little more to do in a military way. There will be some guerrilla warfare, but it will not amount to much. As for Aguinaldo, I do not consider him a patriot. He was fighting for a great prize. Had he won, he would have been a powerful emperor, a mighty dictator.

"As far as possible, I believe that we should establish civil government in the Philippines. I am in favor of a territorial government and I see nothing incongruous in making these various islands into territories. The group should be divided into three or four territories, not only because of the extent of the islands, but because of the antagonisms existing between the different peoples. Some of these tribes have been our devoted friends, and it would be most unfair not to give them the right of self-government. Many of them are already fit for self-government in local affairs and under territorial governors appointed by the United States they would get along very well, I am sure.

"I consider the Filipinos a very superior people—a people with great possibilities. They are ambitious; many of them have been finely educated in Europe; they are not to be spoken of in the same breath with the Africans, so far as their possibilities go. They are, too, easily governed and with the fair treatment which they shall receive from us we shall have no trouble with them. They appreciate consideration, I have found, but they are sensitive and are unwilling to be treated as inferiors. They are a little distrustful of us.

"On the question of ultimate annexation or the remote future of the Philippines—whether states would be erected there or not in case we annex the islands—I am not yet prepared to speak, but I do think that we owe much to the many citizens of the islands who are not Filipinos and especially to those Filipinos who have been friendly to us. If our armies were to be withdrawn from the islands, the natives, who have befriended us, would be subjected to all sorts of persecutions, and many of them would meet death, all on account of their kindness to us."

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