

PREDICT DEEPSNOW

YAKIMA INDIANS FEAR HARD WINTER.

Sap Ponies and Dogs Will Starve to Death—More Snow Than for Many Years in Cascades.

Hon. W. H. Hare, member of the legislature from Yakima county, Wash., reports an unusual snowfall in the Cascades and on the eastern slopes of the mountains. This is the first time in many years that the snow has banked up seven feet deep on the level, at the summit of the mountains, in December. Sleighing is in order at Ellensburg, where there is snow to the depth of 18 inches. In Yakima the weather is cold and the snow has disappeared.

Indians Excited.

"The Indians are very much excited over the weather," said Mr. Hare. "They predict deep snows and a hard winter. Many ponies will die and dogs starve in tepees. Before spring they will begin the Chinook dances and make things merry. Several years ago we had snow before Christmas and a severe winter. The Indians went wild and danced for many days and nights before the weather moderated. One chief stabbed himself with a knife until he died from the effects of his wounds. He did this to appease the wrath of the bad spirit and bring on a Chinook wind to melt the snow."

Alfalfa \$7 Per Ton.

"Alfalfa hay is selling for \$7 a ton in the stack. It is estimated that over 10,000 head of cattle are being fed on the Indian reservation. Those having lands leased have received more for pasturage and the straw-stacks than the annual rental of the lands. No one is crying about over-production of alfalfa. There was a large crop grown this year and most of it will be fed on the farms, to sheep and cattle. Farmers are expecting high prices for hay next spring and are holding their hay. The hay buyers on Puget Sound will figure without their host if the count too much on the Yakima alfalfa crop."

YAKIMA RESERVE NOT SOLD.

Through a Misunderstanding Some of the Indians Believe the Government Will Buy Their Lands.

The rumor that the government has offered \$7,000,000 for the Yakima Indian reservation is all a mistake. Two government men are there at present making deals with the Indians. One of them has made some offer for 300,000 acres recently reverting to the Indians through a corrected survey of the reservation. The old Indian commission offered 25 cents an acre for this land and the Indians laughed at the proposition. As many people have

located on the lands, and the Indians have no use for that additional tract, an effort is being made to purchase the acreage. The Indians are holding meetings and talking the matter over. Some of them have had a misunderstanding and circulated the story about the government buying the reservation and giving each Indian \$16,000 to vacate.

To Probe Freight Raise.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The chief traffic officials and other representatives of prominent railroads appeared at the offices of the interstate commerce commission in this city today to answer questions regarding the increases in freight rates soon to be applied on the roads running from the Mississippi river and points beyond to the East and South. The interstate commerce commission purposes to probe the matter to the bottom and determine if the roads are justified in making the raise in rates. Among the roads that have been ordered to present testimony to the commission are the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, the Michigan Central, Norfolk & Western Railway Company, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company, Southern Railway Company, Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, Washash Railway Company, Erie Railroad Company, Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company, the Pennsylvania Company, and Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad Company.

Tennessee Forest Association.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Several scores of representative citizens of the state who are members of the Tennessee Forest Association met in convention today at the University of Tennessee and discussed ways and means for promoting the preservation of the forests of Tennessee and of the South in general. Papers treating of the subject from various points of view were presented and discussed. The officers in charge of the meeting were J. W. Killebrew, of Nashville, president, and Professor Gale, of Vanderbilt University, secretary.

Arkansas Poultry Show.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 16.—The best exhibition of its kind ever held in the state is the universal verdict among the early visitors today at the opening of the sixth annual show of the Arkansas State Poultry and Pet Stock Association. A dozen states are represented in the large display of fancy poultry and pet stock. Judging was begun today under the direction of I. K. Felch, the well-known Massachusetts judge, and will continue until the show ceases next Saturday.

It is the general belief in South America that England and Germany are scheming to get possession of Patos Island at the mouth of the Orinoco River.

Ryan-Root Fight Postponed.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—The 10-round fight between Tommy Ryan and Jack Root, which was to have taken place in this city tonight, has been indefinitely postponed, owing to the failure to secure Convention hall for the bout. Ryan, who has made Kansas City his home for the past two years, was so disappointed over the opposition that developed to his plans for a fight in the big auditorium, that he sold his interests here and has left Kansas City for good. It is understood that he is now at West Baden, Ind., preparing for his prospective bout with Root, which will probably be pulled off some time next month in San Francisco.

Senator Proctor, of Vermont, has had plans made for a marble building for the Young Men's Christian Association in his village of Proctor. It is a free gift, for the benefit of his 1300 employes.

"Bill" Sewall, of Island Falls, Me., the former guide and hunting companion of President Roosevelt, is to visit the chief executive at the white house, in Washington, during the early part of February. He is to be accompanied by Mrs. Sewall. The invitation was received from Washington and was promptly accepted.

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