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NO SHEEP LOSSES IN OLD UMATILLA

Ranges Are in Good Condition Yet, and All Flocks Are Thriving.

SLIGHT LOSSES REPORTED IN MORROW AND GILLIAM

Cunningham Company Has Saved 110 Per Cent of Lambs—W. A. Slusher and J. E. Smith Both Report Excellent Conditions With No Losses—Donald Ross Says No Losses in Umatilla and But Slight Losses in Counties to the West.

Umatilla county sheepraisers are not being made bankrupt through losses of lambs by drought as would be indicated by the sensational interview in the Tribune yesterday morning.

Instead of losing thousands of lambs weekly from the drought, sheepmen say that as far as Umatilla county is concerned the morning paper's story is widely exaggerated. Also it is declared that the conditions in the counties west of here is far from being as bad as reported.

That eastern Oregon is experiencing a drought and that it is causing damage and may become serious is admitted by sheepmen, but they emphatically deny the reports concerning their losses.

"I do not think we have lost a lamb from the dry spell and I do not think any of our neighbors have," said J. M. Keeney of the Cunningham company, this morning. According to Mr. Keeney, the lambing season has been very favorable this year and the Cunningham bands have lambled 110 per cent. He says that because of the drought it will be necessary to get the sheep upon the summer range earlier than usual, but he does not apprehend any serious loss.

Lambing will soon be over in this county, according to Mr. Keeney, and shearing can then be started at once upon the completion of which work the bands can be started towards the mountains.

That no less whatever from drought has occurred among the Slusher sheep is declared by W. A. Slusher. J. E. Smith, head of the J. E. Smith Livestock company, also denies that he has suffered any loss thus far and says that if some rain comes within the next few weeks there will be no loss to his bands.

Donald Ross likewise insists that this county has not suffered to any extent from dry weather, though he says that it is the driest spell he has ever seen at this time of the year.

The drought has been most severely felt in Gilliam, Morrow and other counties west of here, where sheep are ranged in the winter upon sandy ranges. According to Dan P. Smythe, who with his father is heavily interested in Gilliam county, losses are incurred from the drought but in spite of the fact he believes that 85 per cent of the lambs will be saved.

INQUEST ON REMAINS.

Tragedy of Switzer's Island Is Being Investigated.

This afternoon an inquest was held over the remains of Joe Pateman, who killed himself on Switzer's Island Friday, after first having shot his partner, Fred Deltz. The first witness called was Envoy Demko of the Salvation Army, and he told in detail of his acquaintance with Pateman, and read the letter which the dead man had written him just before the tragedy. The letter showed Pateman to have felt bitterly towards his partner. The statement made by Deltz to District Attorney Phelps was also read to the coroner's jury.

Following Demko's testimony J. W. Brown, undertaker for Baker & Polson, was called and told of finding Pateman's body on Switzer's Island. The inquest was held in Mr. Phelps' office and those on the jury are as follows: W. H. Gentry, J. W. Daley, J. A. Horseman, William Caldwell, W. F. Matlock and Charles McBee. At 5 o'clock the jury had not completed its investigation.

FULTON TO ANSWER HE- NEY TUESDAY NIGHT.

Portland, April 13.—Francis J. Heney will deliver the third address of his stump campaign against Senator Fulton in Portland tonight at the Centenary church, which will seat 2000 people. Fulton men here are planning a big rally for Tuesday night when Fulton will reply to Heney's charges.

LOST LEG UNDER TRAIN.

Eureka Flat Blacksmith Caught Under Wheels at Walla Walla.

Richard Meyers, a blacksmith employed on the Henry Vincent farm on Eureka Flat, yesterday sustained the loss of his right leg while attempting to take a ride on last night's Northern Pacific west-bound passenger train. It is supposed that the injured man wanted to return home by riding on the pilot of the engine.

From all that could be learned of the case last night it appears that Meyers undertook to board the pilot while the train was moving off and slipped on a pile of ashes causing his leg to be drawn beneath the wheels cutting it just below the knee. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital bleeding profusely. Dr. E. E. Shaw was summoned and hastily placing the injured man under a sedative influence stopped the flow of blood. Late last night Meyers was sleeping soundly.

His wife and two children are residing on the Vincent farm, but will probably arrive in the city this morning. Meyers, who is about 35 years old, was formerly employed in one of the local blacksmith establishments but accepted a position as a farm mechanic on the Vincent farm and removed there with his family last spring. He came to Walla Walla the first of last week.

MURDERERS SURROUNDED.

Posse of 40 Close in on Slayers of Marshal Miller of Kent.

Seattle, April 13.—Forty men composing the sheriff's posse are closing about the desperadoes who are implicated in the shooting of Marshal Miller at Kent, Thursday night.

The posse have formed a hollow square between Snoqualmie Pass and North Bend and it is believed by late this afternoon two men will be captured.

Alegio, who admits that he was one of the party who killed Miller, was brought to the hospital today with a bullet wound in his leg. Miller's funeral occurred today.

PRICE OF WOOD SHOULD BE LOWER

REDUCTION ON MOUNTAINS HAS NOT REACHED CITIES

With Wood on the Blue Mountain Dumps \$2.50 to \$2 Lower the Prices of the Consumer Have Not Been Lowered Correspondingly—Thought the High Tide of Wood Prices Has Been Reached—Coal More Extensively Used.

While wood prices in the cities of the inland empire have been reduced but little during the past two or three months, prices on the logging dumps in the Blue mountains have been lowered from \$1.50 to \$2 per cord.

Wood is now selling at \$4 per cord on the dumps, while last year the same wood was selling for from \$5 to \$6 per cord and the market was extremely active. This spring little is moving even at the lower prices.

There is now about 1000 cords of wood on the dumps at Kamela, with perhaps 2000 cords at Meacham and smaller amounts at the other shipping points. Very little wood is being hauled into the stations now owing to the melting snows and bad roads and none is being cut at this time, with prospects for but little being cut during the season.

It is thought that the high tide of wood prices on the mountains has been passed in the \$6 wood of last year. While timber is becoming scarcer year by year, the use of coal as fuel is increasing and consumers in the cities cannot afford to pay the high prices which have prevailed during the past few years in the inland empire.

Fleet Making Good Progress.

On Board U. S. Georgia, at Sea, April 12, by wireless to United Press.—The fleet is proceeding with perfect precision at nine knots an hour. Perfect California weather is being enjoyed and the air is more invigorating than at Magdalena Bay. Every man is counting on reaching San Diego at the earliest possible moment and is looking eagerly forward to it.

Local Option Election.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 13.—An attempt will be made to add Buchanan county, outside of the city of St. Joseph, to the "dry" area of Missouri in a local option election tomorrow. A spirited campaign has been waged by the temperance people, who are confident of success.

Company Paid the Fine.

In the police court this morning E. S. Williams, an employee of the Northwestern Gas & Electric company, was fined \$5 for damaging a shade tree. The case arose over a misunderstanding and the fine was paid by the electric company.

FLOUR AND WHEAT BREAK ALL RECORDS

Oregon, Idaho and Washington Have Shipped out 40,000,000 Bushels.

WHEAT CROP OF NORTH- WEST \$8,000,000 BUSHELS.

Shipping Season Is Now Practically Over and Statistics Are at Hand Showing Enormous Movement of Flour and Wheat—Portland-Puget Sound Ports Break All Former Records—April Engagement Will Reach Total of 2,500,000 Bushels.

Portland, April 13.—With the shipping season practically over statistics show that the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho shipped the greatest amount of wheat and flour out of Portland and sound ports in their history, totaling about 40,000,000 bushels.

The entire crop of wheat was equal to 58,000,000 in the three states, barley 18,000,000 and oats 12,000,000.

April engagements of flour will reach a total of 2,500,000 bushels and May and June will probably require 2,250,000 bushels.

To Reduce Express Rates.

Austin, Texas, April 13.—A hearing will be held tomorrow by the Texas railroad commission on the readjustment of the merchandise rates of express companies. It is proposed to make a reduction of 25 per cent in the present rates. The commission will consider an amendment to the passenger tariff under the head of "party rates" by eliminating "animals" as baggage or by prescribing a limit of 10 as the number of such animals that may be handled as baggage.

Hawaiian Republicans.

Honolulu, April 13.—Secretary Taft will probably be endorsed by the Hawaiian republic convention at its session in Honolulu today. Governor Frear and Delegate Kuhio will probably be the "state" candidates for delegates to the national convention. The convention will name six delegates, leaving them to go forward and attempt to win a fight for seats, but Frear and Kuhio will likely be the assured delegates.

Kansas Freight Rates.

Topeka, Kan., April 13.—In the United States circuit court here tomorrow argument will be heard on the temporary order of Judge Pollock, enjoining the state board of railroad commissioners from putting into effect the new schedule of freight rates. The schedule was to have been effective on April 1. It is alleged by the railroads that the rates are confiscatory.

Ignorance was never known to bring in a verdict inconsistent with its intelligence.

HAILEY MEMORIAL SERVICE POSTPONED UNTIL MAY

The Hailey memorial exercises, originally set for this evening, have been deferred and will be held on the evening of the first day of the May supreme court session. At that time members of the supreme court and outside lawyers will participate in the program.

The decision to postpone the memorial service was reached by the local bar association at a meeting held in Circuit Judge Bean's office at 10 o'clock this forenoon. It was an action growing out of an attachment served by the sheriff.

Before the above case was taken up this morning Judge Bean ran through the court docket and inquired as to the status of the various civil cases on the book.

CAPTAIN HOBSON WILL NOT LECTURE

Disappointment is in store for those who hoped to hear Richmond P. Hobson speak in this city tonight. This is the evening for the naval hero and congressmen to be here and all arrangements have been made for his appearance.

But up to this time Hobson himself has not arrived and it is stated by the local people that he cannot reach the city in time for the engagement. According to Supt. Landers, Hobson was in Washington attending congressional duties Saturday, a fact that alone is sufficient to show that he can not be here this evening.

TEN THOUSAND LEFT HOMELESS

Chelsea, Massachusetts, Wiped Off the Map by a Sunday Afternoon Fire.

LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT OVER \$10,000,000

Fire Raged for 12 Hours Before a 45-Mile Gale, Defying the Efforts of the Fire Companies—Over 500 Tenements and Dwellings Destroyed—Practically One-Third of the City Is Destroyed—Fire Started in Rags of Dump Heap.

Chelsea, Mass., April 13.—An apparently insignificant fire which started among rags on a dump in the city of Chelsea Saturday afternoon, was fanned by a northwest gale into a conflagration which obliterated nearly one-third of the city.

Five hundred dwelling houses and public buildings were destroyed, 1,500 families were driven from their homes and 10,000 people made homeless.

Two lives are known to have been lost, and at a late hour tonight, it was reported that two other persons had perished, one, a woman, having shot herself in a frenzy over her inability to save her property. Accurate estimate of the loss is impossible. One estimate gives it at \$10,000,000.

The fire raged before a 45-mile gale for more than 12 hours, defying the utmost efforts of the combined fire departments of Chelsea and several nearby cities and a large detachment of Boston firemen and apparatus.

13 Churches Destroyed.

Among the structures destroyed were 13 churches, two hospitals, the public library, city hall, five school houses, 20 business blocks, nearly a score of factories and upwards of 500 tenements and dwelling houses, besides the Tide Oil company's three immense tanks near the eastern end of Margin street. St. Rose's Roman Catholic church, Broadway, lost \$25,000; St. Rose Roman Catholic school, \$100,000; State Army, loss \$40,000; Sacred Heart convent, loss \$40,000; Y. M. C. A. building, loss \$75,000; Boston Elevated Railroad station and barn, loss \$50,000; County Savings bank, Chelsea Savings bank, Chelsea Trust company, the Providence Cooperation bank.

The funds of all these banks with the exception of the County Savings bank are still in the vaults. The money and securities of the County bank were taken to Boston before the fire reached the building.

MISSING IN PORTLAND.

Spokane Real Estate Dealer Steps From Street Car and Is Lost.

Portland, April 13.—C. P. Parsons, a wealthy real estate dealer of Spokane, stepped off a street car Saturday

day and has not been seen since. Today every plain clothes man in the land is looking for him.

It is feared that he is wandering about the hills west of the city may be in a starving condition. Though that the severe mental strain under which he has been working the last few months may have caused a temporary loss of memory.

HORSETHIEF CAPTURED.

Aaron Ridge Taken at Walla Walla Today.

Aaron Ridge, charged with stealing a horse and saddle belonging to Charles Hamilton, was arrested at Walla Walla this afternoon on instructions from Sheriff T. D. Taylor.

Ridge is said to have taken the horse and saddle yesterday and to have traded the animal off at Adams; receiving another horse in return. The second animal he sold in Athena and took the train for Walla Walla.

Early this forenoon Sheriff Taylor sent out instructions for Ridge's arrest and his prompt capture followed.

FIRE AT TOPPENISH.

Large Portion of Little Irrigation Town Was Destroyed Sunday Night.

Word has just reached here that almost the entire business section of Toppenish, Wash., was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The fire originated in the grocery store of Brown Bros., shortly after midnight and spread quickly to the surrounding buildings.

Among the buildings reported lost are Brown Bros., \$50,000, and three saloons, owned respectively by Rhodes & White, Kellan and by Kimble & Erickson.

Johnson in Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., April 13.—Governor Johnson of Minnesota, is in Louisville today and will deliver his first important political speech of the campaign before the Louisville Commercial club.

JAPAN'S CONDUCT IS INSUFFERABLE

REPARATION FOR MUKDEN AFFAIR IS DEMANDED

Secretary Root and the President Have Made Sharp Request for Explanation—Insufferable Tactics of Japan One of Chief Causes for Sending Fleet to the Pacific Coast, Says a Cabinet Member.

Washington, April 13.—Direct advice from Minister Rockhill of Pekin and Consul Straight of Mukden in regard to the outrage upon the American consulate by a crowd of Japanese last week have been demanded by Secretary Root, Secretary Taft and the president and replies are expected today by cable.

The president regards the invasion of the consulate by Japanese and the practical refusal of the Japanese consul at Mukden to take reparatory measures as an incident in which the sharpest steps should be taken and the administration will demand full reparation from Japan.

"The insufferable tactics of the Japanese in their official intercourse was one of the main causes of sending the fleet to the Pacific," said a cabinet official in discussing the Mukden affair today.

JOHNSON MAY BE INDICTED.

Alleged Finder of \$1120 Belonging to Another Is Subject to Arrest.

Did Tom Johnson find \$1120 in gold that was buried here by J. B. Jacobs 26 years ago and if so is he guilty of a crime for having kept the same?

The above is a problem that has been brought forth here and it is one upon which District Attorney Phelps is not certain of his ground.

According to the story told by Mr. Jacobs he buried \$1120 in gold near his place opposite the Catholic church in 1882. During that year the big flood occurred and when it subsided Jacobs was unable to find his buried coin. At that time the story of his loss became generally known and it is still remembered by those who were here at that early day.

Learning that Johnson had come into possession of much money and that he had claimed to have found it at the old Jacobs' place, City Attorney J. R. Raley took the case up Saturday afternoon. As the district attorney was then out of the city the case was laid before Will M. Peterson, acting prosecutor, but he desired that the proposition be held for Mr. Phelps' return.

That Johnson secured some money some where is evidenced by the speed with which he manifested as a money spender last week. But whether or not he found the Jacobs' treasure remains to be seen. Upon this point there are many theories.

If Johnson found the lost \$1120 and refused to return the same to the rightful owner on learning his identity he is seemingly guilty of larceny by bailer.

MILTON HORSES DIE IN FLAMES

Barne Belonging to C. E. Demaris Burned With Contents Saturday Night.

SIX HORSES BURNED TO DEATH; TOTAL LOSS \$4000

Mr. Demaris Awakened in the Night by Flames Bursting From His Barn—Worked Heroically in Night Clothes to Release Five Horses But Was Unable to Do So—Barn Was Built Three Ago at a Cost of \$1800.

What is supposed to be the work of some vindictive incendiary caused the total loss of six fine horses, 25 tons of hay, 150 sacks of barley, 10 sets of harness and a handsome barn belonging to C. E. Demaris about five miles southeast of Milton on the Walla Walla river, Saturday night, by fire.

Mr. Demaris, who was sleeping in the house about 50 yards from the scene was awakened in the night and saw through the open doors and gates bright flames emanating from the recesses of the barn.

Without taking time to dress he hastened to the barn in his night clothes hoping to turn his horses loose and save them at least. He was successful in saving four of the finest but the flames together with the white night gown frightened the horses until they pulled the tie knots in their halter ropes so tight that Mr. Demaris could not untie them.

His pocket knife was in his clothes at the house and before he could get this and return to the barn the flames were so fierce that nothing further could be done to save either the stock or the grain and hay. In a few minutes the whole was a burning mass.

The barn which was built three years ago was one of the finest in the valley and valued at \$1800. Its loss together with the horses and feed amount to about \$4000 of which \$1,000 is covered by insurance.

Mr. Demaris' brother who resides on an adjoining farm noticed two horsemen hurrying away from the C. E. Demaris barn just before the fire alarm was given and it is supposed that they were the guilty parties.

Try to Oust McClellan.

New York, Apr. 113.—The right of George B. McClellan to the office of mayor of New York city, which is contested by William Randolph Hearst, McClellan's opponent in the last municipal election, will be determined by a trial commenced today in the appellate division of the supreme court. A special panel of 100 talesmen was called from which to select a jury. The trial follows a legal contest of two years, as a result of which Hearst finally secured an order of the court granting the right to open the ballot boxes in disputed districts for the purpose of counting the ballots. It is Hearst's contention that wholesale frauds were perpetrated in the election and that he is rightfully the mayor of the city.

Hear Lowly Commuters.

New York, April 13.—Commuters living along the lines of the New York Central railroad are today being given an opportunity to air their wrongs before the public service commission of the first district, which is holding a public hearing in the Tribune building.

Bishop Paddock at Weston.

Bishop Paddock of the eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, preached at Weston yesterday morning and evening. He will remain at Weston for a few days, and while there is the guest of Mrs. G. W. Froebel and other members of the church at that place. He will return to Pendleton the latter part of the week.

The logical candidate for congress in this district is Judge W. R. Ellis, the present congressman, who is in a strong position in the house at present and is well equipped for good work during the next two years.—Harney County News.

EX-SENATOR CHANDLER IS FOR SEN. LA FOLLETTE.

Concord, N. H., April 13.—In a circular letter issued today Former Senator William B. Chandler denounces the administration for what he terms its complete abandonment of its policy and makes an appeal to the people to support Senator La Follette for the presidency. The letter is being sent all over the United States.