



SHEEP SALES ARE VERY INDEFINITE

Deadlock Between Buyers and Growers Continues to Hold Sales in Check.

OUTCOME DEPENDS ON THE RESERVE DECISION

If flocks are cut down by the forestry department sales will be made soon—if sheepmen win and flocks are not cut down, sheep will perhaps be held—spring movement of sheep depends on the forest reserve question.

Though the season is now well advanced, not a sheep has been sold out of Umatilla county this spring and the deadlock that is on between the sheepraisers and buyers is much greater than usual. Compared with last spring the situation is radically different for by this time a year ago practically all of the surplus sheep of the county had been bargained for.

That the sheep buyers are holding back this spring in order to learn more definitely where they are to be before buying was declared this morning by Howard Stevens, the well known sheep buyer. According to Mr. Stevens the drought that has prevailed all over the sheep region during the past few weeks has affected the situation greatly, while another reason that tends to delay matters this spring is the fact that the growers do not know yet just how much of their flocks they will have to sell.

But a few days ago the Oregon woolgrowers' executive committee petitioned the forestry bureau to forego any cut in the number of sheep to be allowed upon the reserves in this state this summer. If his petition is granted it will help much in strengthening the market, for if the cut is not made it means that there will be \$100,000 less sheep for sale than otherwise.

From appearances there will be little doing in the way of sheep selling this spring until the forestry bureau acts upon the woolgrowers' petition or at least until the situation assumes a more definite shape.

As is true in the wool market the buyers this year are talking low prices on the strength of the financial condition, the prospects of tariff changes, drought, etc.

But on the other hand the buyers maintain that the sheep and wool markets should both be strong and they object strenuously to accepting lower prices for their surplus sheep. Thus far no prices have been established in this county and according to those well informed it is impossible to tell at this time what figures will prevail.

HINDUS ARE PESTS.

W. R. Frey Tells of Conditions in British Columbia.

That the invasion of western Canada by the Hindus and other Asiatics is becoming serious is declared by W. R. Frey, who arrived here this morning from British Columbia. During the past year or more the Freys have been at Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., and were there during the hottest of the agitation against the Hindus and the Japs.

"One fifth the population of Vancouver at present are Asiatics, principally Hindus," says Mr. Frey. "Out of a total population of 60,000 there are 12,000 Hindus, Japs and Chinese."

According to Mr. Frey the Hindus have become much of a pest about Vancouver. He says they are a lazy class of people who will not attempt anything like hard manual labor but confine themselves to seeking such jobs as splitting wood, caring for lawns, etc.

A peculiar thing about the situation in Vancouver is the fact that while the city is caring for a horde of unemployed white men, all the city's scavenger work and street work is being done by Greeks and other

SOMEBODY MUST GIVE JAPAN A WHIPPING.

Washington, Apr. 16.—Somebody has got to whip Japan and I am very much afraid that the important duty will fall on us. This sensational statement was made today by Congressman Hayes, after a conference with the president at the White House. Continuing, Hayes said: "What do you suppose that Japan is spending \$100,000,000 annually for on her army and navy? What nation is she preparing to go to war with? It is the United States and there is no use trying to fool ourselves into the believing of anything else."

foreigners. This fact has tended to increase the bitter feeling which the white workmen have for the Asiatics.

Throughout British Columbia the sentiment is strong for Japanese and Hindu exclusion, according to Mr. Frey, but the people are powerless because of the treaty existing between the dominion and Japan and the further fact that the dominion government seems to favor the policy of bringing in the Asiatics.

Telegraphers Will Strike.

New York, April 16.—The Commercial telegraphers' union will strike next June unless the Western Union Telegraph company restores its old schedule of wages. The officials of the union have been notified that the locals at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Montreal, Pittsburgh, Memphis, Hamilton, Ont., and Winnipeg, have decided to go out on that date.

FLOOD LOSSES ARE ENORMOUS

MONTANA RANCHMEN LOSE EVERYTHING.

Thousands of Head of Livestock and All Kinds of Property in the Path of the Water Swept Away—Loss May Reach \$1,000,000—Twenty Miles of Great Northern Track Out of Service—All Traffic Is Stopped.

Helena, April 16.—The latest figures on the losses sustained by the break in the Hauser dam, fix the property loss at \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

The floods have covered such a wide territory that it is impossible to get an accurate figure at this time.

The greatest loss was among the ranch owners whose property was in the path of the flood, is completely swept away. Thousands of head of livestock are drowned.

Twenty miles of track of the Great Northern is swept away or submerged. It will be two weeks before traffic on that part of the road can be resumed.

TO HUNT ON RESERVE.

Wallowa Man to Hunt for the Government on Reserves.

Joseph Carper of Wallowa, will on the 17th of this month, commence to hunt for bear, coyotes, wildcat and other animals on the forest reserves in Wallowa county.

He draws a salary of \$90 a month, and what he can make from the sale of the furs, but as the furs are practically worthless during the summer months, his income will principally be what his salary will bring him.

The position is attended with considerable danger. The hunter spends his entire time in the woods, hunting on the hills. The government goes to this expense to protect sheep and cattlemen from wild animals.

Suit to Collect on Note

A suit to collect \$600 was filed today by the Pendleton Savings bank against Ben F. Brown. The money is alleged to have been loaned the plaintiff and the suit was filed by Raley, Richards & Raley.

Francis J. Heney has been called to San Francisco and cannot meet Fulton in joint debate or on the same platform with the senator in Portland as had been hoped.

BANKERS HAVE CHANGED HEART

Financial Student and Critic Says Currency Commission Has Been "Bought."

SENSATIONAL CHARGES STIR CONGRESS

Alfred O. Crozier Sees a "Nigger in the Woodpile" in the Sudden Change of Front on the Aldrich Bill Bankers' Committee Shows That It Has Been Tampered With, He Says—Wall Street Lands Its Quarry.

Washington, April 16.—Alfred O. Crozier, a student of financial conditions and prominent financial writer whose home is at Wilmington, Del., today made the sensational charge at a meeting of the house committee on banking that the members of the currency commission of American Bankers' association had been "bought" by Wall street to agree to a compromise on the Aldrich financial bill now before the house.

The currency commission came to Washington to defeat the measure but Crozier declares it has suddenly changed its mind in a most peculiar manner. He did not mention any names in making the charge, adding that he was enabled to obtain his information because of the fact that a banker was dissatisfied with the six per cent tax on emergency currency and that they held this emergency to be wrong in principle and dangerous in practice.

"But at 10 last night," he continued, "our distinguished banking friends held a conference. Today they are holding another with the promoters of the Aldrich bill to agree on a compromise. Now they are holding out for an amendment reducing the tax to three per cent."

"It appears that Wall street knew its quarry and was familiar with the best way to get support for it." Crozier then attacked the bill, which has passed the senate, giving Wall street power to create a money panic at will, terrorize and plunder the business industries.

HORSE DROWNED.

Employee of the Hopper Ranch Lost One of a Team in McKay Creek.

While driving across McKay creek several days ago a man named Radcliffe, employed on the Hopper ranch, met with a mishap that caused the loss of a horse. At the time the creek was not high and Radcliffe had started to ford. In some manner the horse fell and becoming entangled in the harness his head was held under the water until he drowned.

Radcliffe and several others who were in the rig were forced to wade ashore and succeeded in landing without much difficulty though they found that the water was wet.

Roller Is Coast Champion.

Portland, April 16.—Dr. Frank Roller of Seattle and Victor McLaughlin of Tacoma, wrestled in this city last night for the heavyweight championship of the Pacific coast. Roller made easy work of his opponent, putting him to the mat in two straight falls in 8:22 and 3:23 respectively. The great weight of the Tacoma man, 220 pounds, availed him little in competition with his lighter opponent, who weighed in at 198 pounds. McLaughlin announced that he would never wrestle again, but hereafter would devote his attentions to prize fighting, it being his ambition to become heavyweight champion of the world.

Transferred the Golden Rule.

J. Popejoy, the new lessee of the Golden Rule hotel, arrived last evening with his family and this morning the hotel was turned over to him by H. C. Means, who retires from the business. Mr. Popejoy is well pleased with the outlook and will conduct the hotel along the same lines as formerly. Mr. Means will go down to Umatilla for a brief business trip, but will possibly remain in this city permanently. Mr. Popejoy was formerly a resident of Umatilla county and is well known to all the old pioneers. He invites a share of the patronage for the Golden Rule and will give the best possible service.

Senate Favors Postal Savings Bill.

Washington, April 16.—The senate committee today ordered a favorable report on the postal savings bank bill, the only change being made was that of the name, which was changed to the "Postal savings depositories." The bill practically embodies the views of Postmaster General Meyer.

Marriage License Issued.

The following marriage licenses have just been issued: George W. Bear and Mildred Fehr; William H. Coffill and Amy Shumway.

STATEMENT NO. 1 A SURE WINNER

Portland Journal Estimates That 55 Members Will Have Taken the Pledge.

CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT STATE ARE FAVORABLE

Predicted That Entire Multnomah County Delegation Will be Statement No. 1—Marion County in Line With Southern and Eastern Oregon With Sure Winners in the Field—Canvass of the State Has Been Thorough.

Portland, April 16.—After a thorough canvass of the state made today by the Portland Evening Journal, it is declared that the estimate that 55 members of the next legislature will be for statement No. 1, is extremely conservative.

Today it is freely predicted that the entire Multnomah county delegation will be statement No. 1 men. Opponents of the statement are not issuing any announcement and refuse to make any prediction as to the outcome.

Down the Willamette valley reports are to the effect that the statement No. 1 candidates will win by 200 majority, although the fight is very bitter.

At Medford the prediction is made by George Putnam of the Tribune that the democratic candidates for the legislature will be elected because of the fact that they are for the statement and that the republicans failed to get statement No. 1 candidates.

At Pendleton, Bert Huffman of the East Oregonian, declares that C. A. Barrett, statement No. 1 candidate, will undoubtedly be elected.

FIENDISH HUSBAND HELD.

Insurance Solicitor of Tacoma Guilty of Torturing His Wife.

Tacoma, April 16.—Clinton E. Goody, insurance solicitor, is in jail today charged with extraordinary cruelty to his wife. Late yesterday the parents of Mrs. Goody broke into her home and found her lying on a bed, her hands handcuffed and tied to the bedpost, the victim of the jealousy of her husband.

The couple have been married since last August. By his own admission he has long practiced this torture. He was bound over to the superior court after being severely excoriated by the judge.

Returned to Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Frey have returned to their home in this city after an absence of a year in Vancouver and Victoria, B. C. They are delighted to be back in Pendleton and find conditions here much more favorable than in British Columbia. The winter at Vancouver has been most unpleasant and business conditions have not been good. The financial flurry of last fall affected British Columbia much more than the northwest states and in many places the Canadian provinces have not yet entirely recovered. They are pleased to note the many improvements and changes in the city since their departure and look upon Pendleton as the favored spot of the northwest.

Arranged Series of Lectures.

Dr. W. O. Fitzmaurice, the noted Irish lecturer who has been in the city for several days, has just arranged for a series of lectures in the west part of the county, his dates being as follows, so far: Echo, Monday evening, April 20; Hermiston, Tuesday evening, April 21, and Umatilla Wednesday evening, April 22. He left for Pilot Rock today to arrange for a lecture there in the near future. He is a capable and humorous speaker and his talks are excellent.

Raining in Malheur County.

M. B. Gwinn received word today from his sheep ranch foreman at Skull Springs, Malheur county, saying that it has been raining there for the past 24 hours. As a result the condition of the sheepmen has been greatly improved and little anxiety is now felt concerning the drought. Reports received here also show that heavy rains have been falling in Union county.

Traveling Freight Agent Here.

E. A. McKenna, traveling freight agent for the Northern Pacific, was in the city last evening and left this morning on the Portland local for Shaniko, to look over the wool and sheep shipping business. He will remain in the central part of the state for several days.

Five Chicago capitalists have pooled \$100,000 and will build a flat for their own accommodation on what they consider ideal plans.

PORTLAND POLICE STILL SEARCH FOR Nihilist

Portland, April 16.—Detectives and police today are searching the city for the Nihilist, who Adolph Alder, an Australian, states forced him to carry the letter to Sig Sichel, the prominent Portland man, demanding \$400 or his life would be forfeited.

Alder was arrested and today declares that he is glad to be in jail and safe from the man who compelled him to do the work of intimidation. To the public Alder refuses to talk, but it is believed that in the long conference he has had with the police today that he has given up the name of the alleged Nihilist and that the police are in a fair way of breaking up the group of undesirable who have located in this city.

JAMES HAMILTON LEWIS WOULD BE GOVERNOR

Chicago, April 16.—James Hamilton Lewis has announced his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination on the democratic ticket and today his managers are flooding the state with nominating petitions in order to get his name on the primary ticket.

He declares that he believes it is time Chicago had a candidate at the head of the ticket which has not occurred since Altschuld was governor.

During Lewis' incumbency of the position of corporation counsel under Mayor Dunne he has gained a statewide reputation.

CITY HALL BIDS WERE OPENED

GIBSON AND COLE'S BID OF \$34,920, IS LOWEST

Three Firms of the City Bid on New Building—Building Committee Will Meet This Evening to Pass Upon the Bids—Cemetery Water Supply Will Be Secured From City Mains—Drug Store Liquor Ordinance Is Being Shaped Up.

Last night bids for the construction of the new city hall were opened by the council and this evening the building committee will meet for the purpose of passing upon the same.

Three bids were found on hand last night and when opened were found to be as follows:

Gibson & Cole, \$34,920.
Boothby, Hale & Horn, \$35,864.
G. I. LaDow, \$35,742.

The bids received are for the construction of the city building according to the amended plans adopted by the council recently.

As was predicted the question of the cemetery water system also came up last night and the cemetery committee was instructed to have plans drawn for a system under which the water is secured from the city mains. The work will be done as quickly as possible and bids for installing the system then asked for.

It is now thought that sufficient water can be secured from the city system to irrigate the cemetery, but should the supply fall short a well may be dug at the lower end of Webb street and used as a reserve.

The drug store liquor selling ordinance is now in the hands of the drugists, according to a report made last night by Councilman Hinkle, and they are trying to draft a measure that will be adopted by the council.

Last night a resolution was passed condemning land needed for a street extending from West Court street to the city's garbage dumping grounds. A special committee had been looking the subject up and at their request it was decided to condemn land for the new roadway.

Change of Voting Place.

Instead of the city hall the voting place for Pendleton precinct tomorrow will be at the court house. The change in the voting place was made today and the commissioners' room will be used for the booth.

HOBSON MAY COME FOR A LECTURE

If it is possible to secure him for a lecture in this city Congressman Richmond P. Hobson will be brought here at a later date this spring. If he cannot be secured a substitute will be brought here to fill his appointment or else the money collected for the Hobson lecture will be refunded by the high school.

This announcement was made today by Superintendent J. S. Landers and Principal Hampton of the high school. Mr. Landers has already written the Merrimac hero, laying the facts of the case before him and asking him if he can come here at

FOR VIOLATING 14-HOUR LAW

O. R. & N. Officials Indicted by District Attorney G. W. Phelps.

INFORMATION FILED AGAINST M. J. BUCKLEY.

General Superintendent of O. R. & N. Is Made Defendant by the State—Violated 14-Hour Law in Keeping Train Crew on the Road Over 17 Hours—First and Last Case Under the Late Oregon Law.

This afternoon District Attorney Phelps filed a criminal information against M. J. Buckley, general superintendent of the O. R. & N. company, charging him with violation of the 14-hour law and the railroad official will have to plead to the same before Circuit Judge Bean.

In several ways the indictment filed against Mr. Buckley is one of interest. It is the first criminal action ever brought under the 14-hour law that was passed at the last session of the legislature. Incidentally it will probably be the last one for the recently enacted federal law, making 18 hours the maximum time railroad men may be kept at work, supersedes the state law.

However, the federal law did not go into effect until March 4, and as the offense with which the railroad company is now accused occurred in October, the general superintendent is subject to prosecution under the state law. Henceforth violations will be prosecuted by the federal courts.

In the information filed today, M. J. Buckley and John Doe, the latter being the train dispatcher at The Dalles, who was then on duty, are both charged with violating the law on October 12, 1907. The railroad record for that day shows that freight train No. 22 bound from The Dalles to Umatilla, was upon the run for a period of 17 hours and five minutes. The case was referred to Mr. Phelps by the railroad commission, who asked that it be prosecuted. Accordingly an investigation was made by the district attorney, in the course of which he took testimony from J. P. O'Brien, general manager, Mr. Buckley and others. No reasonable excuse for the delay was offered by the railroad people and it is believed that a plea of guilty will be made when the case comes up in court.

At the same time the above case was given to Mr. Phelps two other charges were also filed with him. However, the offenses occurred in the other judicial district so no action has been taken by Mr. Phelps.

Under the state law the penalty for violating the 14-hour law varies from a fine of from \$100 to \$500, imprisonment in the county jail from six months to one year, or both.

It is very probable that the facts in the present case will be stipulated and passed up to Judge Bean without a trial. Since October the dispatcher then on duty at The Dalles has resigned and his present whereabouts are not known.

Whitman Musical Contest.

Whitman College, Walla Walla, April 16.—At Whitman college on April 23 and 24 will occur the music contests for the four \$350 scholarships in the Whitman conservatory of music for next year, for which 39 contestants will strive. On the evening of Thursday April 23 the contestants in voice and violin will compete and on Friday evening the piano competition will be held. The scholarships cover each of the principal expenses of a year in the conservatory of music at Whitman, including tuition in music and board and room in the college dormitories.

Coal Miners Go to Work.

Toledo, O., April 16.—An agreement between the operators and coal miners will be ratified today and work will be resumed in western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana on Monday.

O. R. & N. OFFICIALS ON TOUR OF SYSTEM

A special train bearing O. R. & N. officials left Pendleton this morning at 6 o'clock for the east end of the system, where the officials go on a tour of inspection and for consultation over the improvements to be started on the Blue mountains.

The private cars, 01, 02 and 03 bearing General Manager J. P. O'Brien, General Superintendent M. J. Buckley, Superintendent D. M. Campbell, Engineer G. W. Boschke, Division Engineer W. Bollons and other officials were attached to No. 6 into Pendleton, but here a special was

made up and the three cars pulled by engine 374, left here for the east at 6 o'clock.

The party of officials will look over the mountain division where work trains are now distributing 90-pound steel rails between Huron and Meacham and where extensive improvements are to be made.

Special efforts are to be made this season to change the track in places where Meacham creek washes it out with every flood, and it is possible that a vast amount of new grade will be built on the mountains this year.