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THURSDAY.....Sept. 5, 1907.

Fall Sheep Inspection.

About September 1, according to Dr. McClure, the inspectors will commence upon a general reinspection of the bands of the state. Should scab be found among sheep pastured upon forest reserves the owners will be required to dip twice, immediately. Should scab be found among sheep not on reserves, the fact will be reported to the state sheep inspector's office, which will handle the matter.

Since the sheep were dipped in accordance with the state law the federal men have not been requiring that all sheep for shipment be dipped. Instead, the bands are merely inspected and if found to be unaffected and not recently exposed are allowed to go. This course according to Dr. McClure, will now be followed regularly, and in consequence the sheep market will benefit to that extent. Previous to the annual dipping all sheep intended for shipment outside the state had to be dipped before they could be loaded, whether actually affected with the scab or not.

That the general dipping crusade on this spring in conforming with the state law will practically rid the state of the scab is believed by Dr. McClure. In his judgment there will be but little scab left after this fall, and next spring only isolated dipping will be necessary. Under the sheep law it is possible for the sheep commissioner to suspend the annual dipping provisions should the conditions justify.

Two-Cent Fare For Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 31.—The State Railroad Commissioner, acting on a suggestion from Governor Hoch, filed by its attorney, has ordered the various Kansas lines to put the flat 2-cent passenger fare into effect, and the companies will obey at least until the courts of Nebraska and Missouri shall have passed on their own laws.

The Governor sent a letter to the Commissioner pointing out that, under an act of the late Legislature, it had full power to order in flat 2-cent fares, if it found that such rates were not confiscatory. He held that, because Nebraska and Missouri were enjoying 2-cent maximums, Kansas should have the same figure. He made it plain, if these rates were not ordered by the Board and complied with by the companies, he would call the Legislature in special session to pass a flat 2-cent law. Mr. Grattan, attorney of the Commission, is at Omaha, securing evidence in the Nebraska case, and talking to railroad officials and state officials as to the passenger business in that state under the new law. A hearing here will be held next week.

Plan to Reseed Ranges.

Washington, Sept. 1.—About one-third of the entire area of the United States is grazing land, and the Government is impressed with the importance of making these vast ranges productive of sufficient forage to meet all demands of the great livestock industry. There are now over 400,000,000 acres useful for pasturing, but unless some plan for reseeding is devised, cattleraising will not long be profitable. The Department of Agriculture has started a series of experiments with cultivated grasses, and will make studies of range improvement and ascertain how cattle and sheep can be handled so as to reduce the waste due to herding and trampling.

Frank Armstrong, employed in Berkeley's sawmill southeast of Canby, Ore., had a hand cut off while at work. A short time ago he had an eye injured while working at the same place, finally losing the eye. He has a wife and several children living at Barlow.

PORTLAND NOTES.

Compiled by Secretary Oregon Development League.

Oregon sent a magnificent delegation to the National Irrigation Congress at Sacramento, California, led by Governor Chamberlain who is president of the Congress, and many of them will stop to attend the Oregon Irrigation meeting at Grants Pass September 10th, 11th and 12th.

The \$5,000.00 is cash prizes for articles on Portland, Oregon, and this part of the United States in newspapers printed outside of Oregon and Washington, is open to every citizen of Oregon, and it must not be forgotten there are eighty chances to win. This has been stated before but there seems to be a general misunderstanding about it judging from the letters received here.

All of the 400,000 leaflets advertising the low rates to Oregon will be in circulation before the close of this week, a record in advertising never before excelled in the United States.

The prominent citizens of New York, composing the Brooklyn League, went away delighted with Oregon.

A report comes from Chicago that the Trans-continental Passenger Association will never again make colonist rates after those now in effect and to continue until October 31st, so that the people of Oregon should make the most of the present opportunity.

Sparks a Dynamite Cap.

Sheboygan, Wis., Sept. 1.—Mrs. Fred Williams, living at Bear Point, on Crooked Lake, near this city, was severely injured and her 7-year-old son was fatally hurt when a dynamite cap in the boy's hip pocket exploded while his mother was spanking him. The boy had been watching his father using dynamite in blowing up stumps and had slipped one of the caps in his pocket. Mrs. Williams used a shingle. The first blow exploded the cap and tore a large hole in the boy's side. The mother lost two fingers and sustained other wounds.

A Dallas man has a tree that was raised from an apricot seed, but far from resembling an apricot, the fruit could be better mistaken for some species of large plum. The tree has been in bearing for three years, and at this time is loaded with large mottled fruit which is of a very pleasing flavor.

The telegraph line between Klamath Falls and Pelican Bay lodge, which was built for temporary service, during Mr. Harriman's visit to Klamath, is to remain permanently. The line is to be supplied with telegraphers so that it can be used for either to telephone or telegraph purposes.

Rev. Leslie M. Burwell, J. T. Taylor, R. D. Williams and H. S. Hall after spending the night in jail, at Reno, Nevada, appeared before Judge Bell and were found guilty of disturbing the peace by holding a street temperance meeting. They were sentenced to pay \$10 apiece as a fine. They will appeal their case to the district court.

A groundhog or woodchuck was shot near Drain, and old settlers say it is the first ever seen in that part of the state.

Harry Duncan was a passenger Sunday morning for Portland.

Increased Pay for Army.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Increase in pay of the Army, but no increase in its size is the compromise which has been reached between the President and leaders in Congress who control legislation. The President has given his hearty approval to the plans of the Army which included both increases, but after consultations and conferences, it has been decided that it will be impossible to do more at the next session of Congress than to secure an increase in pay for the Army. Immediately upon convening bills will be introduced in the Senate by Mr. Dick, of Ohio, and in the House by Representative Capron, Rhode Island, carrying out the agreement which has been reached.

These bills will provide for an increase of 10 per cent in the salary of lieutenant-general, 15 per cent increase for majors and brigade generals, 20 per cent for colonels, lieutenant-colonels and majors, 25 per cent increase for captains and lieutenants and 30 per cent increase for non-commissioned officers and privates. It is thought that such a measure will become law.

It is desired by War Department officials that Congress should authorize an increase in the strength of the Army, not so much by increasing its strength numerically at this time, but by providing for creation of new regiments to be given skeleton organization in time of peace. There were also comprehensive plans for increasing the artillery and engineer corps by giving each regiment three-inch guns and for other improvements to increase the effectiveness of the Army, but at present it seems that all these must be indefinitely postponed. At least nothing along this line will be done at the next session of Congress.

One day last winter a Wallows woman found three peculiar looking stones in the craw of a young chicken she was dressing for dinner. They looked like opals, so she sent the smallest of them to Chicago, where it was cut and polished, and proved to be a fine quality of opal. Last week she received the opal back and will have it set in a ring.

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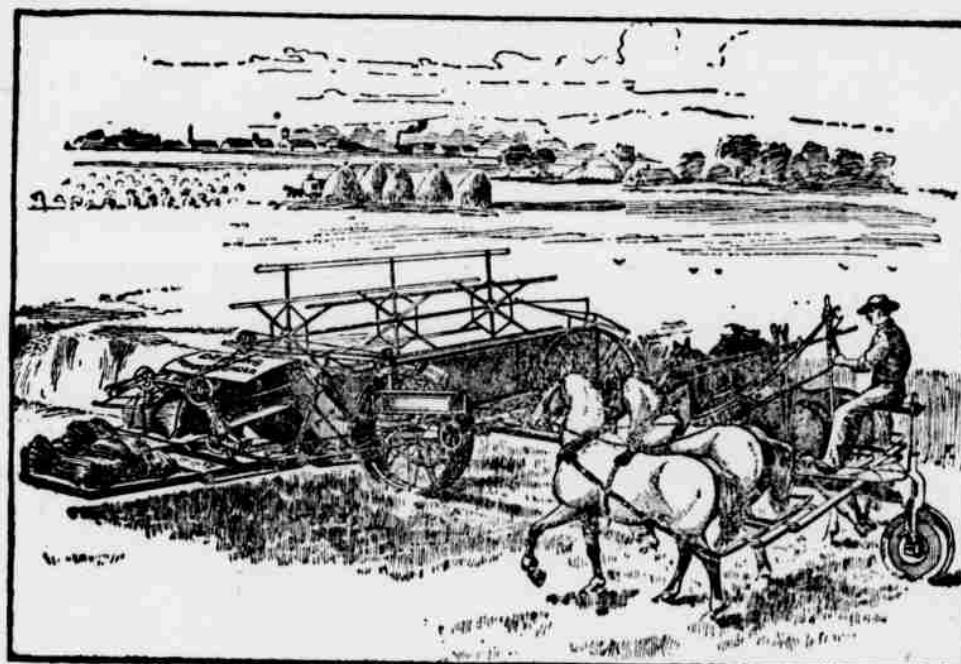
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