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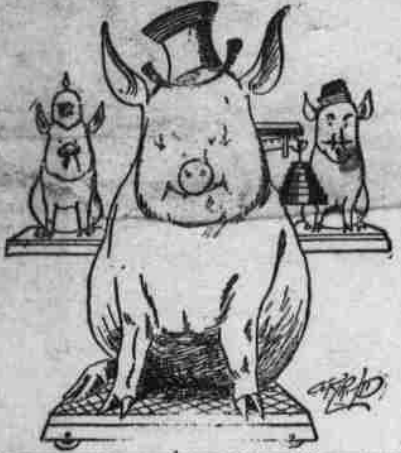
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## REDUCTION IN RATES

### Sheepmen Will Profit By Announcement Just Made By Chief of Forestry Reserve.

Sheep-owners will pay lower rates for grazing on the Wenaha reserve for the season of 1909. Word was sent out last Monday that following out a statement made a year ago at the meeting of the National Wool Growers' Association in Salt Lake City, Gifford Pinchot, forester, and A. F. Potter, assistant forester in charge of the branch of grazing in the United States Forest Service, have announced a reduction of 10 to 15 per cent in the rates for sheep grazing on the national forests of the West. This general reduction in the schedule of grazing rates will take effect for the coming season of 1909.

The changes in market conditions which have made the sheep business less profitable this past year, especially the greatly reduced prices offered for wool and the depreciation in the value of mutton, make the announcement of great interest not only to those who are interested in the sheep business, but to the men of every allied industry. In 1907, when the promises for a reduced schedule were made, it was with the understanding between the stockmen and the Forest Service that the grazing rates would not be changed for minor fluctuations in the market which would naturally occur from year to year, but would apply only in case of radical or unusual changes.

The new schedule does not affect the cases where the minimum charge of 5 cents per head has already been allowed or a specially low rate has been fixed on account of some local condition. In most cases the revised fees will mean a reduction of about one cent per head.

In fixing the rates for grazing by different kinds of stock, the local conditions, the effect of grazing by different kinds of stock on forest growth, the demand for the use of range by owners of different kinds of stock, the needs of the homesteader, and the profits of the business have been taken into consideration.

## TRACTION CO. GETS FRANCHISE

### Wins Out in Long Battle With Walla Walla City Council.

The Washington & Oregon Traction company has finally succeeded in getting its franchise passed by the council of that city. Concerning the final action of the Walla Walla council which ends a long bitter fight against the Washington & Oregon company by the Northwestern Gas & Electric company, which owns the present roads in the valley, the Union says:

On recommendation of the judiciary committee the city council after an executive session held last evening unanimously passed ordinance number 1262, granting to the Washington-Oregon Traction company the right to erect and maintain an electric light and power plant in the city of Walla Walla, and to build and operate appliances for the transmission of electricity for lighting heating and power purposes in the city. Although this franchise has attracted widespread interest, the passing of the amended ordinance last night was devoid of any discussion or protest.

### Washington Pioneer.

W. G. Preston, the well known miller of Dayton, Wash., and Athena, this county, was in the city yesterday for several hours on his way to the latter city from Hot Lake, Union county, where he has been under treatment for ill health. Mr. Preston went to Lewiston in 1862 when there was nothing in all that country except its mines. In 1866 Levi Ankeny, present

United States senator from Washington, was doing a big business with a pack train running from Walla Walla to the Oro Fino mines and Mr. Preston hauled goods for him in the Lewiston country. Mr. Preston is now 80 years old and is the chief owner of the Dayton and Athens mills which have a combined daily output of 1000 barrels of flour.—Pendleton Tribune.

### Mays Found Guilty.

The jury in the case of the state vs. F. W. D. Mays, charged with writing a libelous article for the Gardfield County Standard, entitled "A Notorious Stock Rustler," which is said to have been aimed at H. C. Benbow, returned a verdict of guilty. The defense tried to show that the alleged article was true, but the judge overruled the contention. The testimony for the state was brief. It was shown that the copy from which the article was set up was in the handwriting of Mays and that he, Mays, was practically in charge of the paper at the time the alleged libelous article was published. M. O. Fitzmaurice, the nominal editor being in Spokane at the time.

## HUNTING TO BE PROHIBITED

### Hermiston Irrigation Lake to Be Preserved as Roosting Place for Fowl.

That the government has issued an order prohibiting hunting in the vicinity of the Cold Springs reservoir near Hermiston was the statement of Game Warden O. F. Turner yesterday. The ground around the big inland lake will be staked off in a few days and notices posted forbidding all hunting on the premises.

The location of the reservoir makes the place especially good as a roosting place for geese and ducks and if protected properly will be a means of increasing the game in this section of the country manifold. The reservoir is four miles from the Columbia and about seven from the Umatilla and if hunting is permanently prohibited near it the geese and ducks, when driven by hunters from both rivers, will make the reservoir a permanent roosting place and will come out in all directions in search of food. This fact, Mr. Turner and many others say, will make the hunting much better for everybody all over this section.

In the past, it is said by many who have observed matters, that the privilege of hunting on the lake has been subjected to flagrant abuses. Hunters have gone out in the water on rafts and at night on fire boats and have slaughtered the ducks and geese mercilessly. If this state of affairs is allowed to continue the game will be driven completely out of the country.

Another point which has been mentioned in favor of the steps which are being taken by the government is that many people are around the lake and shooting would be dangerous. In every respect it is considered a splendid ruling and one which should be enforced to the letter. The man in charge of the reservoir will be instructed to keep continual watch.

### Reservoir Being Filled.

Water from the Umatilla was turned into the big government ditch Friday morning and will be kept flowing into the Cold Spring reservoir until the gigantic inland lake is filled. It is estimated that about three months will be required to fill the reservoir with the water to irrigate the Hermiston lands during the next summer season. Some time will be consumed in testing the various sections of the canal. The fact that an early start has been made in the filling process insures a good supply of water for the land during the next season. Government engineers figure that they will be able to supply water next season to the extent of three feet on every acre. But only about one third of the land is under cultivation so an abundance and over is assured. Precautions will be taken, however, to see that nothing is wasted.

### Football at Pendleton.

The Weston Normal school is making great preparations to meet Pendleton's High school tomorrow on the latter's gridiron in a grand and fiery try for the championship. A special car will take the team and their friends from Weston and it is expected a large number of enthusiastic Normalites will go down. Pendleton is making more noise over the pending game of football than over the coming election, as the state championship is at stake.

### Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c at Palace Drug Co.'s store.

### Estray Notice.

Came to my place, a light red cow, about 3 years old, left horn dropped, crop and udderbit on right ear, crop and slit in left; with white or brown on left jaw. Owner pay for this notice. W. P. Wallan.

## WAS MISCONSTRUED

### Supreme Court Decision for Medford Will Not Affect Other Towns.—Local Option State Criminal Law.

Unless local lawyers are completely mistaken, says the East Oregonian, the supreme court's decision in the Medford case will have no effect whatever upon the status of prohibition or in any other town without a charter which, like Medford's, gives the town the exclusive right to regulate the saloon business.

This is the belief of Attorney J. P. Winter, Col. J. H. Railey and the local bar in general.

Press dispatches sent out from Salem yesterday made the deduction that the court's decision means that any city may amend its charter and thereby secure the right to control the saloon question irrespective of the rest of its county.

But it now seems certain that this deduction was wrong for the following reason:

Medford's charter was given it by the legislature before the constitutional amendment giving cities the right to amend their charters was passed. In the Medford charter it is provided that the city of Medford shall have exclusive power regarding the liquor business. The charter being granted by the legislature subsequent to the adoption of the local option law is repealed as far as Medford is concerned.

But under the present constitution the right to amend charter rests alone with the cities. A city cannot change its charter and make it conflict with a state criminal law which the supreme court has already held the local option law to be.

The Medford charter, being granted by the legislature, is a state law and so supersedes the local option law as far as Medford is concerned.

## HERMISTON MAN IN RUNAWAY

### W. S. Brown' Dairyman, Dies From Injuries Received.

As the result of a runaway accident, Sunday afternoon at Hermiston, William Sommerville Brown, aged 39, proprietor of the Hermiston dairy, died yesterday at Hotel Williams in that city. Mr. Brown was injured internally as the result of being thrown from his wagon says the E. O.

The runaway occurred in front of the Newpur-Skinner block in Hermiston. The two cayuses driven by the man became unmanageable and ran a short distance, striking the sidewalk with the wagon, which was taddy smashed and throwing Brown onto the walk. He was taken into the R. H. Allen drug store, in front of which the accident occurred, and later removed to the hotel.

Brown's horses were understood to be "bad," and that trouble was likely at any time was the opinion of Hermiston's horsemen. He had been warned against them.

The remains were brought to Pendleton last evening and await the disposal of relatives in Scotland, who have been cabled.

The deceased was born in Scotland and had no relatives in this country. He came to Hermiston about six months ago, purchasing the Hermiston dairy of F. B. Knapton. He was well known and very popular in the west end city. The dairy has now been taken over by D. Carl Brownell, who will operate it.

### Married in Walla Walla.

Miss Ollie Bruce and Leo Saynesbury were married in Walla Walla Wednesday. Miss Bruce is one of Umatilla county's most successful teachers, and the groom is railroad agent at Ritzville, Wash. The young lady was accompanied to Walla Walla by her cousin, Miss Dora Bennett, who acted in the capacity of bridesmaid at the wedding ceremony, the groom being supported by a friend from Ritzville. After the wedding the couple took the train for the east where they will visit relatives for some time.

### Newspaper People Wed.

At 7 o'clock last evening at the home of Judge Messick says the Baker City Herald, Miss Mollie Proebstel and Mr. Edward Lee were united in holy wedlock, Judge Messick performing the ceremony. The contracting parties are well known in La Grande, the bride having been raised in Union county, and is now one of the proprietors of the La Grande Star. The groom is well and favorably known in La Grande, being on the staff of the Star. He was formerly with one of the San Francisco papers.

### Marion Kees Goes to China.

About Nov. 24, Marion A. Kees, an alumnus of Whitman College and present educational director in the Portland Y. M. C. A., will visit Walla Walla, says the College Pioneer. This winter Mr. Kees will go to China where he will do Y. M. C. A. work. He goes supported by the Y. M. C. A. organizations of the northwest and

because of his relation to Whitman, the college organization has pledged a hundred dollars toward this cause. The Walla Walla city association and the Whitman association together pledged \$500. The city association has already raised most of its part, and the college share will be raised while Mr. Kees is here. Elaborate plans are being made for the reception of Mr. Kees because he is one of the most highly esteemed of the Whitman alumni, and because the college is much interested in the work that he has started out to do.

### T. J. Watts Returned.

T. J. Watts returned Sunday from his annual trip through the mountains. Mr. Watts was accompanied by Ed Knight, and they report a rather strenuous trip on the homeward route. Seventeen days were consumed in returning home and Ed says the roads in some parts of the county were in a fearful condition. The route was from beyond Prineville, in Crook county, and other places were explored on the journey which extended over several weeks, but no trace of the "Blue Bucket" was encountered on the trip.

## GOOD ROADS LEAGUE FORMED

### Athena Merchants and Farmers Unite in Efforts for Better Roads.

The good road's meeting held in Athena last Friday afternoon was well attended by farmers and business men of this vicinity, all stores being closed during the hour and the merchants and employes attending in a body.

Judge John H. Scott arrived from Pendleton at noon, accompanied by County Commissioner Horace Walker, Will M. Peterson and Walter McCormach. Judge Scott spoke for about an hour, setting forth his plans for the improvement of roads in the state.

In speaking to the meeting he urged the people to join the league and help boost the county in the way of improving its public highways.

An organization was effected with the following officers: President, Henry Schmitt; vice president, A. B. McEwen; secretary, B. B. Richards, and treasurer, Henry Dell. Great interest was manifested in the good roads movement and the Athena organization promises to be of great influence in forwarding the work.

### Public School Books Arrive.

Three enormous boxes of books were delivered at the office of Superintendent Frank K. Welles yesterday containing books for the libraries of Umatilla county public schools, reports the Tribune. These books will be distributed among the schools of the county at once.

## SHORTAGE MAY BE \$125,000

### La Grande Bank More Complete Failure Than at First Apparent.

There is every indication that the worst has never been told concerning the failure of the Farmers & Traders national bank of this city, says the La Grande Observer. The defalcations and unlawful acts of Cashier J. W. Scriber are manifold and it may require weeks, if ever, to ascertain all of his financial contrivances.

Those who were led to believe that the statement first sent to the comptroller of the currency wherein it was stated that the assets were \$166,231, and the liabilities \$213,535, would prove under that amount instead of over, are doomed to disappointment. It is reported that the shortage is now in the neighborhood of \$125,000, and it may exceed this a few thousand, or it may reach an amount a few thousand less. It is rumored that the Saturday night prior to the closing of the bank, Scriber has acknowledged burning fraudulent paper to the amount of \$70,000, and it is feared in some quarters that in his haste to cover up his criminality, he may have burned up some good notes.

The depositors may as well face the music one time as another. They will be fortunate, indeed, if they realize 25 cents on the dollar. In proportion to the capital involved and the business transacted by this bank, it is said to be one of the worst failures that has occurred on the Pacific coast in many years.

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### Prof. J. S. Doan Two Nights.

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