

## FARM LEAGUES ARE PROTESTING DELAY

### Protest To Commerce Commission On the Proposed Postponement.

Portland.—The general farm organizations of Washington, Oregon and Idaho have filed a protest by wire with the interstate commerce commission opposing postponement of the effective date of the grain rate reduction order.

This action was taken on receipt of a copy of the application of Western lines asking the commission to extend the effective date for freight rate reductions from October 1 to January 1. The railroads claim that there is not time in which to prepare and publish the new tariffs required by the order.

The wire of protest was sent by Arthur M. Geary, attorney for the protesting farm organizations, after consultation over long distance phone with farm leaders of the interior. The protest follows:

"Due to the present low price of wheat being insufficient to pay production cost, grain growers of Washington, Oregon and Idaho are in very bad condition. They are counting on and need badly the reductions provided in new scale. The bulk of wheat from Washington, Oregon and some sections of Idaho moves to North Pacific ports over reasonably direct routes, making publication of tariff containing new rates comparatively simple. See page 632 of commission's decision.

"Although substantial voluntary reductions were made from many points in Middle West to Atlantic and Gulf ports on export grain last season Northwestern carriers refused to make like reductions to Pacific ports to the great prejudicial disadvantage of grain growers of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The high freight rates to Pacific ports, coupled with unfavorable market conditions, caused considerable grain of last year's crop to be held over at country points in this area. This, coupled with present crop, is clogging available storage facilities at interior points. By commission granting carriers permission to publish new rates on shorter notice than 20 days it would seem that the new rates could

## Walla Walla County Fair Will Feature Baby Show; Babies of the Countryside

Walla Walla.—A Baby Show will be one of the high lights of this year's Walla Walla County Fair, it was announced yesterday by Charles Baker, secretary of the fair board, and all babies under the age of five years in Walla Walla and all of the surrounding country will be invited to attend.

The babies will be examined by a special medical clinic, with Dr. Miles Hopkins, local physician, in charge, assisted by Miss Mary Elliott. Other local doctors will be invited to assist Dr. Hopkins in this work. A special examination theatre will be fitted up in one of the fair buildings and equipped with weighing and measuring tables and all the devices necessary for conducting a modern baby clinic.

Each little tot registered at the baby show headquarters will receive a thorough physical examination by the doctors and health diplomas and blue ribbon certificates will be issued to all sound, healthy babies, examined by the clinics.

A baby beauty show will be held and prizes of silver loving cups and beauty medal certificates will be presented winners of the six age classes. Special cups will be awarded the most beautiful girl babies and the most handsome and manly boy babies.

Official registrations for the baby events will start this afternoon and special awards will be made for the first 100 babies entered for the health and beauty show. Registrations may be made daily from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m. at the office on Second and Main street.

Special photographs of each baby entrant will be made at the expense of the Fair Association and will be placed on display at the baby registration offices at the corner of Main and Second streets.

**Chessman Named**  
Merle R. Chessman, editor of the Astoria Budget, was appointed by Governor Norblad as a member of the Oregon State Geographic board to succeed the late Dr. J. Q. Bowly of Astoria.

be published throughout country on basis of the decision.

"In any event there is no justification for failure of carriers to publish the new rates effective October 1 to North Pacific ports from this area. The undersigned join in protest against any postponement of effective date of the commission's decision."

## More Barley Raised In Oregon for Feed, Urged By State College Expert

Oregon State College.—Oregon stock feeders who pass up high grade Oregon barley to import corn from the east or light barley from California are overlooking the high feeding value of this grain says G. R. Hyslop, chief in farm crops at Oregon State college. He also believes that more barley should be raised in Oregon and recommends several varieties.

"Barley at \$23 to \$25 a ton is certainly cheap feed as compared with Number 2 corn shipped half way across the country and sold at more than \$40 a ton," he said. "Oregon grown barley has a very high dry matter content while a great deal of the eastern corn shipped west contains from 2 to 8 per cent moisture."

"California ships a great deal of barley north, but the practice is to separate out the heavy, plump kernels and export these to England for brewing purposes, shipping the rest as feed barley. It usually has a test weight of from 38 to 42 pounds while good Oregon Hannechen, Trebi or O. A. C. Number 7 frequently goes from 50 to 55 pounds."

For general spring sowing on heavier soils, Hannechen is still favored after many years of trial, being popular for feeding because of low percentage of hulls and lack of beards after threshing. Trebi is used on the high irrigated sections of eastern Oregon, and Marout is the best for strictly dry farming, experiments at the Moro station show.

The experiment station is undertaking to develop a strain of barley to meet the special needs of the Oregon barley manufacturers who have a market for that product. This demand may amount to several thousand acres in future.

British maltsters are importing an immense amount of barley and pay premium prices for select quality which for them means high in starch and low in nitrogen. Oregon conditions favor production of good malting barley if good fall varieties are developed, Hyslop believes.

## Governor Norblad Upholds Warden Clifford's Ouster

Governor Norblad will not interfere in the judgment of the state game commission in the recent controversy resulting from the removal of Harold Clifford, state game warden, and Ed Clark, his chief deputy. This was announced in a statement issued at the executive department.

"Should I interfere with the discretion of members of the game commission in the matters over which I appointed them, there would be no use in having a commission," read Governor Norblad's statement. "The commissioners in such case would be mere figureheads and puppets at the behest of the governor and certainly no self respecting man would want to hold office under such conditions."

The statement referred repeatedly to Clifford and Clark as efficient officials, and reviewed briefly their outstanding achievements while in office.

## Airplane To Be Used In Fertilizing Land

Walter Holt, county agent informs the East Oregonian that the wheat ranch of Sim Culley, southeast of Athena is to be used in demonstrating the fertilization of fields from an airplane.

Clayton L. Long, Northwest representative of a company for the tests which will also be made at the Harry Price farm near Pullman.

L. M. Boyd, Portland flier, will bring the airplane on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The fertilizer will be spread at the rate of about 150 to 200 pounds an acre, according to Long. This is the first time such trials have been carried on in this county.

**Prisoners Busy Canning**  
Corn from the garden plots of the Washington state prison is now being canned, giving employment to about 60 prisoners. The corn will be used for other state institutions as well as for the prison. Clarence Long, superintendent of the prison, states that in its two years of operation the cannery has shown a profit to the state. Canning this year will include 125 tons of Italian prunes, 150 tons of apples and about 180 tons of tomatoes, as well as other products.

**Grouse Hunter Fined**  
Joe Stover paid a fine of \$25 in justice court in Pendleton for hunting grouse out of season. He was hunting in the McKay creek district when arrested by Game Warden William Albee.

**280 High Schools In State**  
There are 280 standard high schools in Oregon with a total enrollment of 45,268 and employing 2115 teachers, according to figures made public by James M. Burgess, assistant superintendent of public instruction. Standardization of high schools in the state has progressed materially since 1920, when they numbered 211 enrolling 23,867 students. Lane county leads the state with 25 standard high schools and an average enrollment of 56 students.

**Silverton Defeated**  
The Silverton junior baseball team was defeated at Colorado Springs Saturday by the Long Beach, California, team in an eleven inning contest, 6 to 3. New Orleans defeated Long Beach for the Western title and will meet the Eastern champions in the "little world's series" at Memphis, Tenn.

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## CAPPER MEDALS TO BEST GIRL CANNERS

### Awarded To Two 4-H Club Girls Who Enter Contest From This County.

Special awards by Senator Arthur Capper, of silver and bronze medals to the two 4-H club girls who enter Umatilla County's best jars of home canned fruits, vegetables and meats in the National Canning Contest at Shenandoah, Iowa, is announced in a message to the Press from Shenandoah, Iowa, where the contest is being held under the auspices of the Household Science Institute.

Senator Capper, long a friend of the 4-H clubs and a member of the National Committee on boys' and girls' club work, in making these awards said that he hoped these awards would serve to encourage home canning work among farm girls and that they would prove of value to 4-H club leaders and extension workers in furthering this work.

The Capper medals are in addition to the list of 470 prizes totaling \$4,250 in cash, loving cups and ribbons which will be distributed to the winners in the contest. The grand sweepstakes award of the contest carries with it a cash prize of six hundred dollars.

The contest is open to every woman and girl. There are no restrictions as to the nature of the food sent. Contestants may enter fruit, vegetable or meat division, any two of these divisions, or all three. Entries should be sent immediately upon canning. These will be kept on exhibition at Shenandoah till the closing of the contest on October 1.

The list of contest judges includes five of America's outstanding home economics experts and nutrition authorities, headed by Dr. Louise Stanley, Chief of the Bureau of Home Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture. That the judging may be thoroughly impartial and the display of jars absolutely uniform, contestants are required to send their entries in standard glass jars of the quart size. A sample Ball mason jar and carton, together with prize entry labels and full information for entering may be had without cost by writing the National Canning Contest, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Any preferred method of canning may be used although it has been found that the hot pack method together with the use of a pressure cooker for the sterilizing is best, especially for non-acid vegetables, states Grace Viall Gray, nationally known canning expert who is secretary of the contest. This method of canning is recommended by the U. S. Department of Agriculture because it saves time and fuel and assures sterility, while preserving the natural flavor, color, and texture of the canned article.

## Governor Will Postpone Deer Season Unless Rain

Salem.—Unless rain falls within the next few days, Governor Norblad will be asked by the state forestry board to postpone the opening of the hunting season from September 15 until October 1. The proposal was said to have been considered at a meeting of the state forestry board held in Portland Friday.

Governor Norblad said he would give the request consideration. Sportsmen have contended that hunters are not responsible for fires in the forests and they are opposed to delaying the activities of the hunters until October 1.

The governor indicated that he would issue a statement dealing with the request as soon as it arrives officially at his office.

**Death of Charlie Owens**  
Charles Owens, former well known Adams man died at the veteran's hospital in Portland, following ptomaine poisoning. Of late years Mr. Owens had resided in Bend, where he was a member of the fire department. He will be remembered in Athena as a baseball player, where he played on local and Adams teams. He was a veteran of the World War, going from Umatilla county as a member of the 146th Field Artillery. The body was laid beside his parents in Athena cemetery.

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## Present Returns Are Under Cost of Production To Stock Raisers

Oregon State College.—Eastern Oregon stockmen are wondering just what is wrong with the markets for beef cattle and sheep, says Herman Oliver, large scale stockman at John Day and a member of the state board of higher education. In an address at the recent field day of the Burns branch experiment station he gave some figures on costs of production as taken from his own records.

"There is plenty of money to finance stockmen, and more people in the country to eat the meat than ever before and yet the markets are so low that we lose on every lamb and every head of cattle sold at present prices," Oliver pointed out.

"Under present conditions it costs me \$6.50 to raise a lamb. Counting wool at 17c, also below the cost of production, and 100 per cent lamb crop to bring 6c a pound at 70 pounds, the return from lambs is around \$4.20 each or \$2.30 below cost of production.

"The same is true of cattle," he continued, citing more detailed figures. "At the present country price of 4 1/2 to 7c the grower is losing about \$35 a head if all costs are considered. Unfortunately the farmer cannot reduce operations and cut down overhead as other industries do in times of depression," he added.

Adequate tariff on hides would be a real help, Mr. Oliver believes. While it may seem unimportant it would make a difference of getting from \$2 to \$2.50 for hides as is now done to \$8 to \$10 under adequate protection.

**New Barley Variety**  
A new variety of barley, the Ben Beardless, has been developed at the Union branch experiment station and promises to be a high yielding for sections of Oregon. It is already used in the Grande Ronde valley with success. It appears to be the best beardless barley for the rather mellow, sandy soils, says the college farm crops department.

**Fire Sweeps Stockyards**  
Fire Friday destroyed 75 covered pens at the Portland Union Stock yards. George Pearson, president, estimated damages at \$25,000. The fire is believed to have started from hot tar used in roofing some of the pens. Five thousand head of livestock were driven to safety and 125 employes' automobiles were shoved out of danger.

**Portland Lawyer Succumbs**  
Charles Y. Wigfall, 37, Portland attorney, died Friday night from bullet wounds inflicted when a man he had given a ride attempted to rob him.

## Propose Barge Line For Columbia River

A barge line will be placed in operation on the Columbia river from The Dalles to Portland March 1, 1931, if Mid-Columbia shippers will agree to supply 60,000 tons of freight annually, Fred Rosenberg, representative of the Martin Shipyards, Inc., Portland, told shippers and members of the Columbia Valley association.

Rosenberg said more than 250,000 tons of freight are shipped from Mid-Columbia cities annually and the proposed barge line could carry 150,000 tons but only 60,000 would be necessary to assure successful operation.

**Costly Wheat Fires**  
Two fires which started in wheat fields in the Lewiston section caused at least \$25,000 damages.



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**Suspect Taken**  
Cecil Critchese, 24, Agness, Curry county, Oregon, was arrested by C. C. Wells, deputy United States marshal, on a charge of setting forest fires in the Siskiyou national forest, in November, 1929. Critchese will be given a hearing Wednesday. Bail was fixed at \$1,000.

**Faster Highway Speed**  
In New York state as the national highways pile up with vacationing motorists the law waves its baton for a little more speed, and "keep moving" is the new command of the traffic rulers.

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