

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

GRAZING IN POOR SHAPE.

Cattle Men Will Probably Have to Feed During the Winter.

Portland.—T. P. MacKenzie, supervisor of grazing of the national forest service, has returned from a six weeks' trip of inspection of the grazing lands in the Deschutes country. He found the grazing lands in not as good condition as has been the case in other sections of the state, and in all probability the number of cattle allowed on the ranges will be materially lessened before the opening of the 1910 grazing season.

In some sections of the mountains the grass was practically gone, while it was but seldom that real grass was encountered in sufficient quantities to keep the cattle over winter. Many cattle owners in the Bend country are planning to feed considerably during the winter. The coming of the railroad into the country has so aroused the farmers; however, that they do not bother about a temporary setback.

While the cattle owners will probably suffer a temporary loss, owing to the cutting down of then number of cattle they are allowed to graze on the government forests, they will gain in the end in that with a rest, partial grass which, properly cared for, will last for years without another rest. Little trouble is anticipated as the cattle owners have learned that the actions of the national forest service are for the best, and they make no effort to resist.

APPLE LAND \$1650 AN ACRE.

New Record for High Price Established At Hood River.

Hood River.—The record price for an apple orchard was broken at Hood River when Clyde E. Mason, of Chicago, a mechanical engineer, paid, \$16,500 for 10 acres in eight-year-old trees. The varieties are Newtowns and Spitzembergs. The price per acre, which is \$1650, is \$50 an acre higher than has ever been obtained for fruit land at Hood River. The purchase does not include any buildings, and J. W. Rodford, who sold, reserves the crop.

The orchard, which was sold through the agency of the Briggs-Ament company, is situated on the east side of the valley, and joins a number of high-priced tracts. Mr. Mason is accompanied by his family, and will remain here.

While the price is thought by apple men to be top-notch, it is not regarded as high, because of the recent sale of a 3-year-old orchard for \$1,000 an acre, and another sale of \$700 per acre for land that had been cleared, but not set to trees.

LINN SHIPS MANY SHEEP.

Forty-six Carloads Go From Albany in Three Months.

Albany.—Though the Willamette valley has never been rated as a sheep country, 46 carloads of sheep have been shipped out of Albany in the past three months. This figure is remarkable when it is considered that practically no sheep were exported from Linn county two years ago.

The sheep industry has made most rapid strides in the Willamette valley in the past three or four years, the foothill ranches offering a splendid place for raising the animals. The wool output of the valley is yet insignificant, compared with Eastern Oregon but the number of sheep here is steadily increasing. As a matter of fact sheep are produced here more for sale for breeding purposes than for wool. In view of this fact, the standard of the stock raised in the valley is very high, and growers are meeting with great success in this field.

New Road Is Assured.

Salem.—A. Welch, president of the Salem, Eugene & Eastern railway, announced that work would immediately commence on the building of the main line between here and Eugene, and that it will be well under way in 90 days. The main line will parallel the Southern Pacific on the east of that road, going out by the Reform school and touching at Turner, Marion, Peoria and Junction City on its way to Eugene. A branch will be built, according to Mr. Welch, from Salem to Mehama and the Santiam mining country, and \$150,000 will be expended on a local street railway and terminals.

Mr. Welch states that the road expects to get into Portland over the tracks of the United Railways, now building up the west side via Hillsboro, and which, it is claimed, will build into Salem, crossing the Willamette river at this point and connecting with the Eugene & Eastern.

Elgin Apples Win Prizes.

Elgin.—At the Union county fair at La Grande, the Elgin exhibit captured first prize on general display, and received eight first prizes and four seconds. Elgin is planning a general exhibit on October 22 and 23, and will finish the season at the National apple show.

Irrigation Survey Begins.

Weston.—A preliminary survey is in progress for the proposed Pine creek irrigation project. It is planned to build a large dam at Rocky ford, three miles above town and to conserve flood waters for the irrigation of about 15,000 acres in this vicinity.

BIG SHEEP DEAL IS MADE.

Young Rancher Buys 2,500 Ewes at \$5.25 Each.

Heppner.—One of the biggest sheep deals that has been made in this section this season has just been consummated. Jim Farley, one of the progressive young sheep men of this section, bought 2,500 head of 1 and 2-year-old ewes from Molahan & Bryne at \$5.25 per head. The deal involved an investment of about \$14,000 by Mr. Farley, but he figures that the increase and wool will make him a profit, although the price paid is about the top notch. With the present outlook for wool prices and the general upward tendency of the stock sheep market, the price paid by Mr. Farley is not considered too high.

Another sale involving over \$5,000 was made the latter part of last week by the purchase by Paul Hiesler of 2,000 lambs from Hanes Neel, of Lone Rock. This was a splendid band of lambs which will be fed by Mr. Hiesler at his Butter creek ranch. The price paid was \$3.15 per head.

Start Roseburg-Cooos Bay Survey.

Marshfield.—That six or eight surveying forces will be put in the field within 10 days to survey the proposed electric line from Cooos Bay to Roseburg, is stated by J. H. Somers, who represents locally the promoters of the road, Messrs. Haas and Kuettner, of Portland. Mr. Somers left for Portland on business connected with the road. He states that the matter of the bond will be satisfactorily arranged and gives assurance that there will be no delay in the work of starting the survey.

Good Roads Are Agitated.

Pendleton.—That the good roads campaign inaugurated recently by the County Good Roads association is to be waged relentlessly in every part of the county was indicated at the last meeting of the association. A vice president was appointed for each precinct, and, aside from spreading the gospel of good roads, he will be expected to form subordinate organization in his neighborhood. This will be followed by rousing meetings in which the entire county will participate.

Cut Shortage Affects Union.

La Grande.—The car shortage of the Northwest is being keenly felt here, according to the statements of some of the large shippers from this section. Only two cars per day could be secured to ship the large quantity of hops from the Wallows valley.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1@1.02; club, 92c; red Russian, 90c; valley, 92c; 8fe, 91c; Turkey red, 91c; forty-fold, 93c.

Barley—Feed, \$26.50@27; brewing, \$27@27.50 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$28@28.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@17 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@19; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$14; cheat, \$13@14.50; grain hay, \$14@15.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 33@36c per pound; store, 22 1/2@24c. (Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.)

Eggs—Oregon, 34@35c per dozen; Eastern, 30@31c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 14@14 1/2c; springs, 14c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, 15@16c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 16@17c; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 8@9c per pound.

Veal—Extra, 10@11c per pound.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1@2 per box; pears, \$1@1.50 per box; peaches, 75c@1 per crate; grapes, 90c@1 per crate, 10@12 1/2c per basket; casabas, \$1.25@1.50 per dozen; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; cranberries, 90@9.50 per barrel; huckleberries, 9@10c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon, 50@65c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

Sack Vegetables—Turnips, 75@81c per sack; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25; rutabagas, \$1.25 per sack.

Onions—New, \$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 85c@1 per dozen; cauliflower, 1@1 1/4c per pound; celery, 50c@90c per dozen; corn, \$1@1.25 per sack; eggplant, \$1.25 per box; garlic, 10c per pound; horseradish, 9@10c per dozen; peppers, 50c@60c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/4c; radishes, 15c per dozen; sprouts, 8@9c per pound; squash, 1 1/2@1 3/4c; tomatoes, 50@60c.

Cattle—Steers, top quality, \$4.50@4.75; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.50@3.75; cows, top, \$3.25@3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.10; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.25; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls, \$2@2.25; stags, \$2.50@3.50.

Hogs—Best, \$8; fair to good, \$7.50@7.75; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$7.50@8.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.75@4; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5@5.50.

Hops—1908 crop, choice, 17c; prime to choice, 16c; prime, 15 1/2c; medium, 15c; 1909, choice, 27c; prime, 26c.

Wool—1908, Willamette valley, 20@24c; Eastern Oregon, 20@22c. Mohair—1908, 22@24c per pound.

LOVETT SUCCEEDS HARRIMAN.

Man Chosen by "Wizard" President of Union Pacific.

New York, Oct. 22.—All doubt as to Edward H. Harriman's successor was set at rest today, when Robert S. Lovett was elected president of the Union Pacific road at the annual meeting of the directors. In connection with his election it was stated that he would soon be elected president of the Southern Pacific, of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and of the Oregon Short Line.

The sole difference in future conditions, compared with past conditions, will be that Mr. Lovett will devote his entire attention and energy to the Harriman lines proper. The annual report shows that, inasmuch as it discloses the fact that the Union Pacific has sold its stock holdings in several other railroads for which Harriman was credited with reaching out, it can be stated with certainty that Mr. Lovett was the man selected by Harriman to succeed himself, and that he is highly acceptable to the officials of all lines. The officials, in fact, many of the rank and file who knew Mr. Lovett as a humble attorney in Texas, regard him with the keenest affection and respect.

The other men mentioned for the Harriman places, among whom were Edwin S. Hawley, Messrs. Kruttschnitt and Stubbs, John D. Spoor, president of the Chicago Union Stockyards company; L. F. Loree and William Newman, were never for a moment considered by the board. Messrs. Kruttschnitt and Stubbs knew before Harriman died who would succeed him, and neither ever aspired to the position.

More even than Harriman, Mr. Lovett was familiar with the details of the great system which the "Napoleon" of the railway world had built. Better than any one else Mr. Lovett knows how to carry on and to perpetuate the system which made Harriman the railway king of his time.

Mr. Lovett will also, as the meetings of the directors take place, be elected president of the steamship companies and other corporations at the head of which Harriman stood.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

Liberals, Republicans and Socialists Have Forced a Change.

Madrid, Oct. 22.—The Spanish cabinet, formed January 25, 1907, under the premiership of Antonio Maura, resigned today as a result of the bitter attacks made against the government by ex-Premier Moret y Prendergast, representing a powerful opposition. At a conference Premier Maura told the King that in face of Senator Moret's statement that the opposition would refuse to discuss even the most urgent measures, he had no option but to resign. He asked, however, the members of the majority to support the new ministry.

After the resignations, Moret y Prendergast undertook to form a new ministry, himself assuming the post of premier and minister of the interior. The new ministers who took the oath of office tonight follow:

Premier and minister of the interior, Moret y Prendergast; minister of foreign affairs, Perez Caballero; minister of finance, Senor Alvarado; minister of war, Lieutenant-General de Loque; minister of marine, Rear-Admiral Concas; minister of public works, Senor Gasset; minister of public instruction, Senor Barroso; minister of justice, Martinez del Campo.

It is understood that the new government's plan includes the establishment of the constitutional guarantees in Barcelona and Gerona, the suppression of the censorship, acceleration of the campaign in the Riff region, amnesty for political offenses, the publication of the documents in the Ferrer case and the holding of elections within a few months.

GUATEMALA TAKES A HAND.

President Sends Expedition to Help Revolt Against His Neighbor.

Managua, Nicaragua, Oct. 22.—It is still believed here that President Cabreria, of Guatemala, is responsible in a measure, if not entirely, for the revolution in Bluefields, as he has supported it with expeditions from Puerto Barrios and other places.

Advices state that a steamer which was on its way to Guatemala to get war supplies has been seized by the authorities of Honduras.

The Nicaraguan government has many troops at El Castillo and Managua, but heavy rains are impeding active operations.

Marjorie Gould Wants No Title.

New York, Oct. 22.—"An American is good enough for me," is the sentence contained in a note from Marjorie Gould to a friend here. Miss Gould declares she has no intention of marrying any man with a title, and points out that the unhappy experience of her aunt, Princess de Sagan, formerly Countess de Castellane, is sufficient warning. Miss Gould is the daughter of George Gould. According to reports from Paris, two European princes of blood royal have opened formal negotiations for her hand with her father.

New Volcano Breaks Out.

El Centro, Cal., Oct. 21.—News was received here tonight of the breaking forth of a new volcano in the Volcanso lake district, 24 miles south of Calexico, in Lower California. The volcano became active today, emitting flame and sulphurous fumes from a crater 20 feet in diameter on the shores of Volcanso lake. It is impossible to get near the crater because of the fumes.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

CAN'T RISK TARIFF WAR.

French Action in Raising Duty Not Alarming to America.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Government officials here are not disposed to regard the action of France in deciding to assess the maximum rate of duty against all imports from the United States as an evidence of her intention to enter into a tariff war with this Government.

On August 7 last President Taft, in pursuance of the provisions of section 4 of the new tariff act, gave formal notice to France, Switzerland and Bulgaria that the United States commercial agreements with them would be terminated on October 31 of this year.

France more than any other country in Europe has discriminated against American products. Germany gives to the United States her minimum rates on about 95 per cent of our exportations into that country. France, however, has charged this country her maximum rates on all our exportations with the exception of a very few articles enumerated in section 3 of the Dingley tariff.

The effect of having to pay the United States maximum rate would undoubtedly be to put France to a tremendous disadvantage as compared with practically all other European nations in handling American goods. America is probably France's best market for her champagnes, brandies and other wines.

DEATH THINS GRAND ARMY.

Net Decrease in Number of Pensioners, Sum Paid Increases.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Death's invasion of the fast-thinning ranks of the war veterans caused 48,312 names to be dropped from the pension rolls of the United States last year. Of this number, 32,831 were survivors of the Civil war. The total loss to the pension roll from all causes was 51,581.

In striking contrast to these figures, comprised in the annual report of Veterans' Affairs, commissioner of pensions, is the statement that the government paid out in pensions in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909, \$161,930,703, which the commissioner declares is the largest amount ever disbursed for pensions in one year.

Summarized, the report shows these facts: Number of pensioners at the beginning of the year, 951,687; number of new pensioners added to the roll, 46,088; pensioners on roll at close of the year, 946,194, a net decrease of 5,493; survivors of the Civil war on the roll now number 193,961.

Western Navy-Yards Fit.

Washington, Oct. 22.—After a month's trip devoted to an inquiry into an inspection of the conditions at the navy-yards and naval stations in the West and Northwest, Beekman Winthrop, assistant secretary of the navy, has returned to Washington. Generally speaking, Mr. Winthrop reports that he found conditions in a satisfactory state at the various yards and stations that he visited. He was favorably impressed with the possibilities of the yard at Bremerton, Wash., with its deep water. This yard is capable of great development, and because of its splendid location is practically secure from any operations that might be undertaken by a hostile fleet.

Decide if Lara Is Anarchist.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The warrant for the arrest of Gutierrez de Lara, a Mexican attorney and author, in Los Angeles today, on the charge of uttering threats against the United States government and of being an undesirable citizen, was signed by Assistant Secretary McHarg, of the department of commerce and labor. The accused man will be given a trial to determine whether he is an anarchist. Under the law a person found guilty of such an offense as giving expression to threats against this government can be deported within three years after his arrival.

Lake Heated by Volcano.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Reports of curious phenomena in a crater lake on Bogoslof Island, Bering sea, were confirmed today in a report received by the treasury department from Captain V. E. Jacobs, commanding the Bering sea revenue cutter *Seabird*. Jacobs reports the existence of boiling steam jets in the lake, while at only one place around the islands could soundings be found. The observations tend to show that the lake is the crater of the submerged volcano.

Grand Source Receives O. K.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Immigration Commissioner Keefe's recommendation for the dismissal of D. D. Davies, inspector in charge of the Chinese immigration station, was approved today by Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel. Davies is accused of irregularities in his accounts. Among the charges made against him is that his expense vouchers were padded.

Car Shortage Not Found.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty, who was called away from the Pacific coast on important business, said while here today that although railroads of the Northwest had all the business they could handle, he had not on his recent trip observed any signs of car shortage in that part of the country.

WU WILL VISIT MEXICO.

Chinese Minister to Tour Other Republics Before Going Home.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, having been recalled by his government, is contemplating a visit to Mexico and Cuba, to which countries he is also accredited, before his departure for home. He is going to Mexico to thank President Diaz for the honor paid the memory of the dead emperor of China in sending a special envoy to attend his funeral.

He had intended starting for the City of Mexico yesterday with two members of the legation staff, but decided at the last moment to delay his departure for a short time. He will remain away from Washington for several weeks, coming home by water and stopping at Havana on the way.

When he returns to Washington, Mr. Wu will thank President Taft for designating Minister Rockhill to attend the obsequies of the emperor.

PLAN FORTS FOR CANAL.

Taft Wants Great Waterway to Be Impregnable When Completed.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The important work of constructing fortifications for the entrances to the Panama canal, it was said today, will be given careful consideration by a joint army and navy board during the coming winter. This board will visit the isthmus and go over the entire ground, investigating conditions, so that congress may be prepared to act intelligently.

Colonel Goethals, chairman and chief engineer of the canal commission, has promised that the canal will be ready to be opened by January 1, 1915, and the president and his cabinet feel that the work of placing that waterway in an impregnable position should be finished, or at least well under way by the time the canal is ready for practical use.

Foreigners to Register.

Seattle, Oct. 23.—Foreigners entering the State of Washington from Canada with the intention of becoming citizens of the United States must register in four towns designated by the Government from the south side of the international boundary or lose the time spent here before application for citizenship is made in the Federal or Superior Courts by the terms of an order received from the Department of Commerce and Labor today. Secretary Charles Nagel announces that under the new congressional act governing immigration, the department has designated as the towns of entry Sumas and Blaine in Whatcom County; Marcus in Stevens County and Oroville in Okanogan County.

Closed Ports Sanctioned.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The United States government today officially recognized the action of Nicaragua in closing her Atlantic ports. The closing of the ports was proclaimed by Nicaragua several days ago, and the Nicaraguan government has notified the state department and the latter the department of commerce and labor. According to Secretary McHarg, the department of commerce and labor has telegraphed collections of customs of the fact, and directed that, pending termination of the trouble, issuance of clearances to the Atlantic coast ports of the Nicaraguan government will be refused.

Says Lara Is an Anarchist.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The arrest of L. Gutierrez de Lara, the Mexican attorney and author, of Los Angeles, was authorized by the department of commerce and labor here at the request of Immigration Inspector Ridgway. The request came yesterday in a telegram setting forth that De Lara should be taken into custody as an anarchist and as a person who entered the United States without inspection. The request was immediately granted by Acting Secretary McHarg.

Harlan for Federal Bench.

Washington, Oct. 26.—It is rumored here that Interstate Commerce Commissioner James S. Harlan, of Illinois, will be appointed federal district judge for the Chicago district to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Judge Bethae. He is a son of United States Supreme Court Justice Harlan and brother of John Maynard Harlan, a leader among the aggressive reformers of Chicago.

Cabrera Declares He Was Neutral

Washington, Oct. 26.—The minister of Guatemala has received an official denial from President Cabrera that the government has been aiding and promoting the revolution in Nicaragua. The denial was made following telegraphic advices from Managua in which it was asserted that Cabrera was actively engaged in stirring up insurrection against Zelaya.

Two Admirals to Retire.

Washington, Oct. 23.—It was announced at the Navy Department today that Rear-Admiral Gottfried Blockinger will be transferred to the retired list on account of age October 13, and Rear-Admiral Thomas C. McLean will be retired on October 25 for the same reason.