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PRES. BARRATT'S ADDRESS TO WOOLMEN

To the Officers and Members of the Oregon Wool Growers:

Greeting:

Another year has passed away, another milestone in the lives of men and a year of unbounded prosperity to the Wool Growers throughout the world. We have met once more to transact our annual business, adjust our grievances, if any, and to come together again in a social way with our fellow men. Therefore as President of this Association, it is incumbent upon me to present to you the usual report, or address which I am happy to say will not be long or burdensome. The wonderful prosperity of the business, the record breaking prices for both wool and mutton, and the bountiful supply of forage on our ranges has brought about conditions such as never existed before in our history. The manner in which both wool and mutton have advanced by leaps and bounds has been astonishing to us all; and under such conditions it is needless to say the sheepmen have been prosperous and for once seem to be satisfied with their lot. Because, during the past year your President and Secretary have not received a single communication of complaint from any member of this Association.

Such wonderful prosperity that exists today as compared to some ten years ago seems too good to be true, and the silver lining that seemed so badly obscured by the cloud at that time seems now to have broadened out so as seemingly to have left no cloud at all. And if we could be assured that the same silver lining would forever shine as it does at the present time there would be no more use for this Association, which I am sorry to say has been allowed to drift almost ashore on the waves of our prosperity. This organization which has been a help and protection to us all in the past should not be allowed to go to pieces for the want of a little moral and financial support.

We are living in a fools paradise. The bloody scourge of Europe, the wanton waste of life and prosperity is in a large measure the cause of our prosperity; every dollar we are receiving for our wool and mutton above its normal value is wrested from the life-blood of our fellowman. Men are daily dying by the thousands and women and children are starving by the millions and being robbed of their birthright to satisfy the cravings of wars awful lust. What man amongst us, no matter how much we love the almighty dollar, who would not gladly go back to normal prices for our products if by so doing this horrible and useless slaughter would cease? God grant that it may soon cease. And when it does, tyrannical monarchs and musty thrones will soon pass never to return and all men from the uttermost corners of the earth will proclaim the

Republic of the World.

I believe in preparedness, both nationally and individually. Now in the time of prosperity is the time to prepare for unseen events. Issues of vital importance may arise during the coming years when the reconstruction period of the whole world, after peace has been declared in Europe, will begin. No man now, can tell what those issues will bring forth so, it will be well to begin to build up and strengthen this Organization and put it on a solid foundation that, in the event issues do arise detrimental to our business, we shall be in a position as a unit with other organizations to cope with them as we have done before. (I am not a calamity howler, neither am I a prophet or the son of one, but I would rather be sailing in a good staunch ship with the confidence in its captain and crew, that they would bring me safely into port, no matter how fierce blew the gale; than be up in a balloon balasted only with the hot air with no rudder to steer, no anchor to hold, and tossed by the whims of the elements into any port whether the landing was safe or not.)

It is not my purpose to criticize, but the business end of this Association seems to have been badly neglected by reason of not keeping closer to the constitution and by-laws, and if this organization is to have future existence, measures should be adopted at this meeting, and sufficient funds should be raised, to put it on a solid foundation, also a committee appointed to see that all monies are properly applied as the constitution and by-laws provide. By virtue of the power vested in this office I appoint Mr. J. O. Hager as Secretary of this Association to receive a flat salary of \$100.00 per year. This seems a very low sum when compared to the salary of some of our former secretaries, but owing to the fact that Mr. Hager is made of the right stuff and energetic enough to build up in place of tearing down anything he undertakes, if given a chance, he accepted the position with the understanding that expenses were to be forth coming if called away on official business which was not deemed necessary at any time this year. We have received no money from any source whatever so as nothing from nothing leaves nothing we have nothing, and as the recent campaign slogan ran: "he kept us out of war," so likewise have kept you out of debt, because we could not have gotten into it for lack of funds if we had been so disposed. We must however, raise enough funds at this meeting to pay our legitimate expenses and meet our obligations to the National Wool Growers Association, which I am sure we all recognize as of inestimable benefit to this industry; if it were for no other reason than we have a man, and a paper gotten out by that man, which, in my estimation, is the most reliable information we receive pertaining to our business. That paper is the National Wool Grower, and the editor of that paper is S. W. McClure, whom we have all learned to revere and trust, and who some years ago was made famous by

Senator Harry Lane at the Capitol of Washington D. C., calling him the "Handsome Man From Oregon."

Only once during the past year when the menace to human life and stock was prevalent by reason of ra-

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Teachers Take Examinations.

Superintendent S. E. Notson is conducting the teachers' examinations at the court house this week. He is being assisted by Mrs. Lena Snell Shurte. Following are those taking the examinations: Clara J. Voyer, Daisy Barlow, Catherine J. Doherty, Ina V. Johnson, Walter C. Barton, Cornelia Johnson Sophia Burke, Leona Waddell, Ruth Adkins, W. H. Grant, and Geo. W. Murdock.

Edgar B. Ayers spent Wednesday visiting relatives and old friends in Heppner. He is now in the employ of the O-W. R. & N. Co., having charge of a bridge crew which operates between Messner and Huntington. He returned to his work Thursday.

LUPINE PROVES TO BE A POISONOUS PLANT

By W. H. Lytle, State Veterinarian

There can no longer be any doubt about the cause of sheep losses in and around Heppner. The four sheep that were put through the experiment at the Fair Pavilion during the Oregon Woolgrowers' convention proved the plant Lupine to be capable of poisoning sheep. One out of the four sheep placed in a pen in which this plant was thrown developed typical symptoms and died at the end of the second day. The symptoms exhibited were those of Lupine poisoning, just the same as is seen on the range. There being great weakness, refusal of food, head held low, excessive urination, trembling, spasms and clamping of the jaws.

It developed and further proved the fact that sheep fed on alfalfa are less apt to be poisoned. Alfalfa belongs to the same botanical family and naturally the eating of it would tend to lessen the susceptibility to the poisonous alkaloid found in the lupine plant during certain seasons of the year and during certain years.

As yet no really effective after-treatment has been found for treating sheep already poisoned. Mr. Frank Mosahan used a quantity of gaulther salts, about a handful to each sheep, dissolved in water and along with it about one dram of crude eucrotropine. He reports all poisoned sheep to have recovered that were treated.

As a precaution owners who have lost sheep should gather the plant from the range or not use the range until they have proven the same to be free from danger. By allowing a small number of the sheep to graze on suspicious ranges, will prove whether the danger has gone, without exposing the owner to larger losses.

Heavy Mail Now.

Postmaster Richardson reports that both the outgoing and incoming mails are exceptionally heavy at this time, caused by the Christmas rush. This Thursday morning saw the largest amount of mail going from the local postoffice since Mr. Richardson has been in charge. There were 28 hand packed bags. As Christmas approaches it is easily to be seen that this will be greatly increased. Owing to the fact that eastern mail trains have been snow bound the past few days, there has been no mail received from that section of the country. When this mail gets through it simply means that the local office will be swamped.

TRAP SHOOT SUCCESSFUL

The trap shoot held in this city last Sunday under the auspices of the local rod and gun club was an unqualified success. A large number of outside men were here, visitors coming from Echo, Arlington, Condon, Ione and Lexington.

Prizes were awarded in the form of turkeys and geese. The success of the affair is due largely to Harold and Henry Cohn, Dr. R. J. Vaughan and B. R. Patterson. It is contemplated to have a number of meets in the near future and from the interest taken on this initial occasion, it is safe to predict that the visitors will come again, bringing more of their friends with them.

T. G. Denisse, local contractor, is making some extensive improvements to the T. J. Humphreys, residence in west Heppner.

H. W. Hicks, traveling passenger agent for the O-W. R. & N. Co., came up from Portland to attend the convention in this city last week.

Natt Webb Jr. of Walla Walla has been visiting with his brother Paul Webb at the Webb ranch south of Heppner the past week.

GROWERS HAD BEST MEET IN HISTORY

Two Days Session In This City Last Week Praught With Business—Growers Oppose More Than 50 Per Cent Increase In Grazing Fees.

The most successful meeting of the Oregon Woolgrowers' since that organization was established 19 years ago, was held in this city last week. It was the most important meeting in its history, inasmuch as there were matters of vital importance coming up.

President Barratt's address, which we publish in full in this issue, outlined pretty nearly the position of the Woolmen on the issues coming before the convention. The address was a masterpiece and has brought forth a world of favorable comment.

The convention headquarters were in the Palace hotel and the meetings were held in the opera house. The official program opened on Friday morning at 10 o'clock with an address of welcome by S. E. Notson, Mayor, on behalf of the city of Heppner. His address was responded to by Senator J. N. Burgess, manager of the Cunningham Sheep & Land Company and one of the most extensive wool-growers of the Northwest. Senator Burgess recalled with much pleasure, the meeting of the sheepmen in Heppner eight years ago. It was from that time that the real progress of the association really dates, according to Mr. Burgess; for it was Heppner that first introduced the social phase into the meetings. A better feeling has existed ever since.

One of the features of the convention was the demonstration of lupine poisoning of sheep. This demonstration was conducted by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian. Four sheep were fed the plant and one of them died. The flockmasters considered this ample evidence of what has been causing their losses. Dr. David N. Roberg of the state board of health is now working on an antidote to serve as an off set for the poison. Dr. Lytle has an article in this issue regarding the demonstration.

Considerable discussion was brought forth over the proposed increase of grazing fees upon the national forests. General opposition was manifested. When the resolutions committee brought in their report favoring a fifty per cent increase instead of the proposed 100 per cent increase, the woolmen went on record at once as favoring the resolution.

O. M. Plummer of Portland held the interest of the growers for several minutes Saturday morning while talking on "How to Get the Most Out of Life." Mr. Plummer is a staunch supporter of the women and children and he advocated better living conditions for them on the farm. His address met with hearty applause.

In his address on "Rabies" Dr. David N. Roberg, secretary of the state board of health discussed the disease and made proposals for legislation which will look to a means for stamping it out. He said that in some respects it looked to him like the present bounty law was a failure in that the work done was not efficient. He believes that more money spent with the Biological Survey will get better results. Much discussion followed Dr. Roberg's address, Senator Burgess leading the discussion favoring the continuance of the bounty law.

Others who addressed the convention were, Dr. Lytle, J. H. Dobbin of Enterprise and President Barratt.

At the conclusion of the two days session, W. B. Barratt was re-elected president for another year, Ernest Johnson of Enterprise, vice president and J. O. Hager of Heppner, secretary and treasurer. It was decided to hold the next convention in The Dalles.

A fitting climax to the convention was the banquet at the Palace Grill on Saturday evening when manager E. J. Wood placed a banquet before the 125 guests of the Heppner Commercial Club. Hon. T. J. Mahoney was toastmaster and several prominent men, including visitors and local men made short talks. It was a fitting end to a successful event.

Delegates to Irrigation Congress Named by President Phelps.

President A. M. Phelps of the Heppner Commercial Club has named the following delegates to represent the club at the Irrigation Congress in Portland during the first week in January: W. W. Smead of Heppner, R. F. Hynd of Portland; Peter Subbauer of Irrigon; C. C. Paine of Boardman and W. D. Newlon of Lexington.

J. A. Klehn of Ione is a Heppner visitor today.

First Basket Ball Game.

The first basket ball games of the season in this city will be played in the Rink Friday night when the boys and girls teams of the Heppner high school will meet the teams from the Lexington high school. The local boys' team went to Ione last Saturday and received a severe drubbing at the hands of Coach Cossman's proteges when they were defeated by a score of 17 to 34. The home boys expect to take their revenge on Lexington. At all events, the two contests for tomorrow night give promise of being highly interesting. Tickets are now on sale.

Church of Christ.

Subject of morning sermon, Sunday: "The Task Before Us." Evening: "Tidings of Great Joy." Howard M. Fagan and wife will begin a series of meetings at the Christian church, Sunday December 31.

MORROW COUNTY GETS MARKED RECOGNITION

The Morrow County Fair has gained marked recognition over the North west. This has been demonstrated on more than one occasion in the past, when our exhibits have won first, second and third awards in State fairs and land product shows. The most recent recognition comes from the Oregon Agricultural College.

In a recent letter received by secretary W. W. Smead, W. S. Brown of the extension service of the state college has asked Mr. Smead to lead in the discussion on the subject "Improvements suggested in our present methods of classification." This will be one of the subjects up for discussion at the conference of county and community fairs, said conference to be held in Corvallis during Farmers' Week, of January.

The letter reads as follows: Corvallis, Ore., Dec., 12, 1916. Mr. W. W. Smead, Heppner, Oregon.

Dear Sir: We are planning what we believe will be a strong program for our conference of County and community fairs this year. The conference will meet on Wednesday afternoon, January 4, during Farmers' Week. The keynote of the conference is the improvement in fair methods. The first subject on the program is one which I have been asked to take. It follows: "Improvement suggested in our present methods of classification."

I should like to have you act as one of the leaders in the discussion of this important subject. From my experience at the Moro fair, I judged that you will be very well qualified to speak upon this subject. You will have about ten minutes at your disposal in discussing the question. I certainly hope you can be with us to enjoy Farmers' Week and appear on this program. Kindly let me know at your earliest convenience whether or not I may depend upon you.

Yours very truly,
W. S. BROWN.

MRS. J. W. MORROW DIES IN PORTLAND

Member of Pioneer Family Succumbs To Illness--Funeral Will Be Held In Heppner On Saturday.

Telegraphic news of the death of Mrs. J. W. Morrow in Portland Wednesday, has been received by Frank Gilliam of this city. Her death comes as a shock to her many friends here, for it was not generally known that she had been in poor health.

The remains will be brought to Heppner, where burial will be made in the Masonic cemetery. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning with services at the grave. Upon arrival here Friday night, the body will be taken to the Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Morrow was a daughter of the late Gov. Réa, a pioneer lawyer of Heppner. She made her home in Heppner for a long number of years, Mr. Morrow having been county clerk here, a practicing attorney and at one time proprietor of the Palace hotel.

Besides the husband, two children survive. A sister, Mrs. Lillie Cohn lives in Pendleton, and her brother Albert Réa is in Nevada at the present time.

O. M. Plummer, manager of the Union Stock Yards of Portland was one of the leading speakers before the Woolgrowers convention. While in the city, Mr. Plummer did much to interest our citizens in the Trade Promotion congress, which will be held in Pittsburg the middle of next month. According to Mr. Plummer, Oregon will send a special delegation to this convention and he would like to see every section of the state represented. Mr. Plummer is a director of the Portland school board and also on the official board of the National Educational Association. This association will convene in Portland in June of next year.

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If so you will be interested to see this big production which shows actual roiting by thousands of workmen; also the activities of the Militia in connection therewith.

STAR THEATRE, Sunday, December 24, 1916

To my many friends and patrons:

I extend to you the greetings of the season and wish for you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the patronage given me during the past year.

T. G. DENISSE.

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I WISH to call the attention of the Ladies of Heppner and Vicinity to the fact that, after January 1st I will, in connection with my millinery establishment, have a Miss Phillips, who is a professional dress maker and a thoroughly competent designer.

I SOLICIT YOUR PATRONAGE.

Thanking my patrons for their liberal patronage during the past year and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Yours truly,

MRS. L. G. HERREN