

"VESTED RIGHT" IS OPPOSED BY JARDINE

Policy as to Grazing Fees Is Matter to be Decided By Congress

STABILIZATION AIM

Grazing Fees Should be Adjusted to Economic Conditions, Sec. Jardine Observes.

(Pendleton E. O.)

Washington, Dec. 5.—Opposition to conferring any "vested right" upon the present users of the western ranges was expressed in a statement today by the department of agriculture. It declared the policy upon which grazing fees are based should be settled by congress, and that a fair settlement of the differences existing between the stockmen and the forest service would not be difficult. The adjustment of grazing to the "primary purpose of forest reserves, that of forest production and watershed protection," was declared to be the essential of any administrative system; but Secretary Jardine was said in the statement to desire to stabilize use of the national forest ranges as far as consistent with public interests. He would have no objection to legislation giving grazing a more definite legal status in the national forests and conforming in broad terms the fundamental policies as the department is developing.

Adjustment Necessary.

Grazing fees should be adjusted to the economic conditions in the livestock industry, the statement said, and should be partially or wholly waived in time of serious drought. The creation of local grazing boards was advocated. Fees for grazing on the national forests now average 12 cents per month for a cow and five cents a month for a sheep, and the department reports this figure as considerably less than the commercial value of forage. If, as some stockmen advocate, they were cut to a figure based merely on the cost of administration, they would be about one-third of the present rate.

Latitude Advocated.

While advocating general laws by congress on the matter of fees, Secretary Jardine favors permitting the department considerable latitude and discretion in dealing with the question of waiving fees in times of damaging drought, including a further extension of the waiver of grazing fees already made in drought afflicted regions during 1925. "The secretary of agriculture," continues the statement, "also favors strongly a provision of law that will appropriate 10 per cent of the annual receipts from grazing for range improvements. There is great need for such improvements," he believes, "and a measure of this character would be one of the most constructive steps which the government can take to increase the productivity of the ranges and to benefit their users."

Stabilization Sought.

The policy of issuing grazing permits for 10 years, begun in 1925, was said in the statement to be part of the department's purpose to stabilize the grazing industry in the national forests. The secretary was declared to be ready to go further and to fix more specific limits upon possible reductions in herds during the life of the ten year permits, for any and all purposes, which will be adapted to the specific conditions in each locality. These 10 year permits are not revocable, and are declared to be as binding upon the department as upon the users of the range. The secretary was quoted as saying: "Any legislation dealing with grazing should give the department full latitude to control and adjust this use of the national forests so as to protect other valuable resources and

maintain the productiveness of the ranges themselves. The 10 year permits or contracts should be definite guarantees to the stockmen; but in issuing and renewing them complete freedom must be maintained to exclude or restrict grazing in areas where it has proven injurious to young timber, or where grazing is damaging valuable water sources. The department must also be able to make such adjustments as may be required to meet the needs of recreation and of valuable forms of wild life."

Law Held Untenable.

Secretary Jardine does not regard as tenable any form of law or administrative policy that would close the national forests to new applicants who need range in developing their land where they can be reasonably provided for. In declaring against the conferring of any form of vested or property rights upon present users of the range, the statement went on to say that such conceptions would in the opinion of the secretary undermine the foundation of the national policy for the conservation of natural resources, would make impossible the carrying out of a well-balanced plan of public use and would make it impossible to conserve the range itself. The remedy for friction between stockmen and the forest service was declared by Secretary Jardine to lie in the direction of the creation of local grazing boards, a majority of whose members should be experienced stockmen. These boards would function as fact-finding bodies on controverted questions, investigate proposed changes of policy, and hear complaints from the range users. Final decision, however, should be in the opinion of the secretary, rest with the department on all questions of policy.

Steiwer Pleased At Showing to Date

(Monday's E. O.)

Fred Steiwer, local attorney, returned to Pendleton last night after about two weeks spent in the interests of his campaign for the republican nomination as United States senator. During his absence Mr. Steiwer was in the southern part of the state canvassing the situation with respect to the senatorial race.

He expressed himself as being well pleased with the outlook at present. He was in all counties of the state south of Eugene meeting old friends and making new acquaintances.

"The campaign is still young," Mr. Steiwer said today, "but to date it has been moving along at a rate that is pleasing to me. I have found my position is strong in those localities where I had expected to have strength. The friends who are working in my behalf are enthusiastic in my support. The situation at present is gratifying."

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On Saturday, Dec. 12, the ladies of Bethel Chapel will hold their annual bazaar in the chapel rooms.

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LEXINGTON

E. S. Miller, who has disposed of his ranch interests near Lexington, left Monday on a business trip to Portland. Mr. Miller has rented a house in town where his sons will reside during the school year.

Mrs. Minnie Leach McMillan left Thursday of last week for a short stay in Hood River.

Mrs. J. E. Stanton and son La Verne of College Place, Wash., were visitors at the home of J. E. Gentry last week. Mrs. Stanton is a sister of Mr. Gentry. Young Mr. Stanton is employed in the Walla Walla Bulletin office.

Gracie Burehll was an overnight visitor at the home of Mrs. Lillian Turner in Heppner last week.

Mrs. Eugene Gray and Mrs. W. J. Davis are spending some days in Hood River with Mrs. P. W. Allison.

At the Christian church on Sunday morning the holy ordinance of baptism was administered by Rev. Wallace Jones to a number of converts from Alpine and Pine City. Rev. Jones has been engaged in meetings at these places for several weeks. Sunday's impressive baptismal service followed as the fitting climax of his labors.

Lexington Masons to the number of eight attended a meeting of the Masonic body in Heppner on Saturday evening.

(Received too late for last week)

Karl Beach and Mrs. Sadie Lewis drove Wednesday to Walla Walla where they spent Thanksgiving. They were accompanied by Pendleton by Mrs. O. J. Cox and Miss Pearl Vail.

Mrs. Cox spent several days in Pendleton with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young. Miss Vail continued her journey by rail to Huntington where she enjoyed a Thanksgiving vacation at the home of her sister.

On Thursday, Nov. 26, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fortner announced the birth of a daughter, to whom they have given the name Helen Clothild.

Mrs. Harvey Bauman spent several days during the week past at the home of her parents, Mr. and Harry Cool near Ione.

Mrs. Sarah White, Mrs. J. F. Lucas, Miss Lovell Lucas and Mrs. S. Strodtman attended O. E. S. Chapter in Heppner on Friday evening.

Earl Warner was a business caller at the county seat on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Walker are moving from the Biddle ranch to the Lexington property of Wm. Tacker.

Jos. Burgoyne spent several days last week in Portland.

Miss Etyle Pointer was here from Portland last week to spend Thanksgiving with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Burgoyne.

Mrs. M. D. Tucker left recently for Portland where she will visit for a time Mr. Tucker and her sons Sherman and George who are employed in and near Portland.

Miss Lovell Lucas who is training at Good Samaritan hospital, came in from Portland Wednesday evening to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lucas. She returned to Portland Saturday.

About thirty young people from the vicinity of Lexington and Ione enjoyed a pleasant party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Cutsforth on Saturday evening last. The guests were delightfully entertained with music, games and dancing until midnight when a genuine Thanksgiving basket supper was spread. Particularly enjoyable were the violin selections rendered by Harry Peterson of Rhea creek. He was ably accompanied by Mrs. Archie Nichols of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Looney of Walla Walla were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barnett Wednesday last.

Mrs. James Cypert of Tacoma spent Thursday with her brother W. F. Barnett.

BOARDMAN

MRS. A. T. HERREM, Correspondent.

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on Sunday. Carl Doering of Messner deserves much credit for the work he has done in laying out the golf course, clearing sage brush and getting it in shape for the devotees to get an opportunity to play the ancient game.

Speaking of golf links reminds us. Mrs. Ballenger remarked that Claude was ordering a set of golf clubs. Maxine piped up and said, "My daddy is going to buy some new links."

Elvira Jenkins is the proud possessor of a fine new handsomely engraved saddle, the work of the saddle maker at Heppner, a gift from her parents.

Some road work is being done on the roads of the west end.

L. V. Roots and Ralph Davis's each purchased a fine piano last week from the Schwan Piano Co. of Portland.

The old platform at Messner has been torn away and an oiled walk installed.

Ingaard Skoubo left on Thursday for New York City and thence to his old home in Denmark. He will visit there until spring when he and his wife and two sons will return home. Mrs. Skoubo and the boys have been visiting there since last May.

Frances and Donald Gaglia are still quite ill. They are in The Dalles. Scarlet fever was feared at first but the doctor pronounced it intestinal flu. They are the children of Mr. and

Mrs. Nick Gaglia of Coyote. Tom Miller and family left Saturday for their ranch near Roosevelt. They have lived here the past six years. Mrs. Miller, Sr., will also move there.

Katherine and Mabel Brown, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown, are both quite ill.

M. L. Morgan and family of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bleakney of Echo, motored down Monday evening for a short visit at the H. H. Weston home. They returned to their homes the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dillon and Walter Knauff and wife motored to Lexington on Monday and visited the large poultry ranch at that place.

Mesdames Flickinger and Messner attended the Ladies Aid bazaar at Unatilla on Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Berger has returned from several weeks in Portland where she has been under a physician's care. She is somewhat improved in health. Mrs. Chas. Attebury motored to Portland with the Clarence Berbers before Thanksgiving and will remain there for an extended visit.

The city council met in special session Wednesday and it was decided to accept the proposition of the Feenoughty Machinery Co. who will install a lighting plant for the city, collect all revenues until the plant is paid for when it will become municipal property. A full Diesel engine

will be installed and fuel oil will be used to run the plant.

The Ladies Aid held their annual bazaar on Friday evening at the church with a fair attendance. A fine selection of plain and fancy work articles were on sale and sold with surprising rapidity. Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Messenger were in charge of this booth. The fish pond was one of the main attractions, especially for the children. The picture gallery was an interesting feature and was well worth the 5c admission charged. Some of the quaint old fashioned gowns were shown in pictures of Boardman folks taken long ago. Long, long skirts, basques, pantalottes, relics of a bygone age, made a difficult matter to recognize some of the local people. Some pictures which caused a ripple of surprise and pleasure were child pictures taken several years ago, and the changes which time has wrought were so great that some of the originals failed to recognize themselves. Mrs. Root had charge of this gallery. The cooked food section was one to please the eye and the palate. All sorts of delicious cakes, pies, buns, rolls and canned fruits were on display and sold readily.

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