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National Wool Secretary Tells Problems Here

Poor Lamb Market Cited as Source of Loss to Growers

"There is something wrong with the lamb market." That is the assertion made by F. R. Marshall, secretary of the National Woolgrowers association, before a joint dinner meeting of Morrow County Lamb and Wool association and the county Farm Bureau chapter at Heppner hotel Tuesday evening.

General farm price indexes indicate that lamb prices have not kept pace with increases in other commodities. Eight cents for lamb is way out of line, all factors considered, the national secretary believed. Twelve cents would be more like it, and he thought that increased buying power should give a return to the producer of lamb of 14 or 15 cents at the present time.

It doesn't take a crystal gazer to tell what the trouble is, Marshall indicated, when it is considered that four large packing concerns buy 85 percent of the lamb production. They are forcing the producer to take what they wish to give him.

Marshall said he knew some things to do about it, but was not yet ready to say what they were. The case was cited to show one of many things needed to be done which may only be accomplished on a unified front of organized producers.

The secretary brought late news from Washington in which was cited that the long-fought-for "Truth in Fabric" bill appears to have the best chance of passing at present that it ever has had, as a result of the long battle fought by the National Woolgrowers with assistance of other organizations, more particularly by the Farm Bureau whose secretary at Washington Marshall credited with being extremely helpful. The importance of the measure is made much more extreme by the introduction this year of new suiting fabrics having a high content of rayon, he said.

He believed the national wool association had taken the brunt of attack in gaining and maintaining the protective tariff on wool which he asserted is responsible for growers receiving a price ten cents higher than it would otherwise be. He also stressed the value of work accomplished to keep down imports from countries where foot and mouth disease is prevalent, and in protecting wool men's interests under recent reciprocal trade agreement pacts.

Mr. Marshall spoke here in the last of a series of meetings held in various sheep raising sections of the state, having left the press of duties at Washington to bring a first-hand appeal to growers.

Walter Holt, secretary Oregon Woolgrowers association, emphasized the need for greater assistance from the growers, saying that Oregon's fifty million dollar sheep industry expends less than the average small town school district for protection and promotion of its interests. The national association office is hamstrung by a shortage of funds. Money is available only to maintain a secretary at inadequate salary where there is need for a staff of assistants to give adequate attention to the work already under way and to attack numerous other problems now left unattended.

J. G. Barratt, president of the state association, who has appeared on programs elsewhere, was prevented by illness from attending the local meeting.

Dr. J. N. Shaw, veterinarian from Oregon State college, opened the speaking program, telling how it is intended to spend the \$15,000 appropriated by the last legislature for battling livestock disease problems.

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DR. McCRADY HURT IN ACCIDENT

Local Dentist Recovering in Pendleton from Injuries Received in Auto Mishap Last Thursday

Dr. J. H. McCrady is in St. Anthony's hospital at Pendleton recovering from serious injuries received in a car accident early Thursday morning last week. The accident was reported to have occurred shortly after 1:30 o'clock, when Dr. McCrady's coupe, in which he was riding alone, went through the guard rail on a curve a short distance below the turn-off to the Pendleton airport on the Oregon Trail highway and turned over twice. He was picked up unconscious and taken to the hospital shortly afterward. Injuries included a simple fracture of the left leg, chip off the left shoulder bone, several broken ribs and internal injuries.

He was on his way to Heppner after attending the air circus in Pendleton Wednesday.

No word of the accident reached Heppner friends until Friday evening. J. Logie Richardson, whose Heppner Abstract company office is just across the street from Dr. McCrady's dental office, and who had been informed by McCrady that he intended to return home Wednesday night, became suspicious that something was wrong when the dentist failed to show up all day Thursday. He was in Pendleton Friday, and thought to inquire if a car of the description of McCrady's had been brought to the garage handling the make, in a wrecked condition. A man who overheard the remark informed him that such a car had been brought into a garage next door the day before. Richardson immediately inspected it and ascertaining it to belong to the Heppner man, next called at the hospital where he found the injured man. Richardson then immediately informed John Hanna, Dr. McCrady's uncle on Hinton creek, and local friends.

Saturday evening, Dr. McCrady was visited again by Richardson in company with Dr. A. D. McMurdo, and though the injured man's condition was ascertained as being serious, it was believed that his chances were good with rest. He had suffered greatly from pain and had slept but little. He was given medicine to help him sleep that night and he put in a good night Sunday, it was learned by phone Monday morning.

Dr. H. C. Soderman of Portland arrived in Heppner Monday to take care of Dr. McCrady's practice until the latter is able to be on the job again.

A telephone report received by Richardson from Mr. McCrady's mother this morning gave his condition as improving.

Arlington Taken In Hot 4-3 Clash

Heppner's ball tossers took a hotly contested clash from Arlington on Rodeo field Sunday afternoon, 4-3. It was a nip-and-tuck game from start to finish, with Len Gilman's usual good chucking contributing to the edge taken by Fred Hoskins' boys. Bus Solvester led the invaders. Ray Banister, who relieved as catcher in the late innings, singled to drive in the winning score.

Playing for the locals were Earl Pettyjohn, Ray Banister, catchers; Gilman, pitcher; Dean, first base; McCurdy, second base; Jimmy Farley, third base; Riley Munkers, short stop; Bill McRoberts and Howard Bryant, left field; Crawley, center field; Van Marter and Joe Aiken, right field.

MILL MEN IN TOWN

Walter Blackburn, Bliss Hottman and Ross Langdon were in the city Tuesday from the Blackburn mill on Rhea creek, taking a lay-off enforced by a broken pulley for which they had to get repairs. The mill was going full steam before the breakdown, and they expected to have it under way again immediately.

Voters Approve \$7000 Bond Issue For Street Surfacing

Tally is 113 for to 15 Against; Bids to be Asked Immediately

The proposition to amend the city charter to permit issuance of \$7000 in bonds to assist in completing the street surfacing project this year was passed by the legal voters yesterday. The vote was 113 for, 15 against and one blank for a total of 129 ballots cast.

Mayor Jeff Jones this morning expressed appreciation of himself and council for the good response by the voters. The proposition had been presented with their recommendation for approval on the belief that it was economy to issue the bonds and complete the project this year, rather than doing part of the work this year with funds already available and having to do the remainder later by letting a separate contract.

It was expected that advertising for bids would be started immediately. Opening bids may be done after ten days advertisement, and if a satisfactory bid is received the work may be started immediately thereafter. Issuance of bonds will be deferred until after bids are opened, Mayor Jones believed.

The work should be completed within a few weeks' time after construction begins, the mayor believed.

Yesterday's election was held at the council chambers with W. O. Bayless, chairman of the election board, Alva W. Jones and J. L. Yeager, judges, and Reta Oviatt and Muriel Vaughn, clerks.

Jail Faces Careless Wheat Haulers, Says Judge Bert Johnson

Truckers of wheat, forget that extra trip!

That's the admonition of Judge Bert Johnson, who calls attention to the added destruction of highways and endangering lives of others on the road by truck drivers who have a tendency to "step on the gas" in order to make an extra haul a day.

He reminds truckers of the maximum speed law for trucks and other regulations in the state law, defiance of which subjects offenders to fine, imprisonment and possible revocation of driver's license.

It might be better to think it over now, and maybe forget about working in the extra trip, than to use the enforced leisure moments of confinement in jail for regretting it.

Let's remember to play safe this wheat hauling season, remarks the judge.

LUCASES TO RITTER

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucas left yesterday for Ritter where they will manage the Ritter hotel and resort for Mrs. Mary Davis until August 23. During their absence the dining room at the Lucas Place will be closed and Mrs. D. M. Ward will take care of the rooms. The dining room of the local residence hotel will be reopened August 23.

SCRITSMIER MILL GOING

H. F. Scritsmier, who with his brother L. A. Scritsmier, is operating the sawmill on the old Hamilton ranch, was a visitor in the city Tuesday, reporting operations under full steam though still running short of its daily 30,000-ft. daily capacity.

TO MEDICAL CONCLAVE

Dr. A. D. McMurdo left Tuesday evening by train for Great Falls, Mont., to attend the annual summer convention of the Northwest Medical association.

FIRST QUEEN DANCE COMING SATURDAY

Peggy Kilkenny, Marjorie Parker, Betty Bergevin, Bernice Martin in Race for Sceptre

All set for the kick-off of the Rodeo Queen dances at Lena Saturday night are candidates of the various granges as follows:

Marjorie Parker, Rhea Creek. Peggy Kilkenny, Lena. Betty Bergevin, Willows. Bernice Martin, Lexington.

This bevy of popular young ladies will receive votes at each of five dances, the first at Lena Saturday. Dances will follow each Saturday night with the wind-up and naming of the queen at Heppner, August 14. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in all will be queen and the others her attendants at the Rodeo, August 26-27-28.

Lena has put the floor of its new grange hall in first class shape for the opening, and plenty of parking space has been leveled off for all cars, announced Mr. and Mrs. Dillard French, in the city yesterday to make final arrangements.

The candidates are all comely young ladies, trained in horsemanship, any one of whom would be an attractive ruler for rodeodom. Miss Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Martin of Lexington, Miss Bergevin the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bergevin of Ione, Miss Kilkenny the daughter of Frank Kilkenny of the Lena section, and Miss Parker the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Parker of Heppner flat.

Cuts for reproducing pictures of the candidates, ordered out of Portland Monday, failed to arrive in time for publication this week, but will be placed before Gazette Times readers next week.

RETURN FROM VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Happold returned yesterday evening from a vacation moor trip which took them through the Canadian Rockies on a visit to Lake Louise, Waterman lakes, and the Calgary Stampede. The trip was reported as most enjoyable throughout with the famous spots visited coming up to all expectations. Mr. Happold, who joined the party at Browning, Mont., following the close of the shearing season, reported a poor season due to much rain.

NOTSON DOING WELL

Word received by Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Briggs from Mrs. S. E. Notson this week conveyed the good news that Mr. Notson is progressing well in his convalescence at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Sackett, in Salem. It was expected that he would be able to return home in two weeks. Mr. Notson recently underwent a major operation at a Portland hospital.

Walla Walla Firm Has Garage Contract

L. A. Tomlinson, Walla Walla contractor, is in charge of construction on the new garage building at the corner of May and Main streets which will house the Milsom-Banister Motor company. Construction was started the first of last week and today the concrete foundation was in place ready for the superstructure. A crew of ten men is employed.

Ed Dick, who is erecting the building, plans a one-story metal lath and stuccoed wall structure of modern design to accommodate both garage and service station. An attractive dome and modern circular display windows are features expected to give the building a pleasing appearance. Gasoline pumps are already in place, and the Milsom-Banister company, Ford dealers, have their office in a small temporary structure on the lot. Temporarily they are dispensing parts and storing cars at the Hayes service station, and doing repair work in the rear of the city building.

John Day Robbers Captured; Disable State Police Car

Bandit Injured in Car Accident Left Dead in Hills

Two of the three bandits who robbed the John Day bank Monday night were captured about 11 o'clock this morning near Yakima, Wash., after last night disabling the car of State Policeman Willard Tubbs who with Patrolman Coopman attempted to stop them between Heppner Junction and Boardman. The bandits returned the officers' fire when accosted.

The police took chase when the bandits were seen crossing the Columbia in a boat, and Tubbs, Coopman and Corporal F. A. McMahon assisted in the capture.

The third bandit, injured when the car in which the bandits first attempted to escape was wrecked, was said to have been left dead in the hills.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reported the capture to the local office this morning by phone, having gone to the lower country last night to join in the chase.

Conjecture has it that the robbers may have been in one of two cars which passed through Heppner, one at 2 o'clock and one at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning as revealed in a check by the sheriff's office.

Tubbs is stationed regularly in the Heppner district and McMahon was recently transferred to John Day from this district.

Two traveling men in Heppner yesterday had experiences connected with the robbery. Brace, a cigar salesman, is certain he passed the robbers' car near where they were accosted shortly afterward by Tubbs. He came up behind a car with the dome light on, revealing three men occupants, two in the back seat and one in the front seat. As he sped up to pass it the dome light was turned off. The car answered the description of the robbers' car, he said.

Smith, traveling for Fuller Paint company, was in John Day when the robbery occurred. He helped fight the fire, believed to have been set by the robbers as a blind, and was deputized by a state policeman and sent to the scene of the car wrecked by the robbers and helped pick up the stolen money scattered on the road when the car was wrecked. With another man he was sent out on the Canyon City road and assisted in the arrest of a CCC boy who appeared to answer the description of one of the robbers.

Three men participated in the hold-up. Believed to have set a fire at the fair grounds as a blind, they went to the home of Oscar Holverson, assistant cashier, forcing him to go to the bank at the point of a gun. Holverson first forgot his keys and a return to the house was necessary before he could open the bank. After delivering \$3500 to the robbers from the outer vault, he was badly beaten because he could not comply with the desperadoes' order to open the inner vault, which was under time lock. The robbers had stayed at the Joaquin Miller resort for a week previous to the hold-up and presumably had scouted out the situation thoroughly.

The robbers left in a late model coupe, later ascertained to have been stolen at Pendleton, which they wrecked on a curve about two miles out of town on the highway toward Mt. Vernon. One of the men was injured and money scattered, all but \$421 of the stolen amount being later recovered at the scene. Guns found in the car were said to have answered description of those taken from a hardware store at Pilot Rock in a burglary Sunday night.

When E. Blaylock, living near by, approached to give assistance, he was

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