

VESTED RIGHTS IN GRAZING IS OPPOSED BY U.S.

Secretary of Agriculture Gives His Decision in Stockmen's Controversy—Says Solution of Problem Lies in Local Grazing Boards.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(A.P.)—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 confirming in broad terms the fundamental policies as the department is developing.

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 twelve cents per month for a cow and five cents a month for a sheep, and the department reports this figure as considerably above 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.

While advocating general law 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 ten 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 kind would be one of the most constructive steps which the government can take to increase the productivity of its ranges and to benefit their users."

The policy of issuing grazing permits for ten years, begun in 1923, was said in the statement to be part of the department's purpose further 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 of each locality. These ten year permits are not revocable and are declared to be as binding upon the users of the range. The secretary was quoted as saying:

"Any legislation dealing with grazing should give the department full latitude of 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 ten year permits or contracts should be definite guarantees to the stockmen; but in leasing 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."

Secretary Jardine does not regard as tenable any form of law or administrative policy which would close the national forests to new applicants who need range in developing their land where they are 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.

EXPRESS OFFICE SAFE IS BLOWN NO LOOT TAKEN

Safe blowers commenced winter operations in the city last night when they demolished the American Express company safe by an over-charge of nitro-glycerine shortly before midnight in a vain effort to gain access to the interior. The heavy charge jammed the inner door and blew the outer door off its hinges, the noise of which is said to have frightened the yeomen away, before the inner door could be forced open. Ten suspects picked up by the police immediately following the safe blowing, were given their liberty this forenoon.

Police attribute the crime to "local talent," as the job is said to bear the marks of amateurs. The explosion was plainly heard for several blocks and attracted the attention of the police who were but a block or more distant. They rushed to the scene immediately, but the yeomen had disappeared. Elmer Adams, one of the crowd that had gathered, examining the ground, found tracks leading from the Farm Bureau building. Following them, he found a cache hidden under the floor. It consisted of two sticks of dynamite, one drill, one revolver, one box of cigars and several cartons of cigarettes, all of which is presumed to be stolen property.

O. T. Wickham, an auto salesman, related this morning that he noticed two suspicious characters near the express office who dodged behind the building when he passed by about 11:30 on the way to his home on North Fir street. A short time after he arrived there, he stated he heard the thud of the explosion and at once surmised the express office safe to have been blown. Immediately following he heard a high powered motor car speed away. However, he did not inform the police until this morning when he examined the suspects and was positive that the characters he had seen the night before, were not among them.

While rounding the suspects up last night, one officer shot several times in the air before one of the ten stopped in response to his command. The rest offered no resistance. The charge was no heavy that a large square of plaster on a wall nearby was jarred loose while the safe itself is beyond repair. Express officials say that the safe contained a very small amount of money.

Entrance was made by lifting a heavy side door off its rollers after prying it up from the bottom.

RECORD CROWD AT GAME

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this forenoon from the capital city. The Salem team will leave for home at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The boys of this team are a nice looking and gentlemanly appearing lot of young athletes off the football field and while confident of winning the game, this morning talked little, and that little modestly. To a man, when told that the dope here had it that they were a much heavier team than Medford, they unanimously declared that they were the lighter team in every contest they had played this year, and that they had won the Willamette valley championship mostly through their lightness and speed.

The boys asserted tersely that the team's physical condition was not any too good since their hard game Thanksgiving day, but they touched on this lightly.

H. H. Huntington, coach of the Salem team, and former coach of Medford high, when asked if his team was in good condition, quickly replied, "I should say not."

When told that an ardent Medford fan had made a bet that Medford would win the game by not less than 40 points, Coach Huntington seemed much amused, but quietly exclaimed: "They may, at that. Nobody knows."

Green Beer Sold in B. C. VICTORIA, B. C.—Reports that beer improperly aged, is being sold in beer parlors by the glass under supervision of the provincial government was committed by the public accounts committee of the British Columbia legislature.

MEET THE SHOPPER FAMILY



This is GRANDMA SHOPPER, who says gray hair doesn't mean anything except lack of dye, and who does all her own buying in the 19 shopping days left before Christmas.

The Markets

Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(A. P.) Receipts for week (approximate)—Cattle 2875; calves 455. Hogs 4845; sheep 1630. Total 124 carloads. Cattle—Compared with week ago: Steers 10 to 25c higher; she stock 25 to 50c higher; calves and bulls steady; week's bulk prices: Beef steers \$7 to 7.85; top 8.25; cows and heifers \$6.50 to 6.75; top cows \$6; top heifers \$6.50; canners and cutters \$2 to 3.50; bulls \$3.50 to 4.75; calves \$5.00 to 9; milk vealers up to \$12. Hogs receipts 120. Saturday's receipts steady at \$12.75; compared with week ago: 25 to 50c higher; week's bulk prices: Light butchers \$12.50 to 12.75; latter price top for lean lots, few small selected lots at \$12.85 to \$12.90; heavies and underweights \$12.25 down; slaughter pigs \$11.50 to 11.75; a few at \$12. Sheep: Compared with a week ago: Valley lambs 25c higher; bulk \$12.50 to \$12.75; other classes nominally steady; choice yearlings quotable up to \$11; ewes up to \$7.

Eggs

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(A. P.) Eggs steady, unchanged. Current receipts 38c; fresh medium 35c to 35 1/2c; fresh standard firsts 39 1/2c to 40c; fresh standard extras 41c to 41 1/2c; fresh undersized 28c to 28 1/2c.

Butter

Butter, cubes half to one cent lower; market weak. Prints unchanged. Extra cubes, city 57c; standards 56c; prints 48c; firsts 48c; 55c; cartons 56c.

Milk steady. Best churning cream 53c net shipper's track in zone one. Cream delivered Portland 57c. Raw milk (4 per cent) \$2.60 cwt, f.o.b. Portland.

Poultry

Poultry firm. Heavy hens 26 1/2c to 27c; light 19c to 20c; springs 25c; broilers nominal; young white ducks 24c to 25c; dressed turkeys 38c to 40c; live nominal; geese nominal.

Potatoes

Potatoes unchanged \$2.50 to \$2.60. Onions unchanged \$1.75.

Portland Wheat

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—(A. P.) Wheat: BHR hard white \$1.65; hard white, blue stem, hard, soft white, western white \$1.64; hard, winter, northern spring, western red \$1.68. Today's car receipts—Wheat 86; flour 12; corn 5; oats 2; hay 4.

San Francisco Markets

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—(A. P.) Butterfat L.o.b. San Francisco 58 1/2c to 59c.

The Screen

By Ye Press Agent.

At the Rialto.

Frank Hagney, who plays the role of the villain in "The Dangerous Crowd," starring Fred Thomson, at the Rialto theater tonight, is especially well fitted for the part, as he is a champion boxer.

Hagney was for three years light heavyweight champion of Australia. He has fought in nearly every country in the world, including South America, where two years ago he met and defeated the now famous Firpo, being the first man to ever knock out the South American.

Hagney also held the single sculling championship. Few sections of the United States possess such a fascinating appeal to the imagination and emotions of the American people as the far west, and especially during that exciting period when it was inhabited chiefly by Indians and the hardy pioneers.

Oregon Scenery Pleases.

Irvin Willat is one motion picture director who has never yet asked an actor to do anything, involving danger that he was not ready and willing to do himself.

During the filming of "The Ancient Highway," at a time Willat and company were on location on the Coquille river in Oregon, and after days of preparation for the big log jam scene, Willat stationed himself on a log boom in the middle of the river, a most hazardous spot. With the log jam at its height, Willat slipped and fell into fourteen feet of water. Ordinarily this would have meant but little risk of drowning, but in this particular instance, due to the swiftness of the water, rescue work was made very hazardous.

Willat hung desperately to a float-

ing log for more than twenty minutes before being pulled from the water. "The Ancient Highway" is showing at Hunt's Craterian last time tonight. "Stage Ruck" comes to Hunt's Craterian tomorrow. Gloria Swanson is smitten with Lawrence Gray, a panache artist in the lunch room. Gloria is staking a correspondence course in stage-acting and is given a chance to show what she can do when one of the famous floating theaters arrives in town. The scenes in which Gloria clowns all over the sets in all sorts of get ups, are said to be very striking.

LARGE AUDIENCE ENTHUSES OVER HI SCHOOL PLAY

A large audience much enjoyed the fine presentation of the three-act farce comedy, "The Arrival of Kitty," presented at the Craterian theater last Friday night by the junior class of the high school.

Not only was the comedy unusually well acted for amateurs by the student actors and actresses, but the stage settings and costumes were also adequate and attractive. Then, too, the well-rendered numbers by the high school orchestra, added to the pleasure of the evening.

Between the second and third acts, Miss Mildred Streyer, the high school teacher who rehearsed and directed the production, amid much applause was presented with two beautiful baskets of flowers, one by the cast of the play and the other by the junior class of the high school in appreciation of her successful efforts in producing the attraction.

The cast follows: William Winkler...Delbert Anderson Bobbie Baxter...George Creighton Benjamin Moore...Ord Reed Ting...Harry Gould Aunt Jane...Elizabeth Swigart Jane...Alice Roberts Suzette...Dorothy Flury Sam...Robert Miksche Kitty...Florence Nelson

The following others, in charge of the various special features, also contributed to the success of last night's venture:

Orchestra, Miss Elizabeth Gore; dance, Miss Zona Gale Miles; costumes, Miss Maurine Carroll; scenery, Thomas Swen; properties, Miss Helen Lantis, Marlin Adams; advertising, Estlin Phillips; stage, Charles Wakefield; business, Robert Hammond.

Attention! Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors.

We will meet at Conger's Funeral parlor at 1:45 p. m., December 6, to attend in a body the funeral of Neighbor Travis.

What's in a Name WINNEPEG—A continental highway lined with trees is suggested for Canada by P. E. Donliffe, of Toronto, president of the Canadian Automobile association.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICES SUNDAY AT ELKS TEMPLE

For the Elks Lodge annual memorial services to be held in the Elks temple at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and to which the public is invited, the following program will be observed: Opening exercises—Floyd H. Hart, exalted ruler. Invocation—Rev. Wm. B. Hamilton. Quartet (selected)—Mrs. McElhose.

Mrs. Isaacs, Dr. W. W. Howard, Mr. R. W. Wilson. Calliope roll of the absent—Exalted Ruler Hart, and Secretary Jacobs. Solo (selected)—Mrs. McElhose. Mrs. Marsh, accompanist. Ritualistic exercises—Officers of the lodge. Violin solo (selected)—Mrs. Bolger. Mrs. Marsh, accompanist. Memorial address—Rev. Wm. B. Hamilton. Violin solo (selected)—Mrs. Bolger. Mrs. Marsh, accompanist. Closing ceremony—Exalted ruler. "Auld Lang Syne"—Audience. Benediction—Rev. Wm. B. Hamilton.

Asbestos Mine Discovered VANCOUVER, B. C.—Deposits of asbestos nearly equal in quality to the famous deposits from which Quebec supplies the world have been found at the headwaters of Quoieck creek, 155 miles west of here. The vein is of considerable width.

PRISONER REPORTED DEAD, COMES TO LIFE

TACOMA, Dec. 5.—Harry Wright waited six months in jail in expectancy of being tried on a bad check charge. The trial judge believed Wright to be dead. Finally the jailer spoke to the judge about a Harry Wright who was constantly insisting that his case be brought to trial. "But he's dead," said his honor. "But he's not," rejoined the turnkey. Then they brought Wright out and found that another Harry Wright jailed on a similar charge had committed suicide in his cell. Wright has served his six months in jail and has only to pay back the \$50 which he obtained on the bad check.

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Fraternity Fined for Paper. SALT LAKE.—Committee on the merits of a college president and sorority college girls contained in the Utah Soueal, annual "scandal sheet," drew a fine of \$50 on members of the Pi Delta Epsilon, national journalist fraternity. The fine was imposed by the student body.