

DUDE RANCHING GROWS RAPIDLY IN SOUTHWEST

Last Season Most Profitable Since 1929—10,035 Dudes Reported Registered Associated Ranches

BILLINGS, Mont. (UP)—Montana cowboys and other western ranchers have found it paid them well to turn business men so that business men might play at being cowboys and westerners.

As Montana's dude ranchers returned from their recent annual convention at the Dude Ranchers' Association at Cody, Wyo., they declared that 1934 was the second best year in the nine-year history of the organization.

1929 Peak Year Only 1929, the peak of the boom era, surpassed this season. In that year, 10,035 dudes registered at association ranches.

Dude ranching, of humble origin, has become one of the west's largest "big businesses." The total value of land, buildings and equipment of the associations' members is valued at around \$5,000,000—and that only includes 65 ranches out of the more than 300 scattered through the west.

Association members are for the most part from Montana and Wyoming. They operate in better known "dude" regions such as the Big Horn, Cody, West Yellowstone and Jackson Hole countries.

Dude Ranch Distribution At present, dude ranches are distributed through the west by states as follows: Montana and Wyoming, 173; New Mexico and Arizona, 116; Colorado, 31; Idaho, 12; Canada, 10; California, 8; Oregon, 3; Utah, 2; and Texas, 1.

Dude ranching may be defined as "the commercial exploitation of ranch scenery and ranch activities, wanted for the sake of recreation at pleasure."

The industry began in 1882 when Bert Ramsey of Buffalo, N. Y., paid a few dollars for board and room following a vacation on the Eaton Brothers' ranch at Medora, N. D. Ten years later the Eatons began to cater exclusively to dudes, pioneering the industry which now has more than 350 ranches, capable of handling from 10 to 100 guests.

CHICKEN SNAKES HAVE RARE ENTERTAINMENT RALEIGH, N. C. (UP)—When life grows dull for a couple of chicken snakes in the state museum here they amuse themselves by trying to swallow each other.

Recently the smaller snake, something over six feet long, managed to swallow his calmate's head, neck, and shoulders—about two feet all told. The victim finally hooked his tail in the wire walls of their cage, and pulled himself out.

Motor vehicles operated by the various departments of the North Carolina state government use approximately \$400,000 worth of gasoline every 90 days.

Markets

Livestock PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—CATTLE—150, calves 25; steady, unchanged. HOGS—200. Higher for packing sows. Packing sows, medium and good, \$4.25-4.75; others unchanged. SHEEP—100; steady, unchanged.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—(AP)—(U. S. D. A.)—Cattle 450; including 140 direct; 40 holdovers. Slow, demand fairly broad on all classes; early sales strong; sheep stock strong to 25c higher; two loads good California and Nebraska fed steers and yearlings, \$6.35-50; load 1124 lb. local short-feds, \$5.75; best fed yearlings held above \$6.75. WOOLLED quoted \$2.65, possibly above.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs: 35,000; direct 13,000; active, strong to 10 higher; majority above 240 lb. \$9.00-10; top, \$9.10; 200-240 lb. \$5.60-6.00; 170-190 lb. unevenly \$4.75-5.60; light lights \$4.00-60; good packing sows \$5.90-75.

CATTLE: 5,000; fed steers and yearlings steady, fairly active; shipper demand fairly broad top medium weights \$9.75; some above \$10.00; heifers steady, common beef cows and cutters in cow crop weak; yearlings steady to 25 lower; few sales up to \$7.00; mainly \$6.50 down; stockers and feeders very dull. SHEEP: 15,000; fat lambs again in fairly broad demand; undertone strong to 25 higher; opening bids and few sales good to choice native and fed western lambs around \$7.25-40; bulk better grade lambs held \$7.50 upward; clipped lambs and yearlings scarce, sheep and feeding lambs firm; bulk native ewes \$2.00-75; best higher.

PORTLAND PRODUCE PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP)—BUTTER—Prints, A grade, 33c lb. in parchment wrappers, 34c lb. in cartons; B grade, parchment wrappers, 31c lb.; cartons, 32c lb.

BUTTERFAT—Portland delivery, A grade, deliveries at least twice weekly, 33-35c lb.; country routes, 31-34c lb.; B grade, or delivery less than twice weekly, Portland delivery, 32-34c lb.; C grade at market.

EGGS—Sales to retailers: Specials, 20c; extras, 26c; fresh extras, brown, 28c; standards, 24c; fresh mediums, 24c; medium firsts, 23c; fresh pullets, 24c; do firsts, 21c; checks, 24c; bakers, 20c dozen.

EGGS—Buying price of wholesalers: Fresh specials, 24c; extras, 22c; fresh extra mediums, 22c; extra firsts, 24c; extra mediums, 20c; medium firsts, 18c; pullets, 18c; checks, 19c; bakers, 17c dozen.

POTATOES—Oregon Burbanks, 80c-1.00 cental; Deschutes Gems, \$1.05-1.10 cental. Cheese, milk, country meats, live poultry, onions, wool and hay, steady and unchanged.

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ter, northern spring, western red; 83; western white, 82. Oats, No. 2 white, \$33.50. Corn, No. 2 E yellow, \$43.75. Millrun, standard, \$22.50. Today's car receipts: Wheat, 25; barley, 1; flour, 20; oats, 1.

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Unit. Aircraft 46 1/2 U. S. Steel 38 1/2

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—(AP)—First grade butterfat, 39 1/2; fob. San Francisco.

SILVER NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Bar silver steady, 1/2 higher at 55.

DOG GOT HUMAN BURIAL SHICKSHINNY, Pa. (UP)—Except for the words of a minister's prayer, the pet dog of Mrs. John Campbell was given a "human" burial here.

MACHINE PICKS CRANBERRIES ONSET, Mass. (UP)—A mechanical cranberry-picker is being used on Cape Cod to harvest part of this year's crop. Herebefore the crops have been gathered by hand. Bog owners believe the new device may revolutionize the industry.

TO NEBRASKA—Mike Shamus left Medford last evening by train en route to Kilgore, Neb.

LEGION MAKES PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS FUND DANCE DECEMBER 14

Special business was brought before a meeting of the Medford American Legion post and auxiliary at the armory last night, when tentative committees were appointed for the Christmas benefit dance to be given jointly by the legion post and the Medford Lions club.

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Commander Oscar Silver, Paul McDonald and Paul Taylor of the Ashland post told the Medford members of the successful presentation of the play recently at Ashland. When given here it will be sponsored by the local post and accompanied by local entertainment, but the intent for the play itself will be from Ashland.

Seeley Hall, son of Court Hall of this city, and manager of the Portland division of United Airlines, was present. Mr. Hall is a member of the Medford post. Ted GeBauer, manager of the Gold Seal creamery, was a guest at the meeting.

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the animal's head and fired. The sheep merely blinked. Grant felt something strike his chest. Putting his hand inside his shirt, he found the bullet. It had hit the sheep's head and bounced back.

CHINA BUYS RATTLES FOR RHEUMATISM OIL EDMONTON, Alta. (UP)—Out of the north country went an unusual shipment to China recently.

It consisted of 300 rattlesnakes, pickled in alcohol. George Lee, Chinese cafe proprietor at Lloydminster, said he was shipping the rattlers to his father in China, who would extract from them an oil highly prized as a cure for rheumatism.

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RADIO RECEIVING SET IS WORN IN COP'S HAT TULARE, Cal. (UP)—Merchant Patrolman Ralph Barlow has no difficulty keeping confidential police bulletins "under his hat."

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