

## SHEEP MEN ARE PROTESTING RANGE RATE

### Wool Growers Declare Tentative Eighteen Cent Rate for Lava Beds Range Would Utterly Break Them

Protest against what is alleged to be an excessive rate proposed by the forest service for grazing permits in the lava bed country has been lodged with W. G. Durbin, forest supervisor of the Modoc national forest, at Astoria, Cal., by the Klamath County Wool Growers' association. The wool growers ask a radical cut in grazing rates, declaring that the past season has been a disastrous one for the sheep industry in Klamath county. The following letter from the secretary of the association to the forest supervisor explains the situation clearly:

Referring to tentative grazing rate for the extension of Fremont national forest, that covers the Lava Beds country in Modoc and Siskiyou counties, California, I beg to advise you that at a meeting of the Klamath Wool Growers' association at Merrill, Oregon, held on November 28, 1920, the grazing fees for sheep, established by your service was discussed at great length. It was unanimously the opinion of all the members present that the rate of 18 cents a head for sheep, from December 1st to April 15th is prohibitive. The rate of five cents covering the lambing season from April 15th to May 31st, they felt was also prohibitive.

A large majority of the sheep men simply could not pay that rate. A number of sheep men have gone out of business in the last three months, and, unless there is a marked change for the better in the prices of both wool and mutton, the larger number of them, now in business, will have failed between this and May 1st, 1921. I would give you the names of ten Klamath county sheep men who have turned over their entire flocks to the mortgage holders, because they could not even pay interest on such mortgages. It is a well-known fact that the sheep industry was one of the first that was hit by the falling prices and it has not yet shown any signs of recovery.

A number of sheep men felt that this 18 cent rate and five cent rate is too high, for the reason that practically every man who ranges in the Lava Beds country in the winter time, feeds his sheep hay two months during each winter, hence, as you will see, the 18 cents covering December 1st to April 15th will be paid for about two or two and one half months use of the national forest. I think inquiry in and around Merrill would demonstrate that this statement is true.

They all felt, further, that the lambing season should extend from April 1st to June 1st, because nearly all of the sheep that now range in the Lava Beds country will be sheared in California. This is especially so in view of the fact that the Tuttle Shearing Corral in Langell valley, Oregon, was recently destroyed by fire, hence, their permit on the reserve should cover a sufficient period to permit the shearing in the latter part of May or during the month of June of each year.

These rates of 18 cents and five cents are higher than they are for summer range, as I have been informed, on the Fremont or Crater national forests. Most of the sheep men at the meeting have ranged their sheep in the Fremont and Crater national forests, as well as in the Lava Beds and they say it is inferior to summer range on the Fremont and Crater forests and they can not understand why the grazing fee should be higher in the Lava Beds country.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion that a rate of seven or eight cents per head, covering the first period, from December 1st to April 15th and three cents per head for the grazing season of April 15th to June 1st or July 1st, as the case may be. If you understood the straight-

## Portland Woolen Mills Cut Wages; Lay Off One Shift

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—Owing to present slack conditions, the factory of the Portland Woolen Mills company in future will run only a day shift and wages will be reduced approximately 9 per cent, after consultation and agreement with employees, it was announced by E. L. Thompson, president. For the last two years the mill had been running day and night on war orders.

"It would be cheaper for the company to close the plant," said Mr. Thompson, "but as many of our employees are highly specialized and could scarcely obtain other work, we have taken up subject with them in candor and have agreed to put on the new schedule. We will keep operating if it is humanly possible."

During its 18 years of operation the Portland Woolen Mills company never has shut down.

## MEMBERSHIPS DRIVE STARTS WITH A VIM

Twenty eight booster teams of two men each started off with a bang today in the "One Thousand" membership drive. At noon most of them had reported in at the secretary's office and from every district came the same report—"Going over the top big."

It is planned to strive for 600 new memberships, which added to the 400 members the organization has now will give it the 1000 aimed at. These memberships are only for the old year which expires June 1st at which time new officers for the next year will be elected. Next year the membership fee, it is said, will be \$25 annually. A large number of the new memberships secured today were from wives of those who already belonged. No renewals are being taken at this time.

## City Library Gets Many New Books; 106 New Cards Out

The Klamath Falls public library is in receipt of nine art volumes on Portland, Mt. Hood and the Columbia river, also a set of art books, 22 in all, "America, Her Grand and Her Beautiful." These are on the tables besides 40 other popular fiction works presented by donors whose names are withheld.

In the month of October and November 106 new cards were issued by the librarian, Mrs. French, and 135 books were put on the shelves by the library club from May 1st to December.

In spite of the added number of books there is still a crying need for more children's books. The librarian reports that there are not nearly enough to supply the children's demands. Now would be a good time for people to give the books they outgrow with their childhood to the public library.

## WEED FOREMAN DEAD

WEED, Cal., Dec. 2.—Charles B. Waters, well-known musician of Weed, died at the Weed hospital of heart trouble brought on by an attack of the influenza. He has been ill for about a month but his condition had not been serious over a week. Waters had managed the orchestra which his bore his name for the past ten years. He was also foreman of the moulding department of the Weed Lumber company.

oned financial conditions of these men at this time. I am sure that you would heartily recommend that this rate be put into operation until everybody finds out what is going to be the fate of the sheep industry. If, during the next year, the conditions of the sheep industry should improve, I can assure you that this association would not object to paying a fair rate for grazing fees.

Might we as an association, therefore, request that you recommend that the rates be fixed at seven cents per head from December 1st to April 15th, and three cents per head from April 15th to June 1st, with an understanding, that if the conditions of the sheep industry should improve the rate should be placed, next year at the correct figure.

Should you feel it advisable, we would be glad to have you forward this letter to the chief of grazing for your district, with such recommendations, as you care to take.

Ancient astronomical instruments, seized in Pekin by the Germans in 1901, have been returned to China.

## DAM MATTER IS TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT BY PAYNE

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Senator Chamberlain and Congressman Sinnott today appeared before Secretary Payne as representatives of the water users of the Klamath county, Oregon, reclamation project to ask for the cancellation of the existing contract with the California Oregon Power company and for the construction of the dam at the head of Link river free of cost to the government. Failing cancellation, they recommended various amendments calculated to protect the water users.

The project contemplates irrigation of 150,000 acres of desert land, more than 50,000 acres has already been furnished with water. Funds are not available, it was said at the interior department, to build the dam on Upper Klamath lake necessary to regulate the flow of water from the lake to irrigate the remaining 100,000 acres. Several years ago the California Oregon Power company offered to build the dam at a cost of \$250,000 and to give the government the right to regulate the flow of water, the company's benefit being more even flow at its power plant, 50 miles below the dam.

Former Secretary Lane accepted the offer and the company already has spent \$125,000 on the project. Recently residents of the Klamath project and citizens of Klamath Falls, Oregon, requested that the government should take over the project and that the dam should be built with government money.

The Klamath Falls chamber of commerce appointed a committee to investigate the situation and its findings were conveyed to Secretary Payne by Senator Chamberlain and Mr. Sinnott today. Payne took the matter under advisement.

## ROAD CLOSED TIGHT WHILE SUIT PENDS

A mile and three quarters of the new highway grade on the Merrill route, the majority involved in the injunction suit now pending in the circuit court, is closed tight for the first time, it is said, since the temporary injunction order was issued two months ago.

The road barred to public passage is through the Henley, Cheyne, and adjoining ranches. Gates erected after the county court had made appearance on a contempt charge last September for failing to obey the temporary restraining order forbidding trespass by the county and state failed to stop traffic. Truck drivers made quick work of them and for several weeks the road has been in more or less general use, especially since bad weather started. The alleged disregard of a court mandate when reported to the circuit court, it is said, brought prompt direction that the county court close the road to travel and see that it was kept closed, or the sheriff would be instructed to place a guard over it. In which event there might have been a renewal of the contempt proceedings.

Travellers from Merrill report that the old roads on either side of the highway are being used and the disputed strip is closed.

## FIRST BRICK BUILDING IS DONE AT MALIN

MALIN, Ore., Dec. 2.—The first brick building in Malin was completed on Tuesday by A. Kalina, proprietor of the Kalina store. This building was built to be a fireproof water house for the Malin fire department. It encloses the pump, pressure tank and engine. The concrete work was done by L. Kandra of Merrill.

## Weather Probabilities

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwoods Pharmacy shows that the barometric pressure has risen quite rapidly during the last 12 hours, indicating the passing of the present disturbance. Forecast for next 24 hours: Fair weather with brisk winds, which will diminish.

## MANY TROUT FRY DISTRIBUTED IN COUNTY IN 1920

The state fish and game commission has closed down local trout hatcheries for the winter. Four or five men who composed the crews were laid off. At the Crooked creek hatchery John Ramsdale, superintendent, remains in charge during the winter.

The past season has been a record one for fish propagation in Klamath county. From the Crooked Creek hatchery 700,000 trout fry were distributed among Klamath lakes and streams, the largest amount of young trout ever liberated in a season.

The other points are egg-taking stations and millions of eggs were shipped to other places in the state. For the first time eggs were taken from Diamond lake. More than two million eggs were taken out of this lake alone, reports Henry D. Stout, game warden. Because of the wealth of natural food in this lake it forms an ideal spawning ground for the fish and the eggs are available in countless quantities.

Local sportsmen should strenuously oppose the movement to include Diamond lake in the Crater lake national forest area, said Mr. Stout, unless the cession by the state to the federal government specifically provides for the reservation of the right by the state to maintain propagation and egg-taking plants on the lake. As a breeding ground it is an asset of incalculable value to this and future generations.

As fishing in more accessible places diminishes the trout supply, the value of Diamond lake to Oregon and Klamath county will increase in inverse ratio.

## Red River Lumber Co. Will Cut Wages

WESTWOOD, Cal., Dec. 2.—R. F. Pray, manager of the local operations of the Red River Lumber company, is credited with the announcement to employees of the concern that a revised wage schedule is to become effective December 1st.

The statement credited to Pray sets forth that prices of lumber have been materially reduced, but that this reduction has not been productive of added business and that as a result decision has been reached to put into effect a new wage schedule.

## Eleventh Street Bridge Is Opened

The Eleventh street bridge was opened today after having been closed for four months for repairs. The closing of this bridge worked a hardship and caused Hot Springs residents great inconvenience, so they are jubilant over the opening of the structure. The city let the contract about a week ago to Byrie & Allen, contractors, and they report the bridge will be opened permanently today.

## Aged Couple Join Hands and Fortunes

A wedding of interest to Klamath Falls folk is that of A. A. Hughes and Mrs. A. M. Jolly, who were united in wedlock at 126 Conger avenue last night. The service was read by Rev. C. F. Trimble of the Christian church.

Mrs. Hughes, the mother of T. H. Jolly of this city, is a woman near 80 and the bridegroom a man of 70. Plans have been made to remain in Klamath Falls for the present, at least.

## GARAGE FIRE AT MALIN

MALIN, Dec. 2.—A fire starting in some tire cement cans in the Malin General garage caused a loss of approximately \$50 to Joe Smid owner of the garage. This fire is the second fire extinguished by members of the Malin fire department. The water pressure was very efficient saving the rest of the garage.

## SEEKS SMALL'S BODY BENEATH HIS THEATRE

TORONTO, Dec. 1.—An excavation is being made under the Ground theatre in search of the body of Ambrose J. Small, theatrical magnate, who has been missing for some time. Stage hands under the direction of detective Mitchell will dig up the earth under the auditorium until it has been definitely established that Small's body is not hidden there.

WEATHER REPORT Oregon—Tonight, rain; Friday, fair.

## Oregon City Judge To Try Ingersoll On Murder Charge

Judge Campbell of Clackamas county has been selected to preside at the trial of Gilbert Ingersoll for the murder of Henry Stoehler at Dairy, set for December 10 in the circuit court. Judge D. V. Kuykendall is disqualified by an affidavit of prejudice filed by the defense.

Several other cases will be tried next week before the Ingersoll case is reached. The court term opens Monday. Unless ordered elsewhere Judge Kuykendall will preside over all hearings except the murder trial. In case the chief justice wants the local jurist to fill some other bench Judge Campbell will be here Monday.

## MORE ROOM IS NEEDED FOR STATE OFFICES

SALEM, Or., Dec. 2.—Addition of two stories to the supreme court building in lieu of erecting a new structure under prevailing high cost of labor and materials is advocated by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, in case the state board of control and legislature deem it expedient to provide more room at this time for the accommodation of the state commissions and departments which are now occupying quarters attended for the convenience of the legislators during their biennial sessions.

Would Cost \$125,000 Secretary of State Koser has estimated that the cost of two additional stories to the supreme court building would be in the neighborhood of \$125,000, while the erection of a modern office structure on the capitol grounds would entail an expenditure of not less than \$350,000. The addition of these two stories, Mr. Koser said, would provide sufficient floor space for two of the largest commissions and thereby relieve the crowded condition of the statehouse until prices return to normal.

"I deem it expedient at this time to direct the attention of the board of control to the extremely congested condition existing in the capitol and supreme court building," said a statement prepared by Mr. Koser today.

## Inadequate Quarters

"A few years ago it became evident that the office room in the capitol building was entirely inadequate to meet the rapidly growing demands of the various state activities. As a result of this during the past four years and during the periods when the legislature has not been in session the rooms used for committee work by the legislative body have been occupied by those activities which have not sufficient floor space to properly transact their business. During the 1919 session the industrial accident commission and the state highway commission were obliged to obtain quarters in downtown office buildings and the same course must be followed during the coming session of the legislature, which convenes January 10, 1921.

## More Space Needed

"The demands for space will not be less; in fact, the demands will be greater from time to time as the natural growth of the state requires. In order to relieve the situation steps must be taken sooner or later to provide additional quarters, either by the construction of an additional building or adding to the present structures on the capitol grounds.

"In view of the fact that the walls of the supreme court building are strong enough, I have been told, to support at least two additional stories, it is possible, I believe, to take care of the increased demands for the next four or five years by making this improvement. I have been informed that this can be done without disturbing the present architectural design or in any wise departing from the conceived plan of the architect at the time of its construction. If this course is not feasible as an alternative, steps should be taken toward the construction of a modern office building adequate in capacity and arrangement of construction to fulfill modern office demands.

"The matter is brought to the attention of the board at this time in order that a thorough investigation of the requirements may be made at the next session of the legislature in January."

Mr. Koser's statement probably will be placed before the state board of control immediately upon the return to Salem of Governor Olcott, who is now at Harrisburg, Pa., attending the governor's conference. Any recommendation that may be made by the board then will go before the legislature.

## I. C. C. HOLDS PRESENT GRAIN RATES ARE O. K.

Existing Freight Tariffs on Carload Shipments from Eastern Oregon to Portland Will Not Be Changed

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The interstate commerce commission today approved existing rates on grain and grain products in carload lots from points in Idaho, eastern Washington and eastern Oregon to Portland, Astoria and intermediate points, and to Vancouver, Washington.

The existing rates on class and commodity shipments between Portland and Vancouver and points in the Columbia River basin south of Snake river were held unduly prejudicial to the extent that they exceed 90 per cent of the rates applied on like traffic between Columbia river basin points and Astoria or Tacoma, or points on Grays harbor or Wallapa bay.

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—The rate decision upholds in part the findings of Henry Thurtell, examiner for the interstate commerce commission, announced last January. Rate experts say that Portland will remain in the same position it has always occupied as a grain shipping port, but will receive a differential of ten per cent compared with Astoria and Puget Sound terminals on shipments to and from points in the upper Columbia river basin and south of Snake river. The case was initiated a year and a half ago by Portland shipping interests.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—A conference of the Pacific Coast Cooperative Shippers and Growers Association has been called by Director Daniels to meet here December 20, for the purpose of meeting the situation caused by increased transcontinental rates. All growers of California, Oregon and Washington are invited to attend the conference.

## Regular Dates for Citizenship Exams.

Judge Kuykendall has set five dates in the coming year on which petitions for naturalization will be heard. These dates are as follows: second Monday in January, second Monday in March, second Monday in June, second Monday in November. In the past there have been no regular dates set for hearing these petitions and hearings were announced from time to time whenever number of applications for citizenship had accumulated.

## NEWS WRITERS WILL MEET IN MISSOURI

FULTON, Mo., Dec. 2.—The University of Oregon will be represented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Schools and Department of Journalism, which will be held at the University of Missouri, Columbia, December 29 and 30. Oregon, Montana and Washington are the only universities of the west and northwest part of the United States that have met the journalistic requirements to enable them to be admitted to membership in the organization.

The president is Dean Walter Williams of the Missouri school of Journalism and the secretary-treasurer is W. G. Bleyer of the University of Wisconsin. The delegates will have their first opportunity to visit Jay H. Neff hall, the new home of the Missouri school of Journalism, recently dedicated.

The American Association of Teachers of Journalism will hold its annual convention in St. Louis on December 29, 30 and 31 and the University of Oregon will be represented there also. These delegates also will go to Columbia to visit Neff hall.

## LONE PINE NEWS

Mr. Burnette, William Nieman, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Semon and children and Sam Enman had Thanksgiving dinner at Jesse Johnson's home. Estlin Kiger had his arm broken last Friday evening, while playing basketball at the Merrill high school. He is on the Merrill team. Rolf Goertson started to the Merrill high school Monday.

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