

WHEAT GROWERS TO OPPOSE NEW RATE

Wheat growers of the Inland Empire met at Spokane Saturday and appointed a three-man traffic committee to combat the proposed \$15 a carload freight rate increase on grain. They will cooperate with a similar group for eastern Oregon, and a trio named from Idaho growers.

The proposed plan for financing the committee's campaign was an assessment of \$1.50 per 1000 bushels of wheat, calculated to raise \$15,000. The committee will be a permanent organization to represent farmers before the interstate commerce commission.

Arthur M. Geary, Portland attorney representing the farm rate council, told the meeting "the Inland Empire is in a peculiarly unfortunate and hazardous position as respects the present cycle of rapidly increasing freight rates and charges."

"Right now," he said, "there are many pressing transportation issues to the front. Among them are those relating to the Pettengill bill; the proposal by tidewater mills for free back hauls; increase of rates in the southwest; changes in Panama canal tolls; general increase in rail rates upon things the farmers buy; the doubling of many ocean rates."

He cited 85.6 cents as the average price of wheat in 1936 at the farm in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, which, he said, was much lower than the farm price in any other grain-growing section of the United States.

The Inland Empire has only local rates on wheat, he declared, when it should enjoy combination rail and water rates. From Minneapolis to New Orleans, about 1080 miles, the joint rate is 8 1/2 cents, compared to 14 1/2 cents from the Inland Empire to Pacific coast ports.

"WHITMAN BUZZER" NEW SCHOOL PAPER

WALLA WALLA.—"The Whitman Buzzer" is a little journal issued by the pupils of the Whitman school with contributions in both prose and verse.

A recent news item says that "the sixth grade is having a race in language, the boys against the girls. So far, the girls are ahead."

The fourth grade, says another item, "has learned many interesting things about life in the hot dry countries. The class will now construct two or three desert scenes on a table in their room. The camels, people, trees and pyramids will be made from paper mache and painted with poster paint."

Canned peaches take the place of hot dogs with many patrons of English carnivals. A can opener and spoon go with each tiny can sold.

SNAPSHOTS



Although only thirteen years old, Mrs. Mary Keller of Birmingham, Ala., is now the proud mother of two sons, one 21 months old and the other born only a few days ago. Her first son was born when she was only eleven, and her second arrived as she was nearing her thirteenth birthday.

Charles Butterworth, the frozen-faced comedian, does a bit of fancy keyboard gymnastics for an unorthodox piano solo during his Tuesday night broadcast with Fred Astaire over the NBC-Red Network.

Veteran Coaches Rookies During Spring Training At Pasadena, Calif.—James Dykes, veteran manager and third baseman of the Chicago White Sox, coaching Steve Metzger, rookie infielder in the fine art of covering third base.

Hollywood Starters Take Up Fencing To Acquire Poise—Fencing has caught the fancy of some feminine film players. It is recommended as a new means of acquiring poise for appearance in front of the movie cameras.

Ed Wynn, "The Perfect Fool," takes time out before his Saturday night broadcast over the NBC-Blue network to give some advice on comedy to his 20-year-old son, Keenan, currently appearing in his first Broadway show.

RIDES AN ELK; BUT NOT IN LODGE

QUEETS, Wash.—As a rider, "Billy the Parson," a rancher near here, refuses to take a back seat for any of those movie rodeo bulldozers. For Billy is one of the few Brother Elks ever to ride a wild Olympic elk on its native range.

While driving a herd of cattle from his upper Queets ranch one day last week, Parsons found an elk had "joined up" with his cattle and was so enjoying the fodder that it refused to go back to its home range. Finally, after repeated attempts to cut it out, Parsons mounted the elk, rode it out of the herd and through the corral gate, and after a wild ride, landed safely on his feet.

If it returned again, he warned the game warden, he may tame it and use it for a saddle horse.

Place a small bag of common table salt in each boot at night and you will find that by morning it will have absorbed all the moisture. Take the bags out and place near the kitchen stove and they will soon dry out and be ready for the next time.

THE PALOUSE OIL CO. TO BEGIN DRILLING

The old United Oil company, which was drilling on a location 22 miles southwest of Spokane, two miles north of Manito station, which ceased operations in the spring of 1932, has come to life again under the name of the Palouse Oil company, reorganized and reincorporated, and has established offices at 409 Empire State building in Spokane, and has started putting the equipment in shape and will be drilling in the next few days under the able management of Earl (Red) McClure.

"Red" has seen action in Wyoming, Montana, Canada and Alaska. His experience of 22 years in oil fields puts him in a position to give a very good account of himself in the Palouse. The well is now at a depth of 1681 feet. The equipment is practically intact, other than the march of time, but a little fixing here and there and then they are ready to go.

The officers of the company are as follows: Henry Troede, banker and farmer of Fairfield, president; Dr. Ann Skelton, Kuhn building, Spokane, vice president; Dr. David Brockman, dentist, Rockford, George Walters and Guy Denney, directors; James J. McGarry, Spokane, secretary; Irwin Province, treasurer and sales manager. Read your papers for developments.

PRO AMERICA TO BACK HIGH COURT WITH STATE TOUR

Rallying to the support of the supreme court against proposals to reorganize the body, Pro America, republican women's club, has started a "Constitution Tour" of Washington state.

The tour started last week in Tacoma. Attorney Alfred Schewpe, former dean of the University of Washington law school, will be the speaker. The tour schedule is as follows:

March 25, Bremerton; March 26, Olympia and Puyallup; March 29, Burlington; April 2, Bellingham; April 28, Longview; April 13, Yakima; April 14, Kennewick and Walla Walla; April 15, Dayton; April 16, Colfax; April 17, Spokane, and April 19, Wenatchee.

ELK A NUISANCE FARMERS DECLARE

NACHES, Wash.—Growing from a herd of less than 30 elk brought into this county in 1912 by sportsmen to restore game, more than 800 elk are now robbing haystacks and becoming a serious nuisance to farmers in the Cascade foothills in western Yakima county.

As winter advanced and forage conditions for the herds become bad, they begin stealing hay from farmers. Many ranchers have been forced to night-herd their haystacks during the past winter in order to chase off the elk. In some localities the elk were fed hay in order to keep them from being too destructive, farmers reported.

Game department men and forest rangers who counted elk along the Kittitas ridge and Taneum district reported the animals there had survived the winter remarkably well and were in fine condition. The herd in that district is smaller than the one in Yakima county.

PESTS COST U. S. FARMERS BIG SUM

Insects, weeds and plant diseases skim off at least \$6,500,000,000 from American farmers' potential income, Dr. C. M. A. Stine of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. estimates.

He pointed out that, if this staggering yearly loss could be reduced by applying scientific methods to agriculture, the farmers' cost of production could be materially lowered. Such reduction was necessary if industry is to convert potential surpluses of farm crops to its own uses, he said.

FARMERS WOULD HALT HUNTERS

POMEROY, Wash.—At an all-day session of Garfield county Pomona Grange held at Legion hall Wednesday, last week, among many matters discussed was a resolution pertaining to requiring hunters, trappers and fishermen to have a written permit from land owners or lessors before removing game from their land.

The resolution was referred to a committee to be rewritten and presented at the next meeting, which will be held April 17 at Union hall. There will be a pot-luck supper at 6:30 and the Columbia county team will initiate a class.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND COMMUNISM

While the propaganda of atheistic communism is much abroad, young men and women are being trained at the Moody Bible institute of Chicago to combat error by an understanding and right use of the Word of God. A new course is now offered for the training of English speaking Russian Christians, that they may do evangelistic teaching and preaching among the Russian people of this continent and Europe, in the hope that a door to service in Russia will eventually be opened. This course, as also the general course and all others, is provided without tuition cost to all institute students.

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"SCREEN GUIDE" READER CONTEST RECENTLY NAMED JEANETTE MACDONALD AND NELSON EDDY KING & QUEEN OF THE SCREEN.

New York, N. Y.—"IT'S TRUE! that for the first time in their screen careers, Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy use as a duet in a picture, a classic American folk song," says Wiley Padan. "They sing 'Carry Me Back to Old Virginny' in one scene in M-G-M's 'Maytime'. This old-time song was composed long before the Civil War and has been a popular song for generations. "IT'S TRUE! that this is the first time that two trained singers have ever used 'Carry Me Back to Old Virginny' as a screen duet."

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