

GRAZING CONDITIONS GREATLY IMPROVED

Change for Better Since Forest Was Established Is Commented Upon.

REPORT IS COMPLETED

Friction Between Government and Stockmen Now Thing of the Past.

Present grazing conditions on the Wasatch national forest are from 50 to 100 per cent better than they were before the forest was founded. The cattle and sheep grazed during the year ended October 31 showed an increase of 258 head over last year and the feed was never better or the stock fatter, according to the annual grazing report of E. H. Clarke, forest supervisor of the Wasatch reserve. The report was completed yesterday and will immediately be forwarded to the secretary of agriculture, who will pass upon the recommendations.

The excellence of the feed in the forest is attributed in the report to the frequent rains during the season. The showers averaged one an hour and were never more than ten days apart.

One of the features of the report considered important by Mr. Clarke is the statement that there are now seven grazing associations in the reserve, thus making an advisory board for the department. Discussing the significance of this, he said:

Although we have not heard much of it lately, formerly this department, and in fact all forest supervisors, were accused of arbitrary action. Many of the owners used to complain that the supervisor was sheriff, judge and jury of the reserve. This accusation cannot be made now. The fact that there are seven grazing associations and that I want to reply one of them for their recommendations and to suggest something anything but arbitrary action.

Among the recommendations made to the department of agriculture are:

Ten thousand four hundred head of cattle and horses to be grazed next year.

Fourteen thousand five hundred head of sheep to be grazed next year.

Increase of 100 head of horses in district No. 1, comprising Midway and Charleston.

That owners of stock which is afflicted with contagious diseases be compelled to remove same immediately on penalty of losing license.

That all contagious diseases from bureau of animal industry be before being admitted to forest.

The report shows seventeen bears killed this season and that the loss of sheep and cattle has been small. There are now 8730 cattle, 754 horses and 13,274 sheep and goats.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER WINS DAMAGE SUIT

Case Against City and Sewer Contractors Settled by the Payment of \$1000.

The damage suit of Miss Mathilde Demenge, a citizen of France and French teacher in the Salt Lake high school, against the city of Salt Lake and Charles U. Hensen and Arthur B. Sim, contractors, which has been in the federal court for many months, was settled yesterday by stipulation, judgment being given the plaintiff for \$1000 damages with costs. This was agreed on outside of court by attorneys for the various parties.

Miss Demenge began suit against the city and the contracting firm following an accident which she suffered January 26, 1912, at Eleventh East and Sixth South streets. She received a broken limb and sprained ankle as the result of falling into an open sewer ditch being constructed for the city by the contractors. The complaint alleged that there was no danger light at the place, and that the defendants were negligent.

PREPARE TO BEGIN 1914 ASSESSMENT

W. A. Leatham Evinces Plan to Relieve Office of Extra Work on January 1.

In order to be better prepared to begin the work of assessing property after the first of the year, W. A. Leatham, county assessor, has obtained lists of all real estate transfers made since January 1, 1913, as they appear on the records of the county recorder's office. These are now being entered on the books of the assessor, and from now until the close of the year all transfers will be checked daily so that the records will be complete January 1.

This will effect a big improvement in the assessor's office by relieving the office force from the rush of work incident to the annual assessment in connection with the transfers.

'PAYROLL BUILDER' HAS AN INTERESTING ISSUE

The December number of "The Payroll Builder," the official magazine of the Manufacturers Association of Utah, was issued yesterday. The new number contains several interesting articles. One of the best is a resume of Utah production, by Percy M. Cropper, on "The World's Greatest Bank." Mr. Cropper says that the greatest bank in Utah with its deposits of minerals and hydrocarbons, totaling \$1,001,497,599.90. Other interesting articles in the issue are by George S. McAllister, H. Pembroke, D. P. Collett and B. W. Menzies.

DETAILS FOR BALL ARE NOW COMPLETE

Plans for the dance to be given Friday, December 12, at the Hotel Utah ballroom by the Salt Lake City Transportation club were completed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the committee in charge of arrangements. It was decided to make the ball an informal one and to permit the members of the committee to give as many as they desired to E. R. Lela, chairman; Frank Grossbeck, D. T. Burris, W. W. Fuller, E. P. McDonald and Phil Thompson.

Says He Was Attacked

Joseph Nagle, a German, 28 years old, is in the emergency hospital at police headquarters with a badly bruised back and left arm. He said when taken to the hospital that some foreigners attacked him in the railroad yards when he asked them securing a job.

MRS. LAURA L. VAN COTT, who died yesterday at a local hospital, following a long illness.



LONG ILLNESS FATAL TO MRS. L. L. VAN COTT

Well-known Woman Succumbs Following Operation at Local Hospital.

Mrs. Laura L. Van Cott, widow of John Van Cott, died at 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon in the Latter-day Saints hospital. She had been a sufferer for years and November 19 submitted to an operation, which was successful, but in her weakened state she could not stand the pain subsequent to the operation. She was in her seventy-fourth year.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1840, Mrs. Van Cott, who was then Laura Lund, came to Utah with her two sisters when she was 10 years old, since when this had been her home. Her father was a merchant in Denmark and both he and her mother died while crossing the plains to Utah. The oldest of the three girls who arrived here orphans is dead, but Mrs. Van Cott's younger sister survives her. She is Mrs. Augusta Hansen of this city.

Mrs. Van Cott is survived by three sons and one daughter, fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Her husband died in this city in 1883. The children all reside in Salt Lake City. They are Waldemar Van Cott, Frank V. Van Cott, Dr. Ernest Van Cott and Lucy May Van Cott.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the home of Waldemar Van Cott, 169 East First South street.

INFANTRY NOW EN ROUTE SOUTH

Word was received in Salt Lake early this morning of the safe arrival of the Twentieth Infantry at Tucson, Ariz. The troops and equipment, which left here last Saturday, proceeded over the Salt Lake Route to Colton, Cal., and were there transferred to the Southern Pacific lines.

The children were delighted with the time made by the special train. Colonel Frederick Perkins, who left in command of the regiment, telegraphed that the train had safely arrived at Tucson, Arizona city with all on board safe and well.

The four special left Tucson at 12:40, 1:30, 2:15 and 2:20 o'clock this morning, respectively.

Colonel James A. Irons, who has been in command of the regiment at Fort Douglas, left yesterday with his wife and family for San Francisco, from which the train sailed on December 3 on the United States transport Thomas Dixon for the Orient.

CITY AND VICINITY

ONLY ROUTINE business was transacted yesterday at a special meeting of the assessor's office by relieving the office force from the rush of work incident to the annual assessment in connection with the transfers.

BRINGING WITH HIM A. C. Christian, wanted here on a charge of neglecting his wife and two children, C. Coulson Smith of the county attorney's office returned yesterday from Billings, Mont.

J. EDWARD TAYLOR, state horticultural inspector, left yesterday for Sanpete and Sevier counties, where he will inspect horticultural conditions in connection with the county commissioners.

GUY A. HART, assistant in charge of the local United States drainage investigation office, went to Layton yesterday to make surveys in connection with his drainage work.

ERNEST ELDRIDGE, formerly of Salt Lake, now of Portland, Ore., returned to the northwest yesterday after a week in Salt Lake.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID L. EVAND of Malad, Idaho, who have been in Salt Lake for the past week, returned yesterday to Idaho.

ETHEL LEWIS sued in the district court yesterday for divorce from I. R. Lewis, alleging desertion and failure to provide.

A SON was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fitzpatrick at 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon in the L. S. hospital.

Bankruptcy Petition Filed.

Voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday in the United States district court by Jacob Jensen of West Jordan. Mr. Jensen gives his debts as \$58,729.98 and his assets at \$174.97, \$155 of the latter amount being claimed exempt.

Store Burglarized.

The store of Barkman & Vagner at 50 Commercial street was entered Sunday night, according to a report made at police headquarters by the proprietors, and two overcoats and other articles were stolen.

ISSUE RAISE OVER TAXATION OF IRON

Two Counties Lay Claim to Assessment on the Iron Blossom.

A petition having been received from the Iron Blossom company asking the state board of equalization to reconsider the matter of apportioning the valuation of the Iron Blossom Consolidated Mining company to Utah county, the board has decided to hold a special meeting Friday. The question of whether Utah or Iron county sets the taxes on this mining company is important, as the total valuation is estimated at \$1,000,000. The contention of the Iron Blossom company is that most of the ore of the mining company's property is located in Utah county and that it should therefore be apportioned there. When the apportionment was made by the board in 1911, it was 50 per cent to Utah county and 50 per cent to Iron county. It having been held heretofore that the same property should be taxed by the county in which the ore comes to the surface.

In a letter received yesterday by the board from Grant C. Bagley, county attorney of Utah county, the state board of equalization has already been started against its county in the district court there. In the Iron Blossom case, the board of equalization should reverse its earlier decision. It is probable that this suit would be dropped and that another be started by Utah county to test the case.

DIES FROM POISON TAKEN BY MISTAKE

Mrs. Emeline H. Curtis Is Dead as the Result of Taking Arsenic Powders.

Mrs. Emeline H. Curtis, wife of Arthur Curtis, died at her home, 40 North Sixth West street, at 9:40 o'clock yesterday forenoon from the effects of poison taken by mistake, according to relatives before and got up at about 3 o'clock yesterday morning to take some medicine. The lamp chimney was lit and Mrs. Curtis evidently got the arsenic powders instead of what she wanted to quiet her nerves.

Relatives worked with the woman until late when the police were called. Dr. Hardy Lynch then responded, but arrived after Mrs. Curtis was dead.

Mrs. Curtis is survived by her husband, two brothers and three sisters. The brothers and sisters are P. Hendrickson, John Hendrickson, Mrs. Marie Morrell, Mrs. Henry Beemus and Mrs. Eliza Brokenshaw. Mrs. Curtis was a native of Salt Lake City and was 24 years old at the time of her death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the funeral chapel of Joseph William Taylor.

ADVISES RECEIVED ON SITE FOR RESERVOIR

Chances of Salt Lake to Obtain Grant on Military Reservation Are Not Bright.

Salt Lake's chances for obtaining the desired site for a reservoir on the Fort Douglas military reservation are not particularly bright, according to letters received by the city commission last night from Senator George Sutherland and Representatives Howell and Jacob Johnson. The letters came in reply to the mayor's letter asking the support of the Utah delegation.

Senator Sutherland and Representative Howell are circumspect in their replies. They state that considerable opposition to such use of the military reservation exists in the war department. However, they will do what they can in the matter. Representative Johnson is the one who is most sympathetic to the city that he will proceed at once to draw up a bill giving the city the desired site and will see that it is pushed through congress successfully. He makes no mention of opposition.

Colonel Irons, commander at Fort Douglas, until recently, opposed the city's plan in formal letters to the war department.

C. R. SHELDON IS ACCUSED OF FORGERY

C. R. Sheldon is charged with forgery in a complaint issued by the county attorney yesterday. He is alleged to have raised several checks from small to large amounts for about \$100,000, and several hundred dollars by this means.

According to the county attorney, Sheldon made a practice of working for several years until recently, opposed the raising his pay check. The Phoenix Construction company, the Utah Construction company and a number of other building companies are said to have been swindled by this method.

CAMPAIN ON FOR ONE-CENT POSTAGE

The campaign for a 1-cent letter postage, begun by the National One-Cent Postage association, has been active here since a local man, B. P. Bauer, president of the Salt Lake Hardware company, and Mr. Bauer who makes active efforts to secure the adoption of the system. The National One-Cent Letter Postage association's headquarters are at Cleveland and the association contains plates introducing a 1-cent letter postage bill in congress. Mr. Bauer is urging his friends to join this association, as he is a member.

BOOK OF MORMON TO BE SEEN IN PICTURES

The Book of Mormon, in moving pictures, is the plan of Chester V. Clawson, who yesterday afternoon while negotiating with a motion picture producing company for the production. The scenario for the photoplay has been written by Chester V. and Shirley Clawson, who have been occupied for the past year in the work.

Capitol Commission Meets

Owing to the fact that John Dem has not returned from California and that Arthur H. Jensen, who was in charge of the commission, found when it came to meet yesterday that there was no quorum. However, the afternoon was passed in discussing the mooted question of marble for the statehouse interior. It was decided to hold another meeting Friday.

Burglars Enter Home

Burglars entered the home of Eric Christofferson at 623 Jensen avenue some time early yesterday afternoon while the members of the family were absent. The robbery was discovered when they returned in the evening and found a broken window and could not find a gold watch and some jewelry that were there when they left.

Miss Ellerbe Recovering

Wives reached Salt Lake yesterday that Vivian Ellerbe of this city, daughter of Dr. H. H. George Ellerbe, who was stricken with appendicitis at Berkeley last week, is recovering from her illness. Dr. Ellerbe left Berkeley yesterday for Salt Lake. Mrs. Ellerbe will remain with her daughter until after the holidays.

OFFICIALS DISCUSS PROPOSED DEPOT

Do Not Fear Condemnation; Will Build New One at Early Date.

While Oregon Short Line officials scout the idea that the state of Idaho will approve the action of James H. Wallis, Idaho state food commissioner, in condemning the passenger station at Pocatello, and will order the company to erect a new depot, they declare that a new depot is needed there and that plans for constructing one have been under way for several months. While there has been no appropriation for the station, plans are being drawn for a new passenger station and offices by Carl Stradley, chief engineer.

The railroad officials say that they cannot state definitely when the new station will cost, or when it will be built, but they hope to see it begun within a year at least. They declare that the reason a new depot has not been built before is that the company has had its hands full making other improvements at Pocatello in order to be able to handle the immense traffic there.

P. E. Pickett, assistant general manager of the Oregon Short Line, said yesterday that he did not understand the action of the state food commissioner when he says that the depot is unsanitary, in spite of the fact that the depot is an old one, great care has always been taken to keep it clean, and that other depots. Discussing the depot yesterday, Mr. Kruickerbocker said:

The company has realized for a long time that it was in need of a passenger depot at Pocatello, but owing to other things, such as extended lockouts and slow work, which considered more important, the department has been deferred. During the last year or more we have spent \$250,000 in building a new shop, have added many miles of yard tracks, completed a new coal chute with a capacity of 900 tons every twenty-four hours and built a new passenger station with team and warehouse tracks. I hope that the new depot will be built soon, but cannot say when.

NOTIFICATION GIVEN BY CLARK COMPANY

Question of Liability for Asphalt Comes Before the City Commission.

Intimation of trouble in connection with the several big paving extensions now under way, which Utah rock asphalt is the specified material, was received by the city commission last night in a letter from the A. A. Clark company in which the city is notified that it will be held responsible for P. J. Moran's asphalt bills.

Moran has several big paving contracts and the Clark company says it has sold him the asphalt from its quarries in Carbon county. According to the letter, Moran has not made any payments on the asphalt. If the money is not forthcoming, the Clark company will expect the city to make good the amount. The letter was received and filed.

The city treasurer's report for November, filed last night, shows \$212,672.77 on hand in the city funds at the close of business Saturday. The same month the receipts totaled \$123,242.49 and the balance from the previous month was \$187,022.38. The disbursements for November totaled \$227,588.60.

TERMINAL COMPANY ASKS FOR FRANCHISE

Same Streets Over Which Privileges Already Have Been Granted Are Involved.

Application for a franchise to construct and operate all necessary tracks in connection with the city interurban depot was made to the city commission last night by the Salt Lake Terminal company, an incorporated company which plans to build a terminal for the joint use of the Salt Lake & Ogden railroad and the Salt Lake & Utah railroad. The application was referred to the committee of the whole.

Application for the same streets for which franchises have heretofore been granted to the Salt Lake & Ogden and to the Salt Lake & Utah roads. In fact, it merely calls for a transfer of those franchises.

The tracks contemplated under the franchise will begin at North Temple and First West streets, extending south to Sixth South on First West; also from West Temple along Pierpont street to a junction with the First West tracks. A provision of the franchise is that nothing but electric power shall be used.

PLANS TO DEVELOP PROJECT CONFLICT

Conflicting claims and plans in regard to the reclamation of large tracts of land under the old Beaver Irrigation Land & Water company project in Beaver county will be thrashed out by the state land board at its regular meeting today.

Several interests are desirous of supporting the project, and a number of conflicting claims as to rights under the project have been made to the board. George W. Spelling, who has large interests in the old company's rights, R. H. Peale, who wants the land segregated and opened for irrigation by means of pumps and wells, and Joel Nibley and others, who have interests in conflict with the Spelling interests, have been asked to appear before the board today and present their sides of the controversy.

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MUCH INTEREST IN THE ESSAY CONTEST

Pupils Will Write on Subject, "Why Utah Products Should Be Used."

According to reports received at the headquarters of the Manufacturers Association of Utah, much interest is being taken in the school essay contest being conducted in connection with Utah Products day. It has now been decided that the best way to secure essays by pupils in the eighth grades or higher on the subject "Why Utah Products Should Be Used," is to have each school select the best and submit one essay instead of individual students sending in their own. The essay contest will be conducted by the State Federation of Women's clubs, with Mrs. A. J. Gordon, chairman of the committee.

Yesterday afternoon 250 postcards, urging members of the Manufacturers association to get busy on the work of getting proper exhibits for Utah Products day, were sent out by D. E. Collett, secretary of the organization. Mr. Collett will make a personal visit to most of the large stores and urge them to have their windows filled with Utah products, on and before December 10.

Further plans for observance of the day will be made tomorrow night at a meeting of all the committees to be held at the Commercial club at 8 o'clock.

WILL BEGIN TRIAL OF JOHN ANSELMO

Man Accused of Murdering Patrolman Thomas Griffiths Will Face Court.

John Anselmo, accused of murdering Patrolman Thomas Griffiths of the police force, will be brought to trial in the district court this morning. The case will be called before Judge F. C. Loofbourrow in the criminal division.

Anselmo shot Patrolman Griffiths as the latter was taking him to a patrol box to bring in a call for the patrol wagon. He fled but was captured after a thrilling fight, in which many shots were fired.

No intimation of the nature of the defense has been given, though it is understood friends and relatives of Anselmo are prepared to render every financial aid in an effort to save him.

BIG INCREASE SHOWN IN SALES OF STAMPS

November of This Year Is \$4940.01 Ahead of the Same Month in 1912

The November sales of stamps, cards and envelopes at the Salt Lake postoffice show an increase of \$4,940.01 over the same month of 1912. The totals are registered at \$55,083.12, compared with \$50,143.11 for the same month last year.

Stamps, Cards, Env., Total 1913. \$30,955.24 \$1,270 \$7,865 \$49,090.12 1912. 26,985.70 \$910 \$7,322.41 35,129.11

Net increase, \$4,940.01. Average daily sales, \$166,951; increase, \$14,906.

JUNIOR CLASS TO HOLD ANNUAL DANCE FRIDAY

The junior class of the Salt Lake high school will hold its annual dance Friday. The juniors are making big preparations for the dance and are endeavoring to make this the big society event of the school. Russel Birge, president of the class, is in charge.

The music committee consists of Heber Seay and Edna B. Seay. The decoration committee comprises Ralph Bassett, Stewart Flegg, Robert Clarke, Wilson Parked, Mary Taylor, Thelma Farrar, Gladys Pannier, Frank Thomas, Morris Goo, Grace Davis and Lucine Compton.

Ever Rogers and Serena Ward will have charge of the programmes, Scott Gray and Edith Wells compose the refreshment committee and Leland Mayers and Irene McCann are assigned to look after the rugs and pillows.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL ROOM

Joe Macky, a man of about 70 years, was found dead in room 18 of the American hotel on Commercial street yesterday forenoon. His death apparently resulted from natural causes. He had been staying in the hotel for about a week and little is known about him. From conversations held with other men staying there it is evident that Macky had a wife and two children, one in Rock Springs, Wyo., and was an old coal miner. The body was examined by Dr. Hardy Lynch and found to have died of natural causes. The undertakers will endeavor to find out what they can of the old man from Rock Springs.

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BOULE OF WHISKY CAUSE OF TROUBLE

Vernal Attorney Arrested for Taking Intoxicating Liquor Into Indian Reservation.

As a result of taking a bottle of whisky with him when he went from Vernal to Fort Duchesne to attend the United fair, which took place this fall, Judge James A. Wilson, prominent attorney of Vernal, is now out of jail under bond of \$200 and has a criminal indictment hanging over him. Lucian H. Smith, deputy United States marshal, returned yesterday from Vernal, where he arrested Wilson and took him before the federal commissioner at Niton. There his bond was fixed and he was released.

According to Judge Wilson's story of the affair as related to the marshal, he and a party of friends went in an auto to the Fort Duchesne fair and took some whisky with them for personal use. When they arrived, the acting Indian agent found that two bottles of liquor and confiscated the bottle. The indictment returned by the grand jury at its November session charged Wilson with "taking intoxicating liquor into Indian country." Fort Duchesne being on the reservation.

UNIVERSITY SOCIETY INITIATES MEMBERS

Neotypes Compelled to Grow Beards and Mustaches as Part of Initiatory Requirements.

Ten university boys are wearing strange faces this week. Some of them have only grotesque decorations on their faces. Some have growths that almost rise to the dignity of beards. The transfigurations are caused by the fact that for the past week none of the boys has shaved. In addition to the haircuts, each bears a miniature barber pole in the lapel of his coat.

The occasion for the ornamentation of hair and barber poles is the elaborate method of announcing that on each of these boys has fallen the honor of being placed to membership in that grand brotherhood in which some of the juniors of the university belong—the Skull and Bones society. The boys will keep their beards and add to them until they receive the official mandate to have them removed.

The boys who are thus being sorely tried to test their mettle before being received into full membership in the blood-bound order are William Argyle, Benjamin Ellerbeck, Allan Forrester, Peraz Kinney, Sherman and Charles Kinney, and Clyde Williams, Roy Warthman and James Paul.

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RECEIVED ONLY \$25 A WEEK AS PRESIDENT

M. L. Justin Testifies at Trial of Promoters of Radio Telephones Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—M. L. Justin, formerly president of three subsidiary companies of the Radio Telephone company, having a combined capitalization of \$6,000,000, today testified at the trial of James Dunlop Smith, Lee De Forest, Samuel E. Darby and Elmer E. Burlingame, on trial in the federal court on a charge of misuse of the mails in connection with stock sales of the Radio company, that for directing the affairs of the three companies he received a weekly salary of \$25. Justin said that his principal work consisted of signing stock certificates, and that he knew nothing about the affairs of the companies.

Dr. Ewing testified that he had a long report prepared by him. Dr. Calder after a number of the examinations of the woman drew conclusions drawn in this report that Mrs. Ekman is insane from ordinary causes, other causes common to women of her age, such as domestic troubles and lack of moral support. Given an abstract hypothesis, Mrs. Ekman would be just as likely to do wrong as to do right, her being governed entirely by the impulse rather than by any moral whatever.