

STOCK RAISERS OF STATE FACE SERIOUS CRISIS

BISBEE, July 28.—Assessors from practically every county in the state yesterday told the state tax commission that the stock raising industry in Arizona was going through one of the most critical periods in its history. Almost every county showed a decrease in the number of cattle assessed this year; lack of rain, inability to pay interest on debts and the dullness of the market were given as the three main reasons for the poor showings.

Homer Boyce, president of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association, urged the tax commission to reduce the minimum valuation on range cattle from \$22.50 to \$20.00 a head. The few sales made during the last year, he said, indicated that the minimum of \$22.50 was too high. Boyce outlined clearly the difficulties with which cattlemen are confronted and declared that, while conditions were a shade better this year than last, cattlemen "are still a long way in the woods."

Supporting Boyce's plea for a reduction, S. P. Applewhite, of Douglas, cited one outfit as an example of conditions. This outfit, he said, purchased 900 head of white-face cattle at \$38.00 and, when the Arizona range became poor, shipped them into Mexico for feed. Later, he said, all that were left of the cattle, about 500, were brought back into the United States and sold for but \$24.50 a head.

Cochise Conditions Bad.

Apache county reported a slight increase in the number of cattle this year but a decrease in their valuation.

Cochise county showed 99,850 head for this year, a decrease of 4,055 head compared with last year. Much stock was lost because of the drought, it was reported, and many small outfits in the county had closed out and shipped their cattle out of the state.

The biggest loss in cattle during the year was reported from Coconino, with a total of 59,243 this year, a decrease of 10,135 head during the year. The Coconino assessor said that nearly every cattle raiser in his county had been forced during the last year to sell many head in order to get money to pay debts.

Gila county ranges are so poor, according to Assessor Duncan, that the forest service has cut down the number of cattle allowed to graze on government reserves.

Lack of rain in Greenlee county has resulted in the loss of from 60 to 65 per cent of some herds, it was stated.

Maricopa showed but a slight decrease compared with last year.

A slight increase in the number of cattle but a decrease in valuation was reported by Mohave county. The best herds there are on the east side of the county, Deputy Assessor Jones stated. He added that next year's showing would probably show a decrease in number owing to the poor calf crop.

Navajo also showed an increase, due to cattle being brought into the county for winter grazing.

Pima Shows Biggest Loss.

The biggest loss during the year was in Pima county, where only 44,198 head were listed this year, 12,063 less than last year. Assessor Vic Griffith stated that a number of Pima county outfits were completely wiped out during the last two years.

In Pinal county many cattle were lost during the drought and many more were shipped out. Assessor Thad Moore stated, Springs that have never failed for 20 years are dry this year, it was said. Moore stated that Pinal county cattle were the lightest in the state.

Santa Cruz county reported a loss on account of poor ranges and Yuma a slight gain. Yavapai reported a loss in the number of cattle, the first time in years that this county has not shown a gain. Assessor C. E. Gentry said that cattle loan companies had shipped their remaining stock out of the state.

The total number of range cattle in the state this year was placed at 862,193 head, valued at \$18,173,479 last year, a decrease in numbers of 61,353 head and in valuation of \$3,480,630, compared with reports for last year.

U. S. COURT CAN ACT IN LIQUOR CASES IF STATE COURTS FAIL

PHOENIX, July 28.—The federal court has jurisdiction to act in prohibition cases coming to it from state courts wherein prosecution within the 60-day statutory provision has failed. Judge William H. Sawtelle has ruled at Prescott. This information was received at the local office of the United States district attorney yesterday.

Fourteen such cases were on the docket for trial during the Prescott term of court and the point raised by the defendants was considered by prohibition enforcement officers of far-reaching effect. It was the claim of the defendants that the federal court is without jurisdiction to act inasmuch as it came into possession of evidence in an illegal manner.

The cases originated in state courts, where the action was instituted for violation of the state prohibition laws. Under the Arizona statutes a man must be brought to trial within 60 days after arrest. In these cases, the 60-day limit passed without court action, and the cases, in consequence were dismissed from the docket of the superior court.

Later federal officers came into the actions and filed complaints against the alleged violators. Evidence seized by state officers was requisitioned by the federal officials and given into their custody to be used in prosecuting the actions.

In Phoenix several months ago Judge Sawtelle indicated that he would refuse to accept cases of this character, so his ruling at Prescott came as something of a surprise to federal officials.

RECORDER'S OFFICE REPORTS FOR YEAR

Despite the supposed financial depression through which Cochise county has been passing, the report of County Recorder Hutchinson for the fiscal year 1921-1922 shows that no less than 1268 realty deeds were registered during the year. The full report follows:

Classification of Instruments
 Realty deeds 1268, mining deeds, 51, realty mortgages, 799, chattel mortgages, 644, satisfaction, realty 313, satisfaction chattels, 305, conditional sale contracts 448, mining locations 546, bill of sales 264, assg. of mortgage and leases 169, incorporations 18, leases 64, liens 27, power of attorneys 31, probate orders 53, writ of attachments 19, declaration of homesteads 16, lis pendens 15, judgments 11, land claims 5, co-partnerships 12, bonds and oaths 24, U. S. army discharges 47, Cert. and appointments 401, mill sites 4, miscellaneous 657. Total 6379.

Budget for fiscal year 1911-1922: Salary, \$8,160; miscellaneous \$2,090, amount actually expended, salary \$7,597.87, miscellaneous \$1,533.69, amount reverted to general fund, salary \$502.13, miscellaneous \$465.71.

Fees collected during fiscal year \$9,884.80, running expense of office \$9,130.56, profit for year \$753.84.

Actual amount turned into general fund at close of fiscal year over expense: balance from budget \$963.04, profit for year \$753.84, total \$1,716.88.

HILLTOP UNCOVERS PROMISING ORES

DOUGLAS, July 25.—According to John Blumberg, general manager for the Hilltop mine, who has been in Douglas this weekend, additional large bodies of rich ore have been opened at the mine, is what is known as the Lead Lily claim. A large amount of work will be done on these claims, together with the Whale Group, which has shown some promising ore, he said. Blumberg predicts that this district will soon be one of the richest districts in America.

MANN ACT VIOLATOR GIVEN PRISON TERM

PHOENIX, July 26.—Sentence of two years' imprisonment in the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., has been imposed by Judge William H. Sawtelle in the federal court at Prescott upon Ivan Ray Carter for violation of the Mann white slave law, according to James A. Jones, special agent of the department of justice in charge of the Phoenix office.

ARIZONA NEEDS NEW PROPERTY HOWE TELLS TAX CONFERENCE

BISBEE, July 24.—The tenth annual state tax conference was opened here this morning with more than 100 state and county officials and representatives of various taxpayers in attendance. During the morning session, short addresses were made by Charles R. Howe, chairman of the state tax commission; J. E. Saint, chairman of the New Mexico tax commission; Mayor James Ball, of Bisbee, and Dr. N. C. Bledsoe, chairman of the local reception committee. Valuations on various classes of land and improvements were checked during the afternoon by members of the tax commission and assessors of every county in the state.

J. Myron Alfred, Graham county assessor, asked the commission to make a 15 per cent reduction on the valuation of all cultivated lands in Graham county. Lack of rains, and poor crops, he said, had made conditions serious for farmers along the Gila river.

Conditions Are Improving
 Homer Boyce, president of the Arizona Cattle Growers' association, told the conference that cattlemen who had purchased state land on long term payments felt that they should pay taxes only on their equity in the land, instead of on the purchase price per acre.

In opening the conference this morning Chairman Howe said:

"One year ago at the Nogales meeting we found business conditions in Arizona at their lowest ebb, the same as in practically every other state. These conditions were largely due to reconstruction after the world war. Today I am pleased to note a decided improvement and a better feeling in all classes of industry. Our mines that were then idle are now being worked; the products of our farms and live stock ranges are finding a market, though not yet as good as we would like to see. Lumbering has again started in the north and many counties as well as the state are busily engaged in road construction, furnishing employment to thousands of men, practically all of whom were idle one year ago."

New Property Needed.
 "During this critical period, valuations have decreased, as shown by the assessment rolls of 1922, only 10 per cent in the aggregate from that of 1921. During the previous year the aggregate decrease was 6 per cent, making a total net decrease in valuation for the two year period of 16 per cent."

Declaring that the tax burden continued to be heavy, Chairman Howe said he did not think the burden would be lessened to any extent, "until such time as new property comes into being to help bear its share, or until our citizens will be content with the necessities of governmental functions, rather than the luxuries."

Four Bisbee District.
 Arizona, he said, must cease to "emulate conditions in older and richer states."

Seventy per cent of all land in Arizona, Chairman Howe pointed out, is owned by the government and therefore exempt from all taxation.

The per capita cost of government in Arizona last year, he said, was \$57.31.

JAMES DOUGLAS HOST TO 140 AT A DINNER IN AGUA PRIETA CLUB

DOUGLAS, July 26.—The state tax commission and about 140 delegates attending the convention in Bisbee this week were guests of James S. Douglas at a dinner last night in the club Sociale de Agua Prieta. The dinner was an unexpected addition to the many entertainment features planned for the convention, which closes this evening with a barbecue in Naco, Sonora.

A delectable dinner was served, after which a general round table discussion of topics of interest to all was held.

BOILER TO GLEASON

PEARCE, July 27.—The Commonwealth Mining and Milling company have disposed of one of their boilers which was used in the old power plant to the Shannon Copper company at Gleason to replace one of theirs which was damaged.

COUNTY TICKET IS PLANNED BY G. O. P. MEETING

At the meeting of the Republicans held in Douglas on Saturday it was decided to place an entire county ticket in the field. There were only two who offered themselves as candidates at the meeting, Joe Hood for sheriff and James Cowan for supervisor from the Bisbee district. Judge A. M. Sames has already announced his candidacy.

An effort was made to have A. Y. Smith of Pearce, run for state senator and Charles M. Renaud of Pearce to run for supervisor from the northern district. Both claim that they have not the time to devote to the offices, but Smith was willing to run, he said, if Renaud would.

A committee is to be appointed by John K. Redmond, chairman of the county central committee, to make a canvass of the county to try and secure the various candidates for the offices. This committee is to be named some time this week.

A finance committee consisting of John Gungl of Wilcox, C. T. Krapp of Bisbee, and James Logie of Douglas, was appointed by the chair to raise funds for the county campaign. A. H. Gardner of Tombstone, George Jay of Warren, F. D. Hubbell of Douglas, Bruce Perley of Bisbee, John Carreto of Bisbee and H. A. Morgan of Wilcox were appointed on the registration committee. This committee will see that every Republican in their various legislative districts has registered by November.

Yuma-Arizona flour now being made at Yuma Valley Milling plant.

TALLY SUBMITS PLAN TO REDUCE TAX VALUATIONS IN THIS STATE

BISBEE, Ariz., July 25.—A plea for reduction of valuations on all classes of property in Arizona was made before the state tax conference today by Robert E. Tally, of Jerome, speaking for the Arizona chapter of the American Mining Congress. Mr. Tally requested the tax commission to reconsider the entire subject of mine valuations and revise assessed valuations "in accordance with real cash values."

J. S. Dull, a statistician, produced a score of specially prepared charts and graphs in support of claims that the mining property of the state was bearing more than a just burden of the cost of state and county governments.

Peak Reached in 1917
 Dull told the conference, in explanation of one chart, that the peak of inflation was reached in 1917-18 in Arizona, but that during the period of deflation, the cost of state government was steadily increasing instead of decreasing.

"Industries in Arizona have been forced to appreciate the decreasing value of the dollar," he said, "but the state government has not. Industries cannot be expected to maintain costs set at the peak of prosperity in times of depression."

Says Commission Unjust.
 Referring to the plan of the state tax commission to figure the valuation of producing mines on the basis of average production for more than a five year period, Dull charged that the commission was "arbitrarily extending the five year period in order to continue to use mine production of 1916 to keep up the valuations on mining property."

Opposing any increase in the period on which average production was based, Mr. Dull said that a change in methods would indicate that the tax commission was using its authority unjustly and could, whenever it desired, extend or shorten the period for the purpose of keeping mine valuations up, regardless of conditions in the mining industry.

Houses Are Vandalized.

Greenlee, Cochise and Gila county assessors, during the checking of assessed valuations of improvements on city and town lots, unoccupied during the depression, had been reduced thousands of dollars through vandalism. Hundreds of vacant buildings, they said, had been literally wrecked and looted, and in many instances houses had practically been torn down and carried away.

Maricopa reported an increase of

\$1,000,000 in the valuation of improvements on city lots, through new construction. Pima county reported an increase of \$985,000 in the same class of valuation.

Valuations on producing and non-producing mines, machinery and smelters were also checked during the day. The total valuation of producing mines this year, said Charles R. Howe, chairman of the state tax commission, was \$283,952,592, a decrease of \$57,312,732. The decrease was due mainly to the transfer of many former producing mines to the non-producing class this year, he said.

Delegates and officials were guests of Bisbee residents this evening on a motor trip to Douglas and return. Although the conference is scheduled to close tomorrow afternoon, it was predicted today that the conclusion might be delayed until Thursday at noon.

CHARLESTON DAM ENGINEER HERE.

Geo. E. Elliott, consulting engineer of the Charleston Dam project, stopped over in Tombstone last evening enroute to Benson from Safford and Douglas. Mr. Elliott reports that the report of the E. P. & S. W. railroad survey is about completed and will soon be presented to the board of the San Pedro Water Users' Association, and it will be very close to his original estimate. That the railroad expects to cooperate fully with the project, he is satisfied, Mr. Elliott stated.

Following the submission of the railroad survey, there is no doubt but that the bond issue election can be called by September, and with the bonds practically sold beforehand, construction can be started by January 1923. All preliminary details, together with adjudication of water rights, has occupied much more time than was formerly estimated, Mr. Elliott reports, but the project is now in such shape that with the bond election authorizing the sale of bonds nothing will stand in the way of starting work on the project that will irrigate 35,000 acres of land in the fertile San Pedro valley.

Mr. Elliott will meet with the board of directors at Benson today at an informal meeting before continuing on to Yuma, where he has an interest in a project on the Colorado river.

LIVESTOCK AND RANGES

PHOENIX, July 27.—The first really good rains in the southeast and moderate showers in the north-central portions of the state have improved ranges and stock materially and replenished the diminishing water supply, which is now reported good in most sections. In the Flagstaff section inspite of occasional light showers the ranges, though still in good condition, are showing some effects of the dry weather. There has been no run-off so far. Stock in the Thatcher district is reported poor but range is improving. Twenty-one cars of feeder cattle were shipped from Seligman.

Crop Progress in Arizona.
 The cloudiness of the past week afforded all vegetation an opportunity to recover from the effects of the heat with the result that crops generally made satisfactory progress.

While the last shipment of cantaloupes were harvested during the week, watermelons continue to ripen in quantity. Despite the export of several score carloads the supply is still ample for local needs. The first car-load shipment of Thompson seedless grapes has gone forward to eastern markets, this coming week should see the picking in full swing. Mid-season peaches and plums are ripening, while tomatoes are at their peak of production. The yield of the latter appears to have suffered somewhat from a sort of canker. Summer grains are coming up, while active preparation for sowing the pink bean crop are well under way. For the most part, cotton has been laid by; a little of the short staple variety is yet being cultivated. In the Yuma district the dry weather was favorable for the alfalfa seed harvest with the yield running fair. There is an abundance of grapes and figs in this district. Arrangements for planting a 170 acre tract on the Yuma Mesa with oranges and grape, fruit are completed.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE
 I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Justice of Peace of Tombstone Judicial Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election September 12, 1922.

H. P. MERRILL.

FOR SHERIFF
 I hereby announce my candidacy for election to the office of Sheriff of Cochise County, subject to the wish of the voters at the Democratic primaries to be held on September 12, 1922.

JAMES F. McDONALD.

FOR SUPERVISOR
 I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Supervisor from Bisbee District No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held on September 12, 1922.

I. C. E. ADAMS.

FOR SUPERVISOR
 I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Supervisor of Cochise County, from District No. 3, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries, September 12, 1922.

D. A. ADAMS, Present Incumbent.

FOR TREASURER
 I hereby announce as a candidate for County Treasurer of Cochise County, subject to the action of Democrats participating in the primary election to be held on September 12, 1922.

M. C. HANKINS.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER
 I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of County Recorder, subject to the action of the voters at the Democratic Primaries on September 12, 1922.

H. L. HUTCHISON, Present Incumbent.

FOR CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Cochise County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Election to be held on September 12, 1922.

J. E. (Ed) JAMES.

FOR JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT
 I am a candidate for Judge of the Superior Court of Cochise County, subject to the wish of the voters at the Democratic primaries, September 12, 1922.

ROBERT N. FRENCH.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE
 I hereby announce my candidacy for State Representative from the Sixth Legislative District, subject to the Democratic primaries September 12, 1922.

RAY B. KREBS.

FOR SUPERIOR JUDGE
 I beg to announce my candidacy for the office of Superior Judge of Cochise County, subject to the Republican primaries September 12, 1922.

ALBERT M. SAMES, Present Incumbent, Div. No. 2.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county assessor of Cochise county subject to the result of the democratic primary election to be held on September 12, 1922, and solicit the support of those who will participate in that election.

A. J. MEIER, Douglas, Arizona.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries on September 12, 1922.

WILLIAM M. COX.

FOR SUPERIOR JUDGE
 I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for Superior Judge, subject to the Democratic Primaries to be held on September 12, 1922.

O. GIBSON.

FOR SHERIFF
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Cochise county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held on September 12, 1922.

HARRY C. WHEELER.

FOR SUPERVISOR
 I am a candidate for Supervisor of Cochise County from District No. 3, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries, Sept. 12, 1922.

J. A. GUMM, Benson, Arizona.

FOR STATE SENATOR
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of State Senator, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held on September 12th, 1922.

CHARLES M. ROBERTS, Wilcox, Arizona.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR
 I herewith announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of County Assessor, subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic Primaries, September 12, 1922.

GEO. R. HENSHAW, Present Incumbent

FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
 I wish to announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Schools of Cochise County, subject to the Democratic Primaries to be held on September 12, 1922.

HELEN L. BROWN.

PRESCOTT HOUSEWIFE HELD ON DRUG CHARGE

PRESCOTT, Ariz., July 24.—Mrs. Kate Simpson, who has lived in one house in Prescott for a quarter of a century, and her sons, Mayo and Lemuel, are scheduled to go on trial in the Federal Court here tomorrow, as a result of what narcotic agents describe as the largest drug haul ever made in Arizona, in which narcotics said to be worth about \$15,000 were seized.