

# HOUSTON EXPLAINS GRAZING FEE INCREASE

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE IN  
STATEMENT ON RAISING OF  
PRICES ON FOREST.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1919

Advance for Time Delayed Because of  
Disturbed Conditions Confront-  
ing Stockmen

WASHINGTON—Secretary Houston, believing that further suspension of the increase in national forest grazing fees first decided on in 1916 is no longer justified, has announced new rates to go into effect March 1, 1919. Effective at the same time, he has authorized the granting of five-year grazing permits where the conditions warrant and such permits are desired by the stockmen.

"In accordance with the conclusion reached by me Feb. 1, 1917," Secretary Houston has informed the stockmen through letters to their two national associations, "that the charge for grazing should be based upon the real value of the forage, I have decided that beginning March 1, 1919, the charge for grazing upon the national forests during the year-long period will be from 80c to \$1.50 per head for cattle, varying with the advantages of the different ranges. The rate for sheep and goats on each forest will be 25 percent of the rate for cattle. The rate for horses will be 25 percent more than for cattle, and the rate for swine 25 percent less. The proportionate charge for grazing during only a part of each year will be in accordance with the provisions of the national forest regulations."

### Decides Against Further Delay.

The original plan was to advance grazing fees 33 1/3 percent a year for three years, beginning in 1917; but on account of the disturbed conditions which confronted the stockmen that year the advance made was only 25 percent; while a year later the emergency situation created by the war led Secretary Houston to suspend temporarily the further carrying out of the plan. "I am not unmindful of the difficulties which still exist," he says, "but under the circumstances it seems unwise to further defer action on this important problem."

Regarding the authorization of five-year permits Secretary Houston, after noting the fact that the stockmen have from time to time urged the issuance of such permits, not subject to reduction except for violation of their terms or to stop damage to the forest or range, as a means of stabilizing the livestock industry, goes on to say:

"On several of the forests applications have already been approved for permits during a five-year period subject to an annual reduction of 5 percent to provide for the issuance of permits to new settlers, in addition to such reduction as might be necessary to prevent damage to the forest."

### Would Stabilize Industry

"It appears that while the stockmen are ready to subject themselves to whatever restrictions are necessary for the welfare of the forest from the standpoint of timber production of other primary purposes for which the land was set aside, yet the possibility of the 5 percent annual reduction proves an embarrassment to them. It is appreciated that the assurance of continued use of the range for a specific number of animals during a term of years would undoubtedly tend to greater stability of the industry and encourage the handling of business in a way to increase the quantity and improve the quality of the livestock and would also enable a better administration of the range itself."

"On a considerable portion of the national forests we have reached the point where permits for a period of five years can be put into effect without difficulty. On certain other forests we are not in a position to grant five year permits for more than a portion of the stock at present upon them, because there is serious question whether there is not now more stock than can be carried permanently without injury to the forest. There is also the extra stock which has been taken care of as a war emergency, some of which we will not be able to continue, and for that reason should not be included under five-year permits."

"The issuance of annual permits will be continued where reductions are necessary to insure against overstocking or where this may be required for any other reason. The plan is progressively to bring about a more secure tenure of the grazing privileges through the issuance of five-year permits as fast as this can be done in conformity with the various public interests involved."

### NO WHITEBIRD NEWS

The Free Press regrets its inability to print the customary budget of Whitebird items this week, owing to the fact that Miss Laura Smith, correspondent at Whitebird, is ill with Spanish influenza. Fifteen cases of influenza are reported in Whitebird.

### J. ALEXANDER DIES

(Continued from Page One) about fifteen years ago, he gave close personal attention to all details of the large business, but at that time adopted a policy of withdrawing from the responsibilities and in line with the purpose he sold a few years ago his interest in the Lewiston store of the J. Alexander company and since had led a retired life at his home on Prospect avenue, Lewiston, with his sister-in-law, the late Mrs. Max Alexander and her children.

Sympathetic for Unfortunate. "Uncle Joe's" outstanding trait was his sympathy for the unfortunate. It was indeed an unworthy person who could not use his credit in the pioneer days, and the statement is made that during the great panic of the 90's, although carrying credits running into the thousands of dollars, "Uncle Joe" never enforced a single collection during the period. It would seem that in the passing of this grand old pioneer, it can be truthfully said, here has been called a man who has not a single enemy.

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### MORE THAN KAISER COULD DO.

There was a man in our town,  
And he was wondrous wise,  
For he could reel right off the list  
Of all of our allies.

Cartoons Magazine.

Butter wrappers printed at the Free Press office.

### HINTS FOR BELATED GIFTS

Bags and Aprons Are Easily and Quickly Made and They Are Always Acceptable.

For many weeks before Christmas the household is busy with needle, crochet hook and tating shuttle, fashioning Christmas gifts for family and friends. But, there always are some belated gifts, that must be made during the last few days, for friends that we would like to remember.

In such cases there is nothing more quickly or easily made than bags and aprons, and one never can have too many of either. Laundry bags, stocking bags, darning bags, piece bags and bags for soiled handkerchiefs can be made of chintz or cretonne, and fancy work bags, purse bags, and handkerchief bags may be made of silk and ribbon. Several of these bags can easily be made in an evening, and they are always acceptable gifts.

And aprons—no woman ever had too many aprons. A few yards of gingham, percale and butcher's linen made up into aprons, which would not require more than a day to make a good supply, would go a long way as gifts to busy house mothers. And caps, also. At this time almost every woman wears some sort of cap when doing her house work, and a neat, washable cap makes an acceptable gift, and requires little skill in the making. And so with these practical and quickly made gifts one may be able to catch up with Christmas remembrances, even though belated until the last few days before Christmas.

Opening the Fat Purse.  
Too many fat purses respond only to the magic formula: Not to be opened till Christmas.

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## The Mother's Christmas Gift

It never comes to Christmas but I think about the times  
We used to save our pennies and our nickels and our dimes,  
And we bunched them all together, even little baby brother  
Put in something for the present that we always gave to mother.

We began to talk about it very early in December,  
'Twas a very serious matter to us children, I remember,  
And we used to whisper nightly our suggestions to each other,  
For by nothing cheap and tawdry could we show our love for mother.

Hers must be a gift of beauty, fit to symbolize her ways;  
It must represent the sweetness and the love that marked her days.  
It must be the best our money, all combined, had power to buy,  
And be something that she longed for; nothing else would satisfy.

Then it mattered not the token, once the purchase had been made.  
It was smuggled home and hidden and with other treasures laid,  
And we placed our present proudly in her lap on Christmas day,  
And we smothered her with kisses and we laughed her tears away.

It never comes to Christmas but I think about the times  
We used to save our pennies and our nickels and our dimes,  
And the only folks I envy are the sisters and the brothers  
Who still have the precious privilege of buying for their mothers.

—American Boy.

## Here's a Merry Christmas Game

THE old English game of tip requires the use of enough assorted Christmas candies, nuts, raisins and other dainties to make a small pile upon a table, also a pair of sugar tongs. One of the party is chosen, who must retire to another room, while the remaining players decide upon one of the dainties in the pile to be known as "tip." The chosen person is then recalled and with the tongs removes pieces from the pile, trying to avoid the piece named tip, of which, however, he does not know the location. All pieces removed belong to him unless he moves "tip," when all must be returned to the pile and the turn passes to the next player, who retires to the other room while another "tip" is named. A player may pass his turn when, after drawing several pieces, he wants to avoid the possibility of losing them through drawing "tip." The game continues until the pile disappears.

### A Christmas Acrostic

(Compiled from the Yuletide Utterances of Great Minds by Harvey Peake in the Baltimore Sun.)

**A**LITTLE child, thou art our guest,  
That weary ones in thee may rest.  
—Martin Luther.

**M**ISTLETOE hung in the castle hall,  
The holly bough shown on the old oak wall.  
—Thomas Maynes Bayly.

**E**NGLAND was Merrie England when  
Old Christmas brought his sports  
again.  
—Walter Scott.

**R**ING out ye crystal spheres,  
Once bless our human ears!  
—John Milton.

**R**AINY clouds possessed the earth  
And sadly fell our Christmas Eve.  
—Alfred Tennyson.

**Y**E who sang Creation's glory,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
—James Montgomery.

**C**HRISt is born, the great anointed,  
Heaven and earth his praises sing!  
—J. Caword.

**H**ARK, the herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the new born King!"  
—Charles Wesley.

**R**ING the bells and raise the strain,  
And hang up garlands everywhere.  
—Susan Coolidge.

**I**HEAR along our streets pass the min-  
strel throngs.  
Hark! They play so sweet on their hault-  
boys Christmas songs.—Longfellow.

**S**ING the song of great joy that the  
angels began,  
Sing of glory to God, and of good will  
to man!  
—John G. Whittier.

**T**HIS day hath God fulfilled his prom-  
ised word.  
This day is born a Savior, Christ the  
Lord.  
—J. Byron.

**M**AY you have as many happy months  
As you taste mince pies at Christmas.  
—Old English Saying.

**A**T Christmas play, and make good  
cheer.  
For Christmas comes but once a year.  
—Tusser.

**S**OMETIMES with oysters we combine,  
Sometimes assist the savory chine;  
From the low peasant to the lord,  
The turkey smokes on every board.  
—Walter Gay.

"She has a most remarkable accent, hasn't she?"  
"Yes, she can't get enough 'r's' in a month to eat oysters."

These foreign towns, you couldn't make 'em!  
But point them out and see them pounce  
Upon the chance to go and take 'em!  
Cartoons Magazine.

IN THE "FLU" HOSPITAL.  
First Patient: Why do the nurses wear masks?  
Second Patient (partly convalescent): Gause!—Cartoons Magazine.  
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