

FRUIT IS ALLOWED TO ROT IN ORDER TO KEEP PRICES UP

So Say Butte Witnesses Before State Committee Investigating Living Costs.

Commission Men, Food Administration and Booth Committee Are Roasted.

Butte, July 25.—Charges of bribery, reference to Montana's food administration as a "fake" and the allegation by a witness that Butte's food inspector was dismissed because he enforced the law, together with announcement of the master bakers of a 25 per cent increase of price at once in the price of bread, were features today of the investigation by the Montana efficiency commission into the cost of living in Butte.

Dr. W. C. Matthews, former city physician, testified that Butte commission men permit carloads of fruit to spoil in order to maintain prices. He exhibited photographs which he said showed 18 carloads of fruit being permitted to stand and rot in June and July, 1918, because market prices were not satisfactory to commission men.

"I appealed to the food administration," said Dr. Matthews, "but they did nothing, absolutely nothing."

"I went to Helena five times to try to rectify this condition. On one occasion I rode to Helena with Senator Booth's legislative committee and asked them if they had investigated the commission men. I was told: 'Why, they are the fellows we were told to lay off of.'"

Questions by County Attorney Jackson brot the reply by the witness that Representative Muth of Lewis and Clark county was the one who made this statement.

The witness said he tried to have an ordinance passed compelling packing plants in Butte to sell only government inspected meats but that he failed. Dr. Matthews said he "suspected" \$30,000 was distributed among "the city fathers by a butchering plant."

Mrs. Joseph Lutey, who said she was appointed by the government during the war to make weekly reports on food prices to the commission "the Montana food administration was the biggest fake in the northwest" and that Food Administrator Atkinson made little if any effort to enforce war-time food regulations. She testified that the Ryan Fruit company made profits in Butte of \$98,000 last year.

Mrs. Margaret Rossa said that commission men never permit prices to slump and that some cars of food labeled "perishable" have been standing on the tracks since July 7. She said a city food inspector was discharged because he tried to enforce the law.

William Lutey, manager of a chain of retail stores, denied the existence of a "ring" or combination in restraint of trade and said nearly all retailers have been operating at a loss in recent months.

The master bakers of Butte presented the efficiency commission with a formal statement this morning announcing their intention of raising bread prices "probably" 25 per cent. This is made necessary, by increased cost prices, they declared.

To Hold a Hearing on Discriminatory Wool and Pelt Rates

Special to The Daily Tribune. Helena, July 25.—Hearing on adjustment of rates to remove existing fourth section discriminations will be held in Chicago, July 31, on rates on wool, mohair, hides and pelts from points in all western states, bounded by the Rockies and to the coast, according to word received here today by United States railway administration officials.

THE FORCE OF HABIT. Already restaurant proprietors are printing announcements that on New Years' Eve they will sell nothing but 50-cent nut sundaes after 9 o'clock.

Kids—See the Tiger Trail, showing at the Alcazar today.

FIRST PARIS RACE IN FIVE YEARS WON BY ENGLISH HORSE



"Gallop Light" with H. G. Hulme up.

For the first time in five years the Grand Prix de Paris, turf classic of France, was run recently. President Poincaré of France, Premier Clemenceau and notables of other nations saw the race. "Gallop Light," an English horse owned by M. de Rothschild, won the race. H. G. Hulme rode the winner.

McDOWELL WOULD HAVE SOLDIERS SENT TO COMBAT THE FIRES

Will Offer Resolution in Legislature Calling on Congress for Assistance.

Special to The Daily Tribune. Butte, July 25.—Millions, hundreds of millions worth of timber, human lives and valuable herds of stock are doomed by forest fires unless soaking rains of long duration comes at once or the government sends soldiers to conquer the blaze, according to Lieut. Gov. W. W. McDowell, who has just returned to Butte from his ranch at Bonita, in the region of the Missoula national forest.

Acting on suggestions of forest rangers, and in accordance with his own personal knowledge, the lieutenant governor says that during the first half hour of the special session of the legislature convening in Helena next Thursday, he will offer a resolution asking the war department to send at least 1,000 soldiers to combat the timber flames.

"All western Montana," says Governor McDowell, "is dry as tinder and fires are burning in every direction. Mountain tops are hidden by dense smoke. At night the flames may be seen licking the timber slopes, or jumping from canyon to canyon and fire fighters are lacking. The situation grows more acute every minute. Not alone are the vast values in timber threatened but human life and cattle herds are endangered. The government must spend millions to build up the first reserves. Is that work of years at enormous cost and with much potential value for the future to be blotted out without an effort to save it? The soldiers are the last resort. Instant action is needed with a thousand soldiers, trained men, and plenty of them the fires might be conquered in a week."

In his resolution Mr. McDowell says he will recommend that soldiers be paid the same wages as civilian fire fighters, and he feels confident that Montana's delegation in congress will appreciate the menace and also will take steps to secure relief.

While he appreciates that fire fighters so far have done their best, but a score of men can be secured, while thousands are needed.

Harvesting Machinery Is Bringing in Heads Instead of Sheaves

Geraldine, July 25.—The combines and headers are doing their best to make sweet music in the grain fields west of town, with yields ranging from 2 to 5 bushels per acre.

H. D. Myrick harvested about 25 acres that yielded about 10 bushels per acre. This tract consists of both turkey red and Montana 36.

Jos. Whalen has harvested 250 acres from which he expects to thresh about 1,000 bushels. Mr. Whalen does not expect to seed any wheat this fall, and will sell his wheat at elevator prices to those needing seed.

From all reports W. P. Kynett has the banner crop of the Square Butte bench. It is estimated that it will yield from 15 to 20 bushels an acre, and that he will thresh about 2,000 bushels. He suffered some hail loss.

Jack Hall in Helena Improved in Health

Helena, July 25.—Jack Hall, of Harlowton, formerly a member of the state railroad commission, is at the Placer for a short time, en route to the coast where he hopes for health betterments. Dr. O. M. Lanstrom, attending physician, is permitting only the members of Mr. Hall's family and a few intimate friends to visit him. He has been in unfavorable health for some time past, but now is feeling somewhat improved.

PLANS PARK STAGE ON Y-G BEE ROUTE

Roe Emery, Head of Rocky Mountain and Glacier Transportation Companies, Promises Auto Line Thru Great Falls When Road Is Ready; Belittles Forest Fire Danger.

Park-to-park automobile stages, operated by the Glacier and Yellowstone transportation companies, will travel thru Great Falls just so soon as the Y-G Bee line thru Nehalem is ready for travel, Roe Emery, president of the Glacier Park Transportation company promised during a visit to this city Friday afternoon.

Mr. Emery, who is also president of the Rocky Mountain Parks Transportation company, operating in Estes Park, Colorado, advocated the same degree of exploitation and scenery advertising on the part of Montana as is found among the residents of Colorado. The tourist business will be one of the biggest sources of income in this state within a few years if it is not ignored, Mr. Emery predicted.

Boast, Emery Urges.

"Advertise your state, tell the people what you have here and attract the hundreds of thousands of travelers who now come as far west as Colorado and then turn back toward their eastern homes," Mr. Emery urged. "Why, this overplaying of forest fires in this state is costing hotelmen and merchants thousands of dollars which would be spent by tourists who, unaware of western conditions, are led to believe their lives are in danger if they travel in this country and they give up contemplated trips to Montana parks," the visiting official declared. He said that there was not the slightest danger of fire to tourists entering the Glacier national park, as the residents of Montana know, but that 60 per cent of the park tourists were school teachers and stenographers who know nothing of the Rocky mountain conditions.

Makes 1600-Mile Trip.

Pressure upon the department of the interior must be exerted by Montanans interested in the tourist business before the road between the Yellowstone and Glacier national parks is in satisfactory condition, he declared. Upon leaving Glacier park, following his visit to this section last month, Mr. Emery traveled 1600 miles by automobile, visiting Glacier park to Denver and the worst roads he encountered in his entire trip were included within the Blackfoot Indian reservation, he said.

This stretch of road, 30 miles in length, is the only poor road over which the park-to-park cars travel and will form a poor link in any route running thru Great Falls to the park, Mr. Emery pointed out. The Geysers-to-Glaciers cars make the trip to Glacier from Yellowstone, 200 miles, in 10 hours at the present time, traveling by way of Helena. Three hours of this time is spent in crossing the reservation, 30 miles. The roads from Choteau north are considerably poorer than any other stretch of the route, according to Mr. Emery.

Colorado Gets Tourists. More than 200,000 travelers from the east have journeyed to Colorado this year and only a small percentage of these tourists have visited the Montana parks. This condition should be overcome and a big majority of the sightseers should be attracted to Yellowstone and Glacier parks, Mr. Emery believes.

Yellowstone park will be visited by 70,000 persons this season, according to the visitor. This exceeds the record year of 1915 by nearly 20,000. A similar condition prevails in Glacier park and with the lull in attendance to bring tourists into Montana all that is needed to make this state the mecca for summer visitors is organized exploitation and boosting of scenic resources, Mr. Emery emphasized.

Mr. Emery will attend a conference of Montana and Canadian road boosters to be held at Many Glacier hotel August 3 under the auspices of the local commercial club. Horace Albright, superintendent of the Yellowstone park, will represent the department of the interior at the conference.

Auto Line to Canada. Mr. Emery expressed a hope to establish an auto line from the Glacier park to the Lake Louise country in Canada and offer tourists an opportunity to travel by auto from Yellowstone to the Canadian Rockies, stopping at Glacier park enroute. It is his ultimate desire to see tourists traveling by automobile from the Colorado parks to the Canadian mountains. All that is needed to bring about such a condition is road improvement in Wyoming and Montana, in the opinion of Mr. Emery.

Two Given Fines in Police Court. One on Charge of Speeding and Other for Irrigating on Wrong Day.

Harry Cramer Charged With Stealing Pair of Trousers and Small Change.

Will These Call at Home Service?

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CASE OF ALLEGED THEFT OF CAR COAL ENDS IN ACQUITTAL

Court So Directs Jury in Action Against Underwood—Hale Case Dismissed.

Special to The Daily Tribune. Fort Benton, July 25.—The trial of the State vs. H. M. Underwood on a charge of grand larceny, resulted today in a direct verdict of acquittal. At the close of the state's case, Attorney Wm. Myer, counsel for defendant, moved the court for a verdict of acquittal on the ground that the state has failed to make out a case against the defendant, which motion was granted by the court. In this case the state has filed information in May of this year charging the defendant and Frank M. Hale with having appropriated and sold a carload of coal belonging to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. The coal was alleged to have been taken from a car at Montague in this county. Evidence was introduced by the state tending to show that the car of coal had been sold to Frank M. Hale, a coal dealer in Montague, and by Hale sold to the school district. Daniel Johnson, a coal dealer of Montague, testified that the same car of coal had been offered to him, but that he declined to buy, because he knew it was company coal.

Frank M. Hale, who was informed against in the same information with Underwood, demanded separate trial, but when his case was called, the information was dismissed on motion of the county attorney, who stated that he could not produce any additional evidence in Hale's case that had not been produced in the Underwood trial.

Newspaper Files Bring Necessary Data for Record

Special to The Daily Tribune. Helena, July 25.—Searches of the files of the Helena Independent of 24 years ago to prove in an affidavit that Marie Clark was born when she says she was, will bring her a French nobleman for a bridegroom. She is the daughter of W. J. Clark, an old time mining man of Helena. She wired here to T. A. Marlow to get a birth certificate in order to get a marriage license in London in accordance of the laws of Great Britain. She did not give the name of the French nobleman. The birth certificate was hard to find until the files were searched patiently and affidavits necessary were forwarded by N. B. Holter and T. A. Marlow.

Mendenhall Given Judgment for Work on Sun River Project

Special to The Daily Tribune. Helena, July 25.—John Mendenhall, a sub-contractor for John Pearson on the Sun River irrigation project, won a suit in the federal court here today on a directed verdict, giving him damages for \$4,800 and interest. Mendenhall sued for work which the engineer requested and was not in the contract. The last case on the calendar was not heard because of the failure of Dan Martea, shepherd, to appear and answer to charges of trespassing with sheep on the federal forest reserves. Martea was out on bonds, failed to appear and his bonds of \$100 were forfeited and a bench warrant issued.

PLENTY OF BUOYANCY. "How are the life preservers on this boat?" "Fine. I've just had three—as good as I ever drank."

NEW STATE HATCHERY AT EMIGRANT RECEIVES FISH EGGS FOR HATCHING

Special to The Daily Tribune. Livingston, July 25.—The fish hatchery near Emigrant, Park county, received today 250,000 native trout eggs from the United States government spawning station at Yellowstone lake. The spawn will be hatched to the proper size for planting in the streams of the county, at the new state hatchery which will be under the supervision of two assistants recently appointed by J. H. Bronson, state superintendent of hatcheries. A residence for the keeper is soon to be erected by the state fish and game commission and many other improvements will be made. The present hatchery has a capacity of five million fry, and will undoubtedly be enlarged to meet the demand for fish fry in the eastern part of the state. The Park county hatchery is located on the route of the Yellowstone trail between Livingston and the Yellowstone park, and will be viewed by thousands of tourists annually on their way to the park. The site covers 10 acres of land, and a large spring affords the water supply. The dedication of the new hatchery will take place the middle of August, at which time appropriate ceremonies will be held. A special train will be run from Livingston and Gateway City and will be engaged for the occasion. F. W. Nelson, deputy game warden, is chairman of the committee on arrangements. The people are manifesting a keen interest in the forthcoming celebration, and it is planned to make the occasion one big holiday.

Hayakawa in "The Man Beneath," showing at the Alcazar today.

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