

# PENSIONS TO HALF MILLION PEOPLE



SNAPSHOT IN LONDON POSTOFFICE, SHOWING OLD PEOPLE RECEIVING PENSIONS.

London, England, January 21.—For months great preparations have been under way. All over England, Ireland and Scotland claims have had to be investigated and arrangements made for the distribution of the pensions. All that is required of applicants in a general way is that they prove they are over 70 years old, have income less than \$157 a year, have never been convicted of a criminal offense and have not been in receipt of poor-law relief during the last year.

The total amount of the pensions will be \$37,500,000 a year. Fourteen tons of silver money was handed out in payment of the first installment. Payments are made at the post-offices. At many of the places lines were waiting long before the windows opened. Bent, feeble figures pressed tightly those ahead, and dim but eager eyes showed anxious doubt but that after all it might be but a dream too good to come true.

A blind woman of 76, led in by a kindly neighbor, was the first arrival at one of the London offices. "They told me I could send someone for it," she said, in a high, quavering voice, "but I had to come myself."

Two sisters came next, both well on towards 80. Hitherto they have kept themselves by needlework which of course, meant interminable toil and next to starvation. Eyesight failing and fingers stiffening, their struggles were becoming hopeless. Piece by piece the little household things had gone to the pawnshop. A few weeks more and there would have been nothing left them but the hated poor house and death among strangers.

What a weight of care slipped from these two poor souls as 10 bright shillings clinked into their hands! And 10 shillings more next week, and 10 more each week as long as they live! To them it is wealth. The two rusty little wisps of bonnets bobbed with something like a youthful jauntiness on the silvered old heads.

Next came a feeble old couple, arm-in-arm for mutual support. Three shillings and nine pence were handed to each of them. "Here lass," said the old man, handing his money to his wife, "you be keeper of it all. Let your purse be fat for once."

A woman whose certificate indicated 85 years remarked, as her five shillings were handed her: "Thank

ding every day!" The oldest pensioner at Wood Green was Mrs. Rebecca Clark, who is nearly 104. She walked to the nearest postoffice.

A Nottingham pensioner was escorted to the postoffice by his fiancée, who he has promised to marry on the strength of getting a pension.

Five shillings (\$1.25) a week may not seem very much to some. But hundreds of thousands of poor people in Britain indicated in hundreds of thousands of quaint sayings and mannerisms that to them it means a comfortable competence.

As a rule the process of paying did not take long. The pensioners produced their precious "check books," unwrapping them tenderly out of numerous coverings or drawing them with trembling fingers out of well-thumbed envelopes. They were asked to sign the receipt for the first installment, and the money was counted into their hands.

Small as the amount was it was more than many of them had before possessed at one time in years. One frail, gentle old lady was so impressed with her riches that as she passed out to the street she stopped before a blind street musician, made an agitated search of her handbag and dropped threepence into his box. No longer an object of charity herself, she instinctively became a dispenser of it. It is ever the poor that are kindest to the poor. Countless thousands of today's pensioners have subsisted for months and years upon the willing bounty of neighbors almost as poor as themselves.

Mingled with the joys of the day were many sad incidents. The clause in the law which disqualifies for pensions all who have received poor relief within a year, shuts out the most needy. The purpose of the clause is to keep the stigma of pauperism from the pensioners. But it works out in tragedies.

One old miser owning real estate valued at £1300 drew his pension. An old widow of one of his tenants, who had within the last year spent all the savings in her husband's sickness and burial, was evicted and forced to apply for poor-law relief, is excluded from the pension list.

At Great Beniley, Essex, one of the pension recipients has £250 invested, owns a house worth £300, and is in

goodness—now I can have plum pudding every day!"

For married couples the pension is 7 shillings and 6 pence a week. It is amazing with what a sense of comfort and plenty an old couple used to poverty can live upon this. They can get a cottage in the country with a bit of ground to grow their own vegetables for 1 shilling a week. Living, as they do, mostly on bacon and vegetables, they can keep the cost of their food within 3 shillings a week. With the remaining 3 shillings 6 pence, they can buy clothing and the old man can have his pipe of tobacco and glass of beer, while the old woman can indulge in her occasional pinch of snuff.

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APPLICATIONS FOR GRAZING PERMITS.

Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, sheep and goats within the Manzano national forest during the season of 1909 must be filed in my office at Albuquerque, N. M., on or before February 20, 1909. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications will be furnished upon request.

A. D. READ, Supervisor.

# FINE PROGRAM FOR STOCKMEN MEETING

### Three Days Will Be Given Over to Sessions of the National Association

New Mexico stockmen are interested in the twelfth annual convention of the American National Livestock Association at Los Angeles January 26, 27 and 28, and it is probable that this territory will be represented at the convention by some of the progressive dealers in livestock. Following is the program to be given and it can be seen from this program that the work of the association will be varied and unusually interesting:

THE FIRST DAY.

Tuesday, January 26, 10 O'clock A. M.

Music. Convention called to order. Invocation—Dr. J. S. Thompson. Addresses of Welcome—Hon. A. C. Harper, Mayor of Los Angeles. Hon. Geo. H. Stewart, President of Chamber of Commerce. Response—Hon. John W. Springer, Denver, Colorado. Annual Address of President. Appointment of Committees. Roll Call. Reports of Standing Committees. "Our Foreign Markets"..... Hon. W. A. Harris, Lawrence, Kan. Afternoon Session.

Music. Introduction and Reference of Resolutions.

"Land Laws—Their Administration and Effect," Hon. Joseph M. Carey, Cheyenne, Wyoming. "What the Livestock Industry Demands of Congress," Hon. S. H. Cowan, Attorney American National Live Stock Association. "The Loco Investigation"..... C. D. Marsh, Export, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C. "Tariff on Hides Wool and Livestock"..... General Discussion.

THE SECOND DAY.

January 27th, 10 O'clock A. M.

Music. "Meat Inspection"..... Dr. O. E. Dyson, Chicago, Illinois. "Benefits Derived from Livestock Organizations and Co-operation," J. T. Pryor, President Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas. Address—Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Chairman National Conservation Commission, Washington, D. C. Address—E. S. Gooney, President Arizona Wool Growers' Association. Afternoon Session.

Music. "Livestock Conditions in California"..... Dr. C. M. Haring, Veterinarian, University of California. "Federal Control of Public Grazing Lands," Dwight B. Heard, President Arizona Cattle Growers' Association. "The Future of the Cow-man"..... J. C. Underwood, of Wyoming; Secretary Laramie County Cattle and Horse Growers' Association. General Discussion of Administration of Forest Reserves, and Proposed Government Control of the Open Range.

THE THIRD DAY.

January 28th at 10 O'clock A. M.

Music. Consideration of Resolutions. General Business. Election of Officers. Selection of Next Place of Meeting. Adjournment. Will Entertain Delegates. Entertainment will be liberally provided for the delegates and their friends. Tuesday evening a reception will be held at the Chamber of Commerce. Wednesday evening there will be athletic contests and a reception at the U. M. C. A. building. Thursday afternoon an automobile ride; Friday morning a trip to Pasadena and Saturday afternoon a driving club matinee.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Kansas City Stocks, Jan. 21.—Cattle receipts here last week footed up nearly 50,000 head, and there was a liberal percentage of may fed cattle from Colorado and the south-west, and of sugar mill cattle from northern Colorado included. The market had a weak tone every day except Friday, when the week closed with a slightly firmer feeling. Run today is 10,000 head, several thousand head less than a week ago, and as other markets have receipts about 25 per cent less than on last Monday, prices are steady to strong as compared with last Friday. Buyers have favored medium priced steers for the last week or two, which makes cattle from the range suffer only the minimum of declines. Top on hay fed steers last week was \$5.66, and on sugar mill steers \$5.59, ranging downwards in both classes to \$4.50, cows \$2.50 to \$2.25. Demand for stockers and feeders fell off last week, and prices closed 25 to 40 cents lower, although choice Colorado feeders brought \$4.99, and stockers up to \$4.75. New Mexico and Utah stockers ranged from \$3.50 to \$4.65, cows \$3.00 to \$4.75, bulls \$3.25 to \$4.00. Receipts from the range country are small today. Sheep and lambs lost ground all of last week and closed 25 to 50 cents below the high figures of Monday and Tuesday. Run was 38,000 for the week, about the same as corresponding week a year ago. The supply is 7,000 head today, market steady, top lambs today \$7.45, not extra quality, ewes today at \$5.30. Some medium

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class Monte Vista yearlings brought \$6.25 today and lambs in same shipment \$7.25. Best yearlings are worth \$6.60, wethers at \$4.75 to \$5.75. Receipts so far are mainly from feed lots in native territory, but receipts from Colorado will predominate this week. Texas sent in two or three shipments last week, which sold to packers, ewes at \$4.50, wethers \$4.50 and \$5.00, yearlings \$6.50. Feeding lambs are worth \$5.75 to \$5.50.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Last will and testament of Hugh H. Harris, deceased. To R. Y. Harris, Mrs. P. C. Bullington, Miss Maybell Harris, Mrs. J. W. Carter, legatees, and to all whom it may concern:

You are hereby notified that the alleged last will and testament of Hugh H. Harris, late of the county of Bernalillo and territory of New Mexico, deceased, has been produced and read in the probate court of the county of Bernalillo, territory of New Mexico, on the 7th day of January, 1909, and the day of the proving of said alleged last will and testament was by order of the judge of said court thereupon fixed for Monday, the 1st day of February, A. D. 1909, term of said court at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day. Given under my hand and the seal of this court this 7th day of January, A. D. 1909. (Seal) A. E. WALKER, Probate Clerk.

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