

SHEEP KILLER IS GIVEN 3 MONTHS

Shortest Possible Sentence is Imposed by Judge Hamilton on Young Man.

PROMISE IS REQUIRED

Judge Exacts Promise That Upon His Release That He Will Attempt to Lead Better Life in the Future.

Tom Davis, accused of killing sheep belonging to O. W. Ohlsen, was today sentenced to three months in the county jail after his plea of guilty.

Davis is only a young fellow, but according to the district attorney who has investigated his record he bears an unenviable reputation.

When asked in regard to the killing of the sheep he stated that it was accidental and that he had mistaken the animal for a deer.

The judge was very lenient in his dealings with the young man and gave him a great deal of advice which will undoubtedly assist him in living a better life.

It is alleged that they were gathering up junk in the vicinity of Loon Lake when they came across the turbine wheel which had been stored in a small shed along the road.

BODY OF GUTHRIE ARRIVES UNITED STATES

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The body of George W. Guthrie, late United States ambassador to Japan, arrived on American soil early today.

Shortly after sunrise the Japanese cruiser Azuma, which brought the body from Yokohama, steamed slowly into harbor escorted by a United States warship.

As the Azuma dropped anchor two battalions of coast artillerymen, a contingent of bluejackets and ranking officers of the army and navy, designated by the state department to conduct the funeral ceremonies here, stood at attention.

Escorted by the soldiers and sailors and city officials the body, on an army caisson covered with flowers, was taken to the ferry for transportation to the Oakland mole whence it was to be placed, today on an overland train for Pittsburg, Pa., where interment will be made.

POSTS PROCLAMATIONS.

Postmaster L. F. Reizenstein today posted in several conspicuous places around the city, proclamations issued by the president of the United States in regard to the war census registration.

SUIT IS FILED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

Alfred Anderson today filed suit against the Melrose Orchard and Land Company in the circuit court. The plaintiff alleges that he was induced to come and settle on the lands located near Melrose under the statements of friends with whom he is intimately acquainted and who led him to believe that the land was of a good quality and capable of bearing large crops at a good profit.

PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Red Cross Work is Designated and Everyone is Asked to Assist in Work.

EVERYONE CAN DO BIT

Urge That Generous Gifts Be Given to Red Cross So That Armed Forces of Nation Can Be Properly Cared For.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—In a proclamation to the American people, President Wilson today designated the week ending June 25 as Red Cross week and urged that during the period generous gifts be made to assist the organization in properly caring for the armed forces of the nation and the administration of relief.

The proclamation points out that every man, woman and child in the United States may do their respective "bits" by giving, in a spirit of patriotic sacrifice, for the maintenance of Red Cross work while a small proportion of the population is serving the nation on the fields of battle.

"Inasmuch as our thoughts as a nation are now turned in united purpose towards the performance to the utmost of the service and duties which we have assumed in the cause of justice and liberty:

"And inasmuch as but a small proportion of our people can have the opportunity to serve upon the actual field of battle, but all men, women and children alike may serve and serve effectively by making it possible to care properly for those who do serve under arms at home and abroad.

"And inasmuch as the American Red Cross is the official recognized agency for voluntary effort in behalf of the armed forces of the nation and for the administration of relief.

"Now, therefore, by virtue of my authority as president of the United States and president of the American Red Cross, I, Woodrow Wilson, do hereby proclaim the week ending June 25, 1917, as Red Cross week, during which the people of the United States will be called upon to give generously and in a spirit of patriotic sacrifice for the support and maintenance of this work of national need.

(Signed.) "WOODROW WILSON."

WILL HAVE TRIAL.

R. L. Stagg, who was yesterday arrested on the charge of selling short measure wood has made the request to the city recorder that his case be heard by a jury.

FIRST DETACHMENT U. S. MEN AT FRONT

Fully Equipped Troops Go Forward to the Aisne Battle Field.

CHEERED ALONG WAY

Stars and Stripes Create Enthusiasm Among People of France—Italian Offensive Widening—Near Trieste.

(By Associated Press.) GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF FRENCH ARMY, May 25.—(By staff correspondent of Associated Press.)—Under command of Captain E. I. Tinkham and Lieut. Scully, of Princeton, U. S. A., the first American combatant corps went to the front today.

The men, a finer looking lot of young fellows never seen anywhere, carried rifles and wore khaki uniforms, and were carried to the front in American motor cars. Other contingents frantically cheered the American boys and the stars and stripes as they moved forward.

Italian Offensive Gains. NEW YORK, May 25.—An Austrian official statement, supplementing Rome announcements, indicate that the Italian offensive in the Julian Alps on Carso plateau, is steadily gaining in importance and extent.

Gets Another Loan. WASHINGTON, May 25.—Another loan of \$75,000,000 has been made to England by the United States, bringing the total amount loaned to that country up to \$400,000,000, and the total loaned to the allies since this country entered the war \$745,000,000.

C. C. KELLY ARRIVED IN CITY LAST NIGHT

C. C. Kelly, a member of the corps of highway engineers arrived in this city last evening from the north and left this afternoon for Brockway where he attended to some road matters connected with the Coos Bay road survey that was completed near there yesterday.

Mr. Kelly is supervising a great deal of road work throughout the state and only recently finished a survey over Roberts mountain, establishing a new route that will greatly lessen the grade. A crew of ten men were employed on the Myrtle Point survey and they will be transferred within the next few days to Creswell, where further surveys on connecting links with the Pacific highway will be made.

Mr. Kelly stated today that interest in the road bond issue is growing all over the state and it is his opinion that it will carry at the June 4 election by a large majority.

FRUIT UNION HEARS OF NEW SYSTEM

The directors of the Umpqua Valley Fruit Union met this afternoon in the offices of the warehouse in North Roseburg and discussed a number of matters of vital importance to the organization from a business standpoint.

They took up the problem of marketing fruit in this section and will probably do a great deal of efficient work along that line in the coming fruit season. They were addressed by Mr. Luther, who is in this city today representing the Luther Dehydrating system. He explained the value of this system to the growers and stated that it is very probable that such a plant may be installed in this section in the near future.

If such is the case there is no doubt that the benefit derived will be of great value. Mr. Luther, while in this city today also conferred with other business men and growers, taking the matter up with the Commercial club.

GUARDSMEN SELECTED.

Sergeants Benj. A. Dowell and Daniel Coffell, of the 4th company coast artillery, have been selected among the 201 national guardsmen to receive commissions and will probably be called for training at the Presidio during next month. Their names were sent in some time ago the selection having been announced from the western headquarters department yesterday evening.

OPENS FLORAL SHOP.

Mrs. F. D. Owens today opened a floral shop called the "Fern" in the building on Cass street formerly occupied by the Lewis Cafe. Mrs. Owens is well known to Roseburg people and will no doubt do nicely in her new location.

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT WILBUR

Will Consider the Station Question and Will Decide Definitely.

MANY ARE INTERESTED

Meeting Will Be Held Tomorrow Evening Preparatory to Visit of Commission and Arguments Will Be Strengthened.

With the object of keeping the Wilbur Southern Pacific station in operation and to make an appeal to the public service commission and assistant S. P. Superintendent E. L. Buckhalter, the citizens of the Wilbur district and several from this city will meet tomorrow evening at that place to strengthen their arguments in regard to the keeping of the station at that place.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING WEST SIDE SCHOOL

An enthusiastic patriotic meeting was held in the Fullerton school by the Parent-Teachers Association on Thursday evening when an interesting program of varied features provided entertainment for the large audience which gathered for the occasion.

Since May, 1916, according to Mr. Burkhalter, the Wilbur station has been costing the company money to upkeep rather than paying dividends, and as a result will not be continued much longer unless some immediate action is taken to prevent it.

25 R. H. S. STUDENTS GOING TO COLLEGE

Approximately 25 of the members of this year's graduation class of the Roseburg high school will enter college next fall according to their present plans.

The number that will attend college represented over half of the class and speaks well for the school. Eight of the students are taking courses in teacher's training and will probably secure positions as teachers next semester.

Not a few of the students have quit during the year to join the army and navy and a large number of the boys are at present members of the coast artillery corps located here. They will probably be required to give up their college prospects upon mobilization, which is expected July 15.

Attorney C. F. Hopkins was today named as guardian of Alfred R. Smith, an incompetent, in the case of Garfield National Bank vs. Alfred Smith, et al.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR PLENTY OF FOOD

That is What Lloyd George Tells the House of Commons.

IS DUE TO U. S. SHIPS

Premier Alleges Submarines Will Prove Failure in Winning War For Germany—Brazil Fleet Active.

LONDON, May 25.—"Successes against the submarine menace have resulted in a distinct improvement in our food situation," said Premier Lloyd George in a speech before the house of commons today.

The premier added that more effective blows have been dealt the German submarines during the past three weeks than in any corresponding period of the war. Continuing, Lloyd George paid a compliment to the efficacy of the United States fleet now in British waters in these words: "We owe a very considerable debt of gratitude to the great American people for the effective assistance rendered in the ships that have been placed at our disposal."

With America in the war it is much easier to protect the merchant marine than it was before England was given that assistance. The premier stated that there was now no danger of starvation confronting the British people, but notwithstanding that fact it was essential that the utmost economy be maintained in use of food stuffs.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 25.—The Journal de Commercio publishes the statement today that the parliamentary and diplomatic commissions yesterday decided to advise the people of the revocation of Brazil's neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany.

POPULAR COUPLE MARRIED LAST NIGHT

A wedding was solemnized at the home of Rev. W. H. Eaton last evening at six o'clock when Muriel P. Sheffield became the wife of John W. Langenberg, a well known local resident.

The bride and groom will leave soon for the middle west on an auto tour that will consume several weeks.

JUDGMENT ENTERED.

Judgment was this morning entered in the circuit court in the sum of \$123 against George Collins by the Douglas Creditors Association.

PRIZE IS CLAIMED.

Mrs. Jack Dawson, of Melrose today claimed the prize for the winning carnival slogan, having been the composer of the words which were selected by the carnival committee.

HOME TALENT SHOW BY SENIORS TONIGHT

What promises to be one of the best, if not the best home talent productions ever staged in this city will be presented tonight at the Antlers theatre by the members of the senior class of the Roseburg high school.

The cast includes some of the high school's theatrical stars, whose success has been proven on other occasions. The theatre should be crowded this evening with Roseburg patrons, as the students of this city are deserving of the largest audience ever seated in the Antlers theatre.

ASKS ASSISTANCE OF SUPERINTENDENT

President Campbell Says That College Education Should Not Be Neglected.

MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Says That It Is Duty of Young Man to Educate Himself so Country Will Receive Greater Benefits Therefrom.

School Superintendent F. B. Hamilton today received a letter from P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon.

Secretary Baker, of the department of war, suggested to the university presidents at the recent meeting in Washington that it would be desirable for them to take what steps might be possible to allay the undue excitement that is undoubtedly existing at the present time among the young men, and to urge as many of them as possible to continue their education and prepare for more efficient service later.

The administration is counting on a long war, and believes there will be great need of university-trained men before it is over.

Every young man eligible for admission to university or college can serve his country best in the present crisis by making every effort to continue his education, according to word from Secretary of War Baker, brought home to Oregon by President P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, who went east to confer with the Council of National Defense.

It is the young man's first duty to keep his head, refuse to yield to undue excitement or disorganization, and to make every possible effort to prepare himself for more efficient service later.

The government has drawn hundreds if not thousands of young men from the universities this year for all sorts of expert services requiring a background of general education.

The prospects are that it will be easier this year than ever before for a young man to earn his way through the university, according to President Campbell. "Jobs" are plentiful and pay unusually good, he says, and he believes this condition will continue through next year.

SHERIDAN CASES ARE DISMISSED

Judge Hamilton Rules in Favor of Motion Introduced by District Attorney.

EVIDENCE IS LACKING

Death of Witnesses and Consequent Lack of Evidence Would Prevent State From Securing Conviction—Would Be Expense.

The indictments pending in the circuit court against Thomas R. Sheridan were dismissed today when Judge Hamilton ruled in favor of a motion for dismissal introduced by District Attorney George Neuner.

Mr. Neuner was praised very highly by the judge for his work in the case and although Judge Hamilton stated that he was loath to dismiss the cases that under the existing circumstances that it seemed to be the only course of action.

The motion prepared by the district attorney was quite lengthy reviewing the case from the time that it was instituted in the circuit court following the investigation of the grand jury which returned an indictment on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and another on a charge of forgery.

The former charge was taken up in the federal court under the title of misappropriation of funds, the case being practically identical with that before the circuit court.

Sheridan was sentenced to five years at McNeil's island, but fought the case to the United States supreme court, failing to secure a favorable decision and at last appealed to President Wilson for a pardon.

The indictments were forwarded from year to year dragging along on the docket pending an outcome of the government case.

Attorney Neuner in his efforts to reach a decision on the case corresponded with Attorney General Goo, at Brown, who earnestly recommended that the indictments pending be dropped, holding that the pardon was a remission of the crime and that the county should not prosecute.

In regard to the indictment for forgery, the motion briefly stated was that it would be impossible to secure a conviction and that a trial of the case would only be an added expense to the taxpayers.

It was never definitely decided whether or not John Serbia, whose name was signed to the note on which the money was taken from the bank is a real or imaginary person.

In order to prove that a forgery had been committed it would be necessary to show that no such person as John Serbia existed and even if he was located it would be required to prove that he had not given authority for the signature.

In view of the record of the case, the lapse of time and the lack of evidence, it was moved that the indictments be dismissed.

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