

FLOCK OWNERS ASK FOR HELP

**SHEEPMEN CONFRONTED WITH
PROBLEM OF HELP.**

Request Exemption to Grant Relief
to Herders Employed By
Them at Present.

That the sheep industry is threatened for lack of men to tend the flocks and camps is apparent from the statement made last evening to the exemption board by William Slusher, Senator N. J. Burgess, Hugh Stanfield and Antonio Vey, all large flock masters of Unatilla county. They appeared before the board in an endeavor to get relief from the depleted condition of their labor. It seems that a sheep herder will not ask exemption and the sheep owners find themselves frequently with large bands in the mountains and the herder going to war. This is not the intent of the government, according to general belief, and it is probable the exemption board will find a way out of the difficulty.

**GERMANS SUFFER A SUR-
PRISE ATTACK BY THE
FRENCH AND YANKS**

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Canadian forces have captured Ramillies, two miles northeast of Cambrai, and taken 8000 prisoners. Many guns were also taken in yesterday's operations on this front.

American Losses Light.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—(By United Press.)—The American losses in the Meuse and Argonne fighting yesterday were less than half the number of German prisoners taken, according to the battlefield dispatches. Perhaps announced the Americans took fifteen hundred prisoners.

Turn Batteries On Huns.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Oct. 9.—(By United Press.)—Americans are pushing eastward toward Busigny and have captured two batteries, which they turned against the Germans.

Fall of Cambrai Expected.

PARIS, Oct. 9.—(By United Press.)—The battle is proceeding with great intensity along the entire battlefield, with Cambrai's fall expected soon. Ludendorff's defenses continue to crumble about him.

Fighting Doors.

All the doors should swing high enough from the floor to clear any rug placed near them. And they should be placed so that they will not jam against one another. I know of two doors in a house that persist in locking knobs just as two angry bulls lock horns in mortal combat—or is it deer that do this? And when these doors are in that position, you can't get out but have to back out, get around another way, and separate them. We don't intend having any doors like that in this house.—Harry L. Shumway, in the House Beautiful.

ACQUIRING A PERFECT FIGURE



Most women who have perfect figures did not have them originally. They have acquired them. A woman gradually takes the shape of her corset so the corset produced by the most artistic designer is the right one to wear to secure a perfect figure.

MODART CORSETS Front Laced

are most symmetrically and artistically designed. They are comfortable, stylish and gradually mold the figure into those beautiful lines that every woman admires and desires.

**PAULINE
LEDERLE**

HUNS POUR BLAZING LIQUID ON WOUNDED

Flame Turned Against Unarmed Men
in Packed Trench by Bar-
barians.

Details have been officially published for the first time of gross outrages on British prisoners and wounded men committed by the Germans last March. Affidavits of Scotch soldiers testify to the authenticity of the charges.

A private of the Royal Highlanders tells how he and a number of comrades, consisting of one officer and 15 men, ten of whom were wounded, were compelled to surrender near Monchy on March 28. They were lined up in the original front line trench, and after some time a German officer and two men appeared.

One of the men, under orders of the officer, turned a stream of liquid fire straight down the trench in which the Britishers were standing and continued to spray them for six or seven minutes. Another private testified that he and other prisoners were marched down a trench to an emplacement about 6 feet deep, 9 feet wide, and from 9 to 12 feet long, and while they were packed in the inclosure two Germans, one of whom seemed to be an officer, appeared. The other man had a cylinder on his back and attached to it was a flexible pipe.

"Just as he reached the entrance to the inclosure," said the soldier, "a flame spurted out from the pipe and caught the men. The other men lay in heaps around and partly on me. I heard a hissing sound for a short while. Then it stopped, but started again. By this time all the men were on the ground."

Another soldier related how an officer, wounded in the head and foot, and four others wounded and three unwounded men, including himself, were in an old trench when two Germans appeared and used liquid fire.

SEE FAST RABBIT

**Motorists Think American Soldiers
Might Use Him.**

Junction City (Kan.) motorists who frequent a long, level north-and-south road some miles west of town tell of frequent races with a huge jack rabbit who, on occasion, gets up a speed of forty miles an hour. The jack's size would gain him recognition anywhere regardless of his speed.

All of the motorists tell of meeting him in about the same spot each evening. "He jumps into the road ahead of the car and races for a distance of several blocks, then darts into the weeds beside the road and lets the car pass him. Races with rabbits in the evening are quite frequent; the headlights blind them and they stay in the road ahead of the car until they can see to escape to the side of the road, but this particular jack always meets the machines at a certain point and races with them until he reaches his jumping-off place, so it is presumed that he races the autos by intention and not by accident.

Motorists tell of having three and four races with the same jack rabbit within a week.

HATCHED THE EGGS

**Oil Stove Placed in Hen's Place When
She Died.**

Mrs. E. H. Porter of Crittenden, Ky., has gained an enviable reputation this season as a raiser of young chickens and she now has a fine brood with no mother. One of her hens sickened and died recently, leaving a nestful of eggs.

Mrs. Porter immediately brought her oil stove into requisition and put her eggs near it and kept the room closed and the eggs covered with warm cloths, with the result that they hatched at the proper time. The chickens are lively and healthy, and having never known any other mother than Mrs. Porter they are quite happy and do not miss the hen.

They will be looked after, fed, watered and given every opportunity by their foster mother, we opine, and are probably the first batch ever brought off by the use of an old-fashioned coal-oil stove.

ASHAMED HE'S PRISONER

**Yank Peeved Because He Was Caught
Early in Game.**

"Here I am, a prisoner of war. I feel very mortified and ashamed to be caught so soon in the game, although it was partly due to my own fault. But 'c'est la guerre,' as we say," Lieut. Elmer D. Mackay in these words writes to his parents at McKeesport, Pa., announcing that he is a captive of the Germans. He said he was fighting about 300 feet inside the German lines on May 9 last in the Toul sector when taken prisoner. "I have been through Metz, Saarbrücken and Karlsruhe, and thus you see I have crossed the Rhine through the famous Black forest of Germany. In this officers' prison camp at Villages-Baden there are other American officers, and five or six are from Pennsylvania. These are doctors captured while with the British."

Handmade Service Flag.

Mrs. Sarah Lyne made the Lincoln county (Kan.) service flag bearing its 300 stars, all of which are stitched on by hand instead of being pasted on, as is the usual method. Mrs. Lyne has also placed a "Red Cross" quilt, which the Methodist Ladies' society has quilted, and the quilt is soon to be sold at auction for the Red Cross.

Widows and Insurance.

Even when a widows nothing to us personally it almost always makes us feel very bad to hear what kind of securities some one has persuaded her to buy with the insurance money.—Ohio State Journal.

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RED CROSS DRUG STORE

**The Kodak
Store**

**Social and
Personal**

A. E. Huff is reported from the Grande Ronde Hospital as convalescing.

Mrs. H. R. Hanna and children went to Reith this morning to visit for a few days.

Mrs. Lowell Williamson left this morning for Portland to visit with friends for a short time.

Orin Lovan is here visiting, on a few weeks' furlough, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lovan.

Rev. N. S. Hawk, of the Methodist Episcopal church officiated at the wedding, Monday, of Peter Osborn and Rosalie French, both of North Powder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Branson and children of Joseph are visiting at the homes of Mrs. Grace Mollitor and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lilly.

George E. Dearmont of Vincent and Mrs. Lulu Bates, of Hot Lake, were united in marriage Monday afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, Rev. N. Sherman Hawk officiating.

Mrs. W. D. Weaver, of Enterprise, is here at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Walcott, who recently underwent an operation at the Grande Ronde Hospital, for appendicitis.

Clifford R. Bassett, of Pocatello, Idaho, and Carrie V. Hicks, of La Grande, were united in marriage at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage Monday evening at 8:30. Mr. Bassett has served for the past four years in the navy, having spent the two years previous to the entrance of the United States in the war, on China coast points. Rev. Hawk officiated at the ceremony.

Little Ruthie Murchison celebrated her fourth birthday yesterday at the home of her parents with a birthday party. The afternoon was spent in games and a nice luncheon was served to the little guests. Red and white were the colors used in the home decorations and the table was also trimmed in the same colors. Many nice presents were bestowed upon Ruthie by her friends with whom she is so popular. Those present were Ethel Donohue, Robert Zweifel, Bernice Wilson, Marvin Mackey, Laura Smith, Elsie Corgale, Veda Nelson, Alma Bay, Marguerite Zweifel, Belle Smith, Edna May Wilson, Audrey Nash.

Pendleton Boy Wins Promotion.

The following is taken from the October 4 issue of the Pendleton Tribune:

"R. Alexander received yesterday afternoon the following wire from his son, Roy, who is in the quartermaster department at Camp Lewis: 'My dearest father and mother. Just received promotion to rank of quartermaster-sergeant, first-class, which is highest non-commissioned office I can hold in the quartermaster department. I am quite proud of this and you to know. You can tell the boys.'"

Sergeant Alexander is the nephew of Mrs. M. S. Block of this city and has many friends here who will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

REV. I. S. M'ELROY, JR.



Rev. Isaac Stuart McElroy, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian church at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., who married Miss Alice Wilson in the White House. He is planning to go, within a year, to Japan to do missionary work.

CATHOLICS HAVE A LARGE PER CENT

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work for three months, but it has already shown remarkable activity. It is supplying the men at the different centers with such varied objects as rosaries, baseball outfits, medals, magazines, games, prayer books, writing paper and scapulars. The American Catholic does not keep his religion in a water tight compartment, he knows the value of a Catholic atmosphere in his recreations. And so the Knights of Columbus, while they aim first of all at getting the men to their spiritual duties regard Catholic huts and clubs as having a real spiritual value.

My own experience of American Catholic soldiers in England is a very consoling one. Physically a splendid body of men, they are conscientious and keen, full of enthusiasm, and with high ideals. Many of them, naturally, bear Irish names. They are extremely grateful for any attention that is shown them and have made an excellent impression.

Americans are sometimes represented as being devoted merely to making money. It is true that their business life is extremely strenuous and efficient, but only a superficial observer would regard this as the chief characteristic of American life. More important than their business enterprise is their high and noble idealism which is so striking to those who know them. They have before them the vision of a great future.

The Catholics of the United States are given in the official Catholic Directory as numbering over 17,000,000, and as we have seen, they are well represented in the army. Hence the Knights of Columbus have an enormous task before them in providing for the spiritual needs of American Catholic soldiers in England. But their task is made easier by the cordial co-operation of the American military authorities and of the people of England generally.

Flower Friends.

Flowers cost so little and they mean so much. We need not go to fashionable florists for our messengers. One rose bought from a tray on the street may mean more than the handsomest design on Fifth avenue. It is these little things, these beautiful personal expressions, that make our flowers worth while. But they must have a message or they cannot deliver it. Remember that.—New York Telegram.

Authors' Advantage.

The circumstance which gives authors an advantage above all great masters is this, that they can multiply their originals; or rather can make copies of their works to what number they please, which shall be as valuable as the originals themselves.—Addison.

MRS. NIBLEY AS CHEF

Well Known Caterer 'Will Serve
Dinner For L.D.S.

Madame Rohrer, famous the country over as a cook, has nothing on Mrs. H. W. Nibley, who has pleased the tastes of Union county people on many occasions, and the ladies of the L.D.S. church have secured this lady to manage and serve a big dinner today, tomorrow and next day in the L.D.S. Amusement Hall on Fourth street. This is done to accommodate the several hundred teachers in the city, and incidentally to give La Grande people an opportunity to once get a meal served by Mrs. Nibley. Remember, it is Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Amusement Hall, where the latch string hangs out and the good cheer and fine fellowship of the L.D.S. ladies prevails.—Adv. 10-9-21

NEW TODAY

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red pullets, also fliers. Phone Black 1642. 10-9-21

FOR SALE—A good Hartford heater. 1206 Penn Ave. Call mornings. 10-9-21

FOR EXCHANGE—Lot in California, valued at \$600 as part payment on an automobile.—Write L.L., care of Observer. 10-9-21

FOR SALE—For \$10, wood burning heater and pipe, in good condition. 1502 Sixth St. 10-9-21

FOR SALE—Half acre, with nearly new small house, at \$700; city and well water, wooded, chicken house, cellar; splendid soil. Will require small cash payment and balance monthly. This is a bargain for anyone who wants to stop paying rent. Security Land & Savings Co. Oct. 9-12-16-19

FOR SALE—Five acre tract, with good house and barn; land all in cultivation, in Fruitdale, three miles from town. A bargain at \$1100, some cash, balance time. Security Land & Savings Co. Oct. 9-12-16-19.

FOR SALE—Nice new bungalow, just in the edge of town; nearly an acre and a half of fine soil, all in cultivation; just a beautiful home. It will require some cash and balance time. The price on this place is right. Security Land & Savings Co. Oct. 9-12-16-19.

WANTED—Good homes for three girls.—Call J. S. W. Johnson, Darland Apartments. Oct. 9-21

The Great Bargains Offered at this Closing Out Quit Business Sale

are the great attraction now. It has no equal unless it is the war, and even so, they all stop and THINK and TALK of these WONDERFUL BARGAINS at this CLOSING OUT SALE.

Men's Overcoats

\$18.00 Values \$13.48
\$20.00 Values \$14.98
\$25.00 Values \$17.69

If we had to buy these on the market today, we would pay double the price we are selling them for.

Laces

LACES—Six lots of Laces, beautiful merchandise, 3 1/2¢, 7¢, 9¢, 13¢, 17¢, 19¢. This is about one-half of the original price and if bought today would be three or four times the sale price.

One lot double width, plain colors Dress Serge 28¢

One lot Men's Dress Suits, \$18.50 values \$7.98

One lot Boys' Suits, values to \$10.00 \$5.98

One number Men's Heavy Cotton Sweater, \$3.00 values \$1.98

Women's Rain Coats, \$6.00 values \$3.98

One lot of Ladies' Dress Patterns, lace or button \$2.49

Boys' Flannel Shirts, gray, khaki, or brown \$1.29

Large line Men's Fleece Shirts and Drawers, gray, tan and ecru 98¢

One lot Men's Dress Shirts, 48¢

One lot Men's Dress Patent Shoes \$2.49

One lot Men's Medium Work or Dress Shoes \$3.49

One lot Ladies' Dress Shoes, lace or button \$3.59

One lot Child's Sandals and Slippers 69¢

One lot Boys' School Shoes \$2.49

One lot Children's School Shoes \$1.29

One lot Children's Wool Sweaters 98¢

Men's Mackinaws, \$10.50 values \$7.79

One lot Men's Wool Sweaters, \$7.50 values \$5.85

One lot Men's Cotton Fleece Union Suits \$1.43

One lot Men's High Cut Heavy Work Shoes, up to \$9.50 values \$5.98

One lot Men's Heavy Wool Shirts and Drawers, \$3.50 values \$1.48

Men's Flannel Shirts, good colors \$1.98

One lot Men's Dress Neck-band Shirts 69¢

Boys' Dress Shirts 48¢

One lot Men's Heavy Work Shoes \$2.98

Embroidery and Insertions

Three lots of Embroidery and Insertions; the sale price is not half the original price 4¢, 17¢, 19¢

There are very few items of merchandise priced in our whole line that can be bought on today's market for the money we are asking.

The Closing Out, Quit Business Sale The Golden Rule Co.

Mrs. Smith Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have had more or less stomach trouble for eight or ten years," writes Mrs. G. H. Smith, Brewerton, N. Y. "When suffering from attacks of indigestion and heaviness after eating, one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets have always relieved me. I have also found them a pleasant laxative." These tablets tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. If you are troubled with indigestion give them a trial, get well and stay well. Adv.

St. Peter's Guild will have a rummage sale at Roman Hall, Friday, Oct. 11. 10-8-21

October 10th last day to pay water rent without a penalty. 10-7-21

The very prettiest assortment of Hand Purses and Shopping Bags made you will find at Silverthorn's. They are from the largest and most reliable factory in America.

Silverthorn's
FAMILY DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON.

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Don't Always Blame the Telephone Operator When You Are Called By Mistake

Were you ever called to the telephone when another number was wanted?

When this occurs, the operator, to be sure, may have humanly erred by ringing on the wrong line. More often, however, it is the fault of the person making the call.

People often ask for 456, for example, when 546 is wanted and then either "hang up" when the mistake is realized or become impatient when the wrong person answers.

Unfamiliarity with the work of telephone operating often prompts unjust criticism. Please don't forget the earnestness of the operator's effort when some occasional service difficulty does arise.

Home Phone Co.