

LIFE OF BAKER MAN REVIEWED

That William Pollman, of Baker, is one of the best known men in the northwest is evidenced by the fact that, upon completing one of the largest sales of stock ever made in this part of the country, the story of his life in the west in brief was published in the Portland newspaper.

Many La Grande people know William Pollman, or rather Billy Pollman, intimately. The story follows:

With \$2.50 in his pocket—all his worldly wealth—Billy Pollman crept out of the roof of a big house and dodged hot cinders as the train rattled and passed up the grade in Sullivan's gulch. Every time the train halted another chunk of wood into the firebox a shower of live embers fell over Billy, and he thought he would be a burnt offering before getting a chance to make his mark in the cattle business.

That ride stolen on the train was in 1889, and Billy Pollman was headed for Baker, Ore. They called Baker "City in three days."

Yesterday Mr. Pollman, banker, announced at the Imperial that he has retired from the cattle industry. Just before coming to Portland Mr. Pollman (no one thinks of calling him anything but Billy Pollman) disposed of his cattle and almost all of his sheep. It was the largest cattle sale that has been transacted in the Pacific northwest since 1919, when Mr. Pollman disposed of a large number of head.

Child & Agency of Bozeman, Mont., bought the 2000 head of stock cattle, beef steers and beef cows, which Mr. Pollman had, and the price is supposed to have been around \$100,000.

"It required ten days," explained the Baker citizen, "six days riding around showing the stock, and then four days of real honest-to-goodness trading."

The same Montana outfit bought the 2000 head, that bought the other big bunch from Mr. Pollman six years ago. There has been no other important cattle transaction such as this in years.

Sheep Being \$50,000.

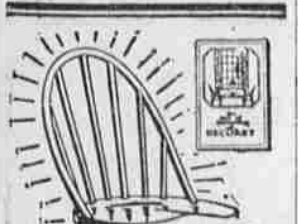
In addition to the cattle, Mr. Pollman disposed of 9000 sheep, ewes and lambs. The yearling ewes brought \$11.50, wether lambs \$11 a head, and other ewes \$14 a head. The deal involved approximately \$50,000.

Thus with his cattle and his sheep Mr. Pollman, in the past couple of weeks, has sold something like \$150,000 worth of livestock. These sales are matters of importance to every stockman in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

"There was no trouble about the sheep," explained Mr. Pollman, "they came and took them away from me, but with the cattle it was a matter of making a sale."

Interests Now Are Varied.

For almost 36 years Mr. Pollman has been in the livestock business in eastern Oregon. He arrived at Baker with the \$2.50 before mentioned and a willingness to work. He connected with a job in a butcher shop and eventually progressed to being a cattle owner, land owner and banker, not to



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The condition of his health decided Mr. Pollman to shorten and dispose of many of his widespread interests, and among the first to go were the cattle and sheep.

"If I felt able to give it the attention required," said the cattleman yesterday, "I would not have sold, but would be out to buy more cattle, even though the industry has been hard hit. There never was a time when it was too early or too late for me to see my stock, nor could I see them too often. That is the secret of success in the livestock business. You've got to give them your personal attention, and the only way you will know about cattle or sheep is by being with them. Do this and it will pay."

His Acquaintance Wide.

In time Mr. Pollman became one of the principal factors in the livestock industry in the northwest. He for years was at the head of the cattlemen's association and of late he has been working on the orderly marketing program. He still has 22,000 acres of range which someone can buy, for he no longer has anything to graze, other than a band of lambs which he retains for the present. His acquaintanceship is personal with practically every cattle grower and sheep man east of the Cascades. He knows what they own and their financial situation. No shepherd has kept more intimate touch with grass conditions or water supply.

Besides the stock industry Mr. Pollman has had time to manage two banks at Baker and is still doing so. But he has had so many irons in the fire that he has decided to withdraw a few and rest up a little. Thus his retirement from the livestock business.



Italy to Have Encyclopedia

ROME (AP)—The senatorial committee, entrusted with compiling the new official Italian encyclopedia, has completed its preliminary work and has accepted a program whereby its task will be completed in 1933. It is expected the work will consist of 22 volumes, each of about 100 pages.

The committee now is studying a suggestion that it compile a six-volume biographical dictionary with scope extending from Roman days until the present.

Beginning of the public instruction of children when they are two years of age is advocated by a Yale professor.

British Dry



Edward Scrymgeour, the Victorian Great Britain, will prohibit the sale of liquor in the British Isles.

Scant Contributions May Decrease Work Of Church

NEW YORK (AP)—The Episcopal church, regarded as one of the richest religious denominations in the world, is facing a radical reduction in expenditures and curtailment of its work with possible abandonment of entire fields of missionary service. This situation was revealed today by the budget to be submitted to the General Convention at New Orleans next month, copies of which were sent to the clerical and lay delegates.

The demand for retrenchment which has arisen is ascribed to decreasing contributions from the various dioceses throughout the country for the support of the general work of the church, including the mission field.

The educational work of the church will be hit hardest if suggested cuts totaling \$1,200,000 are made in the budget of \$4,500,000. Next to that, a reduction of salaries paid by the national council will be necessitated, involving a departure from the policy of the campaign launched six years ago to raise the compensation of the clergy to a living basis, which has been largely successful in its results. The reduction of appropriations for certain lines of work, it is declared, will also mean an abandonment of a unified system of raising funds for the general work of the church.

An interesting feature of the situation is that this movement for retrenchment in the work of the church comes at a time when the membership is contributing more toward all church purposes than at any time in its history. Last year, for instance, the total was \$15,800,000, in excess of the contributions for 1919. The explanation is said to lie in the fact that many of the dioceses upon which the church must rely almost entirely for support of its mission fields, and other general work, have failed to meet the budget quota assigned to them by the Episcopal National Council of the direction of General Convention, while their congregations are raising larger sums for local work.

The convention of 1925 inaugurated what is known as the nation wide campaign, under the impetus of which contributions for the

Some mission fields will have to be abandoned entirely if the curtailed budget is adopted; there will be reductions in the salaries of the missionary bishops, clergy and workers throughout the world; many new projects will have to be abandoned and the whole work of the church's work will be projected on a narrower and more restricted basis.

Lewis R. Franklin, vice president and treasurer of the church, reminds the members in a statement that expenditures must balance income or disaster will follow.

"Some of those who advocate

reductions in work seem to forget that the budget can also be balanced by an increase in receipts," says Mr. Franklin. "Past records of giving do not measure the present ability of the people of other countries to support their work with missionary enterprise as such gifts during the last three years have been at the rate of \$2.50 per annum per member, or five cents a week."

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