

LAMBING BEGINS IN WALLOWA CO.

Most of New Arrivals Are Saved in Spite of Severe Winter Weather

By K. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent) WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Lambing operations are under way at several of the farms in this end of the valley. Among the large flock owners of this section who are lambing at this time is M. J. Sevier, of Diamond prairie, who has a band of 2000 ewes. Lambing was scheduled to start at the ranch during the past week. Careful preparations have been made for handling the ewes to the best advantage at lambing season on this farm, during the fall a large sheep shed was constructed and has many pens and water piped into them. The shed is a large structure and is said to be one of the finest in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Sevier lambled quite early last season and came through with a large percentage of lambs which had attained a nice size at the time grass was started enough to put the sheep on pasture.

Several small flock owners who have been engaged in lambing some during the past two weeks report fine success in saving most of the young lambs. J. R. Williams, who lives about two miles northwest of Evans, states he has not lost a lamb and reports from the McAlister farm in Middle valley say that 40 fine lambs were saved from a total of 44 born during the latter part of January and the first week in February. Young pigs have also been arriving at some of the farms recently and like the early lambing has also been remarkably successful.

The continued cold weather, together with the extremely dry condition of the ground, is making stock water a serious problem at many places in the community at this time. A number of farms in Middle valley which are some distance from the river are becoming quite short on stock water at this time, according to reports from farmers there. Considerable trouble of this kind has been experienced in Lower valley and portions of the hill sections. F. H. Weinhart, who lives at the former James Powers ranch in Lower valley, has been feeding a large herd of cattle there and reports a shortage of water for his stock. He is preparing to move the stock up. Dry creek north of the H. T. Burgess farm where plenty of water is available.

Hauling of logs from the Glenn Tulby place on Whiskey creek is progressing nicely. A number of men with teams have been engaged in hauling in these logs. Among them are: Gilbert Baker, Jim Bright, Ed Bell, Orville Plass. The roads are well packed, making it possible to haul large loads.

A number of sheepmen of this county, among them Fred Falcon, others who have in past years wintered their sheep in the winter range areas of Snake and Innaha rivers, have gone through some tough weather conditions during the past two weeks in getting their bands out of the canyons to the upper part of the valley where feed could be gotten. The heavy snowfall is said to have reached well into the winter range sections and with the continued cold weather has shown but little signs of melting away, making it necessary in some instances to haul and pack chopped alfalfa and grain into the bands, until the work of breaking roads and drying the sheep out could be accomplished. Reports from Enterprise during the early part of the week said that approximately 10,000 head of sheep were being driven on the road between Innaha and Enterprise. Friday and Saturday part of the bands had reached the valley where hay could be secured without the long haul. This unlooked for need for large quantities of hay, it is feared by many, will result in an acute shortage should the weather continue cold as it has during the past two or three weeks. Hay prices in the upper valley section have been lower up until this time than around this community. However, reports from that section recently indicate that hay prices have been materially boosted during the past few days. One large stock man from the north end of the county, it is stated, purchased 100 tons of hay at \$20 per ton, while a few weeks ago the highest price being paid ranged around \$15 per ton.

Feed of all kinds appears to be none too plentiful in this community and many inquiries are heard daily for hay. About all local holdings have been sold at this time and some shipments have been received by some of the Lower valley farmers from Haines. This hay is said to have been of excellent quality and cost a little better than \$20 per ton laid down here. Some of the stockmen are feeding a considerable quantity of grain. Considering the price of grain they feel that a considerable saving in hay can be made in this way without added cost and at the same time keep the stock in better condition than where they were fed only hay.

Guy Oliver, of Lower valley, was a business visitor in town the last of the week. He reports logging progressing fairly well off of Smith mountain. The logs here are being cut on top and hauled to a chute where they are shot down the mountain. Mr. Oliver says the deep snow has not bothered work greatly.

Many of the farmers in the Upper Leap and Chapman districts have finally got their roads to the woods broken out again after the

PRIVATE LIFE OF OYSTER SEEN



Dr. P. S. Galtsoff in laboratory where he has unmasked the innermost secrets of the oyster.

deep snow and drifting spell of two weeks ago and are able to start getting up their year's supply of wood, which was in progress at the time of the storm.

Some farmers over the country have found it necessary to shovel snow off some of the buildings on which the roof was rather flat. During the early part of last week the snow became quite wet, making a great weight on some of the buildings.

Mrs. Bruce Fisher, of Leap, recently received a letter from her brother, Albert Feagins, who has been stationed in the Panama Canal zone for some time. Mr. Feagins has been in the U. S. army for the last year and a half.

L. V. Lathrop, of Leap, was a business visitor in town the latter part of the week.

Game birds have been easy prey for coyotes, owls and other predatory varmints during the past few weeks while all feed has been deeply covered with snow. The owls have been particularly destructive in killing many of the small Hungarian pheasants, which have become quite plentiful in the hill sections of this end of the valley during the past few years.

C. I. Booth, of Enterprise, was a business visitor in town Saturday. He reports the lowest point reached by the thermometer at Enterprise during the recent cold spell was 29 degrees below zero.

George Coleman, of Powatka ridge, was a business visitor in town the latter part of the week.

Ed Young, of Lower valley, brought his small son to the doctor here Saturday for medical treatment. The left side of the boy's face was badly swollen and paralyzed, which, according to the doctor, had been caused from becoming too cold. A few other cases similar to this have been reported during the recent extreme cold spell.

John McCullough, of Lower valley, has been busy recently hauling some hay from the Clowrie Thompson farm west of Lostine.

L. W. Minor was at the F. H. Weinhart farm on Whiskey creek the last of the week for some seed grain.

Roy Gastin and George Cussins have been busy several days the last week sawing up some logs they hauled from Whiskey creek recently for fire wood.

A few cases of "flu" are still

In the number of cattle and horses ranged on the forest lands of this county. Jay Billings, of the national forest office here, states that in 1919 approximately 30,000 head of cattle and horses were ranged in the county, while at this time the figures available indicate there is probably not more than 6,000 head of these animals in comparison with the 30,000 of ten years ago.

Bruce Fisher, of Leap, was busy the first of the week hauling some wheat in to town.

Continued cold weather has made some severe inroads on the egg production of many of the poultry flocks of this section. Some flocks which were producing practically 50 per cent before the recent severe cold have dropped off nearly half during the past week. This shortage in local fresh eggs has resulted in a slight raise in price at local stores.

C. A. Hunter reports his large herd of cattle being fed at his valley farms to be doing fine at this time. Mr. Hunter has not experienced any trouble from insufficient water supply, as have several of the other stockmen, with the feed yards being situated near some of the warm spring branches plenty of water is available for the stock at all times.

SEES A BETTER MARKET FOR HORSES AND MULES

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (AP)—An improvement in the values and sale of horses and mules in 1929 is expected by J. J. Seary, head of the St. Louis Horse & Mule Commission company.

Seary bases his prediction on the shortage of horses and mules, which he says exists throughout the country.

The East St. Louis market, long the largest horse and mule market in the world, handled 70,994 horses and mules in 1928, slightly more than in 1927.

Advertisement for Baking Powder Schilling. It features a central image of a box of baking powder and text stating: 'There is no substitute for cream of tartar for fine baking. Cream of tartar is costly—so some baking powders contain only substitutes. Any baking powder will do an acceptable job. But ask any domestic science teacher which is wisest to use. Ask your doctor. Ask any pure food department.' It also lists 'Coffee 32 Extracts' and '47 Spices Tea'.

OUT OUR WAY By Williams

A cartoon illustration titled 'THE SHIRT WASTE.' It shows a man in a suit talking to a group of children. The man says: 'I TELLYA AT AINT NO VALANTINE FER NO GIRL! FEEL IT—ITS MY PARS SHIRTS—GO AHEAD, FEEL IT! DOG GONE YOU, JISS CUZ EY SELL VALANTINES IN WHER EY TAKE LAUNDRY—DOGGONE YOU—IS AT ANY SIGN I— FEEL IT!' The children respond: 'AAAH—GUILTY CONSUMANTS! NOBODY SAID NOFIN' 'BOUT ANY VALANTINE— I JISS SAID LUCKY GIRL IS ALL I—' and 'PURTY CLEVER—EE-HEE SHIRTS—EE-HEE.' and 'NICE SHIRT TALE!' A sign in the background says 'LEAVE LAUND HERE' and 'VALENTINES'. The cartoon is signed 'J. WILLIAMS' and 'REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.'.

Large advertisement for Montgomery Ward & Co. featuring a 'NATION WIDE EVENT MID-WINTER SALE'. The ad includes a woman in a floral dress and lists various silk fabrics with prices: 'All-silk Georgette 85c yd. Values to \$1.25 yd.', 'All-silk Flat Crepe \$1.49 yd. Values to \$2.00 yd.', 'All Silk Printed Crepe \$1.59 yd.', 'All-silk Crepe de Chine \$1.39 yd. Values to \$1.75 yd.', and 'Satin-face Crepe \$1.59 yd. Values to \$2.00 yd.' and 'Charmeuse Satin 98c yd. Values to \$1.50 yd.' The ad concludes with 'MONTGOMERY WARD & CO.' and contact information: 'Phone Main 18 1101-3 Wa sh. Ave. La Grande, Ore.'