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BIG STEAL STOPPED JUST BEFORE SALE

ATTEMPT TO GET AWAY WITH BAND OF 2500 SHEEP IS ALMOST SUCCESSFUL—MEN CAUGHT AT OMAHA.

PROPERTY WORTH \$50,000

Sheriff Leaves to Bring Back Men in Deal—600 of 2500 Still Missing—Kept Under Cover for Weeks.

Because representatives of Clay Robinson & Co., at South Omaha became suspicious when 1800 odd head of prime ewes bred to lamb in April arrived at the yards for Monday's market, the biggest sheep stealing attempt in the history of this section failed. At that it came within an ace of succeeding and had it done so the N-Bar-N Land and Cattle company, of which William Gess is the manager, would have lost \$50,000.

The story of the broken attempt to steal an entire band of sheep is almost unbelievable, but that is what was attempted. The sheep under the charge of Frank Pratt, were being herded on the desert 50 miles South of Jordan Valley, and were driven there December 26 and some time later, 1500 of them appeared at Winnemucca, Nevada, where under the name of G. W. Allen a man, supposedly Frank Pratt or a confederate, ordered cars to ship them to Chicago. They left Winnemucca on January 14, in seven double deck cars.

On Monday a Winnemucca bank received a wire from Clay Robinson seeking information concerning Allen, and thinking that Tom Allen of the Hanley company was the man inquired about advised that everything was O. K. Later, as a matter of precaution further inquiries were made at Winnemucca and it was found that Tom Allen had not been there for some time and could not have shipped the sheep. In the meantime representatives of the N-Bar-N outfit had become suspicious of the long absence of Pratt, the herder, and Charles Brown, camp tender, and asked Deputy Sheriff Munford at Jordan Valley to hit the trail. This Mr. Munford did on Sunday afternoon and by Monday morning had sufficient information to indicate that the sheep had been driven off the desert.

He communicated his information to Mr. Gess, who came immediately to Ontario and here received the advice transmitted between Clay Robinson and the Winnemucca bank. The case was placed before District Attorney R. W. Swagler, who immediately got into communication with Sheriff Mike Clark of Omaha and had the sale stopped at noon, just as a deal was pending for them.

The Omaha sheriff arrested Allen, who is believed to be Pratt, and later took into custody a man who gave the name of Jackson, but whom the authorities here believe to be Bowen. Gess left Tuesday for Omaha and on Wednesday Sheriff Ben Brown and Marshal H. C. Farmer left to bring the men back, extradition having been secured.

For several days an effort has been made to locate the other 600 sheep but without avail. Even if all the sheep are located the N-Bar-N outfit is a heavy loser, for the sheep will have to be returned to this section or sold at a big loss at Omaha.

COLD FAILS TO CHILL

ARDOR FOR SILVER TEA

In spite of the cold, raw wind that blew on Wednesday the Woman's Club Silver Tea for the benefit of the student aid fund given at the home of Mrs. S. D. Dorman was a distinct success and measured up to previous records, netting \$22.50 for the fund.

EVERY SHOVEL HAS ITS LITTLE TAG ATTACHED

The school children of Ontario waged a tag day Wednesday when the attached "Save a Shovel of Coal" tag to every shovel in town, doing their part in the national campaign. The tags were distributed in all the rooms and found their places in short order. Both boys and girls took part in the campaign.

MAN NAMED MORTON IS VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

A man named Morton was killed Monday above Brogan on Willow creek when the car he was driving left the grade and overturned, pinning him beneath it. He was accompanied by a man named Vogt, according to advices received here, and he, too, was caught under the car but not seriously hurt. The body was brought to Ontario and shipped east. A daughter of the deceased came to Ontario to get the body.

FOOD VIOLATORS GET WARNING FROM JUDGE

Shipment of Flour From Juntura Mercantile Co. to C. F. Dupree of Ontario Held up on order From Portland.

C. F. Dupree of Ontario is the consignee to whom 40 sacks of flour shipped from Juntura this week were not delivered because Mr. Dupree had failed to secure a permit from County Judge McKnight for so large a shipment. The flour is at the warehouse in Ontario and Mr. Dupree claims that it was ordered last March or April. The Juntura Mercantile Co. and Mr. Dupree will have an opportunity to explain to the food authorities.

Judge George McKnight of Vale, food administrator for the county told the Argus over the phone tonight that he had ordered the flour held at Ontario on advices from Portland that the shipment had been made. He also declared that the Juntura Mercantile company would be given every opportunity to explain, for he intended to prosecute every reported violation of the food regulations.

"We want to know who the traitors are who are attempting to get around the government regulations," said Judge McKnight. "We will prosecute every case. That goes for the mail order houses who ship into this territory to the disadvantage of the local merchants who are obeying the regulations. I understand that some shipments of flour have come from Idaho. We will trace these shipments and inform Food Administrator Bicknell of Idaho, who can handle the men who make the shipments while we go after those who receive them."

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KINGMAN KOLONY MAN MAKES FIRST SWEATER

More Wool Yarn Arrives and Two Shipments of Knitted Goods Go Forward—Mrs. Cockrum Makes Record.

This is knitters' week at the Red Cross rooms. After sending forward a shipment last Saturday Mrs. Jos. Scholtes, superintendent of knitting, had so many pieces turned in during the week that another big box went forward today.

The box shipped today contained the first pieces of knitted work performed by a man member of the Chapter, and every worker about the room is proud of the fact that at last the Chapter has one man who can knit. That man is George McLafferty of Kingman Kolony, and Mrs. McLafferty did not aid him one bit. It should be added that the sweater was well made.

One Woman Adds Five Knitters.

Just to show how interest in the knitting is manifested Mrs. L. Belle Lees secured sufficient yarn from the shipment which just arrived to start five women knitting. These women are to knit socks. A growing number of women have been out of yarn for some time and are securing enough to start work again. Nyssa women secured about 40 per cent of the last shipment. Three Ontario women have made good records of late as knitters, Mesdames Moore, Wells and Hickox. They have made 20 pairs of socks each and one has made six sweaters. Makes 1000 Compresses per Week. At the surgical dressing tables Mrs. A. L. Cockrum holds the record with 1646 as her week's total.

In the Ranks.



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The American House Manager is today a member of the army that is fighting to save democracy in the world. More than 11,000,000 managers of American homes have enlisted for the duration of the war and pledged themselves to support the fighting men by the way they buy, cook and serve food. Food will win the war, and these women will help to win it. America must send food to Europe. The armies cannot hold out if we fail to send it. Only certain foods

can be shipped—those that pack the most food value into the smallest shipping space. These foods are wheat, meat, fats, sugar. We cannot eat them and send them too. We cannot eat them and send others. We must send these foods, and in order to do that we must eat other foods ourselves. The American House Manager will see to it that no food comes into her home that does not do its full duty under her management in winning the war.

FIRST STEP TAKEN TOWARD NEW SYSTEM

CHARTER AMENDMENT PERMITTING INCREASE OF INDEBTEDNESS CARRIES BY VOTE OF 176 TO 15.

PRACTICALLY NO OPPOSITION

Date of Second Election to Be Set at Regular Session of Council Next Monday When Returns are Counted.

By a vote of 176 to 15 the amendment to the City Charter permitting the Council to issue bonds to a sum equal to 25 per cent of the valuation carried, at the election Wednesday. There was practically no opposition and this combined with the fact that it was the first cold day of the year made the vote lighter than it should have been.

The result of the election will be canvassed by the City Council at its meeting Monday evening and at that time the date of the second election to vote the bonds will be set.

The fact that the city is to issue bonds has been known to bond bankers and already Mayor W. F. Homan has received inquiries on the matter and offers will undoubtedly be forthcoming when the bonds are issued.

RECEIPTS OF SECOND SHOW TO RED CROSS

OREGON CLUB ANNOUNCES THAT IT WILL PAY FOR EXPENSES OF SECOND PERFORMANCE AND DONATE RECEIPTS.

DARK CLOUDS ARE FUNNY

Singing of Circle as Well as of Soloists Is Good—Jokes are Young and the Crowds Enjoy Race Treat Thruout.

Judging by the best possible criterion—the way the crowd laughed—the Oregon Club's second annual minstrel show was a decided success. But that is not the only measure. For the size of the crowds present is another. Viewed from that angle likewise it went over with a whoop. They had to turn people away at Dreamland Tuesday evening. Those who did go laughed themselves sick at the antics of the Weine Trio and the end men. F. L. Stewart was the interlocutor.

Among the individual song hits were those scored by the old-time favorites, J. G. Smith, Herschel Browne, A. F. Riddle and A. Von Reardon. Similar success was also accorded

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Red Cross Given Real Lift

The directors of the Ontario Chapter Red Cross were materially cheered by the following letter received Monday, Ontario, Oregon, January 28th, 1918. Mrs. E. M. Greig, Secretary Local Chapter American Red Cross, Dear Madam:—Please find enclosed the sum of \$25.00 in currency to be used to buy material so that the Good Women of Ontario may keep working for the cause of Freedom.

The writer has brothers in the army, and others that will go, and the work that you good Women are doing may be of great benefit to them, and again if you Good Women are willing to do the work, it is certainly up to us men to get the materials so you can keep at work.

Yours very Truly,
One of the Men that has not shirked.

The directors meet Monday evening to face the problem of securing \$1,000 to keep the women working for the next three months, and when this letter was read and the money seen, they were encouraged in the hope that, no doubt when they knew what is needed the men and women of Ontario will solve the problem. It was determined to support a finance committee of five, the committee will be announced later. At the request of Mrs. E. M. Greig, H. C. Boyer and Frank Raider were named to assist in the purchase of the supplies.

BLACKBAY NAMED TO LEAD THIRD CAMPAIGN

J. R. Blackaby received word on his return Saturday from Portland of his appointment as chairman for Malheur county for the third Liberty Loan drive and accompanying came orders to report at Portland Tuesday for the conference of state managers. Mr. Blackaby said that he had no knowledge what Oregon or Malheur would have to raise but that arrangements would be made so that there would be a committee in every banking section of the county.

ONTARIAN URGED TO RUN FOR LEGISLATURE

Friends of Attorney P. J. Gallagher Would Have Him Seek Nomination for Lower House.

Among the other results of the session of the District Court at Vale this week is the starting of political booms which have been dormant for some time.

Among the first questions discussed was the question of representative and a quiet little boom was started for Attorney P. J. Gallagher of this city.

The Argus was not able to get a definite statement from Mr. Gallagher, but it is understood that he is in a receptive mood, and would make the race for the republican nomination.

Mr. Gallagher is well known throughout the district. He has lived in the state for the past six years, four of them being in Juntura and three in Ontario. Since his arrival here he has been active in civil life, being President of the Commercial club and a member of the board of directors of the fair, and an energetic supporter of all public activities during these years.

As yet no other candidate has been mentioned and it is understood that C. M. Crandall, present representative will not enter the lists if Malheur has any other candidate. Neither has there been any announcements from Harney county, where his friends declare Mr. Gallagher's candidacy will be well received, due to his extensive acquaintance gained thru his residence in Juntura and his practice in Harney county.

NO. 19 HELD UP AT WEISER, SAYS REPORT

One of Two Followers of Jesse James Captured—Other Escapes—Amount Secured Unknown

According to reports received here, No. 19 which passed thru Ontario at 7:05, was held up at Weiser by two masked bandits. One of the would-be followers of Jesse James is said to have been captured. The other escaped with what swag they were able to secure.

The details of the crime have not been learned, neither is there information as to the amount of booty taken. One report had it that the passengers were held up, this, however, was later declared to be incorrect.

MAJ. EDWARDS TELLS WHAT TO SEND THE SOLDIER BOY

In his address at Dreamland Major E. B. Edwards urged those who help their soldier boys to do the following five things:

1. Write him a letter, write often. He needs it more than anything else, to keep him from getting homesick.
2. Next send him socks, and then more socks. Knit socks long enough so they will go over the calf of the leg and knit them tight at the top so they will stay up, and be comfortable.
3. Send him short tallow or wax candles. He can use them in the dugouts to read and write by.
4. Send him insect powder. He will need it in spite of precautions.
5. Send cakes of sweet chocolate. It will tide him over an emergency.

VIVID PICTURES OF TRENCH LIFE GIVEN

CANADIAN OFFICERS CENTER OF PATRIOTIC MEETINGS—PEOPLE COULD NOT BE ACCOMMODATED IN TWO HALLS.

UNITY OF ACTION WAS URGED

Col. MacMillan Ordered for Duty After Baker Meeting—Vale, Too, Has Great Throings—Patriotism Aroused.

It was a patriotic, the sobered and determined crowd that left Dreamland and the Opera House last Sunday evening after listening to the addresses of Major J. F. Edwards and Captain E. J. Gook of the Canadian army and Bruce Dennis, director of the State Council of Defense.

There were hundreds who could not gain admission, for owing to the fact that Col. MacMillan had been ordered for duty following the Baker meeting, and also because the officers were worn out and could not speak more than four times in one day no addresses were delivered at the Odd Fellows' hall. However, after learning of conditions the crowd, tho disappointed, excused the officers.

United Action Urged.

After Major Edwards had impressively taken the audience on a tour thru the trenches and had recounted a few German atrocities, Captain Gook told stories of the fighting. He declared that "killing of Germans is the one bright side of the war, for by it alone the war can be won."

He also said that the men in the trenches do not get a blood lust, but shortly after coming from first line trenches write sentimental letters home and seldom tell of the actual fighting.

Both speakers declared that with the American army now being prepared, in the field, the war will be finished by Germany's defeat on German territory. "It will be the men with the bayonets that will win the war," said Capt. Gook, "for the Hun does not like cold steel."

Major Edwards paid a high tribute to the soldiers of the West when he declared: "The Pacific Coast develops the same class of men on both sides of the line and the spirit prevails in Washington, Oregon and California as it does in British Columbia, and we expect and know that the deeds of valor and fighting ability shown by the men of Canada will be repeated by the men of America." Both men told of horrible German violations of all laws of humanity, which they themselves had witnessed and had first-hand knowledge of.

"After the War."

Both speakers urged that all patriots unite to observe the food regulations and every other measure presented by the government. They urged that there be no political dissensions until the enemy of mankind be vanquished. Capt. Gook declared that "after the war" is the answer given to any proposal made in the allied countries. Even when a Tommy asks a French girl to go for a walk she declares: "after the war."

In introducing the speakers Bruce Dennis declared that Oregon is not living up, as it should, to the food and other war regulations, and that it was to awaken in the hearts and minds of the people the necessity of greater service that the State Council of Defense sought to bring the officers to the state.

J. W. McCulloch presided at the meeting at the Opera House and C. McPhongill presided at Dreamland. Music was furnished by Jas. G. Smith, the Weine Trio and Beauguard's orchestra.

Great Crowds at Vale.

At Vale in the afternoon great crowds heard the speakers. A special train ran from Crane and hundreds came miles to hear them.

On their return from Vale at 4 o'clock the visiting officers were guests of the County Council of Defense at a dinner given at Fifer's.

Misses Fern and Mary Atherton came up from Nampa Sunday to spend the day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atherton.