

ZERO WEATHER SENDS HAY PRICES SOARING

STOCKMEN WHO DELAYED BUYING FIND THEMSELVES SHORT AND SCURRY FOR FEED—THOUSANDS OF TONS BOUGHT.

CATTLE IN GRAVE DANGER

Related Buyers Find Market to Run From \$16.50 and Up On Seven and Half Foot Measurement—Foreign Buyers Active.

"The ill wind" that blew losses to the stockmen of Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho, waited good for the hay ranchers of Malheur county who had not sold their crops. This week there was a brisk demand for hay and the prices on that necessary article performed a Wall street stunt Many Cattle Come In.

The rise in price was due to the demand for feed for several large herds of cattle that came here from the interior from Idaho regions and from Wallowa county. Beside these there was also a general exodus of sheep from the interior, where the owners could reach the railroad, all headed for this portion of the valley. Several thousand head of sheep are on feed lots now that were on the range last week.

The sheep reached the feed lots in many cases in bad condition. One sheep man said that in two days his flocks fell off so badly that he hardly knew them when they reached Ontario.

It is said that there are several thousand head of sheep on the desert in Harney county that will be lost to their owners for they had no feed for them and the trucks hired to haul hay could not make the trip. Pack animals are being used to take the hay to these now and not enough can thus be transported to save the sheep, so it is said here.

Montanans After Hay.
One of the causes of the jump in hay prices was the presence of C. M. Parr, manager of the National Produce company of Great Falls, Montana, in this territory. Mr. Parr came here to buy all the hay he could secure. He was willing to meet the hay ranchers' figures and bought liberally. He is still buying.

W. J. Pinney, who pioneered hay baling in this section last year, was flooded with orders this week. Telephone calls came to him from all directions asking for the immediate shipment of hay. Had he had 50 carloads of baled hay on the tracks on Tuesday he could have sold every one of them.

M'GEE-RATCLIFFE.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ratcliffe, two miles south-west of town, Miss Clyda Ratcliffe became the bride of Chester McGee of Cold Creek, Wash. Rev. Wines of the Nazarene church performed the ceremony.

The young couple will leave in a few days for Cold Creek, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Jacob Prinzing and daughter Dorothy spent the week end in Ontario, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rader. Dr. Prinzing came up from Nampa Sunday to spend the day.

Sheriff Lee Noe came down from Vale Monday on business connected with the Stevenson case. He remained over for the trial on Tuesday.

Ice in River Endangers Bridges— Huge Gorge Forming Below City

Calling for black powder to blow up an ice gorge if one should form that would be serious and endanger the O. S. L. bridges at this point, Roadmaster P. A. Phenny of the O. S. L. is getting ready for trouble with Snake river.

An ice gorge is forming between Weiser and Wood's siding and since the banks of the river at that point are low a flood of the flats is probable if the gorge becomes much larger.

ONTARIO BOY WITH MARINES DIES AT MARE ISLAND HOSPITAL

A. A. Ingle of this city received word from the authorities at Mare Island that his son, Alphas Ingle, died there December 13th, following an illness of three weeks. The young man left Ontario two months ago and joined the marines and was sent to Mare Island. He had just emerged from quarantine when he was taken ill and was in the hospital for three weeks prior to his death. The body will not be brot to this city.

Besides the father, who lives here, he is survived by his sister, Miss Lotie Ingle, also of Ontario. Alphas Ingle was 19 years old. He was born at Asheville, North Carolina, and when a child his parents moved to Aberdeen, Washington, where the family lived until five years ago when they came to Ontario. Mr. Ingle has lived on a small ranch near the city and with him his son worked until he joined the army.

SERIOUS CHARGE IS FACED BY YOUNG MAN

William Stevenson Held to Grand Jury for Statutory Charge— White Slave Charge, Too, May Follow Conviction.

William Stevenson, who came here last spring following his discharge from the service, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge C. M. Stearns Tuesday afternoon on a complaint sworn to by a young married man, formerly a resident of Ontario.

Stevenson, who is himself a married man, was charged with a serious offense and was held for appearance before the District Court. Bail was fixed at \$1000, which he furnished.

Direct testimony by the woman in the case indicated that should he be convicted of the alleged offense in the state court Stevenson may be held to answer to the Federal court for violation of the Mann Act.

In the preliminary hearing two witnesses appeared against Stevenson. The woman furnished the most damaging evidence while Stevenson himself made admissions which incriminated him.

PARTNERS NET PROFIT ON BIG SHEEP DEAL

Coyne & Acton Sell 4,000 Ewes to P. J. Connelly at an Advance of \$1.85 per Head in Six Weeks of Ownership.

sheep are following the hay prices and are going up. As a proof of this may be cited the deal whereby Coyne & Acton sold 4,000 ewes to P. J. Connelly of Drewsey for \$8.85 per head this week.

Six weeks ago these sheep were purchased by the partners for just \$7.00 per head and they took their profits in that time.

Reports of other sheep sales have been current during the week but this is the only deal reported to have been completed.

The Woman's club has taken its Christmas vacation and its next meeting will be held on January 8, at the home of Mrs. Harry B. Cockrum.

Mel Dolling, manager of the telephone company received word Tuesday of the death of his father, W. L. Dolling, at Lodi, California. The message was brief, giving no details of his last illness.

PROVISION MADE TO EMPLOY COUNTY AGENT

Committee From Farm Bureau and Commercial Organizations Present Arguments to Court; Total Allowance to Be \$5,000.

Malheur county will have a county agent. That was the decision reached at a meeting of the County Court on Monday. At this meeting a committee appeared from the County Farm Bureau and the Vale and Ontario Commercial organizations to go over the proposed budget with the Court and scaled down the appropriation asked for the County Agent.

The original request included an item of \$720 for stenographic service. This was eliminated. Then the credit which the county has, with the state, amounting to \$600 will be used to purchase a car for the agent and the total appropriation will thus be just \$5,000 including the \$600 already provided for.

The court also eliminated from its budget \$10,000 which was to have been used to purchase a county poor farm, and several other items have been reduced. At a further meeting of the court today, action will be taken to pare some \$20,000 more, so that the budget will be within the legal limit.

In spite of this action the taxpayers will face an increased levy, for many fixed appropriations made by the legislature have vastly increased, while Malheur county's assessor has not increased the tax rolls to any degree. The valuations today are practically the same as four years ago while the value of everything and the cost of every department of the county and state have increased.

O. A. C. STUDENTS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Fuel Situation Such That College Is Dismissed—Girls Lead Boys on Homeward Journey—Plenty of Snow at Corvallis.

A scarcity of fuel at the O. A. C. resulted in advancing the vacation time of the students there, and with that a general exodus of students for their homes. On Monday evening the first of the Aggie contingent from Ontario reached home, and they were all co-eds, for the boys were not turned loose until after the girls left town.

The young women who arrived home Monday were: Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Turner, Amy Canfield, Delta Hill, Viola Husted, Lola Houser, Cecile Logan and Ruth Lackey. Misses Helen Mueller, Lillian Davis and Margaret Hope of Vale accompanied them. Misses Virginia Smith, Nettie Peterson and other upper class students were expected later in the week.

The boys started to arrive on Wednesday. In the first delegation of boys came Arthur Cockrum, Fred Test and Bryan Neeb. The remainder of the boys will be here this week.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT MAKES ADDRESS TO STUDENT BODY

While enroute to Vale last Friday C. W. Tenney, president of Gooding college, at Gooding, Idaho, stopped off in Ontario. During the afternoon he addressed the student body at the High School. He told them that the people of the Inter-mountain country have subscribed liberally to the endowment campaign which the college is conducting and that an additional endowment of \$20,000 has been promised on the completion of the present campaign. This addition is to be used to build a gymnasium at the college.

E. A. Ferguson arrived in Ontario from Denio last Friday. He had to "stage it" from Winnemucca to Crane and declares that he made the coldest ride of his life across the desert in an open sleigh.

M. H. Joyce of Nampa spent Sunday in Ontario visiting friends.

The Wednesday Bridge club met this week at the home of Mrs. W. W. Wood.

OREGON CLUB SMOKER MAKES DECIDED HIT

Cabaret Performance Precedes Evening at Cards and Informal Talks—Boys to Santa Claus to Needy.

In keeping with the club's reputation of doing "something different," the smoker given by the Oregon club in honor of the Commercial club Monday evening was a surprise to the guests, and it was thoroughly enjoyed.

The young women members of the Land of Jazz company which ended its career here last week, were engaged to entertain the "staid business men," and entertain they did. Syncopated music, lively dancing and elegant gowns flashed by the girls proved all that was expected, and had sufficient allurements to result in some pretty stepping by guests who were invited to dance with the entertainers.

President Wilmer Boyer, L. I. Hirsch and F. Leslie Body had charge of the party. Mr. Body introduced the entertainers, and President Boyer presided at the informal talkfest which followed while "hot dogs," coffee and doughnuts were served.

SWAGLER ADVOCATES NEW PAROLE SYSTEM

Would Reduce Power of Governor to Turn Convicted Loose—Says State Wants Capital Punishment Restored.

District Attorney R. W. Swagler returned this week from Salem, where he attended the meeting of the district attorneys of the state. He was one of the convention speakers, his subject being the "Parole System."

His paper was given considerable prominence by the Salem and Portland papers for, according to his view, there must be a change in the present parole system. Mr. Swagler also says that there is a manifest desire on the part of the people throughout the state for a return to capital punishment for murder.

"What we propose to do to the parole system," says the district attorney, "is this: have the law so read that while defining the maximum penalty for a crime, the pardon board and Governor are to be prohibited the granting of a pardon until the convict has served at least three-fourths of the term to which he is sentenced."

Steps will be taken to have such a law presented to the coming special session of the legislature. This is not an experiment, for it is the procedure in several states already.

"There is no doubt but that the capital punishment bill to be initiated for a constitutional amendment will be carried. All over the state the people are demanding that such a measure be presented for consideration at the next legislature."

FIREMAN FALLS FROM TENDER CREW SPENDS NIGHT OUT

R. E. Hargiss, fireman on the Crane run, suffered a dislocated hip when he fell from the tender of the engine while taking water at Venator siding on Tuesday. He was unable to continue his work and the brakeman fired the engine into Ontario.

Tuesday afternoon the engine on the Brogan run broke down between Jamieson and Vale and the crew stayed with it all night, reaching Ontario at 7 a. m. Wednesday.

TWO WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smith were the host and hostess for a dinner party at the Blue Bird last Friday evening that had a double significance. For the host and hostess it was the celebration of their silver wedding, while for Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carrillo it was the first anniversary celebration of their wedding. The other guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bassett and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Oakes. Following the dinner the party adjourned to the Moore Hotel where cards were played until No. 19 came, on which Mr. and Mrs. Carrillo and Mr. and Mrs. Bassett left for California.

ONTARIO HAS REGULAR MAN SELLING RAILROAD TICKETS

Ontario is blossoming forth as a real town. It is soon to have an honest to goodness passenger agent at the passenger station. Last week W. F. Escene was checked, in as ticket clerk, the originally he was to have been made ticket agent. That change is expected later, but at present the destinies of the ticket department are in the control of H. O. Drane, agent.

Also it is rumored that the express office is to be divorced from the passenger station and go up town. The Adam-Emison building on Oregon street has been secured, according to this rumor, and the change is to be made on January 1. The question of delivery of express, however, is still to be settled. F. J. Clemo will be the up-town agent of the express company.

COLORED MAN SHOOTSW BUT FAILS TO KILL

Bill Taylor, Colored Bootblack, Stages Wild West Show in Pool Hall—Victim Only Slightly Injured.

William Taylor, colored, proprietor of a shipping parlor and pressery, whose avocation is any game of chance from "rolling the bones" to playing a game of draw, is a boarder at Sheriff Noe's lodging house at Vale because of a little Wild West stuff he pulled at the Big 4 pool hall last Friday evening when he shot Bert Folles in the shoulder.

Folles was not badly hurt, but that was not Bill's fault, according to versions of the shooting that are accepted as correct. Bill is said to have fired one shot and tried to fire three others, but the gun refused to work.

Assault with intent to kill is the charge against Bill and he will explain this to the court at the coming January term.

Following the shooting, and while the witnesses were temporarily stunned, Bill waved his revolver and made a regular Bill Hart get-away in true movie style. He went to Payette where he was arrested and returned to Ontario Saturday and later taken to Vale.

ALL TRAINS BACK TO PREVIOUS SERVICE

Regular Schedule Resumed Today After 10 Days of Curtailment—Coal Situation Evidently Improving for Road.

So far as the train service is concerned the coal emergency is over. Today all of the trains that were annulled ten days ago are back on their old schedules.

This means that there is a daily service on the Crane run, and also on the Brogan branch and that Vale is to have its Sunday train service as of yore.

Besides these renewals, the afternoon ponies between Boise and Huntington are back on the job. While the train schedule is resumed it must be admitted that the time of arrival and departure of the thru trains is not up to standard, for there were many of them many hours late during the past week.

Woman Suffers Peculiar Ailment— Can Neither Speak Nor Write Now

Suffering from a most peculiar mental aphasia, Mrs. Bert Folles, who came to Ontario recently, and whose husband was shot last week by Bill Taylor, is lying ill at the Farley rooms. Mrs. Folles can neither speak a word or write a line. She seems to have lost all ability to form words in her mind. She is still able to communicate with friends by nods of the head, but there her means of communication ends.

Doctors who have viewed the case are mystified. Occurrences of a single aphasia are common, and often

THAWING WATER PIPE IS UNPOPULAR SPORT

ONTARIANS SHIVER WHEN MERCURY BUMPS 16 BELOW—OLD TIMERS DECLARE RECORD NOT BROKEN, YET

COAL SITUATION STILL SERIOUS

Saturday Coldest Day in 31 Years— Ice Gorge Endangers City's Pumping Plant—Cattle Suffering in Interior.

Just how cold it was in Ontario last Saturday morning is a disputed question. The record varies all the way from 29 below to 14 above, so again accepting the record presented by Harry B. Cockrum The Argus holds that it was 16 minus and that is cold enough to suit anyone.

Starting last Thursday when the cold snap took a new hold the mercury climbed lower Friday and hit the low mark Saturday. The break came Sunday when 14 below was registered and on Monday it was only 12 below, while Tuesday could only show 8 below and today just 1 below.

But the mercury was not the only thing that interested Ontarians. In fact the mercury was shunted aside while many citizens engaged in the unpopular pastime of thawing water pipes. The plumbers did a land office business. In fact they were busier than cranberry merchants Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Coal Situation Bad.
The coal situation in the meantime has become worse than last week. Only one car load of coal was received in this week and that was distributed in a few hours.

Right now there are 400 families in and about Ontario who are either entirely out of coal or have but a small supply, enough for but a few days.

The call for coal made last week was answered by only two people, reports O. A. Kratz, fuel administrator. These two were Harry B. Cockrum and C. W. Platt. This, to Mr. Kratz, indicates that there are mighty few people in Ontario who have any coal to spare.

Sparrows and Quail Dying.
Chas. A. Johnson, who lives on the flat near Valley View, was in the Argus office Monday and reported that the sparrows are dying in large numbers about his place, and also that the quail were dying. The pheasants, however, are thick and are living on the locust seeds and what feed they can pick up.

Fred Rice, deputy game warden, has secured the assistance of a few men to feed the pheasants and has taken the matter up with the game warden to see what can be done.

The ice gorge in the river had so held up the stream that the river rose five feet Wednesday and is now within a few feet of the floor of the pump house of the municipal water system. It is expected, however, that no danger will result after the railroad officials break up the gorge below at the railroad bridges.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Arnold and daughter Miss Alca, who leave soon for the interior, Miss Nola DeArmond entertained at dinner at the Blue Bird Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Van Petten were called to Pendleton Tuesday by the death of Mr. Van Petten's father.