

Wishing You a Happy and Prosperous New Year

At the beginning of this the New Year, we wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage during the past year and of what we value more, their confidence and good will.

We realize that our interests are mutual, and that which helps one helps the other. In extending our thanks for your patronage during the past, we pledge ourselves to exert every effort to merit a continuance of the pleasant relations that have existed during the past year.

Accept our best wishes that the New Year may bring to you happiness and prosperity.

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The New Town at the Harper

THE

Jones Mercantile Company

of Westfall, Oregon, wish to announce the opening of their big new store in the above town on January 13, 1913, with a large and well chosen stock of

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SHEEP RANGE INFESTED BY BIPED KYOTES

Flocks All Too Often Fare Dreadfully at Hands of Night Prowlers Who Fire Lead Into Livestock With Long-Range Rifles, Thereby Escaping Apprehension

E. P. Cranston, vice-president of the woolgrowers' association, made the following timely address last week before the Vale convention:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Oregon Wool Growers' Association: In submitting to you my views and convictions regarding the malicious killing of sheep, I venture to say that I have given the matter as careful investigation as possible in the time I have had. And I find that we have on our statute books a law providing that anyone convicted of maliciously injuring or killing any domestic animals, including sheep, are subject to a fine of from \$50 to \$1000, and from three months to one year in the county jail and from six months to three years in the penitentiary. In addition to this there is a standing reward of \$1000 to anyone for the arrest and conviction of any person committing this crime.

Regardless of this fact, and of the additional fact that many depredations of this nature have been committed, resulting in great loss of sheep and injury to their owners, there has not been a single conviction for any of these offenses in the last eight years, to my knowledge.

You may ask why there are no convictions against such outrageous conduct by a cowardly class of criminals who would resort to the maiming and killing of innocent animals for the purpose of their own satisfaction or possible nefarious gain. One particular reason, it occurs to me, is that when these outrages are committed they occur in isolated places where, perhaps, no one is near, except, perhaps, a herder or camp-tender, or sometimes both, and then it is sure to be in the night time.

Predictions Rare Indeed
Long range guns being used in shooting up a band of sheep it renders it practically impossible except through concerted action on the part of the woolgrowers, to be able to furnish the necessary testimony to convict any person even though arrested for the commission of this offense.

And while these crimes are numerous, very, very few are apprehended and convicted.

Mostly all persons committing other forms of crime are sought out, convicted and punished, and it seems that this convention, by concerted action, could devise ways and means to mete out proper punishment to these two-legged coyotes who infest the range, taking out their animosity by killing dumb animals.

You may speak of the injury done to our flocks by the animal called the coyote but one of these two-legged individuals can do more damage to a flock of sheep in one night than all the coyotes on the range would do in a season.

Ordinary care prevents depredations by the range coyote but such care as one man in a camp can exercise can never prevent these midnight prowlers from committing their depredations.

We cannot expect others than members of the association to take any serious interest in our business or to assist us even in bringing to punishment parties committing these injuries. They will say it is our business, our money comes easy—take care of it. So it relegates itself back to the proposition of our standing together for our mutual protection and the care of our stock.

Yearling Ewes Poisoned
Many of you will remember a transaction in which James Farley bought 1500 yearling ewes from Stanfield Bros., and on the third or fourth day while taking them to his range he found on waking up in the morning 200 of them to have been poisoned during the night. It is positively known that no other agency was brought into requisition except that of poisoning.

I would suggest that it would be a better idea to have someone in the nature of a detective, not known to be in our employ, who could travel the range for no other purpose than seeking out and finding all such parties, seeing to their apprehension, prosecution and conviction. More good in this way would be accomplished than offering \$1000 reward.

I believe, by concerted action, on our part alone, that before long the time will come when these sheep-killing outrages will be a thing of the past, for the sheep industry in Oregon is growing to such proportions and is becoming such a benefit and source of revenue to the State and the people at large that such assistance will be added to our actions as will bring these parties to justice in the most satisfactory way, stopping and forever ending these outrages.

If you will stop to think, there are today in the State of Oregon approximately 2,400,000 sheep valued at over \$9,000,000 and producing fully 18,500,000 pounds of wool, and employing over 8,000 men in the care and management of these sheep, owned by five or six thousand individuals or firms, it seems to me that when these facts are brought to the people of the state they will lend their cooperation without our endeavors and that we will receive the due assistance that only, as a matter of right and justice, belongs to us on account of the position we occupy in relation to the financial industries of our great state.

NINETEEN AIREDALE PUPPIES IN LITTER

Animals frequently astound their human masters, not alone by their tricks and guileless ways, but often times by their natures. Not the least of the latest of these oddities of nature is the litter of 19 pups just presented to C. W. Mallett, ex-county commissioner, by his Airedale mother; and each puppy valued at birth at \$25, or \$475 in all.

Another queer occurrence in the animal world is the kitten (now almost a mature cat) which all during the summer owned a Fox terrier dog for its mother, and which the dog raised on canine milk. It belonged to J. M. Craig, editor of the Nyssa Journal.

What Mr. Mallett wants to know now that the skunk question has been properly disposed of, is whether any other thoroughbred dog can beat his litter of 19. He believes it to be a record.

MERCURY 6 BELOW IN VALE.

The first dip of the thermometer below zero in Vale occurred early Monday morning, Jan. 6, 1913, when the mercury touched 5 degrees below, for the first time this winter. Friday morning the mercury dipped again, this time to 6 below.

GRANTS PASS SEEKS AN OUTLET TO COAST

Grants Pass, Ore., Jan. 4.—Active construction work on the Pacific-Interior railway, the new Grants Pass Crescent City line, commenced today when Camp No. 1, located on Allen creek, two miles southwest of this city, was established. About a dozen teams and 40 men will be employed at this camp, local laborers being employed as far as they are available. The right of way is purchased for 15 miles, and the survey is complete to the coast, a distance of 92 miles, and other camps will be established as rapidly as the engineers can work out the details.

The city of Grants Pass has asked for bids for the \$200,000 bond issue voted by the people toward the construction of the first unit of the road, and has made a cash appropriation to continue the work until the bonds are sold.

How Filipinos Capture Monkeys.
The Filipinos catch monkeys in a very funny way. Monkeys are very fond of the meat of coconuts. They are very lazy, though, about gnawing through the outer bark, and will only do so when very hungry. The Filipino takes advantage of this greed and indolence by cutting a small opening through the shells, just large enough for Mr. Monkey's long thin hand to penetrate. When he once gets inside he gets his hand full of delicious dainty meat, and his hand is naturally wider when in this act than when it was thrust through the opening. Finding his hand will not come out, the monkey chatters, and scolds, and plainly shows his indignation at the way he has been trapped, but never thinking of loosening his hold on the coconut meat and withdrawing his hand as easily as he put it in. There he stands, an angry monkey, until the native who set the coconut trap, comes and takes him captive.

DOBBIN LAUDS WOOLGROWERS AS GREAT MEN

Many a Camp-Tender or a Herder, on Some Starry Night, Solves Problems of Government or Aids in Constructive Legislation; Sheepman a Homebuilder.

Jay H. Dobbin, president of the Oregon Wool Growers' Association, which met in Vale Jan. 3-4, in his address to the delegates, among other things, said:

"The sheep is the greatest soil builder of all domestic animals; the greatest weed exterminator agriculture has ever known; the cheapest fire protection the national forests and other timber lands will ever have.

"The flocks of the United States are furnishing mutton for 92,000,000 people, and two-thirds of the wool with which they are clothed. This nation may some day be called upon to entirely clothe her own people. This can never be done by destructive legislation.

"It takes a man with the physique of an athlete and a general of no mean ability, having patience and tenacity of purpose, to gather a flock of 3,000 sheep from a mountainside, more rugged than the Alps of Switzerland, and drive them to the bed-ground by his tent, where with the aid of a faithful dog he protects them during the night from vicious varmints and starts them off to graze again at break of day.

"The herders and camp-tenders of the western ranges draw the highest wages paid to any class of agricultural labor, as they should, considering the great service performed. Here as in no other industry does the high cost of living come into prominence. These men are generally provided with the highest quality of hardy food and warm beddings of the best materials. All these articles take a high freight rate into the range country and in many instances are then hauled great distances on wagons and taken to their final destinations on pack animals.

"Few of the eastern congressmen know who the western woolgrower really is. Frequently the herders and camp-tenders of yesterday are the flockmasters of today. Many of the schemes and projects for the development of the great West were worked out by some herder as he sat at noon-time by some mountain stream, which he afterward harnessed for power or conducted through a ditch to the arid lands, finally making homes for thousands of sturdy people.

"Many of the great problems of life and ideas of constructive legislation under which these schemes are prosecuted were evolved by some camp-tender or flockmaster on a starry night as he led or drove a stubborn pack mule along a lonely trail on the way to headquarters for supplies.

"It may be asked why we engage in so strenuous an occupation. Why do we not give it up?

"Caring for flocks and the growing of wool has been our life's work. Investment in land and equipment makes voluntary suspension of this industry out of the question. Other business institutions in wool-growing localities will prosper or suffer in sympathy with that of the predominating industry. The great loss to agricultural labor can scarcely be conceived. The ultimate loss to the nation, by the curbing and crippling of so important an industry, would be incalculable. We simply can't quit."

VALE AND MALHEUR COUNTY DO HONOR TO WOOL GROWERS

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through Friday evening, when all of the victors were taken up into the opera house and made glad with comedy and song; to the time of departure immediately after the banquet given at the Drexel hotel, every visitor was abundantly satisfied. There were few dull moments, and business and pleasure were interspersed in exactly the proper quantities, making the sojourn in Vale an experience delightful in the happening and pleasant to recall in the days to come.

Frequent and emphatic statements to this effect were made by the visitors while in the city, and the fact is doubly attested by the last of the resolutions adopted by the convention (printed elsewhere in this issue) in which thanks were extended to many Vale organizations and people, including the Malheur Enterprise, the convention number of which make a big hit when placed on sale by a newsboy Friday night.

All officers incumbent were re-elected, and a strong executive committee was chosen by the woolgrowers just before adjournment Saturday afternoon.

Enterprise, Oregon, won over La

Grande as the place for the next annual meeting, the dates for which will be later fixed and announced by the President and Secretary. C. M. Humphreys, secretary of the LaGrande Commercial Club, personally attended the convention in an effort to have the sheepmen go to LaGrande next time, but while he worked faithfully and indefatigably to this end, the wool interests of Wallowa county proved too strong for the seat of Union county, so Enterprise was chosen.

The complete list of new officers is as follows:

President—Jay H. Dobbin, of Enterprise.

Vice President—E. P. Cranston, of Baker.

Secretary—Treasurer—John G. Hoke, of Medical Springs.

Executive Committee—Herbert Boylen, of Umatilla county; J. D. Billingsley, of Malheur county; James Rice, of Crook county; G. S. L. Smith, of Grant county; James Mahon, of Harney county; sixth member yet to be appointed from Morrow county.

Member National Advisory Board—Monte B. Gwinn, of Boise, Idaho.

Delightful in the extreme was the entertainment provided Friday night for the visitors at the Vale opera house, at which the general attraction was a representation of "Mose," a college comedy in three acts, by the pupils of the Vale High School. It was the second time the students had given this production in public, and right well did they impersonate their parts. Before and after the play, and during the intermission, the Mendocino Glee Club sang sweetly and melodiously with a chorus of more than 20 voices. So pleased were the woolgrowers that, immediately the last number had passed with the convention into history, someone jumped up and yelled for three cheers and a tiger for Vale and its people. Never have heartier cheers been given in this city—they came from the heart.

GREAT FREEZE RUINS

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Santa Ana, Calif;	24
Riverside, Calif;	18
San Gabriel, Calif;	24
Sacramento, Calif;	20
San Francisco, Calif.;	32
Salt Lake City, Utah;	10
Denver, Colo.;	20 below
Sheridan, Wyo.;	22 below
Cheyenne, Wyo.;	16 below
Pueblo, Colo.;	2 below
Amarillo, Texas;	zero
Santa Fe, N. M.;	zero
Boise, Idaho;	2
Havre, Mont.;	20 below
Steamboat Springs, Colo.;	46 below

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I pay a heavy tax for the privilege of retailing liquors, etc.; and I want it distinctly understood that I have no desire to sell to minors or drunkards—the destitute. There are working men and others, gentlemen of honor and means, who can afford to patronize me, and it is with them I desire to trade.

I would say to those who wish to trade with me—and can afford it—come and I will treat you gentlemanly and courteously, but "sitters" are not welcome.

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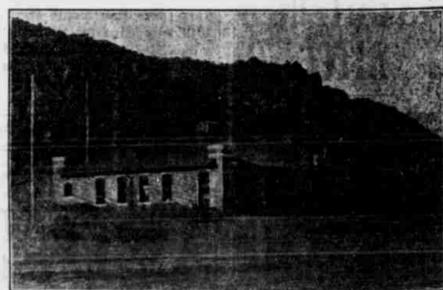
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