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WANTED ON A MURDER CHARGE

Man Arrested at Bend Taken to California to Be Tried as Accessory.

Sheriff Smith's good memory was instrumental last week in apprehending a man wanted for murder in Mendocino county, California, and incidentally was the means of securing for him a few hundred dollars—the reward offered for the arrest of the man whom the sheriff recognized from photographs and descriptions sent him from the state mentioned. Last Tuesday a man giving his name as George Lee was arraigned before Justice Lawrence at Bend on a charge of assault and was sentenced to twelve days in the county jail. He was brought over by deputy sheriff James Smith and had been in jail but a short time when Sheriff Smith went out and recognized him almost instantly as a man whose photograph adorned the rogue's gallery. A reference to the records and files confirmed the fact that his name is William Lambert and wanted in California for the murder of Frank L. Drake which occurred in Mendocino county on the 29th of last March. A circular in the Sheriff's office states that a reward of \$500 has been offered for his arrest. The circular also gives a description of the man, who is nearly six feet, three inches in height, and included among the identification marks a tattooed star and figure of a woman on the murderer's right arm. Sheriff Smith found these after some little trouble with the prisoner and immediately telegraphed to Sheriff J. H. Smith, of Mendocino county, that the man was here. The latter arrived in the city Monday evening and took Lambert in charge.

The crime for which Lambert is wanted took place during the night of March 29 and was one of the most brutal ever recorded in California. Shortly after the murder, a man named Finley was arrested, tried and convicted of the crime, but during his trial Lambert and an associate named Charles N. Jones were implicated. Since that time the two have been working their way north. Lambert has been employed since last May with the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company at Bend and it was thought last week after his identification had been established, that Jones was also in the vicinity of Bend. A deputy in consequence was sent there to arrest Jones, but another man it was found had been mistaken for Lambert's associate in the crime. Later in the week word was received by Sheriff Smith that Jones had been seen near Grant's Pass and the authorities there were notified to arrest him.

ferent parts of the country before and since, and it is further known that it is almost impossible for them to find what they want. The four Montana men announced when they came that they want 10,000 yearling ewes and breeders generally, and failing to find their first choice in numbers to suit them they will buy range sheep of all classes.

Five weeks ago, at Shaniko, yearling ewes were held at \$1.75. Two weeks ago they advanced to \$2.25, and it is known that at this time some of the sheepmen are actually holding out for \$2.25 per head for culls of yearling weathers. All the time it is possible that some of the sheepmen may over-reach and fall down. At the same time any considerable reaction from the present tendency for prices to go upward and stay at a stiff price is hardly possible in the opinion of the most experienced and successful sheepmen of Umatilla county.

The situation in the interior is accentuated in favor of the owners of sheep by the phenomenal fine fall range and abundance of feed for winter, which are portents of a fine wool crop grown at a minimum of expense; and to this prospect is coupled the universal belief that next year will be a year of good prices for the wool.

The J. D. Wood Company of Salt Lake, one of the heaviest sheep firms west of the Missouri river, writes to a local firm of sheepmen asking for prices on 10,000 yearling ewes. The reply did not quote any prices, because the sheep are not in Umatilla county at any price. The Wood company wants ewes that are one-half Merino and the other half either Cotswold or Shropshires.

The Wood company will further find, if it has not yet found, that it will experience inability to get these sheep anywhere in the United States, as the conditions so confidently expressed by one of Umatilla county's sheep kings last spring as being on the road is actually here, viz: there is a shortage of typical mutton stockers all over the United States.

Right now Umatilla county sheepmen with the cash in their jeans, who have sold off their flocks closer than they would have done perhaps, had they realized the result, are scouring all Central Oregon after yearling ewes, and in fact all other class of stock sheep, and are unable to find them except at the prices suggested by the latest news from Shaniko.—East Oregonian.

FIRE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS

McFarland's Feed Barn Is Destroyed—Eight Horses Perish in the Flames.

Fire, starting on the west end of the McFarland feed barn on the north side of the city Tuesday noon, caused a loss of \$1600 to the owner and several others who had horses and harness in the building.

The fire was discovered about 12:30 and is believed to have started from a lighted match being thrown from the hand of someone smoking while at work around the barn. A heavy wind blowing from the west turned the flames at once into the hay scattered about the floor, and before the fire companies arrived the entire building was wrapped in flames. Attention was turned at once to the burning wagons standing in the yard, and some 30 head of horses in the barn and the adjoining sheds were cut loose from their halters. Eight of these, however, stood in the stalls where the flames were the fiercest and huddled together terror stricken, instead of taking their liberty as the flames approached them. Their bodies were burned to a crisp. Six of the animals belonged to W. H. Smith and two of them were the property of George Ramsey. Hanging on the walls of the barn were eight or ten sets of harness belonging to the two men and none of these were saved. The flames spread so rapidly with the aid of the terrific wind blowing that even those who went in and cut the halter ropes were almost enveloped in flames before their attempt at rescuing the horses was completed.

The barn was a two story structure 45x65 feet. Mr. McFarland stated that it would cost in the neighborhood of \$300 to replace it. There was no insurance.

The loss to W. H. Smith will amount to \$600 and George Ramsey valued his two horses and harness at \$350.

Gus Schroeder and Elmer Lutz, stockmen living near Silver Lake, also sustained a loss of several hundred. They had returned with their freight wagons from Shaniko only a short time before the fire started and had run their wagons, loaded with nearly 10,000 pounds of merchandise, into the yard next to the burned building. The flames almost totally destroyed one wagon, charred the sides and wheels of the other, and a large number of sacks of flour, meal and other groceries were ruined by the flames and water. Mr. Schroeder stated yesterday that it would take \$200 to replace the goods he and Mr. Lutz had lost and to repair his wagons.

Aside from the losses mentioned, several tons of hay in the loft were burned and a large amount of provisions which had been stored in the east end of the barn, were destroyed.

The burned building stood within a short distance of Mr. McFarland's house and within twenty feet of a wood shed setting in front of the house. By a fortunate circumstance the heavy wind happened to be blowing from a direction which carried the flames away from these two buildings or they would also have been consumed.

the company is desirous and determined to secure and save all the ore values it was decided best to first ascertain, beyond any question, the process that is best adapted to the working of this particular ore. There is at this time sufficient ore blocked out and in sight to crowd the capacity of a 25 stamp mill for several years and the conservative management concluded to first submit the ore to various tests. In pursuance of this policy experimental work has been in progress since the closing of the mill. As it is too late in the season to attempt the projected improvements, that conclusions justify, the present concentrating plant which has undergone some change, will be in operation this winter, and the new machinery with increased capacity, will in all probability be put in place this coming spring. The crusher was put in motion last week and it was the intention to start the mill, Wednesday.

The roll plant now in commission has a capacity of 30 or 40 tons, with the Huntington mill working auxiliary to it. About 30 tons was the best the management could do with the rolls alone. Talcous material, which carries values that cannot be wasted, alternating with a very hard quartz, taxed the plant severely in the previous test. By not crowding the rolls, it is believed that good work can be done, and a crew proportionate to this work has been put at work. A very small force of miners will be required underground, as the ore body is so large that it breaks down in immense quantities. The Sumpter smelter, which is an eager bidder for all ores of the district, will afford the Dixie management a better market for concentrates than was had before.

In order to better facilitate the operations of the plant, the company have adopted a new plan. Dr. V. C. Belknap has been appointed trustee of the company, and a mortgage in trust has been issued to him. Under the new plan the company have issued 120 5 year bonds bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent. The value of these bonds is \$500.00 each. These bonds will be floated among the stockholders and others interested and the \$60,000 realized from their sales will be used in the further development of the property.

LYTLE DENIES

SALE OF ROAD

As a result of his recent trip to the East, President Lytle, of the Columbia Southern, is able to announce that the proposed extension of that road to Interior Oregon is assured, and the matter is still grinding. "There is not much doubt of the extension," said he today, "but there is not yet anything of an official nature to be announced. I am satisfied that it is only a question of a short time until the line will be extended to the interior of the state, reaching as far South as Bend.

"There is absolutely nothing in the report that I went East to make arrangements to sell the Columbia Southern to E. H. Harriman, nor is such a deal in progress."

The extension of the Columbia Southern means much for Interior Oregon, a rich section of the state which has lain dormant for a long time, owing to the total lack of transportation facilities and resulting development. The building of the road to Bend will more than double the present length of the road, which is 70 miles, running from Biggs to Shaniko. The distance which will be covered from Shaniko to Bend is 100 miles. Bend is now growing rapidly, owing to extensive irrigation works which are being constructed there. The country tributary to Bend is developing rapidly, and only awaits the construction of a railroad to become a rich producing district.—Telegram.

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SHEEP PRICES ARE ADVANCING

Buyers are now in the markets of Utah, Wyoming and Montana paying five and six cents per pound more than last season for the same grades of wool for next spring's delivery—for wool that is not yet grown. Every anticipation by buyers and heavy dealers and the trade and commercial publications, is that there is to be a boom next year in the wool trade in all parts of the world, and the manufacturers are in the lists this early to anticipate the time when wool will be hard to get and then at almost prohibitive prices.

Further than this, wool is selling now in St. Paul for 20 cents per pound—also of next year's clip. Four buyers of sheep arrived at the Hotel Pendleton a few days ago and immediately scattered throughout Eastern Oregon in search of sheep. Other buyers are known to have arrived from dif-

ARLINGTON GIVES RIGHT OF WAY

The citizens of Arlington have come to an agreement with the management of the O. R. & N. in regard to right of way through the streets of the city, says the Oregonian.

Some time ago the city asked the right-of-way department of the company \$3000 for the franchise through the town. The department gave assurances that this sum would be given, but when the matter was submitted to Mr. Calvin, general manager of the road, the proposition was held up.

At a meeting held in Arlington a few days ago, however, it was decided to allow the use of the streets for \$1200, and this offer has been accepted by the O. R. & N. The matter having been decided, the Council will grant the franchise in a short time. The work is being rushed through at Arlington since the agreement was reached, it being a certainty that the franchise would be given as promised by the city.

The citizens of Arlington took the position in the controversy that the coming of the road at this time would change Arlington from a point of distribution to a simple junction point, and would therefore work a detriment to the place until conditions had changed and the people had adapted themselves to the new state of affairs. For this reason, and since the city carries a heavy bonded debt, it was decided to ask what was thought to be a reasonable figure for the use of the streets by the railroad company.

DIXIE MEADOWS ISSUES BONDS

The Dixie Meadows mine, which has been closed down for the past few months, has resumed operations, and it is the intention of the company to continue active, vigorous work during the winter, says the Prairie City Miner. When the mine was closed down it was the intention to install a new milling plant and Mr. R. C. Reese went east for the purpose of securing the new machinery. As