

PREPARE TO KILL

Crook-County Sheepkillers Make Report

WILL PROTECT INTERESTS

Warn Woolgrowers Not to Offer Rewards.

"DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES"

Oregonian Receives Extraordinary Letter From Scene of Stock Feuds Purporting to Outline Policy of Sheepkillers.

The following anonymous communication was received yesterday from the "Crook County Sheep-Shooters Association," with an enclosed report which is, to say the least, terse and to the point. Just who composed this remarkable organization or whether the communication is genuine is not known to The Oregonian. This is what it has to say regarding the enforcement of so-called laws in Crook County:

Mr. Editor: Being that you are giving quite a bit of publicity to the sheep-shooters of Crook County, I thought I would lend you some assistance by giving you a short synopsis of the proceedings of the organization during the past year. We have not been accustomed to making annual reports of the doings of the "order," but we have made such a respectable showing during the closing year that I think a brief summary of some of the most important transactions of the association will be of interest to your readers. There are five of us in all, please publish the following report:

"Sheep-Shooters' Headquarters, Crook County, Or., December 15th, 1934. Oregonian: I am authorized by this association to notify the Oregonian to assist in the future from publishing matter derogatory to the reputation of sheep-shooters in Eastern Oregon. We claim to have the banner county of Oregon on the progressive lines of sheep-shooting, and it is my pleasure to inform you that we have a little group of men of our own in Crook County, and we would thank The Oregonian and the Governor to attend strictly to their own business and not meddle with the settlement of the range question in our province.

"We are the most direct and effective means of controlling the range in our jurisdiction. If we want more sheep, we control them; if we live up to the maximum of the Golden Rule that possession represents nine points in the law. If fencing is too expensive for the protection of the range, "dead lines" are most effective substitutes and readily manufactured. When sheepmen fail to observe these peaceful observations, we delegate a committee to notify offenders, consisting of a horse and a car or cabin, and sometimes by publication in one of the leading newspapers of the county, as follows:

"You are hereby notified to move this camp within 24 hours, or take the consequences." (Signed), "COMMITTEE."

"High Ideals and Good Shots. These mild and peaceable means are usually effective, but in cases where they are not our executive committee takes the matter in hand, and being men of high ideals as well as good shots by moonlight, they promptly enforce the will of the association.

"We have recently extended our jurisdiction to cover a large territory on the desert heretofore occupied by sheepmen, and we expect to have to sacrifice a few flocks of sheep there this winter. Our annual sheep show, that we have slaughtered between 8000 and 10,000 head during the last shooting season, and we are expecting to increase this respectable showing during the next season, providing the sheep hold out and the Governor and The Oregonian observe the customary laws of neutrality. We have learned about the usual number of camps and corrals this season, and by having a good set out quite a number of important warnings, which we think will have a salutary effect.

Laying off Ammunition. "We have just received a shipment of ammunition that we think will be sufficient to cover any shortage which might occur on account of increase of territory requiring special protection.

"In some instances the woolgrowers of Eastern Oregon have failed to advise us as to offer rewards for the arrest and conviction of sheep-shooters and for assaults on herders. We have heretofore warned them by publication of the danger of such action, as it might result in our organization having to proceed on the basis that 'dead men tell no tales.' This is not to be construed as a threat to commit murder, as we do not justify such a thing except when flock-owners resort to unjustifiable means in protecting their property.

"Mr. Editor, please excuse the lack of systematic order in these reports, our first annual report. Our office is not yet supplied with the necessary printed forms so necessary to facilitate reports. We have thought of furnishing the names of our officers, and also honorary members of the order, but as your space will probably not admit of a supplementary report at this time, we will not be able to furnish a roll of names that will be complimentary to the cause.

(Signed), "CORRESPONDING SECRETARY "Crook County Sheep-Shooters' Association of Eastern Oregon."

Supplementary Report.

"The New Year was duly observed by our brave boys by the slaughter of about 500 head of sheep belonging to a gentleman who had violated our rules or laws. The names of the active participants in this heinous and heinous action of the association have not yet been handed in. When they are, we will take pleasure in recording them on the roll of honor above mentioned.

"The Crook County papers have recently said some uncomplimentary things about our order, which may invite attention later on. Our work is not of the much importance, every diversion from the regular order of business.

"OIL SEC. C. C. S. & ASSO."

VETERAN OF THE PULPIT.

Rev. J. J. Staub Re-Elected by Congregation for Fourteenth Time.

At the annual meeting of the Sunnyside Congregational Church last evening, Rev. J. J. Staub was re-elected pastor for the 14th time, having been pastor since the organization of the church. Reports were read by the secretaries and treasurers of the various departments, all of which indicated growth and prosperity. Every obligation had been met and a goodly balance in every treasury stood prepared to assume the duties of another year. The reports further showed a most commendable vigilance on the part of the various officers in the prompt discharge of all their duties and the completeness of their reports. Judging from the satisfaction their work gave to the membership of the church, it was not strange when, in the selection of officers, which immediately followed the reports, practically the same corps was reinstated. The following were elected to fill the respective offices: Trustees: William C. Brainerd, E. C. Pier, C. E. Palmer, S. H. Smith, E. C. Strand; deacons: J. N. Voorhies, S. H. Smith, H. P. Roe; clerk, S. C. Pier; treasurer, H. O. Woods.

For the Church Missionary Society—President, Mrs. Mary E. Tobey; vice-pres-

Ident. S. C. Pier; secretary, Mrs. M. W. Emrick; treasurer, H. H. Staub; auditor, William F. Tobey; executive committee, S. H. Smith, Rev. J. J. Staub, Mrs. E. Morton, Mrs. H. N. Smith. For the Sunday school—Superintendent, S. C. Pier; assistant superintendent, George E. Gruber; secretary, Miss Elsie Harper; treasurer, Leo Lindhard; librarian, Miss Beale Morton. During the year the church raised something over \$2000 for all purposes, acquired the lot in the rear of the church and started a building fund, with the intention of enlarging during the present year.

COUNTRY SHOULD STEP IN.

Rev. A. J. Brown's Talks of Trade Relations With China.

The increase of the foreign trade of China has been marked in recent years and in the opinion of Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D. D., of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and formerly of Portland, is likely to play an important part in changing the attitude of the Chinese towards the Western people. Dr. Brown made a careful study of the subject during his recent trip around the world, and talks interestingly of the Chinese foreign trade and of the part enjoyed in it by the United States. Year by year, he says, this trade has increased, with the exception of the time of the Boxer outbreak. In 1929 the total had reached 469,994,999 taels (A Hank-wei tael equals 43 cents in American currency). In 1930, Boxer year, it dropped to 370,000,000 taels, but the following year it sprang to 420,000,000 taels, and in the two following years rose to 430,000,000.

The share of the United States in this business is larger than at first appears, because no inconsiderable part of the trade of China by way of England and Hong Kong and is credited to British totals. But American trade with China has vastly increased since 1900. We no sell the Chinese more cotton goods than all other countries combined, and our sales of kerosene oil and flour have also increased greatly in the past few years. There is corresponding increase along other lines also. The utility of the American locomotive has led to large sales in China, and from the enormous forests bordering the Pacific Ocean in the States of Oregon and Washington, great quantities of lumber are annually exported to Eastern Asia, which is so densely populated to have large forests.

Imports to the United States from China are somewhat larger than exports. Silk and tea are principal items in this trade, although goat skins, wool and mutton also amount to large sums annually. The United States is now the third nation in trade relations with China. This is the more remarkable when we consider the statement of the late Everett Frazer, of the American Asiatic Association, that in January, 1931, there were only four American business firms in all China. Dr. Brown deduces from his study of Chinese conditions that when American business men establish their own houses in China, instead of dealing as now through European and Chinese firms, it is but unreasonable to expect that the United States will outstrip its larger rivals, Great Britain and France; though it is one thing to ship foreign goods to China and quite another to control them after their arrival, for the Chinese are disposed to manage that trade themselves and they know how to do it.

PAYING OFF CHURCH DEBT.

Centenary is to Be Relieved of Long-Standing Obligation.

The prospects are that within a few weeks the debt which has stood so long over Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church will be entirely cleared off by means of subscriptions raised for several months while Rev. W. E. Hollingshead was pastor. Dr. Heppie, the present pastor, says the subscriptions to the debt are being steadily paid in, and up to last Saturday something over \$600 had been received. In this case, the amount due, which was originally reduced to \$1000 by the Church Extension Society. Usually there is about a 10 per cent shrinkage in subscriptions, but this is not expected in this case. The debt may be a shrinkage of perhaps \$200, more or less, but not enough to delay the final liquidation of the long-standing obligation. It has been a long and hard pull for Centenary to pay off the debt and yet maintain its current expenses, which average up about \$70 per week, but it is being done cheerfully by the members bearing a double burden. The congregation is increasing in membership, and Dr. Heppie is pleased with the outlook.

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN COLSON

Well-Known Riverman Laid to Rest in Lone Fir Cemetery.

The funeral of Captain Samuel Colson, late of the O. R. & N. Co., took place yesterday afternoon from the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, and was largely attended. The religious exercises being conducted by Rev. J. A. Lea, under the auspices of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 142. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Interment took place at Lone Fir Cemetery, the pall-bearers being: Captain Embers and Captain Turner, representing the Elks' Lodge, No. 142; Captain W. C. Snow and Captain George Conway, representing the A. O. U. W.; Captain E. Sullivan and Captain Bana, representing the Willamette Harbor, No. 2; and Captain E. S. Edwards and Captain F. F. Fuller, representing the office of the United States Local Inspector of Hulls.

SPECIAL SALE.

Blankets, comforters, eiderdown quilts, pillows, sheets, pillowcases; lace, Swiss and bobbinet curtains; table linens, towels, napkins and toweling. Lowest prices in the city of Portland. We have no competition along legitimate lines. M'ALLEN & M'DONALD. The Store Noted for the Best Goods at Lowest Prices.

The Meier & Frank Store's Specials in Dinner Sets

100-piece Haviland China Dinner Set, pink decorated, gold on knobs and handles, beautiful set and marvelous value at \$22.95 Set

60-piece German China Dinner Set, pink decorated, handsome, serviceable set and exceptional value at the low price of \$14.00 Set

100-piece Set, same as above, for the low price \$19.50 Set

60-piece semi-vitreous Dinner Set, green floral decorated. \$6.10

100-piece set for \$10.10

Entire stock of Dinner Sets at Clearance prices.

Tokonabe Umbrella Stands, great special value at \$1.40

Gas Fixtures—1 gas burner, 1 gas chimney and 1 best quality Weisbach Mantle, complete, for 64c

Gas Mantles, No. 12c, 16c, 20c, 24c.

All decorated Toilet Sets at greatly reduced prices.

Entire stock of Bisque Figures at one-fourth of regular prices.

All China Chocolate Sets, Game and Fish Sets at greatly reduced prices during the Clearance Sale.

Large size silver-plated Fern Dishes \$19.50 value. \$6.40

7-inch blue Abbey Plates, each. 7c

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Blue Abbey Cups, Saucers, each. 8c

Entire stock of Toilet Sets at exceptionally low prices.

All Lamps at Clearance prices.

50c Neckw'ar 25c

Great special purchase of 300 dozen men's 50c Neckwear in reversible four-in-hand, towels, English squares, immense assortment of the very best styles, patterns and colorings—Every Scarf regular 50c value, choice of color. 25c

The Meier & Frank Store Annual Clearance Sale—Every Article Reduced

The world's best merchandise at saving prices—The 1935 Clearance Sale is the greatest we ever planned—it includes within its border the largest and best stock of high-grade merchandise in the West—Everything in wearing apparel for women, men and children, and homefitted needs of every description—We call particular attention to the remarkable values in women's ready-to-wear apparel and fine new muslin underwear—Mail Orders carefully filled

Furs, Coats, Suits and Cravenettes



Thrifty women can't resist the remarkable values being offered in Portland's Leading Coat and Suit Store—New, stylish, attractive, ready-to-wear Apparel of every kind at prices within the reach of all—This season's most desirable Garments and Materials at less than actual manufacturing cost—The only satisfactory assortment in the city is here for your choosing

All our fancy Fur Four-in-Hands and small Neck-Pieces, in the best skins; 1/2 Reg. Price good variety at \$19.45 Included will be found Squirrel, Opossum, Mole, etc. \$5.50 values... \$2.75 \$ 6.50 values... \$3.25 12.00 values... 6.00 16.00 values... 8.00 Values up to \$25.00 at half regular prices. Fur Boas, handsome styles, in Fox and Opossum—\$6.50 values... \$4.45 \$7.50 values... \$5.45 \$8.00 values... \$5.25 Women's Nearseal Fur Coats, 24 and 26-inch lengths, handsome garment, \$25.00 value, \$18.45 for low price of 26-inch Astrachan Jackets, \$38 value, for \$29.25

\$18 Tourist Coats at \$8.95

Women's Tourist Coats in coverlets, chevrons and kerseys, black, brown, tan and blue; this season's best modes; values up to \$18, on sale for \$8.95 Women's Tourist Coats in coverlets and kerseys, beautiful styles, neatly made and trimmed, values up to \$24, on sale at the low price of \$12.45 All Evening Costumes and Wraps at very low Clearance Sale prices. All Coats, Dress Skirts, Silk Shirtdress Suits, etc. at Clearance Sale prices. Beautiful Silk and Lace Evening Waists at exceptionally low Clearance prices. All Silk and Wool Waists reduced.

Tourist Coats, values up to \$30.00, are all on sale at low price of \$19.45 Tourist Coats, values up to \$28.00, are all on sale at low price of \$14.95 Silk, Saten and Alpaca Petticoats at low Clearance sale prices. Wrappers, Eiderdown Sacques at Clearance prices. All Children's Garments at Clearance prices. 300 Women's Walking Skirts in chevrons, broadcloths, kerseys, meltons, coverlets and fancy woads, very best styles, at greatly reduced prices: \$12.50 values, \$3.45; \$15.00-\$17.50 values, \$4.85; \$3.00-\$3.50 values, \$2.00; \$10.00-\$11.00 values, \$6.85; \$12.00 to \$12.90 values on sale at \$8.45.

Cheney Bros.' '05 Foulards



The first showing of our 1935 Foulards today—Beautiful new styles in wonderful array—This is to be a silk year and Cheney's Foulards will be found in the front row of favor with women who want stylish, serviceable material for street, dress and evening wear—The splendid assortment includes nearly 100 styles in light or dark coloring, large, medium and small dots, figures, stripes, etc.—Neat effects for shirtwaist suits, etc.—Three grades—All at Clearance Sale prices 79cyd., 89cyd., \$1.09yd.

Wise women will anticipate their Spring and Summer needs—Choosing can now be done from complete assortments, at saving prices, and gives opportunity to have the making done without hurry or worry

Entire regular stock of Black and Colored Silks at Clearance prices. Black, White and Colored Dress Goods at Clearance Sale prices. Velvets and Velvetens at Clearance prices.

Lace Curtain Bargains

Guaranteed the best values in town—Every pair priced to go quickly; Splendid variety; every housewife is interested

Scotch Net Lace Curtains, Arabian color, plain centers, with narrow Cluny design borders; marvelous values at, pair \$1.98 Cable Net Curtains, Arabian colors, small insertings and floral patterns, best \$3.50 values on \$2.48 sale for White Irish Point Lace Curtains, small insertings, plain and detached figure centers, three lots to select from: \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00 values, pair \$4.00 \$6.50 and \$7.50 values, pair \$4.95 The best \$8.50 values, pair \$5.65 Remaining stock of high-grade Brass Beds at low Clearance Sale Prices—magnificent styles—every one guaranteed—

\$42.50 value \$34.00 \$62.50 value \$50.00 \$55.00 value \$44.00 \$85.00 value \$63.00 \$70.00 Twin Brass Beds, pair \$56.00 All White Enamel Beds, big Portland agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications. Custom Shade and Drapery work our specialty, third floor. Artistic Picture Framing at 1/4 off regular prices, second floor.

Women's Shoes \$1.95 Pr.

500 pairs of Women's Patent Leather and Kid Shoes, lace and Blucher styles; all the best lasts for dress or street wear; every pair guaranteed to be equal to the best \$3.50 values on the market; all sizes and widths; Monday only \$1.95 at this price—pair

500 pairs of Women's Felt Juliettes and Lap Slippers, in six colors; all the newest and best styles; all sizes, \$1.75 and \$2.00 values, at—pair \$1.52

The Clearance Sale offers all our Women's fine Shoes, J. & T. Cousins and French, Shriner & Urner makes, at low prices.

Men's \$4.00 Shoes at \$2.48 Pair

350 pairs of Men's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes in good leathers, welt sewed, clean up of three lines; odds and ends; wonderful values if you can find your size, pair \$2.48

The \$6.00 Values Are \$4.45 Pair

The \$3.00 Values Are \$3.65 Pair

Misses', Children's, Boys', Youths' Shoes, in all styles and leathers; every pair marked at low Clearance Sale prices. Men's, Women's and Children's Slippers at Clearance Sale Prices. All the best styles and grades.

Carpets at Clearance Sale Prices

65c Melrose Ingrains, best patterns, yard 45c 2-ply, wool filling, great value at, yard 72c All wool, extra heavy, extra super, \$1.00 grade, yard 81c 80c Linoleum, elastic finish, for, yard 68c 90c Linoleum, sq. yd., 81c; \$1.60 Inlaid Linoleum, yd. \$1.35 85c quality Smith's Hotel Brussels, yard 77c \$1.00 quality Brussels, at the low price of, yard 85c \$1.25 Windsor Brussels, will not fade 1.05 Prouse Velvets, best wool velvet, yard 1.35 \$1.75 Royal Axminsters, fine patterns, yard 1.44 \$2.10 Bigelow Axminsters for, yard 1.89

Clearance Sale

Fine Table Linens, Bed Linens, Cottons, Bed Spreads, Sheetings

65-inch half-bleached heavy Table Damask, yard 44c 72-inch half-bleached Table Damask, best patterns, yard 66c 72-inch Silver bleached Table Damask, yard 88c All Bleached Table Damasks, all grades, at Clearance Prices. All Table Napkins at low Clearance Sale Prices. John S. Brown & Sons' finest Table Linens and Sets; the finest Table Linens the world produces—all at Clearance Prices.

Center-Pieces, Doilies, Cloths, etc., marked at low Clearance Prices. "Webbs" grass-bleached all-linen Huck Towels, best made, 40 values, 32c; 50c values, 39c; 60c values, 42c; 75c values, 55c.

Special large size Marseilles pattern Bedspreads, best patterns, \$1.40 values for \$1.04 each; \$1.75 values, \$1.28 each; \$2 values, \$1.48.

21x46 Linen Damask Towels, kotted fringe, each 16c 22x48 Linen Damask Towels, knotted fringe, each 19c 20x40 Linen Damask Towels, hemstitched, each 24c 21x42 Linen Damask Towels, hemstitched, each 39c Bath Towels and Toweling, all grades at Clearance Prices. Sheets, Pillow Cases, Sheetings, Cottons, all at the lowest prices. White Goods, Nainsooks, Swiss, India Linens at Clearance Prices.

Silverware, Electroliers, Cut Glass, Bronzes, Etc.

A grand array of Clearance Sale Bargains in the big Basement Store—Every article in Silverware, Cut Glass, China, Cutlery and Kitchen Goods at a great reduction from regular prices—Note the following special values

Magnificent Bronze Electroliers and Ornamental Pieces; choice from the entire stock at 1/3 Off Rogers "1847" Plated Ware, low priced—

Teaspoons, set of six, for, set 70c Dessert Spoons, set of six, for, set 1.20 Table Spoons, set of six, for, set 1.40 Knives and Forks, set of six, for, set 1.40 Bohemian Glass Bon-Bon or Jelly Dish, very pretty design, unusual value, \$4.50 value for \$3.60; \$5.50 value \$4.40

Cut Glass Water Bottles, newest cut, regular \$7.50 value, on sale for \$6.00 \$9.00 Cut Glass Rose Bowls for \$7.20 Cut Glass Sugar and Creamers, \$10.00 value, pair \$8.00 \$12.50 Silver-Plated Baking Dishes \$10.00 \$10.50 Silver-Plated Fern Dishes for \$8.40 \$5.00 French Gray Smoking Sets for \$4.00 \$25.00 Silver-Plated Tea Sets, four pieces \$20.00 \$15.00 Silver-Plated Tea Sets, four pieces \$12.00

Clearance Sale of Cutlery

50c Butcher Knives 40c Famous Christy Bread Knives 40c Butcher Knives 32c 30c values 24c 35c Butcher Knives 28c 10c Paring Knives 8c 50c values 40c

3-piece Kitchen Sets, bread and cake knife and paring knife, great value, set 20c Apple Corer, 4c; Call Bells, each 40c Steel Knife and Forks, cocobola handles, great Clearance sale bargain, set 80c 10-inch Magnetic Steels, each 32c

All Carving Sets at low Clearance Prices. Entire stock of Cutlery at greatly reduced prices.

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