MYSTERY HAS BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED

Just why Enterprise lost the ball game June 14 has finally been explained. Cashier Holmes of the bank, during his recent visit to Portland, purchased two "claptraps" to be used in making a noise at such gatherings as ball games when the home team is winning. One "claptrap" is constructed of a small frying pan with wooden clappers on a stiff spring. When the frying pan is shaken the clappers strike the pan on both sides, making a noise that makes thunder sound like dropping cotton on a still morning—to use the late Mr. Dana's expression. The other is an ingenious invention, a hollow cylinder of wood with wooden clappers on each side, and when in violent operation sounds a good deal like a saw mill in chains. Mr. Holmes is guilty of having these things in his pocket, according to report, and with not using them once, when one shake from the frying pan "claptrap" or just half a shake from the wooden apparatus that sounds like a sawmill, would have won the game easily. This neglect cost Enterprise the game, and thus constitutes a most serious offense which, unless, will be considered at the next meeting of the Twilight League.

...S INTERES IN ...N ENTERPRISE BUSINESS

Neal Baker, formerly of the firm of Baker Brothers, engaged in the ... business here has sold his ... in the business to Calvin ... Smith takes charge im... Just what Neal will en...ge with here in the future has ...been announced yet. Leonard ...mains in the livery and the new ...m will be styled Baker & Smith.

...NG SHEEP OUT TO THE RANGES.

... Shannon and J. W. Chand... ...ednesday evening with ...d of sheep, yearling ewes, be...ng to J. H. Dobbin. The men ...trail the sheep out to the Blue ...ain range above La Grande, ...here they will be herded during the summer.

Another lot of 1700 head of year...wethers were trailed out by J. ...bb, going to Pullman, Wash.

...s. Per...erland arrived ...e Thursday evening ...rough Wis., to visit their ...and other relatives here. ...rs. ...erland, as previously ...ted, were married in Wisconsin and their journey here ...s a nature of a honeymoon.

WOOL CLIP IS STILL COMING IN

PERHAPS NOT HALF THE USUAL AMOUNT IN POUNDS ARE HERE YET.

While the general prediction is that the wool clip of this spring will not be as heavy as expected, nor as heavy as that of last year, the "crop" is still coming in and is keeping the warehouse force in Enterprise worn out with handling it and keeping it away from the unloading wagons. An estimate of the entire clip that will be stored here is impossible to be made at this time. In an interview with Manager Knapp of the Warehouse company, that gentleman kindly took time from work that was very pressing to explain that any estimate approximating the full clip would be practically impossible now.

The only wool sales day so far officially assigned for Wallowa county is scheduled for July 12. The price of wool is slowly ri ing, the last sale on June 14 at Vale bringing forth bids from one to two cents higher than the recent Pendleton Pilot Rock sale.

New Elevator Working.

The new elevator for elevating the bundles of wool has been in operation since its arrival at the warehouse. It is an utter necessity. The bundles will weigh from 250 to ...0 pounds each, and the men handling them, before the installation of the new machine, were worn completely out physically. Added to the weight is the unwieldiness of the new bundles which renders it impossible for them to be readily handled and lifted by hand to the topmost tiers.

The new elevator, however, simplifies the matter wonderfully. It is run by gasoline motor power, with a rising carrier in an endless chain, and as the tiers of bundles grow higher the carrier is elevated at a more acute angle. This carrier extends from the floor, over the gasoline engine, to the place of depositing the bundles. Two men carting the wool to the carrier and one man taking it away and piling it up constitute the force, in addition to Manager Knapp.

At a rough estimate the number of sheep in the county before the 24,000 head were shipped out a few days ago was in the neighborhood of 300,000, figuring the increase from last year's stock of 180,000 to be about 90 per cent. Deducting the shipment of 24,000 made a few weeks ago, a rough estimate of the number of head in the county would be about 275,000.

ARTESIAN WATER AT NORTH POWDER STRUCK

While Henry Pearson at North Powder, Union county, was drilling for water the drill struck and tapped an immense flow of artesian water at a depth of 222 feet. This make five artesian wells flowing continuously in North Powder—enough to begin a systematic irrigation with.

1275 Sacks Of Wool Received

Clip of Wallowa County Still Coming Into the Local Warehouse.

Although the wool clip of the county is lighter than was at first anticipated, the article is piling up in the Woolgrowers' Warehouse here, and there is no apparent end to it in sight. Already 1275 sacks, aggregating 426,926 pounds, have been elevated and stored up in tiers in the big warehouse building, and it is expected that by the time the total clip is stored it will fill the big building.

When the wool began to arrive the entire upper floor of the warehouse was filled with grain—wheat, oats, rye and barley. It was found necessary to move all this immense amount of grain to the basement. Accordingly a temporary opening was made in the floor and the grain shunted by hand to the basement and wheeled to its place and piled in sacks, tier upon tier. This basement floor is now practically filled with grain. On either side of the driveway grain lies in sacks twenty-five feet thick to the sides of the building. In order to protect it from germination it is raised upon open wooden foundations, thus permitting the air to circulate freely under and around it.

The entire first floor was thus cleared for wool, and it is being rapidly filled up.

HORSE SALE.

On Saturday, June 25, at Lostine, Oregon, J. W. Bright will dispose of 33 head of horses at public sale, including some good grade Percherons, work horses, saddlers and drivers. He will also offer for sale one Percheron stallion, four years old. Sam Pace, auctioneeer. al

Subscribe for the Chieftain.

PROMISES A BIG GOLD PRODUCER

WILSON BASIN FIND ONE OF THE BEST IN LIFE OF EASTERN OREGON.

Word came to Enterprise last week of an immensely rich strike of gold quartz in Wilson Basin. The message received by E. T. Anderson was as follows:

"Lostine, Oregon.

"Come to the mine at once. Samples of gold are shipped you today. Bring sacks for sacking, as ore is too valuable to put on dumps."

The message was from John Henry Wilson, an old miner and a Wallowa county resident who has been and continues to be enthusiastic over the outlook for this county as a mineral producing section.

The Enterprise Press wishes to be conservative in all its statements and desires rather to understate than to overstate any matter, when it comes to "boosting."

In such a vein of conservatism the paper will say: First, the sample of gold quartz shown a press representative is better than a sample of gold quartz examined by the same representative in the Medicine Bow district of southern Wyoming, which went over $20,000 gold to the ton. We do not know, nor do the mine owners know, just how much of such gold ore the Big Dick and Little Joe claims in the group contain. But the two claims contain at least some of it, for some of it was found.

Mr. Anderson left the first of the week for the mine. On his return he brought samples with him which show copper glance in addition to the gold quartz, a trace of silver, and an excellent deposit of some of the best graphite the Press representative has ever seen. Graphite occurs in a zone some four feet wide running overhead the stringer in which the men are driving. The hanging wall is of changed granite and the whole foot wall, we understand, is a snow white quartz. This spring the men left the two old tunnels and drove in on a stringer or feeder, the work taking them over a hundred feet lower than the two old tunnels. In this stringer, after driving twenty feet, the rich gold ore and copper glance were found, and overhead the extensive graphite deposit was found.

The only question about this prospect is this: If the owners have a primary deposit of the minerals already shown, they have a big producer. If they haven't they have no producer. And no one however expert can see through solid rock into the ground to determine whether a ledge runs 1000 feet or one mile or one foot. Everybody in Wallowa county sincerely hopes that the mines will prove a tremendous producer.

CANDIDATES ATTENTION!

Nominating petitions for county and district candidates before the primary September 24, for sale at this office. Nicely bound. Complete sets only $1 at office or by mail.

Trades Horses For Fruit Ranch

J. C. Shackelford Will Make His Home at Clarkston, Washington.

J. C. Shackelford, well known throughout Wallowa county, has effected a trade by which he gains possession of a fine eight-acre fruit farm at Clarkston, Wash. He intends making his home at that place in the immediate future.

The trade was effected between Mr. Shackelford and E. D. Fountain of Lewiston, Idaho, across the river from Clarkston. Mr. Fountain has been for nearly 20 years in the hack and livery and hotel business in Lewiston, and acquired the fruit ranch some time ago from California owners. After the fruit ranch had been inspected by Mr. Shackelford, he exchanged 16 head of horses including the celebrated German coach stallion valued at $3600, for the eight acres—a monetary value of $7000.

The eight acres contain five acres of good bearing apple trees, besides berries and small fruits of almost every description.

Mr. Fountain with his companion, R. Hammel, returned to Lewiston Thursday immediately after dinner. A part of the horses were taken by them, the remainder waiting until the departure of Mr. Shackelford who will drive them through.

ANOTHER "ANNIHILATION" IN NATIONAL GAME

Wednesday night witnessed another game between two Twilight League teams. This time the irresistible aggregation known as the Brooklyn Neversweats met the immovable aggregation known as the Hillside Diggers. The score resulted in a tie of 6 to 6—which is equivalent to the complete annihilation both of the irresistables and the immoveables. Further battles will be held as rapidly as new recruits can be found and pressed into service.

DILL AND RUSK WIN SUPREME COURT CASE

The case of Beatrice DeVall versus Thomas DeVall, three times amended by counsel for the plaintiff, T. M. Dill of this city, and J. P. Rusk of Joseph, and carried into the supreme court of Oregon, has been reviewed by that court and remanded for rehearing. The case has been a long, difficult and tedious one, starting from Wisconsin and carried into Oregon at the time the defendant took up residence in this state. The suit is for recovery of alimony judgment for which was rendered by the Wisconsin court of record, in 1905. The arrears of alimony amount to considerable, and this winning of the hearing in the supreme court naturally delights the attorneys for the plaintiff.

SELECT GROUNDS FOR COUNTY FAIR

WILL BE HELD ON BANK ADDITION NEAR CENTER OF CITY.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the County Fair association, Thursday evening, A. C. Miller was elected president and C. S. Bradley, secretary.

Work was begun on the compilation of a premium list and an effort will be made to have the list completed, printed and in the hands of the public by not later than July 1.

It was decided to offer $1500 in cash premiums and to ask the business men of the county to contribute the usual special premiums for the encouragement of such special exhibits as may appeal to them.

Grounds sufficiently large to include a half mile race track are available in the Bank addition at a distance not to exceed four blocks from the center of the city. These it is the intention to improve in a manner to enable the association to hold a strictly modern and up-to-date exposition of the resources of the county.

The executive committee as at present constituted is composed of seven members, all from Enterprise. It is the purpose of the association to make the fair strictly a county fair, representative of every part of the county. To that end it has been decided to increase the executive committee to a total of fifteen, the other eight members, or a majority of the whole, to be representative men from other parts of the county, and all of them to be from other precincts than Enterprise.

A full representation of the committee was out on Thursday evening, much enthusiasm was shown, and it was unanimously decided that every effort should be made to make this the most complete county fair ever held in Eastern Oregon.

MORE FAT PORKERS FROM NORTH END

George Lightle of Lost Prairie brought in a load of fine hogs Wednesday, returning Thursday morning to his home. The porkers were fat and sleek, and were purchased by Combes & Hotchkiss. After disposing of the load Mr. Lightle took with him a load of wire for fencing. Mr. Lightle is one of the prosperous ranchers in the north portion of the county.

...LEE—SHIPP NUPTIALS IN LA GRANDE THURSDAY

A happy marriage was consummated in La Grande, last Thursday, J. A. ...lee of this city and Miss Lura Shipp of Indiana being the contracting parties. The ceremony was an exclusive one, the happy young people coming at once to Enterprise where they will make their future home.

The groom is recently from Indiana, near Marion, and has with his brother purchased the blacksmithing business formerly owned and conducted by I. N. Pitzer here. Miss Stipp is an estimable lady and highly spoken of where she has been known during her life in the eastern state. Enterprise will welcome the happy pair and wish them both a long life of mutual happiness and helpfulness and prosperity.

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