

Dairying Makes Plummer Prosperous

500 COWS ARE OWNED IN VICINITY Bank Assists Farmers in Getting Started and Doubles Deposits

C. M. Kraemer, cashier and general manager of the State Bank of Plummer, was a business visitor in this city Wednesday. He states that business is good in his town and is continually improving. He bases his judgment in regard to business conditions there to a great extent upon the deposits in the bank and this is a very good criterion to go by.

The general deposits in the bank, he says, have nearly doubled in the last year and now amount to about \$75,000.00. He attributes this increased prosperity almost entirely to the fact that the settlers of that vicinity have gone into dairying and hay raising to a considerable extent. This has been possible because of the policy of the bank to aid the farmers along these lines. The homesteaders in that locality were in a position where they did not have the means to put in cows although they recognized the possibility of the country for dairying.

Then the bank stepped in. Mr. Kraemer, the manager, believed it would be good business policy for the bank to assist the farmers. He believed that by bringing in cows, selling them to the farmers and taking their notes in payment he could not only aid the farmers but help the bank as well by increasing its business. The results have proved the correctness of his judgment. Over eighty thousand dollars has been invested in cows there and the results have been most satisfactory. The farmers are making money, are paying for the cows they started with and are buying more. Now there are more than five hundred cows in the immediate vicinity of Plummer and it is expected that this number will be increased to fifteen hundred in the near future.

The entire community is sharing in this success of the farmer. The merchants are enjoying an increased business and the bank has nearly doubled its deposits and has not lost a cent on the money invested in cows. Recently Mr. Kraemer has started a campaign to interest the farmers in hogs. After the butter fat has been separated from the milk, the milk that remains makes excellent feed for hogs and it is his idea to induce the farmers to go into hog raising in connection with their dairying. Many of the farmers in that vicinity are trying it and are meeting with excellent results.

The bank assists them in getting started in the same manner it is assisting in getting cows and the result will be that long before all of the timber and wood, which was at first the only source of income to the settlers, is disposed of Plummer will be the center of a rich and thriving farming community. We believe that other communities could very profitably follow the example being set by Plummer.

Railroad For Emerald Creek Valley

It is authentically stated that the Milwaukee Land Co. of St. Joe is preparing to build a railroad up Emerald creek for the purpose of tapping the rich timber belt in that valley.

As planned the railroad will be about nine miles long. It will be built primarily for a logging railroad to bring out the logs from

that section but it is said it will also be used as a general freight road which the ranchers of that valley can utilize in shipping out their hay and other products. This will be a great convenience to them as heretofore these products have been brought out by wagon.

The survey for the road was completed about two weeks ago and the building of the road will commence as soon as the snow goes off. This will probably be some little time yet as it is reported that the snow is seven feet deep in that locality.

Break in Main Stops Water Supply

A break in the water main Wednesday night let the water out of the reservoirs and the citizens residing in the upper portions of the city were without water for a few hours Thursday morning until the water commission had located the trouble.

He found that the break was across the river and shut off the water at First street. This allowed the reservoir to fill up again and the people were only inconvenienced for a short time. The commissioner says the new water system is a joke but if it is it seems to be proving rather an expensive one.

Branson Ready to Start Shipping Logs

G. A. Branson was down from his logging camp near Santa yesterday. He states that he has been taking advantage of the recent floods to sluice out a portion of the logs which he has cut this winter. The water has gone down now so the remainder of the logs will have to be shipped out by rail.

Mr. Branson has six million feet on skids ready to be shipped and in addition he has about three million and a half cut in the woods ready for skidding. The logs go to the St. Maries Lumber company's mill in this city and he expects to start shipping by rail Monday.

Seed Inspector to Be Here Saturday

M. L. Roas, seed inspector for District No. 3, which includes the entire northern part of the state, will be in this city Saturday. He will be at George O'Dwyer's office at eight o'clock that evening, where he hopes to meet all growers who are interested in pure seeds and in organization for the growing of pedigreed seeds.

Mr. Roas makes the entire north part of the state and comes in contact with all of the principal growers and without doubt will have something to impart which will be of value to all growers. A general invitation is extended to those who are interested in seeds.

C. C. Shorzman, a real estate man of Santa, was transacting business in this city Tuesday.

Miss Ruth E. Gerhart, county superintendent of schools, is at St. Joe visiting the schools.

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—Westerman in Ohio State Journal.

Meadowhurst Under Water

DAMAGE IS NOT VERY SERIOUS Some Families Have to Move Out. Dyke Will Be Repaired Soon

The damage done by the flood is much more serious than was indicated at the time we went to press with our Tuesday's issue. The water continued to rise all day Tuesday and the heavy rain of that afternoon and night made matters much worse as although it was cold and snow fell in the hills, the water continued to raise slowly all that night and almost all day Wednesday.

By Wednesday morning there was a break in the Meadowhurst dyke between fifty and sixty feet across, through which the water was pouring onto the flats in a torrent and it was not long before the whole flat was a lake. The farmers gardeners and others living on the Meadowhurst tracts found their places surrounded by water of various depths depending upon the lay of the land. Mr. Downing, who purchased a tract there last fall and put up a tent house, was obliged to move out and his house is floating around on the flats.

The water around the Smith house was up above the windows and the family was obliged to move. The water was several feet deep around J. T. Watkins' dairy across from the St. Maries mill but when it first commenced to come through the dyke he became alarmed and moved his cows to the Saxon place on the side of the hill.

The new road which the county built across the flat is all under water and the farmers from down the river are obliged to drive on top of the dyke along the river bank on the east side of the flats in order to reach the city.

The weather turned cold and there was a heavy freeze Wednesday night which checked the water somewhat. The river dropped about six inches that night and the water commenced to run off the flat through the break in the dyke.

The Wolfe dyke on the St. Maries river is almost entirely under water, showing only in places through the water which

covers the meadows. Just how much damage has been done to this dyke will not be known until the water goes down but it will have to be built higher in order to be a safeguard against floods like the present. The dyke from Butler's Bay down the river is reported to be in excellent condition and is standing the strain remarkably well, showing no sign of a break.

It is stated that the work of repairing the Meadowhurst dyke will be started at once. Carscallen Bros. have their dredge at work dyking near Mission Point and it is understood that the plan is to drive piling in front of the break and put the steam shovel at work filling up the gap. When this is accomplished it will take only a short time to pump out the water remaining on the flat. If this can be done at once the damage will be slight outside of the expense of repairing the dyke.

The confining of the water in the channel of the river by the numerous dykes which have been built and are being built along its banks is going to increase the danger of damage from floods and will make it necessary to build the dykes considerably higher than the present high water marks.

Commence Work on Placer Mine Soon

Robert Lang of Coeur d'Alene timber cruiser for the Empire Mill company of Harrison, was transacting business in this city Thursday. He states the Connollys have everything in readiness to put in the pipe line for their placer mining operations on Tyson creek and will commence work on it as soon as the snow goes off to permit the work being done.

Allen English, a merchant of Emida, was a business visitor in the city Thursday.

More Arrests In Bootlegging Case

ONE WAIVES PRELIMINARY HEARING The Other is Bound Over to District Court and Says He Will Stand Trial

The officers have made two more arrests in connection with the bootlegging case mentioned in our last issue. One of them, a man by the name of Johnson, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Toohy and the other, who gave his name as Olson, learning that the officers were after him, came over to the sheriff's office and gave himself up.

They were taken into the probate court Wednesday for their preliminary hearing. Olson waived the preliminary examination and expressed a desire to go before the district court, plead guilty and start serving his sentence at once. Johnson, on the other hand, protested his innocence and demanded an examination, which was held.

Anderson, the man who was bound over Tuesday, was the principal witness against Johnson. He said that a number of the men at work in the yards were in the habit of putting in money and sending two of their number to Sallie on Sunday to procure liquor for them and that this time it fell upon himself and Olson to be the ones to go. That Johnson put in a part of the money to buy the liquor.

Johnson was at the train to meet the two men when they got back and assisted them in carrying the suitcases. When they reached First street Anderson left the others and went down on the dock to buy some tobacco, the other two taking the suitcases and going on over the wagon bridge. Johnson was the first one to throw his suitcase over the railing into the water when he found the officer was after them.

Johnson admitted meeting the others at the depot and assisting in carrying the suitcases but claimed that he did not know what was in them and had no knowledge that it was whiskey but he could give no satisfactory reason for throwing the suitcase in the water. He states that he will fight the case when it comes to trial in the district court.

Benevah Club Has Prosperous Year

The annual business meeting of the Benevah club was held Tuesday evening at which time E. N. LaVeine, C. H. Tompkins and A. E. Annis were elected governors for three years and E. W. Trueman for one year.

The report of the secretary shows the club to be in a very prosperous condition. It has over one hundred members. All of its furniture in the club house as well as the pool table, billiard table, phonograph and records are paid for and the club is out of debt.

The club has proven itself popular as a social center and a place where the business men and citizens generally can meet and discuss matters of general interest to the community as well as entertain out of town guests. In these matters it has practically superseded the old commercial club and that club has decided to disband, leaving its field of activity entirely to the Benevah club and those matters which formerly came before the commercial club will in the future be taken care of by the Industrial Committee of the Benevah club.

The Masonic Lodge Building Committee was present and stated that the Masonic orders of the

city are planning on erecting a Masonic Temple in the near future and suggested that the Benevah club secure quarters in the building when completed. They suggested that the quarters would be fitted up to suit the club and could be planned by the club. They were not in a position at this time to state what the rent would be, but thought it would be about twenty-five dollars per month. As the building has not been built and the plans are still somewhat indefinite, no action was taken.

The officers of the club, president, secretary, treasurer and steward, are named by the board of governors as well as the standing committees. The present officers have given excellent satisfaction and it is not thought there will be any change made at present. There may be some change in the membership of the committees and there is one new one, the industrial committee, to appoint.

Are Searching For Olson's Body

M. R. Roberts of Clarkia, brother-in-law of Oscar Olson, was in the city yesterday and today. He states that although there is still considerable snow in the vicinity of the Olson ranch he has been prosecuting a vigorous search for the body of Mr. Olson but so far without success.

He states that no trace has been found of the handsled which it is believed Clancy used in disposing of the body. He does not believe that the body will be found near the house but thinks that a team was used in disposing of it. A team could be driven a long distance into the woods, the body put on the handsled and taken to one side of the trail and buried.

The fact that Clancy came back to the ranch after once leaving indicates to him that he had no fear of the body being discovered for some time at least. As soon as the snow in the woods goes off the search for the body will be resumed and will be made very thoroughly.

Two Men Are Missing

A report was sent to the sheriff's office this morning that two Swedes residing near the St. Maries mill had disappeared and asking him to investigate. It appears that the two men have been living in a shack near the mill where they kept a cow, some chickens and some rabbits. The recent high water has overflowed that portion of the flat surrounding the shack and the cow owned by the men was found standing on the dyke.

Nothing was seen of the men and some men from the mill went over to investigate. They found the chickens and rabbits dead, having drowned in the high water. There was no trace of the men and as it seemed strange that they should go away leaving their property in that condition and without notifying anyone the sheriff was notified and is making an investigation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Allen left Wednesday for Coeur d'Alene, where Mr. Allen has secured a position as sawyer in the Rutledge Timber company's mill.