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## HORSE THIEF GETS QUICK SENTENCE

Elmer H. Blanchard, a homesteader, twenty-four years of age, who stole a horse, saddle and tools from the Mennonite colony at Ross' Fork two weeks ago last Sunday was arrested Sunday last by Deputy Sheriff Rice and is now in the state penitentiary at Deer Lodge doing a year.

Blanchard, who had gone broke in Lewistown went out about the Milwaukee railroad camps looking for work, presumably. Instead, he stopped at the Mennonite colony and asked for a night's lodging which was offered him, but he decided to steal a horse and ride away to his home in the Swimming Woman country. Jake Hofer, one of the Mennonites discovered the loss of the horse and saddle early on Sunday morning and gave immediate pursuit, trailing the thief by the hoof tracks in the fresh blown snow. He came as far as Judith Gap that night and secured the services of Deputy Sheriff Rice, who at once took up the trail.

Nothing definite was heard from the horse or rider until last Saturday when the deputy received word that a horse similar to the one stolen, as was described in the columns of the Journal, was in the possession of a young fellow on Swimming Woman. Mr. Rice at once notified Mr. Hofer and instructed him to get a warrant from the Fergus county officials, which, judging from the delay and the amount of telephoning necessary, was no easy task for some unknown cause. The warrant was finally received in the form of telephonic instructions and the deputy got an auto and started on the trail on Sunday morning.

Inquiry was made at the Ike Brewhington ranch in the Snowies and it was learned that the man with the horse had ridden up the canyon to the Evertson ranch a short time before. The run was made up there and the horse identified by Hofer before Blanchard got out of the house. He demanded to know what was being done to his horse, but upon being ordered to elevate his hands above his

head he wilted and shortly after admitted his guilt.

Mr. Hofer mounted his horse and started back upon the trail to the Peter F. Tieson home a short distance below where he spent the night. Mr. Tieson is also a Mennonite and he and his wife were childhood friends of Mr. Hofer in South Dakota and the meeting was a welcome surprise to all of them. They had bargained with Blanchard for the purchase of the horse and were to get it the next day.

The deputy sheriff took Blanchard to Lewistown Monday, where he entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced on the same afternoon to one year in the state penitentiary.

Blanchard came to this section of the state some few months ago from the vicinity of Dillon, this state, and previously from his home in Oklahoma, where his family still reside.

## LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SOLD

E. T. Barron, who owned the local telephone exchange, sold it a short time ago to William Burghart, of Jessenden, N. D. Mr. Burghart, his wife and sister-in-law, Miss Ella Gregerson, arrived on Tuesday and at once took charge of the office as well as the news stand and confectionery store.

Mr. Burghart is an experienced telephone man and will be employed by the toll company in keeping their line in condition in this vicinity.

E. T. Barron, the retiring proprietor has not been a resident of the city for three years past, but has been employed in Roundup. He found that he could not handle the system here with any great degree of success and come here only once a month, so he decided that he would do well to sell.

The Misses Gordon who have handled the exchange for the past few months have given the patrons of the office very good service. It is hoped that they will decide to remain in the city.

T. J. Gossett was a county seat visitor last week.

## N. R. BARNCORD ENTERS LAW OFFICE

Norman R. Barncord, who has been in the employ of the G. N. Railway company as an operator in this city for the past few months has entered the office of G. S. Bills, where he will resume the practice of law.

Mr. Barncord came to the state last summer from West Virginia where he had practiced law for over three years. At the time of his coming here he found that he would have to pass the state bar examinations and decided to keep busy until such time as they were held. In October he went to Helena where he took the examination and was passed by the board with exceptionally good marks.

G. S. Bills who has been the only legal light of which this city could boast, has decided to spend the greater portion of the winter upon the west coast. He did not feel justified in leaving Judith Gap without an attorney so he arranged with Mr. Barncord to take over his large practice and to continue the law business in the same efficient manner in which it has been handled in the past. He has not said just when he would leave, but it will undoubtedly be shortly before the holidays.

The Journal joins with the people of this section in welcoming Mr. Barncord to our city as a lawyer and counsellor.

## The Irony of Fate.

On account of the number of cases of small pox occurring in Great Falls, the state board of health recently issued an order that all children attending the public schools in Great Falls be required to present certificates of successful vaccination.

This order had the effect of stirring up the anti-vaccinationists in that city and they carried on an active campaign against vaccination until one of their leaders contracted small pox. We wish to state to the credit of this person that when she found she had the disease, she sacrificed her anti-vaccination principles and had her children vaccinated.—Bulletin of the State Board of Health.

## Corby's Shortage Made Up.

The treasurer of Gallatin county has received a check for \$24,718.92, which is almost the full amount due from the United States Fidelity and Guarantee company of Baltimore, Md., to cover the shortage in the accounts of Clyde Corby, formerly treasurer of Gallatin county, who is now serving a term in the penitentiary for embezzlement. The company withheld \$2,000, the collection of which is barred, they allege, by the statute of limitations, and this sum is reserved until the matter is determined by the courts.

## CHARLES R. REED PASSES BEYOND

Charles R. Reed passed away in a homestead cabin near the Fahnholtz ranch home south-east of town on last Sunday, Dec. 7, sometime between the hours of 7 a. m. and 2 p. m. The deceased had been confined on the premises for some time with a severe case of small pox, but had practically recovered, and would have been released from quarantine within a few days. Before coming here he had been sickly at times and the presumption is that the severe attack of small pox left his heart in a weakened condition, which brought on heart failure.

The decedent and his wife arrived here about two months ago from Edison, Neb., and have been stopping at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Albert Fahnholtz. Mr. Reed was a carpenter by trade and worked in town considerably. He was forty-three years of age and was born in Trenton, Illinois.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the family in this time of their bereavement and trouble. Mrs. Fahnholtz and her two children are confined in the home with the same dread disease, but they have it very light owing to the effects of the vaccine on the mother in years gone by.

Ed. Fisher was a White Sulphur Springs visitor last week.

## McClugh-McDonald.

Miss Jessie McHugh, for a number of years past a teacher in the Garnett schools, and William R. McDonald, a son of Joseph H. McDonald, and a young rancher of the Garnett section, were married last Wednesday in Lewistown at the home of the bride's mother.

The Journal together with and in behalf of the many friends of the young couple extends congratulations.

## Sand.

I will sell sand which has been ground from rock to anyone having use for same at \$5.00 per yard. At the new bank building, Judith Gap, Mont. W. T. Sharp.

## ARRESTED FOR STEALING GRAIN

Clarence Young, a young homesteader residing between Nilhill and Hedgesville, was brought to the city on Tuesday evening by Deputy Sheriff Rice, charged with taking a load of grain from a pile in the field of J. Garrett the Harlowton-Chicago

real estate man. He plead guilty to a charge of petty larceny and was sentenced on Wednesday by Justice of the Peace Oliver Readel to pay a fine of \$25 and the costs of the case and to serve a 30 day jail sentence. The sentence was suspended upon good behavior in the future and upon condition that the grain be returned in its entirety at the earliest possible moment. The young man seemed very repentant and was very much pleased with the light sentence. He expressed his resolve never to wander from the straight and narrow path more.

The case was quite peculiar in that the oats had been attached by William Murdock, the tenant of the Garrett ranch, for wages due him. The grain and other things attached were placed in the care of Murdock as custodian. The peculiar part of the case comes in when Young stole the grain from the Deputy Sheriff. Of course, Mr. Rice had placed Mr. Murdock in charge of the property, but if there had been any loss sustained Mr. Rice would have had to make it good.

## CALVIN HUNTSMAN SELLS HIS RANCH

Calvin Huntsman closed a deal this week for the sale of his ranch east of town to Walter J. Stevenson of Clyde Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntsman intend to leave sometime in February for Chicago where they will visit with their son, Roy, for a time. Later they will probably locate in California. Their many friends are sorry to learn of the intended departure, but will wish them well in their future home.

Mr. Stevenson and his wife will move here shortly after the first of the year. Mr. Stevenson intends to devote most of his energies to gardening and to the building up of a nursery.

## Automobile Runs.

The hardest thing for an inexperienced automobile driver to learn is why people can't keep out of the way. —Luluth News-Tribune.

With modern improvements new tricks must be learned. We have seen men start a balky horse by building a fire under him, but that method isn't adaptable to automobiles. —Toledo Blade.

After the killing of 110 persons in Chicago this year by automobiles, the authorities of that city have taken measures resulting in a great decrease of casualties. It can be done. —Baltimore American.

## Rice and Veal.

Rice is the easiest of all common foods to digest and roast veal the most difficult.

## SUIT OVER REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

The case of Box & Sheehan, of Lavinia, against Richard Raw, to recover \$1,080 alleged to be due as commission due on the sale some time ago of ranch property south of the Snowies, was taken up for trial yesterday, Judge E. K. Cheadle appearing for the plaintiffs and W. M. Blackford representing the defendant. The testimony for the plaintiff was completed this morning and the defense made a motion for a non-suit, which was argued. The next case set for trial is that of Pernot against Pernot. —Fergus County Democrat.

## CATTLE OUTPUT FALLS OFF

Decrease Due More to Lack of Water Than Range.

Montana's shipment of cattle to markets this year will show a decrease of 25,000 head over the shipments of last year. This is due to the lack of water on the range, according to D. W. Raymond, secretary of the board of live stock commissioners. He estimates the total shipments this year will not exceed 15,000.

If some system of leasing can be put into effect it is believed that it will not be long before Montana will be producing beef to the same extent that it did a few years ago, or before the rapid settlement started. It is a fact that two national forests in this state are supporting more cattle now than when the same lands were public domain and there are thousands of acres of splendid grazing land that can be used if water is secured.

Aside from the fact that the larger cattle outfits have been compelled to reduce their herds on account of the influx of settlers another reason for the decrease of this year's shipments is the fact that all stockmen who have feed are holding their breeding cattle and trying to get into the business on a larger scale.

The actual land appropriated by the homesteader has not reduced the grazing area of the state to the extent generally supposed. It is not so much the acreage taken by the homesteader as it is the particular sites he has selected that has caused the range-men to go out of business. The settler has naturally taken the most favorable land for his purposes and necessarily the proximity of water has been a very important item to him. The result is that a great many of the watering places for the range cattle have been appropriated and fenced by the homesteader.

If the government will arrange some business method of leasing its grazing land there will be no particular shortage of cattle.

The naked truth will have its sting— It shows up all our acts— For there's no way to cloak a thing That's made up of bare facts. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

## Captain Batson and Flying Liner In Which He May Cross Atlantic



CAPTAIN MATTHEW A. BATSON, U. S. A., retired, is inventor and builder of a twelve winged flying boat or aero yacht, with which he says he will try to fly across the Atlantic. He has studied aviation problems for twenty years, and he began on plans for his flying boat in 1910. He began actual construction of the machine April 6, 1913, and completed it Nov. 12, 1913. He plans to fly from Savannah, Ga., to New York city in eleven hours; from New York to St. John, N. B., and from St. John to west coast of Ireland, a distance of 1,700 miles, which he claims he will make in eighteen hours' continuous flight. The Batson hydroaeroplane is unlike any other flying machine, with perhaps the exception of a few borrowed ideas from the pioneer, Professor Langley. It cost \$50,000. Captain Batson claims it will attain a speed of sixty miles an hour on the water. In flight he claims for it a speed of 125 miles an hour. Including the crew of six men, it will carry sixteen passengers in the cabin and lifeboat and as much as 5,000 pounds over its own weight. Captain Batson and his machine are here shown.

It is only a few more days until Christmas and you should be and you should be looking up those useful articles you intend to present. We just received a nice line of dishes, consisting of cups and saucers, celery dishes, olive dishes, salad dishes, bread and cake plates, bread and butter sets, spoon trays, cream and sugar sets. Everything useful. We also have a nice line of imported China that you can purchase in small quantities or by the full set. Also carving sets, Community knives and forks, table spoons, tea spoons. Also useful box stationery. See window display. We also show the finest line of Lowney's candy ever exhibited in a city of this size also necessary. Watch our windows and you surely will see something you need.

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