

# SAYS HE DIDN'T KNOW CATTLE WERE STOLEN

## Edwin Johnston, on Trial for Grand Larceny and Charged With Knowingly Purchasing Thielbar Animals, Denies Accusation Against Him.

Edwin A. Johnston, Great Falls meat dealer, is being tried in District Court Judge J. B. Leslie's department on the charge of grand larceny. Johnston is accused by County Attorney Howard G. Bennett, who with Deputy County Attorney Fred A. Ewald is fighting the case against the defendant, with having purchased 18 head of cattle from a Vaughn farmer youth, John Guernsey, on the morning of February 14, 1919, the prosecution alleging Johnston knew at the time the sale was closed, that Guernsey had stolen the cattle from Fred Thielbar, who at that time had a ranch near the Guernsey place.

Johnston, when placed upon the stand late Wednesday afternoon, denied that he had knowledge of the theft at the time he bought the cattle. Should his attorneys, O'Leary & Doyle, succeed in proving this to be a fact Johnston's chances of being acquitted are excellent, as County Attorney Bennett admits the state hopes to establish what he considers the truth, that Johnston purchased the cattle knowing they were stolen. The verdict practically will hinge upon this one point.

Johnston's Story.

Johnston stated on the witness stand that young Guernsey, whom he had engaged to do small tasks for him upon a few previous occasions, walked into his shop on the morning of February 14 and informed Johnston he had some fine cattle for sale at a very reasonable price. Johnston said he decided to look at them. So the two went to the old fair grounds, he alleged, and the boy agreed to sell the cattle to Johnston at what is considered a ridiculously low price, \$80 per head.

Returning to the market Johnston presented Guernsey with a check for \$1040, and as the boy asked him for about \$40 of the money in cash to help him defray expenses while in town, he was given \$40 in cash, Johnston says.

Johnston says he went to the fair grounds a little later and got the cattle, driving them to the Ed Venetz slaughter house, where he says he killed 11 of them. Two were sold to the Peoples Meat Market and two to another party, the former at 18 cents per pound and the latter two at 17 cents. Johnston stated he sent the hides to the Boston Hide & Wool company.

The defendant also told of how he had to go out and borrow \$300 from one person and \$175 from other sources to deposit in the bank so that the check for \$1040 would be good.

Johnston stated the check was never cashed, young Guernsey having later admitted to Sheriff J. P. Burns that he had become frightened and tore it up.

The check was made payable to F. B. Dent, at one time a prominent rancher near Vaughn. It is said, Johnston testified that Guernsey had told him Dent had shipped some cattle to Chicago and that these cattle he had were given him to bring to Great Falls for sale. Guernsey, Johnston alleged, instructed him to make the check payable to F. B. Dent, it being the presumption the youth had in mind the cashing of the check with a forged endorsement, but as he himself stated, became timid and failed to do it.

Johnston testified that when he discovered the cattle had been stolen he immediately ordered payment of the check stopped at the bank.

Guernsey has already pleaded "guilty" to the charge of stealing the cattle, but has not as yet been sentenced. Johnston was still on the stand when court adjourned for the day on Wednesday.

## THREATENED OVER TELEPHONE WIRE

### Woman Reports to Police That Someone Has Phoned "He'd Get Her."

Mrs. Hanifan, 820 Sixth avenue south, has reported at the city police station that some man phoned her Tuesday night and made a threat to "get her." Being frightened she reported the incident to the police.

Mrs. Hanifan also alleges that as she was returning home from work, at about 11 p. m. one night about three weeks ago she was accosted on the street and choked by an unknown assailant.

The person calling her up Tuesday night warned her, she alleges, that she was liable to be hurt in the near future, and then followed this up with the threat.

## KELLY'S COMPANY TO OPEN TONIGHT

Frank Kelly the ever-popular favorite has returned to Great Falls with a box of pretty girls for an indefinite period with Florence Kennedy that "so different" sourette which will display the newest creations in costumes direct from New York and Paris, together with her vim, pep and ginger and the capable cast with this aggregation one can look forward to a real show.—Adv.

## BAND CONCERT IS TO BEGIN AT 7:30

### First of Municipal Series of Programs Will Be Given by Black Eagle Boys Tonight.

People of Great Falls will enjoy the first summer concert this evening when the Black Eagle band, H. B. Marston director, opens the municipal series at Black Eagle Park. The concert was authorized at a recent meeting of the city council and they will be given during the hot weather months. The following program has been announced by Director Marston:

Peace March—From Thos. Inces, "Civilization."

Overture—"Il Guarany"..... Gomez Waltz—"The Blue Bird"..... Kummer Grand Selection from "Faust"..... Gounod Oriental Fox Trot "Out of the East"..... Rosey Medley—"Vaudeville Echoes"..... Lampe Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah"..... Handel Trombone Novelty "Oh Slip It Man"..... Davis ("Slovakian Dance" No. 1)..... Dvorak ("Polish Dance" No. 1)..... Scharwenka Popular March Song "Mickey"..... Moret "The Star Spangled Banner"..... Key

The concert will be started promptly at 7:30. The people who attend are requested that if they are driving a car, they do not move the car while the band is playing, if they happen to stop near the band stand.

## HAVE PUT 20,000 HEAD THRU VATS

### Dipping Cattle on Blackfoot Reservation Is Being Carried on With Success.

Dr. A. Berdan, veterinary inspector for the bureau of animal industry is in the city for a few days' business visit after spending the past week at Browning in charge of the dipping of cattle for mange.

Twelve vats are being used by stockmen in that part of the state to dip 75,000 head of cattle, twice, in an effort to check and cure this disease.

Operation at five of these vats is entirely thru and more than 20,000 head of cattle have undergone the dipping process twice. There has been a little delay in the construction of the new vats. One of the newly constructed vats will dip 15,000 cattle and another vat will dip 7,000 head, twice.

All of the dipping must be completed by July 1 and at the rate that the cattle are now being dipped, this will be accomplished. The dipping is in charge of Dr. Berdan and three veterinarians who beside attending to this work they are camping out and enjoying the work of cooking their own meals, washing their own dishes and so on and so forth. Then when they have attended to both these matters they are kept busy raking the hair shed by the cattle off the solution in the vats. Dr. Berdan reports that they are having an "excellent vacation."

What has become of the old-fashioned democrat who didn't eat raw vegetables with ice on them?

## MORE 60-CENT WOOL REPORTED

### Seiben Clip Sold at That Figure; Many Deals Made Very Close to That Mark.

Several wool sales of importance have been made in the Great Falls territory and at points in central and eastern Montana during the past week, prices ranging at or near the maximum figure realized by growers this season. Sixty cents per pound was paid by William R. Ra, Jr., representing Silberman & Co., Chicago, for the combined clip of the Henry Seiben and Seiben & Grimes outfit of Cascade and Mitchell, the transaction transferring about 20,000 pounds of wool. Other growers in the country between Great Falls and Helena contracted their clips to Silberman & Co., for a similar consideration it is reported.

The same firm has contracted for the clip of the Martinsdale Sheep Co., of Martinsdale. The price given for this wool was 59 cents, about 90,000 pounds of wool changing hands in the deal. At Miles City late last month 15,000 fleeces were sold to different firms for from 55 to 58 cents. In the Great Falls territory there is one large clip, one of the largest in the entire state, but the owner is quoted as saying he does not intend to contract until shearing is completed. This owner is Ole Osnes, of Geyser, who will this year market over 200,000 pounds of wool. Last month Mr. Osnes was said to have refused 60 cents for his wool, but to this hour now in the city he yesterday denied having made such a statement.

Shearing is under way at different points in the state. Crews started to work yesterday at Ingomar, a short distance north of Billings, which is one of the big sheep ranges left in the state. At White Sulphur Springs shearing will be under way by the latter part of the present week and one or two bands are already shorn at Cascade, according to a report reaching the city yesterday. Shearing is finished at Tintinger ranch, near that city, and the work is well under way with a crew engaged at the McDaniels ranch. Shearing began yesterday at the Couch ranch at Ulm. Neither of these clips have been contracted for, it is understood.

Men familiar with the sheep business stated yesterday that 17 cents per fleece is being paid this year to shearers.

## LOUIS BENNSON PLAYING TO CAPACITY AUDIENCE

At the Alcazar yesterday Louis Benson in his latest western picture, "The Road Called Straight" played to capacity and those who saw it claimed it to be his best picture. The same production will be shown again today.—Adv.

## The One Big Dance

Saturday night at Temple auditorium. Were you one of the many who enjoyed our big dance last week?

## PLEASURE CLUB

"Always a Guaranteed Crowd." Coolest ball room in the city. To go is to be convinced. Hand and electric fans at your service.

## DANCE

Given by G. I. A. Ladies Thursday, June 5, at P. O. F. hall. Admission 50 cents.

## ELECTRIC CAMP R. N. OF A.

Regular meeting tonight. Carpenters' hall.

## CHEVROLET SPEEDER

For sale—Good condition. Price \$475. Inquire at Pierce Auto Co.

## CLEAN SWEEP MADE IN POLICE COURT

### Magistrate Raban Makes Every Case Count for "Little Change" Wednesday.

Police Magistrate George Raban made a clean sweep Wednesday by collecting something in fines or bail forfeitures in all cases booked for the day.

Mrs. Pete Pershy, housewife, charged with being drunk, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$50.

B. F. Boyce, aged 50, and giving his occupation as that of an agent, charged with the same offense, forfeited a \$20 bail by failure to appear in court.

Harold Donohue, aged 23, machinist, forfeited a \$10 bail when he failed to appear in answer to the charge of reckless driving against him.

Mike Draich, aged 35 and a truck driver, forfeited \$10 because of failure to answer to the charge of turning in the middle of a block, thus violating the traffic ordinance.

Steve Melich, aged 32 and a miner, charged with reckless driving, failed to appear and lost \$10.

John Sobiski forfeited \$10 when he failed to respond in answer to the charge of being drunk. He is 25 and a mechanic.

Otto Klessig, aged 42, plumber, was taken into custody Wednesday on the charge of reckless driving. He was released on his own recognizance and instructed to be in police court at 9:30 this morning.

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Cataract lodge will meet at 7:30 tonight. Work in esquire rank. Election of officers, non-resident members cordially invited to be present.  
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Come and meet your friends at Carpenter's Hall Saturday evening. Admission 75 cents. Ladies free.

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**TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS**  
June 5, 6 and 7, Council Chamber, Court-house, Great Falls, Mont.  
**SCHEDULE OF SUBJECTS**  
Thursday, a. m.—Second Grade: History, 8 to 10; Civics, 10 to 12.  
Thursday, p. m.—Second Grade: Grammar, 1 to 2:30; Theory and Practice, 2:30 to 4; Spelling, 4 to 4:30.  
Friday, a. m.—Second Grade: Arithmetic, 8 to 10; Geography, 10:30 to 12. First Grade: American Literature, 10 to 12.  
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Saturday, a. m.—First Grade: School Management, 8 to 10; Elementary Principles of Education, 8 to 10; Educational Psychology, 10 to 12.

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