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THRESHER MEETS INSTANT DEATH

CULBERTSON LAD PASSES AWAY AT CAMP DODGE

The startling news that their son, Charles, was at death's door reached Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Olson of Culbertson Saturday, August 31. Mrs. Olson immediately prepared to go to Des Moines, Ia., the next day on No. 2. Early Sunday morning another telegram arrived, stating that her son was dead. An abscess had developed in the boy's ear. He was operated upon, but did not survive the operation.

Charles Olson left Glasgow on July 26th with the draft quota, and was in training only a month previous to his death.

The young man lived on a homestead at Thoeny and registered in Valley county, leaving with the July contingent.

Charles Edward Olson was born in Cascade county, Montana, September 5, 1895, and was within four days of being 23 years old. The funeral was held at his home in Culbertson Thursday, September 5th, on his birthday. When very young he moved to Culbertson with his parents and with the exception of the last two years on his claim, he resided in that town since. He was a graduate of the Culbertson high school and is well known, both in Valley and Sheridan counties.

FORT PECK INDIAN FAIR AT POPLAR IS NOW ON

The Fort Peck Indian and the Sheridan County Fair is being held at Poplar on September 19, 20 and 21. The county commissioners have set aside \$500 for the fair and Poplar business men will contribute the same amount to pay the premiums on farm products, besides numerous attractions.

The Indians will celebrate the harvest in their usual manner, with probably some interesting variations. They will have many fine exhibits of farm products. The net proceeds of the fair will go to the Red Cross.

FATHER INJURED WHILE VISITING SON; DIES

J. E. Rutherford, aged 89 years, who came from Oklahoma City, Okla., for a visit with his son Earnest and family at Flaxville the fore part of last week, was seriously injured a few days later and died on Friday.

It seems, as the story goes, that the aged man stumbled while alighting from an automobile, and fell against a sharp object, seriously injuring his head. He lingered a few days and although everything possible was done for him, he passed away.

HURLY WILL BE IN PLENTYWOOD, SEPT. 30

Judge Hurly, judge of the Seventh Judicial District, will be in Plentywood on September 30th to take up all matters in the district court, and will preside at the naturalization hearing on October 1st.

LOOK LADY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. C. B. Murphy, who resides at six miles northwest of Outlook, passed away at her daughter's residence in Outlook on Tuesday of last week after a lingering illness. The funeral took place at the Outlook cemetery yesterday.

PLENTYWOOD FARMER KILLED EARLY THURSDAY MORNING.

A fatal accident occurred about five o'clock yesterday morning, about five miles south of town, when a pulley wheel flew off a gas traction engine and struck J. Oestrich, a well known farmer on the side of the head, killing him instantly.

Oestrich was the engineer on the Avery gas engine which is part of the threshing outfit owned by Mr. O'Toole that is now threshing on the Redinour farm, about five miles south of here. As the story goes, the victim of the accident was working on the engine, while it was in motion and he was getting it ready for the day's work early yesterday morning, when something fell into the pulley wheel, which it is said, was the direct cause of the wheel flying off and striking the unfortunate man with fatal results.

Upon examination, it was found that the left side of the man's face and head was crushed in and badly mutilated.

Oestrich was 25 years old when he met his untimely death. He resided upon his farm about five miles southeast of Plentywood with his wife and one child, who have the sympathy of the entire community.

REDSTONE RANCHER DIES SUNDAY, AGED 67 YEARS

Andrew Johansen, pioneer rancher, who resided south of Redstone for many years, passed away at his home on Sunday morning last after a short illness.

The deceased located in the Big Muddy Valley before the days of the homesteader and farmer, having resided in this part of Montana for nearly two decades.

OUR LIBERTY LOAN QUOTA

SHERIDAN COUNTY WILL BACK OUR BOYS WITH MORE THAN THE \$250,000.00 THAT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED US.

The quota for Sheridan County for the Fourth Liberty Loan has been fixed at \$250,000.00. That is the amount our people are to buy of the total which must be sold if the government is to successfully finance, during the next few months, our part in the terrible conflict the kaiser and his hordes have brought upon the world.

Of course, the people of Sheridan county are going to buy that amount, and the only question is how much more and how quickly are we going to do it?

Sheridan county people are going at this bond-buying proposition in just the same way that our Sheridan county boys are going at the Heines in France. We are not going to wait until the fight is over before we get into it, and we are not going to stop at the fixed objective of \$250,000.00 any more than our boys stop when they reach the first German trench or German machine gun nest.

We are going to put Sheridan county dollars back of the Sheridan county boys and let them work together so that in the end the "world" may be a decent place to live in.

Liberty Loan Day, September 28th. Report for your allotment.

Local Girls' "By Heck" Ball, Saturday, Sept., 28

The Plentywood Girls, who have given several successful dances which brought many people to the county seat, have formally announced that they will give a "By Heck" ball at the Community Hall on Saturday night, September 28th. Following is their announcement:

"The girls want Norskes, Swedes and French; the English, Japs and all, to dress up in their overalls and come to the "By Heck" ball. We want the girls in gingham and may-haps a bonnet, too, and we sure want everybody there—this everyone means you. The price of one couple's a dollar, the Community hall is the place; but we're sure not a one of

you'll holler, when u c the "Fitch Jazz" face to face. Now the date is Septem 28th and the ancing begins sharp at nine—that u will be there, we have faith—Now! isn't it going to be fine!

Without a doubt this dance will be a huge success. The girls have everything nicely arranged, even to their own unique advertising methods, needless to mention their unique plans for a real social function which promises to be a grand affair. That everybody appreciates their efforts, will be manifested by one of the largest gatherings in the Community hall on Saturday night, September 28th.

HIGH SCHOOL OPENS HERE NEXT MONDAY

THREE COURSES OFFERED THIS YEAR—LATIN, COMMERCIAL AND TEACHERS'. EXCELLENT FACILITIES OFFERED.

The Plentywood High School opens next Monday morning with the same director at the head, Frank L. Houston, who has had sixteen years' experience in school work, the last six of which have been at the head of the local schools as superintendent. Mr. Houston will have a corps of nine able teachers under him. The faculty is as follows:

- High School
- Mrs. C. R. Ellery, Science and Mathematics.
- Gladys Forrest, Commercial Subjects.
- Marion Weich, Latin and History.
- Music and English.
- Grammar Department
- Agnes Duffy, eighth grade.
- Martha Gerntholz, sixth and seventh grades.
- Nellie Killen, fourth and fifth grades.
- Mrs. Carl Sandstrom, second grade.
- Mary Daly, first grade.

The grammar department, as published in the last issue of The Producers News, was opened on Monday, Sept. 16th, this week.

The Plentywood school is a four year accredited high school and has excellent facilities for giving the students of Sheridan county a good thorough high school education. Board and room can be secured at reasonable rates. Many families rent cottages and move in during the winter months in order to give their children the benefit of a good education.

Courses

Three courses will be offered this

year, 1918-19, which are: Latin, Commercial and Teachers'. The Latin course is arranged for students who wish to enter college or university and meet all requirements. The commercial course will prepare students for positions as bookkeepers, stenographers and other office positions. The teachers' course will meet all requirements for a professional certificate.

Requirements
All students entering must have a state eighth grade diploma or pass a satisfactory eighth grade examination. No tuition is required and all text books are furnished free by the

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REGISTRATION TOTALED 4,065

The total number of registrants on September 12 under the 18-45 draft in Sheridan county was 4,065. This included 3,989 white men, 2,667 of whom were native born citizens, 54 Indians, 17 Orientals and 5 negroes. 3,574 of the registrants are citizens, including 752 naturalized and 153 who became citizens by their father's naturalization.

There are a total of 299 declarant aliens and 192 non-declarants who registered, making a total of 491 in this class. Also there are 41 citizens and 13 non-citizen Indians.

To give some idea of the number of registrants in the different ages, respectively, from 18 to 45 years, we print the following table which gives only the age and the number of registrants in the county within that age: 18-187; 19-148; 20-181; 21-13; 22-1; 23-1; 24-4; 25-2; 26-1; 27-1; 28-1; 29-1; 30-1; 31-3; 32-233; 33-404; 34-373; 35-334; 36-300; 37-325; 38-254; 39-210; 40-182; 41-195; 42-193; 43-196; 44-161; 45-163.

Newspapers Are Classified As Essential; Placed in Class Four

Plants engaged exclusively in the manufacture of pulp and paper and plants engaged principally in producing newspapers or periodicals which are entered at the post office as second class matter are placed in class four in a new priorities list of industries and plants essential to the war or to the civil population announced by Chairman Baruch of the war industries board.

It was described as the "master key" governing the issuance of priority certificates by priorities commissioner of the board for fuel or electrical energy, transportation, material, facilities, capital and labor and as the basis for industrial exemption from the draft.

Not An Embargo

"The inclusion of the industries and plants on this preference list," said the announcement, "does not operate as an embargo against all others, but the effect is to defer the requirements of all other industries and plants until those on the preference list are satisfied."

Industries have been grouped into four classes, according to their relative importance.

The industries of plants under class 1 are of exceptional importance and include those most vital to the prosecution of the war and to the public, and their requirements must be fully met in preference to those of the three remaining classes.

SHERIDAN COUNTY TAKES HONORS AT THE STATE FAIR

AUTO ACCIDENT FATAL TO SCOBEE CARPENTER

A fatal auto accident occurred about five o'clock Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8, at a point about two miles west of Scobey, when the Ford runabout, driven by Syprian Strom turned turtle, instantly killing the driver.

Mr. Strom in company with F. P. Shanks, had left Scobey a few minutes previous and were on their way to Peerless. At a point about a half a mile west of the Timmons ranch Strom, according to Mr. Shanks, leaned over to adjust the carburetor and at that instant lost control of the car. The car going at a good rate of speed, swerved to the left and hit square on a fence post, and then turned a half turtle. The car fell in such a manner as to throw the full weight on Strom's head, crushing it beyond recognition and causing instant death. Mr. Shanks was thrown over the fence and into a field, for a time it was feared he had suffered internal injuries, but at this writing, outside of a few bad sprains and bruises, he is doing fine.

Syprian Strom, better known among his friends as "Shorty," has been a resident of Scobey for the past three years, working the greater portion of the time at carpenter work. He is survived by a wife, living near Fife Lake, Can., and other relatives. A car was dispatched to Fife Lake to notify the widow and upon arrival there it was learned that Mrs. Strom was at death's door and unable to come.

The remains of the unfortunate man were laid to rest in the Scobey cemetery Wednesday morning at 10:30.

DAGMAR MAN IS STABBED

THRESHERS SETTLE TROUBLE IN SCUFFLE FOLLOWED BY MAD ATTEMPT ON LIFE.

Over in the rural Dagmar country, near the Dakota line, a quarrel between a couple of men with a crew of threshers last Thursday evening resulted in one, Thorval Ibsen, being lodged in the county jail here and his cousin, Marinus Ibsen, left suffering from a shallow wound inflicted with a pocket knife. The victim was not seriously injured.

It appears the men, or one of them, had been to Westby for some supplies, and there imbibed too freely. Returning late in the evening he asked for wages which, as the defendant tells it, resulted in a quarrel and the injured man knocked his cousin down in a fist fight and scuffle, from which Marinus Ibsen emerged with a knife wound.

Friday morning, while the deputy and county attorney were on their way to the scene, Thorval Ibsen was on his way to Plentywood with another Dagmar farmer, evidently feeling repentant over his rash act and willing to make amends to suit the courts. He was lodged in jail.

No doubt the regrettable affair will be properly adjusted, as the Ibsen boys have always been known as good, industrious, peaceable fellows and respected citizens.

Excellent Exhibits of Threshed Grains and Seeds Bring Prizes. Third Award on Corn—First on Flax Acknowledged As Best in State for 1918.

Judge L. S. Olson, exhibit agent, returned here this week and brought the good news that Sheridan county went "over the top" and captured many prizes for its exhibits of threshed grains, seeds, grasses and vegetables, and besides this county is acknowledged as having raised the best flax in the State this year, winning 1st and 3rd sweepstakes and second prize for seed.

We were not surprised to learn that the county also won third sweepstakes on all of Montana for White Cap Dent corn, 1st sweepstakes for Northern Montana, for ten ears of Yellow Dent and also third special premium for ten ears of Yellow Dent corn, including second special premium for both yellow and White Dent corn on stalk.

McCoy and Walker, of Plentywood, won third sweepstakes on largest variety of radishes and also first sweepstakes for Northrup-King special premium for the largest variety of garden products raised from Northrup-King & Co. seeds.

Sheridan county took second sweepstakes for grass and forage seed grown on dry land in competition to irrigated land, including second sweepstakes for best and largest display of threshed grain and seed.

The awards for threshed grains, seeds and vegetables, at the fair are as follows:

- Flax, 1st sweepstakes—Frank M. Steffer of Dooley.
- Flax, 3rd sweepstakes—Nels M. Olson, Plentywood.
- Sheaf flax, 1st prize—Nels M. Olson, Plentywood.
- Sheaf flax, 3rd prize—L. S. Olson, Plentywood.
- Flax seed, 2nd prize—Entered by L. S. Olson for a party at Scobey.

One sheaf flax, 1st prize—O. T. Benson, Plentywood. This was in competition with irrigated farming.

Sheaf grain, 2nd prize—A. V. Hopkins, Plentywood. This was for best display grown on one farm under dry farming conditions.

Bluestem threshed wheat, 1st prize—Albert Rekin, Bainville.

Bromo's Inermis wheat, 1st prize—Entered by L. S. Olson for Bainville party.

Macaroni wheat in sheaf, 2nd prize—J. D. Matkin, Redstone.

Macaroni wheat threshed, 3rd prize—J. D. Matkin, Redstone.

Hard spring Fife wheat, 3rd prize—A. V. Hopkins, Plentywood.

White Flint corn in stalk, 2nd special premium—E. E. Wheeler, Froid.

Yellow and White Dent corn in stalk, 2nd special premium—Ole C. Nelson, Medicine Lake.

Ten ears of Yellow Dent corn, 3rd special premium—J. C. Bain, Froid.

Ten ears of Yellow Flint corn, 1st sweepstakes for northern Montana—Ole Overland, Homestead.

Alfalfa threshed seed, 1st prize—G. L. Piercy, Bainville. General sweepstakes against all the State.

Threshed White oats, 3rd prize—A. V. Hopkins, Plentywood.

Threshed hullless barley, 3rd prize—George Rowley, Plentywood.

Timothy seed, 3rd prize—George Rowley, Plentywood.

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