

South Side RANCHER TELLS OF LOW PRICES IN AUSTRALIA

Surprised That Omaha Banker Fears to Hurt Trade by Reducing Living Cost.

While Americans are paying the highest prices on record for shoes, leather goods and other commodities in wearing apparel, including woolen clothing, Australian markets are glutted with hides, beef products and wool, according to Charles Blanchard, a cattleman of Melbourne, Australia.

Mc. Blanchard is said to own one of the largest cattle ranches in the world, covering several thousand acres and pasturing several hundred thousand head of livestock, including horses, cattle and sheep. For the purpose of investigating the live stock industry of the United States, he is making a tour of the various stock yards and with a party of friends visited the local yards Saturday.

Prices Here Astounding. He said he was astounded at the prices that prevail in this country, and gave several examples of the difference in this country and his.

"I noticed in some of the shop windows of Omaha shoes priced at \$12 to \$17 a pair. In Australia the markets are glutted with cattle and hides and one can buy a pair of shoes for a song, compared with prices over here. I have bought many boots for cowboys on my ranch for 11 shillings a pair—about \$2 of your money.

Suits Cost \$25. "I paid five pounds, nearly \$25, for the suit I am wearing and I am told the price in Omaha would be \$75, while I can get similar suits in Australia for \$25. The price of living in Australia is about half of what it is here. Crops are all reported excellent with the exception of wool, which will be a little less than last year.

Questioned why Australia did not export goods to the United States, he said the British government had commandeered all staples and were shipping them to England. "I was surprised to see in one of your local newspapers a statement of a banker that he did not think it advisable to attempt to cut the cost of living until after the holidays as it might disturb the market. That is the spirit I find prevails too much, in my opinion, in this country. Bankers and others do not want to disturb the present system of robbery of the people."

Rides With Husband On Truck All Day in Fear of World's End. It was best not to take a chance. If the world had blown up Wednesday as scheduled, the wife of a South Side delivery truck driver was right on the job. She went to the store where he was employed, and despite protestations rode with him all day.

In response to objections, she related her articles of faith, and her bill of rights according to which she figured that when the big "bust" came and the world was summoned to the judgment bar, there would be one awful mob and, she argued, if her husband was gathered to his fathers from some place away over on the North Side, how would she and he ever get together again.

Automobile Driver Gets Broken Ribs in Street Car Accident. George Rice, yardman for the Guy C. Ellis Commission Co., residing at 625 South Thirty-sixth street, sustained two broken ribs and several cuts on the face and head, as a result of colliding with a street car Friday evening at Thirty-third and Q streets.

Nice was driving home in an automobile and it is said to have run into the street car, while crossing Thirty-third street, side-swiping the car. He was given first aid by Police Surgeon Young and removed to his home. Nice said he lost control of his automobile and was unable to stop.

Stock Yards Employe Found Dead in Room by Landlady, Left Note. Austin Pike, laborer, 32 years old, was found dead in his room, 6325 South Thirty-sixth street, by Mrs. Ella Olson, landlady, about 7 Friday evening. Police Surgeon Young was called and said the man had been dead an hour.

"If anything happens to me notify my sister, Lottie Farthing, 197 Indian Channel Road, Buffalo, N. Y.," were the contents of a note found on a dresser in Pike's room. The body was removed to the undertaking parlors of G. H. Brewer and his sister notified of the death. Pike was employed at the stock yards and was little known on the South Side.

Returned Soldier Joined for Alleged Beating of Wife. J. D. Sallee, employe of the Skinner Packing company, was sentenced to 15 days in jail in police court Saturday morning. He was convicted of creating a disturbance. The complaint was filed by Mrs. Louisa Buck, 2540 Capitol avenue.

Sallee is a returned soldier and it is alleged he had abused his child wife. The defendant pleaded with Judge Fitzgerald to be allowed to pay a fine, but his request was refused.

It is said that Hugo Berdek can pilot the Pittsburgh Pirates against next season if he resigns as coach of the Penn State foot ball team.

Boy Suicide, His Girl-Wife, and Chorus Girl He Loved



Ruth Mondeau

Central figures in tragic love triangle: Carl Pratt, 19 years old, who ended his life by swallowing poison after he had told his young wife he loved another.

Ruth Mondeau, burlesque show girl, who was singing and dancing on the stage of the Gayety theater when she was told of young Pratt's suicide.

Mrs. Carl Pratt, nee Beulah Johnson, who offered her husband his freedom when she learned of his love for another.

Mayor Will Appear in Role of Santa Claus At Omaha City Mission. The Omaha City mission just had to have a Santa Claus. Mayor Smith is it.

Mayor Mary E. Anthony, superintendent of the mission, nominated the mayor and he won. Not that the mission couldn't find any one but the mayor for the role of Santa Claus, but Miss Anthony thought it would be rather nice to have the chief city executive hand out the gifts at the annual Christmas entertainment.

Two national commissions are to be organized in the near future, one to govern boxing exhibitions and the other to keep the wrestling game right side up.

South Side Brevities. For sale—gas stove, in good condition. Call South 27th.

Funeral of Walter J. McPhail, who died Wednesday at 1105 South 24th street, will be held Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, from the home of Mrs. C. C. Ryan, 1213 South Thirty-third street.

Funeral of the late George E. Ryan, who died Thursday evening, will be held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, from the home of Mrs. Ryan, 1213 South Thirty-third street.

The regular Christmas program of the Omaha Inter-Line Assembly will be held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, from the home of Mrs. Ryan, 1213 South Thirty-third street.

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FUNERAL OF BOY WHO KILLED SELF TO BE HELD TODAY

Last Rites for Victim of Tragical Love Triangle at Heafey & Heafey Undertaking Chapel.

Funeral services for Carl E. Pratt, 19 years old, who took his own life Friday night because his sweetheart, Ruth Mondeau, burlesque show girl, refused to marry him, will be held at 2 this afternoon at the Heafey & Heafey chapel, 2611 Farnam street.

Pratt, who leaves a pretty little 17-year-old wife, Beulah, had told her of his love for the other woman, and bade his mother, Mrs. Anna Monday, 301 North Sixteenth street, goodby, and stepped to the sidewalk, where he drank the poison.

Miss Mondeau, who formerly lived in Omaha, and who is now connected with the Harry Hastings burlesque show, which ended a week's engagement at the Gayety theater Friday night, yesterday told police the reason for Pratt's suicide.

Pratt secured the poison from the Schaeffer drug store at Sixteenth and Chicago streets, telling the clerk he wanted the carbolio acid for antiseptic use. A few minutes later he fell to the walk in front of the store in his death agony.

The little 17-year-old widow accepted the death of her husband philosophically yesterday morning and started to the undertaking parlor to which the body was removed.

"I still love him," sobbed Miss Mondeau at the railroad station yesterday morning, where she was awaiting the train to carry her to Kansas City to rejoin her show.

Mrs. Lillian M. Bowden is the only one of twenty victims of the wreck on the Northwestern railroad at Missouri Valley, Friday, to remain in Mercy hospital, Council Bluffs. All others have been discharged and sent to their homes or are continuing the journey that was interrupted.

Mrs. Bowden's injuries have proved to be much less serious than was at first thought. An X-ray showed no injury to the spine but that the injuries were confined to muscular and columnar strains.

Groans and moans were heard as the officers poured out the booze. Some men even "cried" at what they declared to be "wanton destruction."

Col. G. S. Bingham, zone supply officer in Omaha, in the role of Santa Claus, announces that he is prepared to knock the H. C. L. out of Christmas.

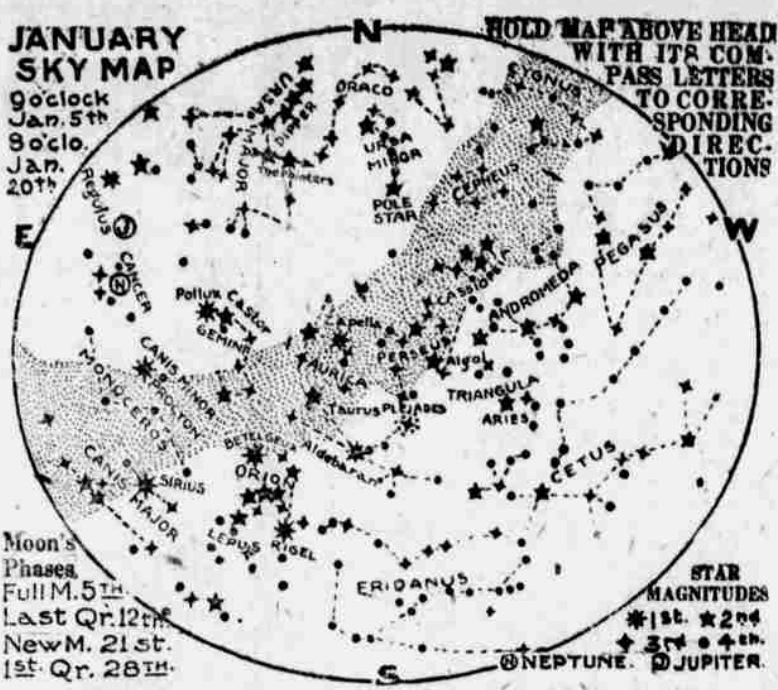
Wreck of Tank Vessel. Marshall, Ore., Dec. 20.—Capt. A. A. Sawyer, master of the steamer, J. K. Chancellor, Quartermaster Junkle and one other member of the crew are believed to be the only survivors of the steamer, wrecked late Thursday off Cape Blanco.

Subscriptions of 700 Millions to New Issue. Washington, Dec. 20.—Subscriptions of more than \$700,000,000 have been received by the treasury to the new issue of certificates of indebtedness dated December 15 and maturing June 13, 1920, with interest at 4 1/2 per cent.

The Heavens in January Will Present Wonderful Winter Constellations

1919 Not a Spectacular Year for the Amateur Astronomer, But the Professionals It Has Been of Wonderful Importance—Verification of the Einstein Theory by British Scientists Was Startling Find.

Adding to the wonderful winter constellations the giant planet Jupiter, the new year presents us with a sky which is interesting, indeed. The richest star field in the sky, that including Orion, Sirius and their near neighbors, will be found occupying the southern quarter of the sky, from zenith to horizon.



Very close to the zenith at map time will be seen the pure white star, whose light resembles closely that of our own sun, Orion, the Great Hunter, is easily recognized, with his sword belt lying parallel to the horizon.

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Astronomy in 1919. The last year has not been a spectacular year for the amateur astronomer. There was a total eclipse of the sun, but it was invisible from

Only Three More Days to Shop. PHILIPS Dep't STORE. The Fastest Growing Store in Omaha. Here we go for three of the biggest selling days in our history.

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COATS COATS. Our entire stock of coats must be sold. We have 107 left and will sell them at 75 cents on the dollar. If you are going to buy a coat you must come early as they will not last long.

FURS FURS. You must see these beautiful muffs and neck pieces to realize what we are offering you at so little money. You will find, Black, Brown and Gray Coney, Tiger Coney, and the much wanted Manchurian Wolf.

PHILIPS Watch Us Grow. Men's \$10.00 McElwain English Walking Shoes in Chrome Cordovan—the latest style, the very last word in Men's Fancy Footwear—will be sold in this three-day sale at \$5.75.

SPECIAL ESCORT TO BRING BACK YANKS' BODIES

Ex-Sergeant of Kentucky, Whose Deeds Rank With Those of Sergeant York, Is Chosen.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Former Sergeant Willie Sandlin of Hyden Ky., today was appointed special escort for the return of soldier dead from overseas by Secretary Baker on recommendation of Major General Rogers.

Sergeant Sandlin advanced alone directly on a machine gun nest which was holding up the line with its fire. He killed the crew with a grenade and enabled the line to advance.

North Carolina Governor Commutes All Life Terms. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—Governor Bickett today issued an order commuting to 30 years each the sentences of all life term prisoners in the North Carolina state prison.

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