

REUBEN WOMAN IS ASSAULTED

Known Assailant Leaps
From Roadway and At-
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OSSES CONDUCT HUNT

Feeling Would Have Resulted
in Lynching, But the Searchers
Failed to Find Assailant,
Who Twice Escaped.

SUSPECT PICKED UP.

A man suspected of the assault on Mrs. Hamilton at Reuben was picked up here today by Sheriff George Quine and Marshal Shambrook. The man answered the description very closely but presented a good alibi. He was held for some time by the officers while his movements on Saturday were traced, but it finally developed that his statements were correct. The officers also discovered evidence to the effect that the man who attempted suicide was not the one who committed the assault, although the two talked very closely in description. The would-be suicide left Saturday morning on the northbound train, it was learned late today.

Mrs. Gibson Hamilton, of Reuben, was brutally assaulted late Saturday afternoon by an unknown assailant, a man who is still at large in spite of the efforts of a large number of searchers, who allowed him to slip from their grasp.

Mrs. Hamilton was quite badly hurt and is seriously injured from the effects of the terrible experience, together with the injuries inflicted by the assailant.

The woman, accompanied by a man, Mr. Baker, and the latter's sister, had started out along the road near Reuben looking for wild flowers with which to decorate the graves of some of their dead relatives. They had wandered about a mile from the town when they noticed a man seated by the roadside, but naturally paid little attention to him. They approached the spot where he was seated and when they had reached a point only a few feet away he leaped to his feet, rushed upon them, voicing threatening remarks and threats at the same time. The three turned to run, but they had taken only a few steps when he reached them and striking them with heavy blows in the face, he knocked them to the ground.

Mrs. Hamilton, he beat her about the head and body with heavy blows, and then he partially lost consciousness. Mrs. Baker upon regaining her feet started at once on a run toward the town to secure aid. The girl attempted to go to Mrs. Hamilton's aid but was told she should be killed if she did not "beat it" and consequently she too fled to the help.

Mrs. Baker succeeded in reaching Reuben and in rousing several residents and railroad employees who immediately started for the scene.

On the way they met a man who stated that he was a telephone line man and who said he was endeavoring to find men to help him find the man who had attacked Mrs. Hamilton. He said that her assailant had been seen going in the other direction, and gave them a description of the supposed attacker. He stated he would go on and secure other searchers and started on into the distance.

The posse continued on its way and within a short distance found Mrs. Hamilton, still in a dazed and semi-conscious condition, and learned that the man they had just traced back, but he had caught a freight train and reached Reuben before word reached that he was there.

When the news was finally received at Reuben he was picked up on suspicion, but having a good alibi, was released and shortly afterwards disappeared, presumably taking to the hills in the immediate vicinity of that place.

Posse consisting of residents of Reuben and the surrounding vicinity, and railroad employees, immediately started in pursuit with the express intention of finding the man who had attacked Mrs. Hamilton. A good description was secured and the searchers were determined that should he be found his life would immediately pay the penalty. However, in spite of a protracted search, which in fact is still in progress, he has not been located and evidently has reached the railroad and made his way into California.

The description given by the woman and by others who saw him is very clear. He is between 35 and 40 years of age, about five feet nine inches in height, weighing about 165 pounds. He has a ruddy complexion and light hair and eyes. He is

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To Repeal Mandate.
WASHINGTON, May 31.—By unanimous consent the senate announced today that a vote will be taken tomorrow afternoon on the resolution declining to grant President Wilson authority to accept a mandate over Armenia.

Head-on Collision.
TULSA, May 31.—At least five persons were killed and over a score injured in a head-on collision of two St. Louis and San Francisco trains near White Oak early this morning, according to reports reaching here. The wreck occurred on a curve while both trains were running at forty miles an hour.

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CHICAGO, May 31.—The right of nearly a seventh of all the delegates to the republican national convention to occupy seats in the big quadrangular show, which opens in this city one week from tomorrow, was at stake today when the national committee opened hearings in 137 contests for the honor.

500 Mile Auto Race.
INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—Twenty-three world's racing stars were away at 10 o'clock today in a renewal of the 500 mile automobile race over the Indianapolis speedway. One of the greatest crowds to ever witness such an event was present when the cars started. The event carries prizes of \$50,000 which is the richest purse in the history of motor racing.

Pioneer Died at
Wilbur on Sunday

Mrs. Eliza J. Chapman, one of the oldest and best known pioneer residents of Douglas county, died Sunday afternoon, May 30, 1920, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Grubbe, at Wilbur, aged 89 years. She suffered a stroke of paralysis about two weeks ago, from which she never rallied.

Eliza Jane Ellis was born in Col. Indiana county, Ohio, June 16, 1831, and was married to George Jefferson Chapman on February 12, 1850, in Johnson county, Iowa. Ten children were born to this union, of whom seven survive her. They are: Melvillus ("Curly") Chapman, of Carleton, Wash.; Mrs. R. L. Cannon, of Dixonville, Oregon; Mrs. G. W. Grubbe, of Wilbur, Oregon; Wm. L. Chapman, of Dixonville; Dr. J. H. Chapman, of Roseburg; N. N. Chapman, of Craig, Colorado; Dr. Walter S. Chapman, of Walsenburg, Colorado.

Mrs. Chapman, with her husband and family, crossed the plains by ox team in 1854, and settled on a donation land claim near Glade, in this county, where she resided for 50 years. Her husband died more than 30 years ago, and for the past 16 years Mrs. Chapman had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Grubbe, at Wilbur.

Mrs. Chapman was one of those typical, sturdy pioneer women of most lovable character and disposition, who leaves a priceless heritage in a large family of sons and daughters who are of the highest type of citizenship. She also leaves a blessed memory of a long life of kindly deeds and unflinching service to all.

A number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends also mourn the loss of this noble mother. She was the last survivor of the large party of pioneers who crossed the plains with her.

The funeral service will be held at Wilbur Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, with Rev. Geo. P. Triton in charge. The interment will be held at the Glade cemetery where she will be laid to rest beside her husband of many years ago.

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