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MAN IS KILLED BY STEP SON

HERMAN POCH SHOT AND KILLED AT HIS RANCH ON THE OCHOCHO

Shooting Was Done With a Winchester Shot Gun, and Slayer Immediately Gives Himself Into Custody

Prineville Journal, Jan. 7: Herman Poch, a well known rancher and dealer of this city, with his home a half mile up the Ochocho, was shot and almost instantly killed Monday morning by his stepson, Gaylord McDaniel, who immediately telephoned the sheriff and gave himself into custody. The shooting occurred at 8:25 and at 8:30 the victim was dead. The shooting was done with a 12 gauge Winchester shot gun, and several wounds were inflicted, one shot piercing the heart, and others injured the chest and other organs of the thoracic cavity. Coroner Hyde and County Physician Edwards were early on the scene, the former with a hastily empaneled jury, and the mother and son were subjected to a rigid examination, even though the boy admitted firing the fatal shot.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Herman Poch came to his death from wounds caused by a shot fired from a shot gun by and in the hands of Gaylord McDaniel, said to be fired with intent to kill. The tragedy seems to have been the outcome of a long and serious case of domestic infelicity. Married May, Mr. and Mrs. Poch appear to have run into trouble almost from the start, as the testimony adduced in the coroner's inquest showed convincingly. The car dealer and his wife did not get along, and either a separation or a tragedy was bound to come. The evidence there given was in particular unflinching, and being of such a revolting nature. The body was brought to the city Tuesday afternoon and prepared for burial.

Herman Poch was a man well known all over the county. He secured a small piece of land which was his home for several years, and had made it into a splendid little ranch, worth without one dollar and holding it entirely by his own effort. His murder wrought the settlers in his neighborhood up to a white heat.

Gaylord McDaniel, the slayer, is in the county jail pending the preliminary examination. He is 23 years old, and a son of Mrs. Poch by her first husband. She has a son by her second husband, Robert J. Brown, aged six, who is with his mother at the ranch. McDaniel was very cool at the coroner's inquest, telling a straight story, and was seemingly not a particle sorry for having committed the crime, and even the widow testified that she would have killed her husband if the boy had failed to do so. Poch was 53 years of age, and has two sisters whom the authorities are now trying to locate.

At the hearing last Thursday afternoon McDaniel was held to the grand jury without bonds, on the charge of first degree murder. The young man was considerably astonished at the result of the hearing, having confidently been expecting to be held on a manslaughter charge, which is bailable. McDaniel was remanded to the custody of the sheriff. The circuit court room was used for the hearing, and it was packed to its capacity by people who expected to hear some spicy testimony. This did not occur, Attorney Myers not allowing McDaniel or his mother to take the stand in the young man's defense.

SPECIAL STOCK TRAIN EVERY WEDNESDAY

The Oregon Trunk Railway now makes a specialty of livestock shipments from Central Oregon points to the Portland market every Wednesday. The train leaves all Central Oregon points Wednesday morning, and is run on a special schedule to reach Portland at 10:30 p. m. the same day. This service has been arranged to comply with the wishes of Central Oregon shippers in order delivery may be made at the Portland stock yards in ample time for feeding, watering and resting before the special sales Thursday morning.

STATE TAX LEVY WILL RAISE AN EVEN MILLION

That the state tax levy for 1913 is to be an even million dollars is the news that comes from Salem from the State Tax Commission who have gone over the matter carefully. This will make a rate of about 1 1-10 mills it is stated. The levy last year was \$2,000,000 and 3 4-10 mills. The valuation upon which the levy for this year is based is \$900,000,000. One reason why the levy is so much lower this year is the fact that it does not cover the legislative appropriations which the one of last year did.

His friend—Go in for any kind of sport, Mr. Specks?
Specks—Yes, I collect insects.

A COLD SNAP IN THIS SECTION

MERCURY DROPS DOWN TO BOTTOM OF THE GLASS FOR A FEW DAYS

Light Plant on Deschutes River Is Temporarily Put Out of Commission Monday Night By Slush Ice

The weather forecast sent out by the weather bureau that a cold snap was headed this way proved a true one, and Saturday, Sunday and Monday the thermometer took considerable of a drop.

The weather was the coldest so far this season, and wood and coal dealers did a good business while it lasted.

Slush ice in the Deschutes river at Cline Falls where the electric light and power plant is located, prevented the plant from delivering light Monday night until near midnight, and up to that time the city streets were in darkness. As most of the stores are provided with private lighting plants, they were not very much inconvenienced by the stoppage of the plant. Precautions have been taken by the electric people to prevent obstructions of their power in the future, no matter how cold the weather may get.

A number of housewives in the city lost their house plants during the cold weather, and the cold snap had a tendency to keep the country people at their homes, thus limiting the business usually done by the Redmond merchants on the above days.

The backbone of the cold weather seemed to be broken Tuesday, and since then the usual good winter weather incident to this section has prevailed.

A GOOD PAPER

The New Year's edition of the Eugene Guard of 88 pages was a valuable publication for Eugene and vicinity. The paper was 10 pages larger than the Portland Oregonian Annual, which is a big feather in the cap of the Guard publishers, and also for the people of Eugene.

"How did you feel at the fashionable wedding?"
"About as conspicuous as my pickle dish looked among the jeweled bronzes and ropes of pearls."

Greetings of the Season



WE EXTEND TO OUR CUSTOMERS THE GREETINGS OF THE SEASON AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LIBERAL PATRONAGE. WE SINCERELY TRUST THAT THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN AS PLEASANT AND PROSPEROUS TO YOU AS IT HAS BEEN TO US, AND WE HOPE THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING ADDED PROSPERITY TO ALL.

Redmond Bank of Commerce

U. S. DEPOSITORY

Capital Fully Paid.....\$25,000.00
Surplus and Profits..... 3,000.00

PARCELS POST BEATS EXPRESS

IN CHICAGO TIME TEST PACKAGES GO QUICKER BY MAIL THAN BY EXPRESS

A Chicago dispatch says: That the parcels post is more efficient than the express companies is proved beyond a doubt here today, following a test made by the Chicago Tribune.

This paper sent 20 packages by post and 20 by express at the same time, addressing them to various localities in the parcels post zones. In every instance the parcels post delivery reached its destination first. Buffalo reported the arrival in one day of a package sent there by parcels post and Milwaukee a little over eight hours.

Comparison was made of rates, speed of delivery and the condition of the packages on receipt.

A parcel was mailed at the parcels post window by a person unknown to the officials and was delivered in Milwaukee eight hours later. A package sent by express to the same point was still unheard from after 24 hours. The parcels post charged 10 cents and the express company 25 cents.

"My wife made me promise to quit smoking before she would marry me."
"And now?"
"I'm doing my best to get her to promise not to begin."

H. HANKS BADLY HURT BY SAWING MACHINE

H. Hanks was severely injured last Friday afternoon by being cut with a wood saw he was operating at the Farmers' Union warehouse. His right arm to the elbow was cut open to the bone, and all of the fingers on his right hand were nearly severed. The injured man was attended by Dr. J. F. Hosch who took over 50 stitches in the wounds. The fingers were placed back on the hand, and at present writing the indications are that the fingers will grow to the hand again. The wound in the arm is giving Mr. Hanks the most trouble at present.

Just how the accident happened is hard to tell. The saw was running at about half speed and Mr. Hanks, who was at the saw table, started to go around the machine to regulate the speed, and it is presumed he stumbled and his arm and hand came in contact with the saw.

COFFIN SENT BY PARCEL POST FROM ZANESVILLE, OHIO

For the first time in the history of the country a coffin was sent thru the mails on January 3rd, from the Zanesville, Ohio, postoffice. It weighed 14 pounds, and was sent by a coffin manufacturing company to an undertaker in Dexter City, Ohio. The lid had to be sent in a separate package, so the body of the coffin would come within the 11 pound limit. The total postage was 68 cents.

Sunday school teacher—And what should we do after breaking a commandment?
Willie—Muzzle de papers and hire a good lawyer.

A SUGGESTION TO POTATO MEN

H. F. MEYER POINTS OUT A WAY TO ADVERTISE OUR POTATOES

The suggestion made by H. F. Meyer, manager of the Redmond Creamery, in a letter to The Spokesman published last week, that the potato growers of this section advertise their potatoes in Portland, is a good one. Mr. Meyer said it would be a good plan for the growers here to send a five pound package of potatoes to housewives in a certain locality in Portland, and state that the same kind of potatoes could be had at any time of certain grocers. In this way the Redmond and Powell Butte potatoes would gain a reputation they deserve, and the Portland housewives would not buy potatoes grown in any other section.

The people here and those outside who have eaten potatoes from this section know they cannot be beaten and seldom equaled.

The Spokesman suggests the potato growers in this section take this matter up with Mr. Meyer in Portland, for he has agreed to assist them to the utmost of his ability in getting a market for Redmond and Powell Butte potatoes.

Mr. Meyer's address in Portland is 287 Montgomery street.

When a man says: "I know a secret I can't tell," he knows a mean story he is dying to spread.

Redmond Poultry Show

January 15-18

