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### INDIAN CAMPS A NUISANCE

City Council Should Impose Restriction upon Indians in the City.

The attention of the city council should be brought to bear at this time upon the uncleanly conditions of the various Indian camps scattered around the outskirts of the city. So common have these camps become in the fall of the year that little thought has been given to the insanitary state into which most of them sink during the periods the reindeer stop here while on their way to and from the reservation.

The copper-skinned aborigines have never been known to practice any original or even cultivated ideas of either modesty or decency, and the several camps at present around the city are revolting examples of the innate disposition of the Indian to remove all polish from his existence. Proof of this can be found readily by a visit to any of the camps on the north side of the city. Some of these during the past week have been within a stone's throw of different residences, where the latter have been compelled to bear patiently with the filth and unseemly conditions existing.

The Indian makes no pretense of cleanliness around his camp. It does not stand next to Godliness with him and is left for some one else to look after. He pitches his canvas, unrestrictedly, as near as possible to the center of the town and lives on in his slovenly manner.

It is time the matter was given some little attention. Inasmuch as the laws of common decency pass by him unheeded, it would be well to keep him and his camp equipments outside the city limits. The latter, to say the least, are anything but ornamental, and the encroachments he has already made upon the forbearance of the city's residents are sufficient to justify restrictions. Protests have been made, but to no avail, and argument with the Indian is useless. Force alone will have its weight and the council is the body to use it, and unstintedly, too, until this blight is removed from civic conditions.

### ARCH McKAY IS ACQUITTED

Judge Bradshaw Makes Peculiar Ruling Which Liberates Alleged Cattle Thief.

At the trial of Arch McKay for cattle thieving, which was held at Fossil last week, Judge Bradshaw made a ruling which is likely to affect dozens of stockmen in this vicinity. The position which the Judge held in making his decision was the cause of McKay and his associates being set free.

McKay was under two indictments. He was alleged to have stolen cattle from Lyle & Brown of Cross Keys and Joseph Lister of Paulina. The evidence brought to bear against the defendant was clear and convicting, but he slipped away on a technicality. It seems that the Lyle & Brown cattle bore the brand of Lyle alone, the partnership brand having never been recorded, and Lister's cattle were branded with the brand of his father. The Judge held that stock must be branded with the brand of the person owning them and that brand must be recorded otherwise the owner has no retaliation. It was the latter ruling which gave McKay and his associates their freedom although the evidence was such as to secure a ready conviction.

Judge Barnes of this city who was prosecuting the case says the decision of Judge Bradshaw is directly opposite to a decision in a similar case which his Honor made several years ago.

### GOOD SHOWING AT MINES

Cross Cut at the Dixie Meadows Shows up Vein Forty-five Feet in Width.

A large number of Crook county stock-holders in the Dixie Meadows mine near Prairie City will be interested in a strike which was made there a short time ago. The ledge which is 45 feet in width, was struck while running a cross-cut from the main shaft some 300 feet below the surface. Dr. H. P. Belknap of this city is one of the heaviest stock-holders in the mine, and a large number of other men in the vicinity of Prineville own shares to the number of 200,000. The vein struck showed up about half high grade ore and half low grade.

Active development work is being carried on in the mine, and it is expected that the new mill with a 100 ton capacity will be completed and in operation inside of the next month.

Railroad communication to the mine is likely to be realized before another summer has passed. The Sumpter Valley road is building an extension and expect to have it completed to a point within eleven miles of the Dixie Meadows next year. Besides this an electric railroad, now under construction between Prairie City and Baker City, will run within a stone's throw of the main shaft. The road is under the supervision of Major Bonta, an eastern capitalist, and the contracts for grading sixty miles of the road-bed were advertised to be let last Tuesday. It is expected that this road will be completed much sooner than the extension of the Sumpter Valley line.

At present the mine is one of the best paying propositions in that district in proportion to its size and the extent to which the development work has been carried. The last stock which was sold brought 50 cents per share. Today there is none on the market to be purchased and that held is valued at figures ranging from \$2 to \$5.

### CATTLEMEN ARE CONFIDENT

Feeling Is Prevalent That Stock Should Be Held Until Spring.

Reports which have come in from the various cattle sections throughout the interior part of the state indicate a combined move on the part of the stock owners to hold their cattle during the coming fall and winter. The recent rains have assured good pasturage for the remaining months and judging from the talk of hay raisers who have been in town the past week, the price of hay is not likely to reach the high figures proposed for it. Abundant crops with few exceptions have been cut in all districts and the demand is not likely to exceed the supply for some time to come.

During the past ten days several cattle buyers have been in Prineville, but they have left empty handed. Evidently there were no ready sales awaiting them. It has been stated, however, that the prices offered were refused in a number of instances.

Altogether it looks as if the cattlemen had sized up the situation as follows: that to take a short price for their stock now means an overabundance of hay next year with no cattle to feed it to, and the fact besides that to replenish their herds they would be compelled next season to buy in outside markets at increased prices. By holding over this fall and refusing to meet the present slight demand they will be saving the market from an overstock, and next year at the sales will realize enough more from their cattle to fully counterbalance the increased price of hay this fall if there should be such increase.

### MORE RAILROAD RUMORS

This Time It Is Given Out as Certain That Columbia Southern Will Be Extended.

A rumor—faint, mysterious, and withal, abounding in the most sanguine colors—has broken loose again to the effect that the Columbia Southern is to be extended into Central Oregon. The word is from San Francisco from "high official sources" and is said to have "leaked out," whether through a gas meter or a funnel nobody knows or cares.

It all came about through the recent visit of Mr. Mohler, of the O. R. & N., with Mr. Harriman in New York City, and the interior portion of the state is again to be inveigled into visions of the iron horse and singing wires by the subtle arts and flattery of these two officials who apparently have nothing else to do. The results of the conference in the eastern city are to the effect: that the advantages of the O. R. & N. extension would be to permit the Harriman lines to invade the lumber districts and by a direct eastern route avoid the present roundabout way of backhauling to northern points; that the Columbia Southern extension will eventually be built; and that the conference will result in something definite.

The reader is to take the above as he has taken all kinds of railroad talk in the past—cum grano salis. It is not expected that the salt will entirely digest the food matter, but if the latter has been given to Interior Oregon to be for the twentieth time assimilated into the system, the salt may help some. This portion of the state has been humbugged too many times in the past decade to regard railroad rumors otherwise but cautiously. Just at present the residents here are all from Missouri, and a wise railroad official with ordinary business acumen knows what that means—the letting of contracts for ties, rails, etc. In the meantime we must be content to wait.

### DUNHAM'S BARN BURNED

Destructive Fire Last Friday Night Causes Heavy Loss of Property.

Fire, starting from an unknown cause, completely destroyed the barn belonging to H. D. Dunham, last Friday night together with three valuable horses, 30 tons of hay, two saddles, several sets of harness, a mower and other farm implements. The entire loss will amount to \$1200. Dr. Harold Clark lost a new carriage and set of harness which he valued at \$180.

Owing to the distance from the fire company's houses to the barn which was burned, the fire gained considerable headway before water could be turned on. The rain which had fallen early in the evening and the lack of any wind saved the other buildings in the vicinity from probable destruction. The three horses which were burned belonged to Mr. Dunham who valued them at \$300. It was impossible to save the animals owing to the rapidity with which the flames spread.

Mr. Dunham stated that just after finishing supper he went to the barn, fed the horses, then returned to the house. After sitting on the porch a few minutes he again went to the barn and upon opening the door was confronted with a sheet of flame. He says so far as he knows no one was in the barn but himself, and that he had not been smoking during the time he was around the building.

The barn was erected two years ago at a cost of \$450 and was one of the largest in the city. There was no insurance either on the building or contents.

### MURDERED: THEN BURIED

S. P. Donkel Is Found Dead and Under Three Feet of Soil at His Ranch.

The body of Simon P. Donkel, a well known cattleman who has been running stock on the Pelton ranch some sixteen miles above Deschutes, was found buried under three feet of soil last Tuesday forenoon. The man had evidently been murdered and his body disposed of in this way to conceal the crime. The discovery was made by a party of ranchers who had been searching for the missing man for several days. The body had been buried only a few feet from the camp and a fire built over it either Friday night or Saturday morning.

Mr. Donkel disappeared over a week ago and a party of neighbors was organized to search for him. The river was dragged, and a thorough search made in the vicinity, but it was not until Tuesday when the party visited the camp that any trace of the missing man could be found.

The Saturday before Will Brock had been to the camp and put out a fire which threatened the tent. On Tuesday the entire party visited the camp again and it was while kicking away the ashes of the old fire that a projecting boot disclosed the dead man's burial place.

Cleveland Donkel, the youngest son of the cattleman who has been in partnership with his father in the stock business, came into town Tuesday afternoon and notified the sheriff. He disclaims all knowledge of the manner in which his father came to his death and was buried, and says that he had been absent from the camp for ten days riding for cattle. He says he did not know of the discovery until told about it when he reached camp Tuesday. Suspicion so far has been directed toward no one.

Sheriff Smith, District Attorney Bell, and Coroner Crooks left Wednesday for the scene of the crime where they in all probability will gather sufficient evidence to cause the arrest of the guilty one.

### MAKE IT THREE STRAIGHT

Antelope Team Carries off All Honors in Last Week's Ball Tournament.

Prineville's aggregation of ball tossers which played with Antelope three days last week came home Monday somewhat wiser than when they left. It is the general opinion among the boys that the Buckskins can play all the minor points of the game.

Antelope made it three straight, 9 to 7; 11 to 2; and 12 to 7. The first contest bid fair to have a small and close ending—only one score being made for five innings—but the Antelope players deciphered Lewelling's curves in the last half and pounded out nine runs. The other two games were rather heavy on one side as is shown by the score.

The boys are not discouraged by the three defeats, and are confident that with the team which was at first picked out to play with the Buckskins a majority of the games could have been won. Antelope spread herself in the line of hospitality and gave the Prineville team the best of treatment both in and out of the game. It is probable that Antelope will play here during the races in October.

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