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CUTTING AFFRAY AT LAMONTA

Walter Smith is Stabbed by Fred Freeman and Harry Pitzer Placed Under Arrest

As a result of a fight between Fred Freeman and Walter Smith over an obscene story purported to have been circulated by Smith against Freeman and Harry Pitzer and accusing Freeman of the crime of sodomy, Smith is now lying at death's door at the home of his father, T. M. Smith, near Lamonta, Oregon. Freeman is a fugitive from justice, and Pitzer is under bonds as an accessory for assault with a dangerous weapon.

The fight occurred at Lamonta, Sunday evening in front of the Lamonta store, where the parties met and Freeman jumped Smith about circulating the stories, who denied the first allegation and affirmed the second, whereupon Freeman called him a lying—

— and started to hit Smith, who remonstrated saying there was no use for fighting as their trouble could be settled without that and that he, Freeman, would get the worst of it fighting. Freeman was not satisfied and forced the fight by again starting for Smith who hit him between the eyes knocking him down. Getting up he tried it over with the result of being knocked down the second time. A third time he went back but was again knocked down in the same place. A fourth time he tried it, when Pitzer, who was standing near watching the fight jumped in between the two as if to part them, at the same time handing Freeman a knife and getting out of the way. Freeman with the knife in his hand again made for Smith, who seeing the knife started to run and as he turned his back Freeman struck him twice with the knife, the first time penetrated the left lung and the second struck the back bone making a long gash.

As Smith felt the knife he yelled to the crowd "take him off" and ran about fifty feet where he secured a rock and stopped ready to defend himself. Freeman also secured a rock and started for him, when the bystanders rushed up and stopped them.

Smith weak from the loss of blood was carried into the house and made as comfortable as possible.

Freeman as soon as he realized what he had done made his departure. This was about 8 p. m. At 10 p. m. he went to Joe Weigand's where he had been working for the past year and drew what money he had coming to him. As soon as he had settled up with Weigand he left and nothing since has as yet been learned of him.

Dr. Edwards and deputy sheriff J. H. Haner left town for the scene of trouble about midnight arriving there at 3 a. m.

Dr. Edwards upon making an examination found that the first wound made by the knife had penetrated the lung, while the second had struck the back bone, making a long flesh wound which was not considered dangerous. The first, however, had caused a great loss of blood and on account of warm weather was considered dangerous.

Pitzer was placed under arrest by deputy sheriff Haner, and brought to town Monday. He waived examination and was placed under bonds which he furnished and is now at liberty until the case is settled.

Both Smith and Freeman are known here, the former lived here last winter with his parents. The latter played ball with the Lamonta and Madras teams and was known as quite a peaceable fellow.

SHEARING PLANT FINISHES SEASON

The big power sheep shearing plant at the Loveless ranch, was closed down last Thursday, and most of the shearers have gone home.

Sheepshearing machines have been tried here once before, but failed to give satisfaction. This trial, however, has been highly satisfactory, and no doubt next year, the plant will start up early enough to put through all the sheep that can be driven to the pens. It is estimated that from one to one and a half pounds more wool can be taken from each sheep with the machines that can be had with the blades. The sheep are no more bruised or cut than hand sheared sheep, and the process is much more rapid. The last statement will probably be contradicted by some, as we heard men say they could shear more with the blades than they could with the machines. These were expert hand shearers, and with the machine they were only beginners. When they have become equally as efficient with the machines, or in other words, reached the same degree of science, they will no doubt turn out from 25 to 50 more sheep in a day with the machines than they were ever able to turn out with the shears. A scientific or expert hand shearer must not undertake to pair himself with a green hand with the machine for a demonstration of the rapidity of the latter process, nor vice versa, for such would be disparagement.

Complaint was made by some local shearers too, who said the machines were robbing the local shearers of employment they had depended upon every spring. This complaint is also unjustifiable. The local sheep shearers have a better opportunity to get in at the plant than foreigners, and are as apt scholars as any others, and when they do get in, outsiders are shut off entirely, where by the old method, a crew of shearers from the outside could always find work to do at some corral. They cannot establish a power shearing plant and will not come here unless they are sure of getting in at the plant.

There were about 60,000 sheep sheared at the plant this spring by 20 machines in 40 days. The plant was late getting started, and quite a number of sheep owners could not wait. Another thing, all sheepmen should club together to protect the range in reach of the plant the rest of the season so it will be in good shape for next spring.

A ware house should be built there and sales day advertised. This plan of selling has been a boon to the sheepmen of the northern counties and will be here if adopted.—Lakeview Examiner.

STUNG TO DEATH BY HONEY BEES

David Campbell, of Hillsboro, a pioneer of 1853, was stung to death by bees Tuesday, July 18th while removing honey from a hive at the home of J. M. Gear, of that city. Deceased was expert at handling honey-bees, and was generally in demand for these services.

The bees swarmed out of the hive and attacked Campbell on the forehead, face and temples, and he must have fallen unconscious at the very first attack. Two physicians were called, but the man could not be aroused from his stupor, the poison having entered his system.

Mr. Campbell was born in Illinois, August 9, 1844, and came to Oregon in 1853, settling with his father on the Campbell homestead, six miles south of Hillsboro. He was wedded to Agnes Fleming in 1873. Two children were born to the union, Estella Hoover, who survives, and Perley Campbell, who perished on a lake south of Hillsboro, the latter part of January.

Campbell had just received

SECOND TRIAL HAS COMMENCED

Case Harder Fought Than Before but Is Follow- ing the Same Gen- eral Lines

Unable to agree on a verdict, the jury which had been deliberating for nearly 42 hours on the guilt or innocence of Congressman J. N. Williamson, Dr. Van Gesner and M. R. Biggs was discharged at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Judge De Haven immediately set the second trial of the defendants at 10 o'clock Friday morning, the case of the United States vs Jones et al, which had been set for that time being postponed to a later date.

Two of the jurors, G. O. Walker of Lane county and O. H. Flook of Douglas county, voted to the last for the acquittal of all three of the defendants, the other ten voting for conviction.

In response to the questions of the court, the jury stated that they were unable to agree on a verdict as to any one of the three defendants. The statement caused surprise in the courtroom, for it had been the general theory that the disagreement had arisen over Congressman Williamson alone.

Thirty-six ballots were taken. On the first four there were four votes for the acquittal of Williamson and three for the acquittal of the others. After the ballots were practically unchanged, standing ten for the conviction of all the defendants and two for acquittal.

The twelve jurors for the second trial were chosen Friday morning out of 38 answering to the call. The jury is composed of the following men:

James Green, farmer, Sweet Home, Linn county; L. A. Rose, farmer, Phoenix, Jackson county; R. B. Collins, farmer, Hillsboro, Washington county; W. W. Scott, clerk, Creswell, Lane county; Roy W. Porter, blacksmith, Oregon City, Clackamas county; John Mock, farmer, University Park, Multnomah county; S. A. Tharp, farmer, Monroe, Benton county; Henry Keene, farmer, Aumsville, Marion county; J. P. Lewis, merchant, Cottage Grove, Lane county; W. D. Barclay, stockman, Benton; George Cirk, farmer, Eugene, Lane county; M. S. Adams, carpenter, Dayton, Lane county.

Examination of the witnesses in the second trial commenced Monday. The trial promises to follow closely the lines of the former one, with the exception of additional evidence, claimed by the prosecution, that the presence of Congressman Williamson in Prineville from June 14 to 26, 1902, will be proved beyond question. This point could not be satisfactorily established in the former hearing of the case. The fact that the second trial will be even more hard fought than the first seemed to be indicated, when the case was begun in earnest. The Government is leaving no stone unturned this time to secure conviction, and the defense is throwing every available obstacle in the way.

Objections by the score have been already introduced to the questioning of the witnesses by the District Attorney, and exceptions to the ruling of the court, when adverse to the interests of the defense, have been entered on the record. Given encouragement by the disagreement of the last jury, the defense hopes for acquittal at the conclusion of this trial, or at least another disagreement.

The testimony now being introduced is largely a recital of conversation and occurrences already brought out in the first trial. Practically the same witnesses as before are being questioned.

DIXIE MEADOW ELECT OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the stock holders of the Dixie Meadow Mining Company held at Prairie City last week the following officers were elected: Dr. V. C. Belknap, president and treasurer; J. Dotson, secretary; J. W. Howard, J. H. Gray, Dr. V. C. Belknap, C. Reese and J. Dotson board of directors.

The larger part of the stock owned in the mine was represented either in person or by proxy, and those present were much encouraged over the prospect for the mine.

The new board of directors have in contemplation some improvements to make in the machinery of the mine and as soon as this is done they are confident that it will take its place among the big producers of the state.

While the machinery now being used in the mine is able to handle a part of the ore it has not the capacity to handle the better grade ore. The ore that has been handled by the present machinery is the lower grade ore, averaging a little over \$10 a ton and the mine has been doing better than paying expenses on this. There are hundreds and hundreds of tons of good ore in sight and with the addition of machinery with an increased capacity this ore can be handled with a profit that will soon place the mine on a money paying basis to its stock holders.

With the Sumpter Valley Railroad building that way the prospects are indeed looking up. The railroad has grading made for the laying of nine more miles of road this season and this will cut down the expense of the hauling of the ore considerably.

The future of the mine certainly does look brighter and the stockholders have a cause to feel more hopeful. Stock which had reached the bottom can't be bought and it is only a matter of time until it resumes its normal place in the quotations.

BURIED ALIVE FOR OVER 23 YEARS

Twenty three years ago John Gales was sentenced to be hanged on a certain day. Now he is found practically buried alive in the Joliet penitentiary, the oldest prisoner in point of servitude that that institution shelters. Long since has the law lost its power to enforce the original mandate, so his release is asked by his sister on habeas corpus proceedings.

The mystery is unexplainable from the records of the courts and not to be solved through the prisoner. It has come to Judge Kersten, who has been asked to grant a hearing on the points involved. The puzzle is how the murderer eluded the gallows, how he reached the penitentiary, and why he was then lost to identity through these long years.

Gales does not know himself why he was not put to death. He heard his death sentence read, and his life was to be forfeited on March 24, 1882. He watched, the days pass and was then suddenly whisked out of the Cook county jail and hurried to the penitentiary.

For years since he has been fearful that if an error had been made the execution would be held when his identity was discovered. Now an opportunity for freedom has come through the discovery that the law holds him only on a faded death warrant, long since void.

Gales on November 28, 1881, buried an ax at the head of John William Hessel, a farmer living near Woodstock, Illinois, killing him instantly.

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