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LETTER TELLS OF ESCAPE

Deputy Sheriff of Grant County Writes About the Escape of Chester George

Details of the escape of Chester George, a man wanted for cattle stealing in this county, near Dayville, about ten days ago, are contained in a letter written to Sheriff Elkins by Deputy Sheriff Geo. Brierly of Grant county who was in charge of the prisoner just before he made his sensational escape.

"When I received the warrant for George, Sheriff Ambrose was away. I went to John Day and arrested George and made arrangements with a man to take him by stage next morning. But there was a hitch in the arrangements and the man could not go in the morning, and knowing you were anxious to have George there as soon as possible, I deputized a young fellow to take him on. It seems he let George go into the house at Dayville to speak to his wife but failed to search him upon his return. About nine miles from Dayville Gorge pulled a gun on the deputy, held the latter up, took the team from him and either took or sent the rig back to Dayville where it was found the next morning. The deputy's gun was also found in the buggy. The wires had been cut during the night so word could not be sent to me until the deputy reached the Jerome Moore place the following evening.

As soon as I got the news I sent dispatches to all the principal places I could think of, offering a reward of \$20 as I feel that I was to blame, although I think now that he had accomplices who would have helped him if necessary. A fellow with two horses with saddles, riding one and leading the other, passed the deputy and Gorge just a little while before the escape was made and the deputy said he thought that the man with the horses was James Newton.

"I enclose herewith copy of the circulars I have sent out. I rather think Gorge will go either south and try to get into Mexico or Salt Lake, where his folks are. You can rest assured that we will make every effort to recapture him."

The circulars referred to in the above, give a description of Gorge and a reward of \$20 is offered for his capture. In addition to this, Sheriff Elkins, who is determined to leave no stones unturned to bring the man into custody, has offered an additional reward of \$100, and it is probable that the Grant county officials will duplicate this amount inasmuch as it was partly through them that Gorge made good his escape.

C. A. Glover Writes from Texas

C. A. Glover and family who recently left here for Texas are located at Denton, Texas, from which place Mr. Glover writes the Journal as follows:

Denton, Texas, Oct. 15, 1906.
Editor Journal—We have at last reached our destination. I expected when we left Prineville, to locate in Sherman. On our way from Fort Worth we stopped off at Denton, and after taking in the city and investigating the great advantages one has of the fine schools at this place, my wife and daughters decided it was the place to locate, so we are here.

Denton has three nice large public school buildings, two stories, built of brick. One fine college, State normal, and the Girls Industrial School of Fine Arts. They are all well attended, and they have the best instructors that can be secured anywhere. It is a strictly moral town. No saloons, and haven't been for over four years. I have been here one week, and haven't seen or heard of any one being under the influence of intoxicating liquors, and have been informed by good men, that there is not one case on an average in a week. They have one man confin-

ed in the county jail at present, for violating the local option law. When I was here five years ago the town had a population of 6000. Today it has a population of over 7000. There is not a vacant business room in the town, and every line of business has a good trade. You see no gamblers and loafers. Everybody is doing something to earn a living. Many of the best farmers in the county are locating in town, to educate their children. All are pleased to see new comers locate with them, and are willing to do any thing in their power to assist you in any way possible they can.

We have bought a beautiful home of ten rooms, centrally located for school and business. My wife and daughters are well pleased, and as happy as happy can be. And they are certainly having a good time.

We have all kinds of vegetables and fruits, domestic and foreign, very cheap. Denton is located on a little elevation just enough for good drainage, and to catch the gulf breeze. The finest of water. We have three large artesian wells which furnish more than double the amount needed. For health, this is one of the best locations in the state.

I will close for fear I impose on your patients and space, and may ask you for more space in the future.

We send our best regards to all inquiring friends.

C. A. GLOVER.

Horses Sell At Good Prices

The sale lot for horses between Gordon's furniture store and Barnard & West's barn was thronged about with people most of the day watching a bunch of 54 horses which had just been brought in from Crook county by our townsman E. C. Smith. This is the third bunch Mr. Smith has brought over since the first of June and they are about as good a lot as any. He reports horses very scarce on the ranges and he had to pay much better prices for these than any other lot and then they were very hard to get. There is great demand for horses everywhere and he could have sold this bunch at Prineville for \$60 profit without bringing them across the mountains. He is buying for a California company under contract and had to bring them along. Since coming, however, he has had word that they do not care for more than a carload and he has been selling off a number. He closed out about a dozen yesterday at figures that run from \$100 to \$125. He says there are parties scouring the range country in Eastern Oregon to get horses to ship to Nebraska, Iowa and Montana and they are cleaning up everything.

It hasn't been long ago that horses were a drug on the market, but it will be found they are the most profitable stock that can be raised for the next few years to come. There is an unprecedented demand for them everywhere and they will bring big money for years to come.—Eugene Register.

Wool Growers' Association.

At the Denver meeting of the National Wool Growers' Association last February the organization numbered just thirty-six persons. Now it has a membership of nearly 5,000 and is growing rapidly. The next annual convention will be held in Salt Lake, January 17-19, and it is believed the organization will number at least 6,500 by that time. The present officers have mapped out a campaign that, if successfully carried out, will in a few years, according to the enthusiasts, result in an organization of from 30,000 to 50,000 members. Memberships are now being secured from Hawaii, Alaska, Porto Rico, the Philippines, and every state and territory in the United States. This stride toward shows what can be done just as soon as an infantile association is taken out of the hands of petty grafters such as have been clinging to the skirt of the wool industry for the past few years.—The ranch.

BUYING UP PINE TIMBER

Scanlan Gibson Lumber Company Has Purchased 7,500 Acres in Crook and Klamath

Charles A. McNie, a representative of the Gibson Scanlan Lumber Company, of Minneapolis, was in Tacoma today. He has spent the last four months in Oregon, 90 miles from the railroad, buying timber lands. He left for Minneapolis last night for further instructions. He has bought in Oregon 7,500 acres of land for approximately \$100,000.

This property, together with some 10,000 acres previously bought by the company, lies chiefly in Crook and Klamath Counties. Other land is still to be bought. The Scanlan company has an agreement with another large lumber firm of Minneapolis, to buy nothing south of a certain district, while the territory selected by the Scanlan Company is not to be invaded by the rival lumber buyers. The two firms working under this arrangement, hope to be able to buy every available timber tract in Central and Southern Oregon.

The Scanlan Company is capitalized at \$1,750,000. It has mills in Minnesota and Louisiana.—Oregonian.

Two Big Shipments of Cattle

Approximately \$8000 worth of beef cows left the valley surrounding Prairie this week. Joe Combs of John Day was busy about 3 days gathering and buying them. The \$8000 represents about 400 head. The price received ranged from \$18 to \$21, which is an advance over last year. The valley is now just about cleaned up every thing having been sold. The cattle sales here this year have been heavier than for several years past. The price received is not of course what the growers think they are entitled to but yet it has been an advance of last year. There has been a heavy demand for 2-year old steers and one offer of \$25.50 was refused as it seems to be the opinion of some of the growers that there will be a steady rise in the price of cattle and by next year the grower will begin to realize something near what stock are worth.—Prairie City Miner.

Friday evening a shipment of 20 carloads of beef cattle was made over the W. & C. R. to the Frey-Bruhn Company of Seattle. Of the number shipped 320 head were purchased from Walter S. Brown of Iree, Grant county. Of these 227 head were steers and the average weight of the herd was 1160 pounds. The remainder of the shipment consisted of 84 head purchased from stockmen in this vicinity.

All of the cattle were purchased recently by J. C. Lonergan, buyer for the Frey-Bruhn people, and other big shipments are to follow immediately.—E. O.

Sheriff Ambrose Gets His Man.

Sheriff J. W. Ambrose came in on the Austin stage last Saturday night, having in his custody Fred Deford, formerly of Monument, whom he had arrested at Boise, Idaho, a day or two before.

A warrant had been out for Deford for some time, but nothing could be learned of his whereabouts. Last week Sheriff Ambrose received a message from Boise to the effect that Deford was in that city, and immediately left for that place. He found his man at the race track, where the Inter-Mountain fair was being held at that time. Deford did not resist arrest and consented to come to Oregon without extradition papers.

Deford formerly ran a butcher shop in Monument. About three months ago he disappeared, and an investigation is said to have revealed the fact that he had

stolen a large amount of beef. It is alleged that he seems to have stolen all the meats he handled.

Deford is a well known citizen of Northern Grant county, at one time acting in the capacity of deputy sheriff. Grant County News.

Kayler-Vanderpool Nuptials.

Miss Pearl Vanderpool and E. W. Kayler were married in this city Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. W. P. Jinnett performing the ceremony. The wedding took place in the new residence just completed by the groom. It was a very pretty home wedding, only the family and a few intimate friends being present. The happy couple will go to house-keeping in their new residence.

A linen shower was given Miss Pearl Vanderpool Tuesday afternoon by the Misses Jennie and Kate Williamson at the Williamson residence. 15 young ladies tendering their offerings to the bride to be. Many useful presents were given. The following is a list of those who gave presents: Misses Una Stewart, Maggie Glaze, Hazel Howard, Bernola Poindexter, Gertie Sharp, Bertha Baldwin, Fay Baldwin, Stella Hodges, Ceole Smith, Beulah Crooks, Iva Booth, Addie Vanderpool, Jennie Williamson, Kate Williamson and Edra Williamson. After the ceremony of the shower, refreshments were served.

Death of J. T. Doak.

J. T. Doak, a pioneer of Oregon and Crook county died very suddenly Wednesday afternoon, death being due to a stroke of apoplexy. The deceased had hauled in a load of wood from Combs flat in the morning and was engaged in unloading it at the residence of Steve Yancey at the time, and feeling faint and dizzy called to one of the little girls that he was sick and for her to get her father. Mr. Yancey who was in the house went out to where he was and with the assistance of his wife carried him into the house and sent for Dr. H. P. Belknap, who when he arrived did all that was possible for the dying man. This was at about noon and although he lived for about two hours he was unconscious most of the time from then up till death.

Deceased leaves 5 children, three sons and two daughters to mourn his sudden end. They are P. B. Doak, Frank and Will Doak, of Crook county, Mrs. C. A. Branham, of Pullman, Washington, and Mrs. J. W. Wilson, of Spokane, Washington.

The funeral services will be held Friday, the time not known at present owing to not being able to hear from the daughter in Spokane.

Killed a Grizzly Bear.

A hunting party composed of Tom Sharp, of Prineville, Harry Corbett, of Portland, and Jim Overturf and "Bill" Brock, of Bend, were in town Monday having just returned from a successful three week's hunt on the headwaters of the Deschutes. They report having bagged two black bear, and last but not least, one grizzly bear. The latter is the famous old grizzly who is known by reputation to all the old settlers of the county. Mr. Brock in speaking of the killing of this fellow said that he had been trying to get a shot at him for four years, and had tried to get track of him every time he made his trip across the desert, but had always been too late. This time, however he succeeded and was much elated over it. He was shot near the head of Spring river where the party found his tracks and turned the dogs loose after him. It was only after a run of six miles were they able to bring him to bay, where he was killed with three shots. That the bear was as large as the stories that have been circulated about him was vouched for by Brock, who said that he would weigh about 1200 pounds and in size resembled a three-year-old steer. His feet measured 13 inches. The story of the chase and the final scene in the killing of this famous bear who has been making regular trips across the desert from the Blue mountains to the Cascades in the spring and returning in the fall is an interesting one, but owing to the lack of space we cannot give it in detail. The hunting party disbanded here, each one going to their different homes vowing that they had enjoyed the hunt of their lives.

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