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Stage Driver Shoots and Kills His Employer

Avery G. Scoggin, who for quite a number of years has owned the stage line between Paulina and Prineville, was murdered at his home near Paulina last Friday morning as he sat at breakfast by Henry McDowell, one of his drivers.

Scoggin was killed as he sat at breakfast talking over business affairs with George Taylor, with whom he was a partner in the horse business. During the talk McDowell came into the room with a loaded Winchester. He accused Scoggin of making threats to take his life and ordered Scoggin out into the yard.

According to Taylor, Scoggin denied making any sort of threat against McDowell and paid no more attention to McDowell. When the latter saw that Scoggin was not going to do as he was bidden, he raised the rifle to his shoulder and fired, the bullet taking effect just under and to the left of the right ear. McDowell fired from behind and so as not to harm Taylor, who sat opposite Scoggin at the table.

Death was instantaneous. Scoggin never moved from his chair during the entire incident. So powerful was the impact of the bullet that brains and skull bones were scattered all over the table, the room, and some were even found in an adjoining room where they had passed through an open door.

McDowell himself notified the sheriff of the crime and awaited the coming of the sheriff, District Attorney Wirtz, County Physician Rosenberg and Coroner Poindexter. Since the crime, McDowell himself has been unable to give a connected story of the events leading up to it. He was charged with murder in the first degree by the coroner's jury and is held in the county jail without bonds.

Some believe that McDowell was infatuated with Scoggin's wife. In her testimony before the coroner's jury she attempted in a way to justify McDowell's act by asserting that her husband had made numerous threats that he would kill everybody on the place and then end his own life. She said that she feared him and that he was out of his head a great deal of the time because of excessive drinking.

George Taylor was an eye witness to the crime. Mrs. Taylor and Miss Erma Perry were in an adjoining room at the time, and Mrs. Scoggin sat upon the porch of the house. Others were at the barn. Scoggin had no weapon upon him when shot larger than a pearl handled pen-knife. He owned the gun with which McDowell killed him. It was the only weapon on the place.

The body was brought to Prineville and the funeral held at the Methodist church Sunday.

AUSTRIA, GERMANY AND ITALY VERSUS RUSSIA, GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE

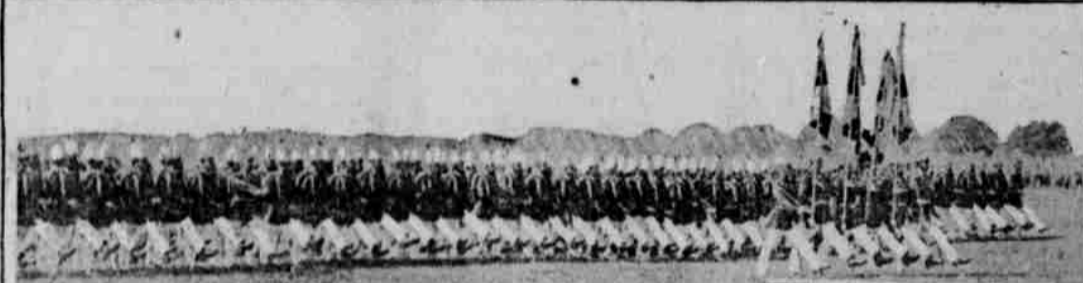
Lineup of the Great Powers Behind Austria's Army on One Side and the Army of Servia on the Other



ITALIAN SOLDIERS



RUSSIAN COSSACKS



GERMAN INFANTRY



BRITISH ARTILLERY



FRENCH INFANTRY

Editor Gray Writes From Belknap Springs

Belknap Springs.—Prineville is the best represented town in Oregon at this place. Since our last letter there has been registered here C. M. Elkins, wife and daughters Catherine, Mr. and Mrs. Huff, Albert Noble, Miss Statira Biggs, Mrs. Andrew Noble and daughters Eula and Fred; George Noble on his return from Eugene; Leland Belknap, Mr. and Mrs. James Street and daughter Eva; Mrs. Reppa Hamilton, Omar Claypool, wife and daughter, Ross Robinson, Frank Post, Abbie, Blanche, Mrs. Wilson, F. M. Hathaway and mother, Will McFarland and wife; Lester and Lucile Cohns, Alice McKay and little daughter, Sylvan Michel, Robert Hamilton, G. M. Cornett and wife and daughters Zoe and Clista, Miss Ethel Williams, James Toney and D. F. Stewart and wife.

Fishing has been relegated to the background since August first. Hunting is now the order of the day. Pack trains left last Friday for nearby deer-licks, but venison is a mighty scarce article around camp. Hunters leave daily for the mountains.

Fishing isn't very good. You have to travel several miles from camp and whip unfrequented streams to get a mess.

Last Friday Omar Claypool brought in a creel loaded to the spilling point. Yours truly has been chasing up and down the river many times and has not even had a bite. Even a veteran like D. F. Stewart doesn't boast of much of a catch. Dave brings in a few once in a while, but that is the extent of it. Trout are feeding on grampus and it takes an experienced fisherman to get them to rise to a fly.

Autos are being towed across the mountains daily. Heavy loads and inexperienced drivers are as much to blame as sand and steep pitches. Your car must be able to take a 33 per cent grade if you make all the hills. This will test any car. In addition to the grade you have other obstacles to overcome. Sand, boulders and short turns help to stall your engine at the end of a steep climb.

Dr. and Mrs. Wright, of McMinnville, formerly old Prineville folk, are here on a vacation. Twenty-eight years ago Mr. Wright practiced dentistry in Prineville. In fact he was married there. His wife was Miss Carrie Hodges, of Prineville, a sister of Mrs. John Luckey and of Arthur Hodges, mayor of Boise.

To-morrow, (Tuesday) morning seven hunters of the Prineville delegation leave for big game. They expect to be gone several days. If they have any luck will tell you about it in my next letter.

Hunting Season Opened August 1

In anticipation of the deer and sage hen season which opened Saturday, August 1, numerous hunters have equipped themselves with hunting licenses and other accessories to go after both kinds of game. Since August 1, it is lawful to kill buck deer until October 31, with a limit of three to each person. The sage hen season remains open only through the month of August.

Up to the first of August County Clerk Brown reports the sale of 196 hunting licenses, 1429 anglers' licenses and 520 combination hunting and fishing licenses since January 1, 1914. Not a single non-resident license has been sold in Crook county this year. Last year during the first seven months of the year there were 241 hunting licenses, 1472 anglers' licenses and 396 combination licenses sold.

According to all reports the hunting season this year will doubtless excel any in the past few years, inasmuch as deer are said to be more plentiful. This condition is attributed to the abundance of feed and the fact that does have been carefully protected during the past few years, as well as the co-operation of the hunters with the wardens in the protection and propagation of game. It is believed every year that the people are becoming more loathe to disobey the game laws than when first instituted, this being from conscientious scruples if from no other.

Sage chickens are innumerable this year and it is expected that one will have no trouble in bagging the limit. The law provides the bag limit of five birds in one day or 10 birds in seven consecutive days.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy in our recent bereavement in the death of our daughter, Viola, and during the sickness of our daughter, Pauline.

MR. AND MRS. G. C. TRUESDALE.

Calhoun and Thorpe to Appear Sept. Term

W. C. Calhoun and Willis Thorpe, whom it will be remembered, were charged with the Robertson brothers and Geo. Kentner with larceny of three carloads of horses, have given bonds to appear at the September term of court.

In May, 1913, W. L. and V. M. Robertson were found guilty and sentenced to from 1 to 10 years in the penitentiary by Judge Bradshaw. The evidence showed that the Robertson boys brought a band of horses from Morrow county to Crook county in 1909 and kept them upon the range in the northern part of Lake county and the southern part of Crook county since that year. In this band of horses it was shown were two mares answering the description of the horses involved in the case. In August, 1912, the Robertsons brought a band of horses from Lake county, selling them to Calhoun and Thorpe, who shipped them to Toppenish, Wash. George Russell received word that in this shipment of horses were two horses belonging to him and he identified two of the horses in the corral at Toppenish, Wash., as his.

George Kentner was acquitted on the indictments brought against him at both the May and September terms of court, and the third case against him at the December term of court was dismissed.

The Robertson boys have been out of the penitentiary on parole since about the first of June.

Calhoun and Thorpe have been under arrest in Washington, but have resisted requisition.

Bids Asked For.

Bids will be received until Saturday, August 15th, 1914, for confection privilege at the fair grounds during the Crook County Fair of September 16 17 18 19, 1914. Also restaurant privilege on the grounds at the same time. Address J. F. CADLE, Sec., Prineville, Ore.

July clearance sales now on at C. W. Elkins' Store. 7-9

"Buck" Lindsey Captured at Galconda, Nev.

Thomas G. Lindsey, alias "Buck" Lindsey, wanted for the theft of horses in both Lake and Crook counties, and who the latter part of May escaped from Deputy Sheriff Dent near Klamath Falls while being brought from Albany to Lakeview, is now safely lodged in the Lake county bastille. Sheriff Snider, of Lake county, last week went to Golconda, Nevada, where Lindsey was arrested July 21st, by Constable Lyng upon telegraphic advice from Lake county authorities.

The latter part of last May Lindsey went from Warner Valley across the state after appropriating ten head of horses and mules belonging to Walter Dent and Dennis Callagan, and as he passed the George Millican place in Crook county, took two more to make an even dozen.

He was arrested at Albany where he was held prisoner until the arrival of the Lake county officers.

The prisoner's daring and spectacular escape effected by jumping through the window of the lavatory of the train as it was nearing Klamath Falls will be remembered. Since his last apprehension he told the Lake county sheriff that he left the train as it was nearing the Klamath Falls depot. After securing permission from the sheriff to go into the lavatory he waited until the cars began to slacken speed before making the leap from the window. Lindsey states that he went back along the track for a considerable distance and then took across the country to Montague. From there he rode freight trains and by other modes of conveyance finally reached Arizona. Finding work scarce and wages low in that section he concluded to go to Nevada, and immediately upon reach-

ing Golconda, a small town near Winnemucca, his arrest was made. After Lake county gets through with him, Crook county will see that he does not disturb "fuzz-tails" for another long term.

Lindsey is well known in Prineville, and while here he posed as a horse thief detective. He worked for both Geo. Russell and E. H. Smith at that time. While on the Smith ranch he got away with one of Mr. Smith's horses and the owner never did get it back.

Births Less; Deaths Gain

Ninety-six fewer babies were born in Oregon during 1913 than in 1912, according to the annual report of Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the state board of health. Also there were 600 more deaths in the state last year than in the year preceding.

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Prineville Sportsmen Go to the Woods

Warren Brown, A. W. Battles, D. H. Peoples and W. J. Smith started out to kill a few sage hens Sunday, and on returning to town showed that they had accomplished their purpose. The trip was taken up the Crooked river to Combs Flat. There are sage hens and coyotes in abundance up in that country, and owing to their excellent marksmanship the boys obtained the limit. Mr. Brown, our county clerk, acted as chaperon of the party, and his presence was really needed. Mr. Battles took a 50-yard shot with his Remington automatic at a coyote, and being a crack shot, hit the mark. Then the presence of the county clerk established a new record on obtaining bounty on coyotes, this particular animal having been killed and delivered in five minutes.