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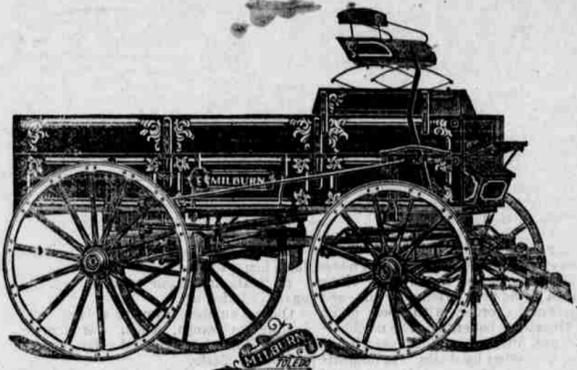
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THE O'REILLEY MURDER.

Prineville Review Gives Complete Details of the Tragedy.

Mention was made in this paper last week that D. L. Bruner, son of Frank Bruner, of Lower Molalla, had killed Thomas O'Reilley, a stockman, near Prineville. State Senator Brownell has been retained to defend the young man, who was raised in this county, and has a wide circle of acquaintances and friends here.

The only witness to the shooting was O'Reilley's partner, and it is probable that his version of the affair would be one-sided. The following is from the Prineville Review:

"Last week we gave to our readers what little that could be gathered in reference to the killing of O'Reilley near Ashwood. Thomas O'Reilley of the firm of Creegan & O'Reilley was instantly killed by D. L. Bruner on the morning of the 4th inst. Bruner was a sheepherder in the employ of the Prineville Land & Live Stock Company. The details of the terrible tragedy are about as follows:

The company for whom Bruner is working have two ranches on Black Rock gulch about 12 miles northeast of Ashwood. O'Reilley has a homestead on a small strip of land lying between the two ranches. On each of these two ranches the company had a band of sheep and O'Reilley was herding one from his place. On the morning of the 4th, Bruner took his sheep out and it seems they were about to "mix up" with O'Reilley's band. So O'Reilley takes his rifle and went over to where Bruner was and at this point there is some slight difference in the stories of the tragedy. John O'Reilley's partner saw the deed committed but he was some distance away, possibly 700 yards. Bruner and O'Reilley walked along for some distance when Bruner pulled his pistol and shot O'Reilley through the left arm just above the elbow. This knocked the rifle out of O'Reilley's hand, and he started running down the hill as fast as he could. Bruner picks up O'Reilley's gun, and from shells found, must have shot three times. The last shot striking O'Reilley in the center of the back of the head and came out in the center of the forehead. It was 180 yards from the spot where he fell and Bruner was 125 yards from him, having advanced on the fleeing man 55 yards. Bruner says that O'Reilley attempted to draw on him and he shot in self-defense.

Bruner took the rifle and left for the company's headquarters and was there when Sheriff Conleton put in appearance and was awaiting that officer's coming.

Justice Childers held an inquest on Friday, and the following was the verdict of the coroner's jury:

"In the matter of the inquest upon the body of Thomas O'Reilley held before T. L. Childers, justice of the peace, for Upper Trout precinct, Crook county, Oregon, April 5, 1901:

"We, the jury of inquisition in the above entitled matter find that the deceased was Thomas O'Reilley, aged 26 years; a native of Ireland; that he came to his death, on his homestead in Crook county, Oregon, on April 4, 1901, from the effect of a gunshot wound in the head inflicted by D. Bruner and that said D. Bruner fired said shot or shots at the said Thomas O'Reilley purposely and by deliberate and premeditated malice, killed said Thomas O'Reilley, said gunshot wound being caused by a shot or shots from a gun held by said D. Bruner in Crook county, Oregon, on April 4, 1901."

On the evidence given before him as acting coroner, Justice Childers bound Bruner over to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of murder.

A New Grange.

A grange, Patrons of Husbandry, was organized on the 22nd inst. at Maple Lane consisting of 36 members. This grange will be known as Maple Lane No. —, Master, G. F. Gibbs; Secretary, John Gaffney. The next meeting will be on the 17th day of and the charter will be open until that time for admission of new members.

J. S. CAETO,
Deputy State Master.

Protect the Grosbeaks.

The boys who have been trapping and selling grosbeaks are liable to a fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$100.

The John Burroughs Bird Society of Portland is enforcing the law and compelling all persons who have caged grosbeaks in their possession to turn them out these beautiful birds will soon leave for their home in the mountains, and it would be a pity to deprive them of their freedom.

ANITA McCARVER,
Pres. of Clackamas Co. Humane Soc.

Notice to Bridge Builders.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the county surveyor of Clackamas county, Oregon, at his office in the county court house, in Oregon City, for building a bridge across Sucker Creek, on the Oswego and Aurora road, on or before the third day of May, 1901, at 2 o'clock, p. m., when said bids will be opened by the county surveyor with the county court, and a contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, the court reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Each bidder will be required to deposit with his bid, five per cent of the amount of such bid, which shall be forfeited to the county in case the award is made to him and he neglects, or refuses, for the period of two days after such award is made, to enter into contract and file his bond in the manner required by, and to the satisfaction of the county court.

The bridge must be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications for building said bridge, which plans and specifications are on file in the office of the county surveyor.

ERNEST P. RANDE,
County Surveyor.

By JOHN W. MELDRUM, Deputy.
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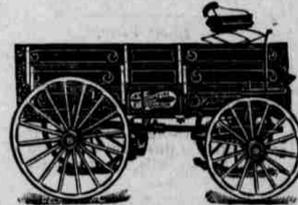
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