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A BIG REWARD

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN
WOULD BRING CRIMINALS
TO JUSTICE.

Offers Big Reward for Lake County Murderer—State Will Pay \$2500—For Slayers of Sheep \$300 Apiece Is Pledged from the State.

Salem, May 20.—A reward of \$2,500 has been offered by Governor Chamberlain for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Creed Conn, of Lake county, who was killed near Silver Lake two months and a half ago.

A reward of \$300 has been offered for the conviction of each of the men who participated in the killing of 2500 hundred sheep in Lake county on April 28.

This offer of reward is made without express authority of law but the governor feels confident that if convictions should be secured and the rewards earned, the legislature would not hesitate to appropriate money for the purpose. Secretary of State Dunbar and State Treasurer Moore joined with the governor in promising to lend their aid in securing the appropriation if the rewards should be earned.

With a view to suppressing lawlessness in Lake county, Governor Chamberlain has had copies of the offer of reward printed and has sent them to be posted in different sections of that county. He has also written letters to the sheriff and district attorney, urging them to do all in their power to apprehend the outlaws and prevent a repetition of the crime.

The governor was induced to take this action by letters received from prominent citizens of Lake county. In these letters it was stated that the men who killed the sheep threatened the life of any person who tries to apprehend them or who offers a reward for their conviction, and for that reason men living in that vicinity dare not take steps to bring the criminals to justice. They appealed to the governor to take some action in behalf of law-abiding people who live in constant terror in a land where they have labored for years to build their homes.

The governor considers it impracticable to send militiamen to Lake county, for the desperadoes operate in a region very thinly settled and where it would be impossible for militiamen to capture a criminal familiar with every mile of the whole country. The Governor's hope is that this offer of reward will induce some person who has or may secure information to divulge the same to the end that the criminals may be taken into custody.

The reward would be paid to any person giving the information, even though he be an accomplice who confessed.

Governor Chamberlain's letter to District Attorney to L. F. Conn, a brother of the murdered man, is as follows:

"Although I have been unofficially advised that a condition of lawlessness prevails in Lake county, I have believed and still believe that the local authorities, aided by the citizens of the county, ought to find a remedy for existing evils. I have believed and still believe that the rigid enforcement of the law by local authorities will speedily put an end to acts of vandalism and lawlessness. This opinion is confirmed by the fact that no official appeal has been made to me for executive interference.

I am just in receipt, however, of a complaint from reputable citizens near the place where acts of lawlessness have been indulged in who believe that greater efforts ought to be made for the apprehension of those who have been guilty of the destruction of property and other acts of violence. From this source I learn that deadlines have been established by the lawless element of the community, and the owners of sheep are warned by them that if they cross the same they must incur the penalty of death as well as the loss of property. Threats are made that persons who undertake to discover the identity of those who have been engaged in the destruction of property of the

citizens of your county will be assassinated.

Under these circumstances I have deemed it my duty to appeal to you and through you to the law officers of your county, to use your utmost efforts rigidly to enforce the law, in order that those who have been engaged in the ruthless destruction of property may be speedily identified, apprehended and brought to justice.

Without any request from the local authorities for my interference, but acting upon the suggestion of citizens of your county who are deterred by threats from offering rewards for the apprehension of men who have been engaged in the wholesale slaughter of sheep and the destruction of property, and in hope of assisting in the arrest and conviction of the criminals, have concluded to offer rewards, pledging the faith of the state to the payment as soon as the legislature convenes.

I inclose you notices of these rewards, and I trust you will have them posted in conspicuous places throughout your county. I sincerely trust every effort will be made by you not only to apprehend those who have been guilty of the wanton destruction of property, but to prevent a recurrence of such acts in the future.

February 2.—Band of 3000 sheep slaughtered by masked men near Silver Lake; clubs and guns were used.

March 4.—J. C. Conn, a wealthy Silver Lake merchant, went out after breakfast, from his home at Silver Lake, to visit a horse that had been poisoned, one of a valuable team. Seven weeks later his body was found in the pasture, within a short distance from town, perforated by two bullets. The verdict of suicide, brought in by a coroner's jury, was unsatisfactory to Conn's friends. They allege he was murdered to cover up the crime of the sheepslayers, about whom Conn was supposed to know too much. He had been subjected to a number of petty persecutions, particularly after a trip to Lakeview, where he consulted with his brother Lyle, who is prosecuting attorney.

April 28.—A party of nine men rode up to a band of sheep belonging to Parker, Price, Mulkey and O'Farrell. They wore barley sacks for masks. Out of 2700, 2300 sheep were killed outright; the balance scattered to make food for coyotes.

The offer of reward is as follows: Whereas, It has been charged that there is reasonable ground to believe that J. C. Conn, late of Silver Lake, in Lake county, Oregon, was assassinated on March 4, 1904; and,

Whereas, It has been charged that on April 28, 1904, a band of about 2500 sheep were shot and killed by masked men in said county, the herders thereof blindfolded and compelled to stand by while the property of their employers were destroyed.

Now, therefore, I, George E. Chamberlain, as governor of the state of Oregon, hereby offer rewards as follows:

\$2500 for the arrest and conviction, or for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of said J. C. Conn;

\$300 for the arrest and conviction, or for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction, of each and every one of the men who destroyed or participated in destroying said sheep on or about April 28, 1904.

The payment of these rewards is conditioned upon an appropriation to be made by the legislature, which I promise to do all in my power to bring about in case said rewards are, or any part thereof, earned.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the state of Oregon, at the Capitol, in Salem, this 19th day of May, A. D. 1904.

GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, Gov.
F. I. DUNBAR, Sec. of State.

Liao Yang, May 20.—Two slightly wounded prisoners, who escaped from the Japanese camp after the battle of Kiu Lien Cheng have arrived. They say that the Japanese are treating their wounded prisoners with the greatest humanity. The camp from which these prisoners escaped, contained 450 wounded Russian prisoners.

The queen of the carnival will be crowned Wednesday evening at 8-30 o'clock. The mayor will present her with the keys of the city.

A HUGE CLOUDBURST

CAUSES A DISASTROUS FLOOD
IN COLORADO.

Houses Float Among Trees, and People Cry for Help—Several Towns Inundated—People and Stock Have Been Drowned—River a Mile Wide.

Denver, May 20.—A cloudburst at the head of the Cache la Poudre river caused that stream to overflow its banks, and meager reports received here indicate that great damage has been caused by the flood and several lives lost. The rush of the flood caused the dam which holds the water of Livingston Lake, 65 miles above Fort Collins, to break, and this added volumes of water to the flood which swept down the Cache Poudre.

At Fort Collins the river is now over a mile wide, and already a number of the frame dwellings of the residents of the Russian colony of 600 have been swept from their foundation. About one-half of the people succeeded in getting out of their houses before the flood was upon them. The remainder are, however, tonight in a perilous position. Their houses can plainly be seen floating among the trees, and about an hour ago signals of distress were seen and heard. A few of the houses have entered the current of the river and been swept down stream, and perhaps shattered or sunk and their occupants drowned.

Rescue parties are in readiness to leave Fort Collins with the first break of day. The floods in the Cache la Poudre and other streams are due to heavy rains today.

Livermore, Belleview, La Porte, Wellington and a portion of Fort Collins are under four to five feet of water, and in some cases the water reaches to the eaves of the houses. Five iron wagon bridges and two railroad bridges in the vicinity of Fort Collins have been swept away and two miles of the Colorado & Southern tracks washed out. Several thousands acres of beets and vegetables have been destroyed, and hundreds of head of livestock drowned. The water system of the city of Fort Collins has been seriously damaged, and all of the irrigation canals and ditches badly washed. Twelve big reservoirs along the Cache la Poudre are threatened with destruction. A foot of water covers the floor of the sugar factory. Wreckage of houses, household goods and carcasses of dead animals are being carried by Fort Collins.

From Greeley, about 25 miles east of Fort Collins, comes the information that a number of wagon bridges between there and Fort Collins have been washed away, and the Colorado & Southern railway bridge at Timnath, about midway between the two towns is wrecked. No trains were sent out on that line tonight.

The Cache la Poudre river runs through one of the most thickly settled and richest agricultural districts of Colorado. A large portion of the northern part of the state is irrigated from this stream, and a number of immense reservoirs have been constructed for the purpose of storing the water. Should the force of the waters' rush weaken these sufficiently to cause a break and release the stored water, the result could be nothing but disastrous. Wire communication with the flood section is fitful, and all the towns along the upper river have been entirely cut off.

Denver, May 20.—A telephone message to the Associated Press from its correspondent at Cheyenne, Wyo., says that the Crow river, which runs through Cheyenne, is running full as a result of heavy rains today. Eight to 12 miles of the main line of the Union Pacific railway and several miles of the roadbed of the Colorado & Southern railroad have been washed out. The river in Cheyenne has spread out over the lower sections, now flooding the dwellings and business houses.

Six persons are known to have been drowned.

The Union Pacific track at Buford, 26 miles west of Cheyenne, is washed out in many places. Two of that company's bridges have gone

and its tracks have been weakened on the line between Cheyenne and Greeley, Col.

In Cheyenne the long embankment on which runs the Union Pacific track has been pierced in two places. The embankment is holding the flood, and the water has accumulated to a depth of 20 feet and extending over a space two miles wide and several miles in length.

Pueblo, Colo., May 20.—The heaviest hailstorm seen in this city for many years started at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Hail that weighed more than three ounces fell to a depth of an inch. Considerable damage was done, and hundreds of windows were broken.

The principal business houses in the city having skylights and tile roofs are all damaged, and many merchants suffered losses of stock from the hail pouring through the broken skylights. Some of the hailstones measured 14 inches in circumference. In several instances the largest stones punctured shingled roofs and fell clear through to the floor. Nearly 100 persons were injured by being struck with big hailstones. To Mexican children living at Salt Creek were reported killed.

London, May 21.—A dispatch to the St. James Gazette from Kobe, Japan, dated today, after confirming the report of the stranding of the Russian protected cruiser Bogatyr on the rocks near the entrance to Vladivostok, adds that the Bogatyr was subsequently blown up by the Russians to prevent her falling into the hands of the Japanese.

The Bogatyr, which according to the Kobe correspondent of the St. James Gazette, has been destroyed, was a fine modern cruiser of 6750 tons displacement, and 20,500 normal horsepower. She was built at the Vulcan Works, Stettin, Germany; was completed in 1902; was 416-4 feet long; had 54 feet beam, and drew 20 feet of water. The armament of the Bogatyr consisted of 12 six-inch guns, 12 3-inch guns, six 1.8-inch guns, two 1.4-inch guns, and two smaller rapid-fire guns. She had torpedo tubes, her armored deck was two inches thick, and she had five inches of nickel-steel armor over her gun positions. The speed of the Bogatyr was estimated to be over 23 knots an hour. She could carry 1100 tons of coal, and her crew numbered 580 men.

New York, May 21.—The United States battle ship Kentucky anchored off Tompkinsville today, having made the world's record run for a warship from Hong Kong and Maderia to New York. The total distance steamed was 12,698 miles from Hong Kong, at an average speed of 12.07 knots. The whole distance was made under natural draught. The Kentucky has been in commission a little more than four years, and her first run was out to the China station. She has been the flagship of the squadron for three years, and has flown the flag of Rear-Admiral Evans for more than two years. She left Manila on March 13, docked at Hong Kong March 15, and sailed for home on March 29.

Pendleton, Or., May 21.—Mrs. Annie Engle, wife of John Engle, committed suicide today by drowning in the Umstilla river. The body was found this afternoon lodged in the brush a short distance from the point where it is supposed the woman jumped into the river. Acute melancholy and ill-health are given as the cause. Mrs. Engle had been ill for several years, and during the last six months was extremely despondent. She left a note as follows:

"This awful pain I can't stand any more, even for my boy's sake. I go to the river to end it all. God bless you both."

That Mrs. Engle had premeditated suicide is shown by the fact that she had tagged many of her personal effects, bequeathed them to friends and relatives. She left a son Claud, in San Francisco, and two sisters in Spokane. She was 50 years old.

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