

## DEAD LINES FIXED

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## NOMADIC HERDS ROB THE RANGE

Cattlemen and Shepherds Who Are Neighbors Get Along Well—Herds Brought From a Distance Are the Cause of the Trouble.

CANTON CITY, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Reports have reached this city concerning the killing of between 100 and 200 sheep by cattlemen on the range between Bear Valley and Lake last Friday. The sheep were the property of William Stewart, of Crook County, and were being driven to the railroad for shipment.

Full details of the affair cannot be obtained, but the herder, or campmaster, told some men from this place that it was largely due to the fact that the sheep were too long in one place instead of driving them directly through the country along the general route. No attempt was made to injure the man in charge of the sheep. It seems that the sheepmen had agreed to move along as rapidly as circumstances would permit, but instead of doing so they remained in one locality for three or four weeks. This aroused the indignation of cattlemen and resulted in their killing some sheep as a warning for the owner to not trespass longer upon their range.

There has been no killing of sheep in the near vicinity of this place since about three weeks ago when 60 head were killed belonging to George Clark, of Mount Vernon, a few miles below here on the John Day River. It is explained that he took them beyond the range customarily used, thus causing the difficulty.

## Rumor of a Man-Killing

An unfounded rumor has reached this place also of the killing of a man at Ochoco, not far from Prineville, but no details can be learned. Another report, which seems to be well founded, comes from the Dixie country, where it is said to the effect that about 1500 sheep were recently killed there by poison. Affairs of this kind are kept exceedingly quiet, and it is very difficult to gain authentic information concerning them. Cattlemen, naturally, will make no disclosures, and sheepmen, fearing it will make their lot a harder one, refrain from discussing such matters. Even people who are seemingly disinterested parties will say that there is no range war in progress and that all reports to that effect are overdrawn. Confidentially, however, it is said that concerning the general situation from both standpoint.

## No Trouble If Bounds Are Kept

Undoubtedly there is no intention on the part of the cattlemen in this locality to offer bodily violence to sheepmen or to molest them in any way. They are simply do not trespass over certain boundaries. It is not the local sheepmen, either, that are generally attacked, but those who drive their herds in from over the mountains to eat off and destroy the range to which it is claimed they have no right. Transient herds are largely to blame for the present trouble, and unless the lawmakers take some action to regulate the range, the range by nonresident sheep, it is believed much serious trouble will result.

Sheepmen argue that the range is Government property and that as American citizens have as much right to its use as any one else. Some of them acknowledge that it is not just to drive their herds over the range where they do not belong, but say that it is necessary in order to reach the railroad, and that they must remain at times for a short while in some localities to prevent their sheep from losing so much stock as to cause them to be unmarketable when they reach their destination.

To obtain a fair idea of the range question, numerous inquiries have been made both of cattlemen and sheepmen. Some understanding of the matter from both points of view may be had by quoting from two answers given. In response to a request for his opinion, a sheepman in the present difficulty on the range, a cattleman living south of Silver Valley said:

"I cannot blame the sheepmen for trying to make a living, but when they drive their herds into the range and destroy the grass so I cannot feed my own cattle you may be sure I am going to defend my rights. Sheep not only tramp the ground and make the surface so hard that the grass is prevented from growing, but they nip the grass so close that nothing remains for the cattle. If the law will not protect me I shall protect myself. A man who keeps sheep gave this reply to the same question:

"If I should go around talking about the cattlemen I would gain for myself many enemies, but if you will not publish my name, I will give you my opinion. I am inclined to go out of the sheep business for I am forced to do so. The cattlemen have been limiting the range for me more and more, and now I cannot get rid of them. I know I will have difficulty in getting away from here for I must cross over forbidden ground to do so."

## Strangers Rob the Range

"No, I do not hold the cattlemen entirely to blame, for they were driven to take action against the people who drive their herds in here to use up the range. I believe it is a great wrong to allow people from a distance, men who have no local interests here, whatever, to come in here and rob the people of what is rightfully their own. We who live here should have run our herds on the range without difficulty had it not been for the action of the foreign element. The effort to keep them out has aroused the hoodlums and lawless element, men who own no cattle, to torment the local sheepmen."

## DEATH OF FREDERICK STEIWER

Oregon Pioneer of 1830 Dies at His Salem Home.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Frederick Steiwer, an Oregon pioneer of 1830, died at his home in this city today, aged 73 years. Deceased was born in Germany and came to the United States with his mother when he was 7 years of age, his father having previously died. A few years later his mother died, leaving him to make his way in the world alone. In Illinois he learned the carpenter trade, at which he worked until 1839, when he came to Oregon. After working at his trade a short time in Oregon City, he took a donation land claim near Jefferson.

## In 1851 he married Miss Susan Leeper,

and together these two built one of the happiest and most hospitable of the pioneer homes in this country. In later years the family has lived much in Salem. Mr. Steiwer engaged extensively in stock raising, and was a leader in the breeding of fine cattle. Though he never held a public office, he always took an interest in public affairs. Deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

The funeral will be conducted from the late residence in this city at 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning and burial will be had in the family lot.

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## COLORED CONVICT CAUGHT

SHOWS FIGHT AND IS SHOT IN THE LEGS.

Was on Night Train Out of Newcastle, and Sheriff's posse Met Him at Auburn.

AUBURN, Cal., Aug. 6.—Convict Albert Seavie, the colored convict, one of the 13 who escaped from Folsom prison, is in jail here tonight, with bullet wounds in both of his legs. He was captured shortly after 3 o'clock tonight, when the train came in from Newcastle.

Sheriff Keena received word from Newcastle that a negro answering the description of Seavie had boarded the night train there on the way out, and when the train came into Auburn, Keena and Deputy Sheriff Coan were at the depot. The negro

was called upon to surrender, and he immediately opened fire on Coan, but failed to hit the deputy. The negro was then shot by the posse and his life was spared.

## DOGS LOSE THE TRAIL

Sheriff Bosquit Pursues a Bunch of Five Escapes.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 6.—Sheriff David Reese returned this morning from the Webber Creek country, where he went last Tuesday with C. F. Farrell and his dogs to put the bloodhounds on the trail of the escaped convicts. Reese said the dogs had found some trails late yesterday, but they lost the scent. This is the country in which the convicts Seavie, Case and Davis are alleged to have been seen at different times within the past week. Reese says he thinks the dogs placed much confidence in the report that Case had visited the Planters' Hotel at Shingle Springs last Monday night and that he had been there since.

At the same time Keena and Coan opened fire and shot the negro, who begged that his life be spared.

## Election Is Postponed

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—The Oregon City branch of the Lewis & Clark Women's Club at meeting Wednesday afternoon decided to defer until September the election of a state vice-president, to which the local organization is entitled, to succeed the late Mrs. R. A. Miller. No meetings will be held by the club during August.

## Mrs. Snyder, of Independence

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. S. Snyder, wife of Rev. Mr. Snyder, a former minister of this place, died in this city Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Snyder had been in failing health for a number of months and inability to take food was the immediate cause of death. Several children survive her.

## Will Run Plant on the Sacramento

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—The Columbia River Packers' Association is preparing to operate a collecting plant in San Francisco this fall to handle the Fall run of salmon in the Sacramento River. A number of men left here for there today to make preparations for opening the plant.

## Funeral of T. A. Call

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—The funeral of the late T. A. Call, who was killed at Polson's camp Tuesday, took place today. The camp was shut down and a large crowd of loggers and friends paid their last respects to the dead. His parents have not been located yet.

## C. B. Nesmith

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 6.—C. B. Nesmith, a nephew of Senator Ankeny, of Washington, and otherwise well connected, died of typhoid fever today at Rock Bar, where he had gone on an outing with his family and some friends.

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Captain C. C. Hammond.

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"It did not seem to me that I did not kill him," she said to her attorneys. "I admit that I shot him, but I do not admit that I killed him. I did his bidding by the big tree, but he got loose and started after me. I had to protect myself and I fired at him. I fired at his side. It would have been impossible for me to shoot him in the crown of the head when he was up and running. If he died from the wound I did not kill him. He was not dead when I shot at him and if he was found tied some one else did it."

Mrs. Hodge persistently refused to give any information as to the identity of her accomplice. A picture in Mrs. Hodge's effects has been identified as that of a man who was seen in company with Ryan and Mrs. Hodge a few days before the murder. Mrs. Hodge said the picture was that of her husband. That she now denies. The police believe this man was the accomplice and have reason to believe he is now in Mexico.

Chief of Police Burbridge to day received a letter from Cornelius Hodge, the husband of the woman who has confessed to the murder of Ryan.

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