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 THURSDAY August 29, 1907

NEW COYOTE STORY
 G. L. Paxton was in town last Saturday with a new coyote story for the truth of which he vouches. He says that species of the prairie wolf has developed a taste for the luscious watermelons grown in this section—the kind that took the prize at the Redmond fair last year, over irrigation-grown watermelons—and that they make nightly raids on the melon patches in the locality in which he lives, six miles north of this place. In developing the taste for watermelons, the coyote has also acquired the accomplishment of being able to tell unerringly the state of a melon's maturity, plucking only the ripe ones. This accomplishment, it may be added for Mr. Paxton's further enlightenment, is not possessed by any branch of the human family except the Georgia nigger, with whom it is intuition.
 But, to continue. The coyote is said to pluck the ripe melon, break it, and in most approved style scoop out the luscious red meat from within after the fashion of the coon, both biped and quadruped. It is a new stunt for the coyote, and sheep men and chicken-raisers should investigate it, with the view of encouraging the vegetarian taste of their old enemy.

UNUSUAL SUMMER RAINS
 A very heavy rain fell throughout this section Friday night, putting a stop to the harvesting which was just getting well under way, and laying off all threshing crews until Monday morning. No damage from this rain is reported, other than the delay of a day in the work. On Saturday afternoon there was another rain north of this place, which assumed the proportions of a cloudburst in some localities. The heaviest rain fell over the territory extending from the T. P. Monroplace to Fisherville, and in that area the water descended in solid sheets, flooding the fields and converting the small dry gulches into raging torrents of mud and water. The small bridge on the stage road at Fisherville was washed out, and the water at that place was deep enough to swim a horse. There was also a heavy rain on Agency Plains at the same time. No rain fell in Madras on Saturday. These rains are very unusual for this section at this season of the year.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS
 The good work done by the Summer school held at Prineville this year was shown in the examinations held at the close of the term.
 The following received first-grade certificates: Francis Harader, Chine Falls; Marion Wiest, Bend; Mrs. Laurene Andrus, Laidlaw; Jessie Hartley, Elva J. Smith and Grace L. Smith, Madras; Nellie E. James, Laidlaw, and Ada Morse, Prineville.
 Those that received second-grade papers are: Dora Clapper, Portland; Tillie Fisch, L. H. Arensemer, Madras; Lillie Holisworth, Sisters; Rose Gibson, Post; Minnie Taylor, Haycreek; Cora Streitler, Cleveland, O.; Joanne Irving, Sallman; and Nora Mitchell and Jennie Cumming, Prineville.
 Third-grade: Rena Noble and Marie Moehring, Madras; Grace Robinson, Culver; and Lizzie Kester and Blanch Hillman, Prineville.
 There were but two applicants for state papers—Maude Vandever, Bend, and P. C. Fulton, Madras.—Prineville Journal.

A BAR-ROOM TRAGEDY
 Tom McConnell Killed at Shaniko By Thomas Hale, Gambler

SLAYER DID NOT KNOW VICTIM'S NAME

Shooting Result of Too Much Drink—Hale Had Quarreled With Landlord But Kills Stranger

Tom McConnell, a shepherd in the employ of the B. S. & L. Co., was killed at Shaniko early Monday morning by a gambler named Thomas Hale, the murderer, so far as can be learned from meagre details, having been unprovoked. The shooting occurred at about three o'clock in the morning, in the bar-room of the Columbia Southern Hotel and there were no eye-witnesses to the tragedy, the bar-room having been vacated by all except McConnell, when Hale came in with his gun. There are several stories about the shooting. One is to the effect that Hale and the proprietor of the hotel, Albert Wright, had had some trouble over a board bill, and that Hale, after filling himself with whiskey and securing a pistol, returned to the hotel looking for Wright. The latter, meantime, had retired, and finding Tom McConnell in the bar-room Hale asked him to drink with him. McConnell said he had had all he wanted, and angered by his refusal to drink with him, Hale drew his gun and shot him, killing him at the first shot. He then fired two more shots into the body as it lay on the floor.
 Another story is to the effect that Hale and McConnell had both been drinking heavily, and when they began quarreling in the bar-room, the bartender went out to get the town marshal and upon his return met Hale walking out of the bar-room with a smoking pistol in his hand, while McConnell lay on the floor dead. Hale was too drunk to realize what he had done, and offered no resistance when arrested. He stated afterwards that he did not even know the name of the man he shot.
 Hale was arrested and taken to the Wasco County jail at The Dalles. A coroner's jury on Monday charged him with the murder of McConnell.
 Tom McConnell had been in the employ of the B. S. & L. Co. for over a year. He was about 25 years of age and nothing is known of his home or relatives. When killed he was at Shaniko with a shipment of sheep being made by the B. S. & L. Co.

WILL FIGHT THE WEEDS

Spread of Noxious Plants To Be Nipped in The Bud

J. W. Livingston, supervisor of the Madras road district, has been notified by the county authorities that complaint had been filed with them regarding the spread of Russian Thistle and other noxious weeds in the southwestern part of the district. Mr. Livingston's attention was called to the state law regarding the extermination of noxious weeds, and he was instructed to proceed at once to enforce the law if the owners of the land upon which they are found to exist did not immediately take steps to destroy the weeds. He has taken steps to destroy the weeds on public highways in his district, and is notifying owners of land to do likewise, and a war of extermination is to be declared at once against the thistle and other noxious weeds. The state law covers the matter fully, and affords ample remedy against the spread of the dreaded weed pest.
 Mr. Livingston has also found thistle in a few instances on Agency Plains, and the fight on the weed will extend to every section of his district.
 Other sections of the state are now suffering for the folly of permitting noxious weeds to spread, much valuable wheat land being rendered practically worthless, and to prevent a similar state of affairs in this district the weeds will be exterminated now. This matter is of the utmost importance to the farmers of this section, and Mr. Livingston's efforts should meet with their hearty co-operation.

SHERMAN COUNTY HARVEST

Observer: Sherman county farmers are now stirring up the dust in the harvest fields like warriors, and evidently are not overlooking the fact that the season is unusually late and that fall rains may soon commence. Go to it, Brother Farmers; you have the crop in reality which you have been dreaming of for years, if only you can get it into the sacks in time.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses are not made exclusively for the pale face brothers, but the red man also has access to the "glory paper," though he has the good taste to seldom apply for it. One was, however, granted to a dusky couple yesterday and later Rev. A. A. Brongstreet married Nettie Thomas of the Warm Springs Agency to Peter Jacobson of Celilo.—The Dalles Chronicle.

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 The Dalles, Oregon.
 Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878
Notice for Publication
 United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, August 22, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, the following-named persons have filed in this office their sworn statements, to-wit:

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Notice for Publication
 Department of the Interior Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 31, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that Calvin C. Fox, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz:
 Homestead Entry No 10431 made March 3, 1902, for the sw of sec 1, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w m.
 And that said proof will be made before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Madras, Oregon, on September 9, 1907.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: J. E. Campbell, V. Z. Branstetter, T. A. Long, B. C. Dove, all of Madras, Oregon.
 S-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

Notice for Publication
 Department of the Interior Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 31, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that Grace L. Smith, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of her intention to make final five-year proof in support of her claim, viz:
 Homestead Entry No. 9827 made October 14, 1901, for the w/2 of sec 14, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w m.
 And that said proof will be made before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Madras, Oregon, on September 9, 1907.
 She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: H. Branstetter, V. Z. Branstetter, C. D. Cave, A. S. Phillips, all of Madras, Oregon.
 S-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

Notice for Publication
 Department of the Interior Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 31, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that John E. Evick, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz:
 Homestead Entry No 10420 made March 3, 1902, for the sw of sec 28, tp 9 s, r 13 e, w m.
 And that said proof will be made before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Madras, Or., on September 9, 1907.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Miles D. Fox, C. C. Fox, H. W. Blackberry, R. Gard, all of Madras, Oregon.
 S-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

Notice for Publication
 Department of the Interior Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 31, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that James C. Wilson, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz:
 Homestead Entry No 10490 made March 7, 1902, for the s/2 of sec 1, s/2 of sec 1 and n/2 of sec 2, tp 12 s, r 13 e, w m.
 And that said proof will be made before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Madras, Oregon, on September 9, 1907.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: S. S. Brown, W. R. Cook, H. J. Henly, Ivan Hale, all of Culver, Oregon.
 S-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
 Department of the Interior Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 2, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that Fred Heiske, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz:
 Homestead Entry No 11691 made June 14, 1902, for the Lot 1, s/2 of sec 2, tp 12 s, r 12 e, and s/2 of sec 35, tp 11 s, r 12 e, w m.
 And that said proof will be made before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Madras, Oregon, on Sept. 9, 1907.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Pauline DeZner, Gustav Zunker, R. Dombrowe, C. Wawrinsky, all of Madras, Oregon.
 S-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
 Department of the Interior Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 1, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that Ralph S. Moore, of Haystack, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz:
 Homestead Entry No 10696 made June 2, 1902, for the Lot 3, s/2 of sec 4, tp 12 s, r 15 e, w m.
 And that said proof will be made before the County Clerk at Prineville, Oregon, on September 10, 1907.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Joel E. Newbill and Perry W. Newbill both of Grizzly, Oregon; William Duchien and Harry Pitzer, both of Haystack, Oregon.
 S-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
 Department of the Interior Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 1, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that Oscar Cox, of Lamonia, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz:
 Homestead Entry No 9614 made August 1, 1901, for the s/2 of sec 11, n/2 of sec 1, and n/2 of sec 14, tp 13 s, r 14 e, w m.
 And that said proof will be made before the County Clerk at Prineville, Oregon, on Sept. 11, 1907.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Charles Paxton, J. F. Wiegand, Lee Moore, Oren Waite, all of Lamonia, Oregon.
 S-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
 Department of the Interior Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 1, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that Oscar Cox, of Lamonia, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz:
 Homestead Entry No 9614 made August 1, 1901, for the s/2 of sec 11, n/2 of sec 1, and n/2 of sec 14, tp 13 s, r 14 e, w m.
 And that said proof will be made before the County Clerk at Prineville, Oregon, on Sept. 11, 1907.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Charles Paxton, J. F. Wiegand, Lee Moore, Oren Waite, all of Lamonia, Oregon.
 S-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878
Notice for Publication
 United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, July 29, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, Charles A. Lytle, of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, has on July 2, 1907, filed in this office his sworn statement No 257, for the purchase of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory, as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892.
 He names as witnesses: Frank Forster and J. E. Allingham, both of Prineville, Oregon, and Frank Boddy and A. G. Allingham, both of Sisters, Oregon.
 Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the 10th day of September, 1907.
 J-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

Notice for Publication
 Department of the Interior Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 31, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that Grace L. Smith, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of her intention to make final five-year proof in support of her claim, viz:
 Homestead Entry No. 9827 made October 14, 1901, for the w/2 of sec 14, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w m.
 And that said proof will be made before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Madras, Oregon, on September 9, 1907.
 She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: H. Branstetter, V. Z. Branstetter, C. D. Cave, A. S. Phillips, all of Madras, Oregon.
 S-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

Notice for Publication
 Department of the Interior Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, July 31, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that Roscoe Gard, of Madras, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz:
 Homestead Entry No 10228 made January 4, 1902, for the s/2 of sec 1, s/2 of sec 2, tp 10 s, r 13 e, w m.
 And that said proof will be made before Frank Osborn, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Madras, Oregon, on September 9, 1907.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: C. C. Fox, Howard Blackberry, John Evick, Miles D. Fox, Madras, Oregon.
 S-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878
Notice for Publication
 United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, June 29, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, Ronda Claypool, of Prineville, county of Crook, state of Oregon, has on November 24, 1906, filed in this office her sworn statement No 541, for the purchase of the s/2 of sec 2, tp 12 s, r 13 e, w m.
 And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the County Clerk at Prineville, Oregon, on the 10th day of September, 1907.
 She names as witnesses: L. E. Allingham, J. Smith, Julia May Horigen, Jake Rowe, all of Prineville, Oregon.
 Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the 10th day of September, 1907.
 J-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878
Notice for Publication
 United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, July 18, 1907.
 Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Clara Cooper, of Lamonia, county of Crook, state of Oregon, has filed in this office her sworn statement No 507, for the purchase of the s/2 of sec 9, tp 12 s, r 16 e, w m.
 And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the County Clerk at Prineville, Oregon, on the 23rd day of September, 1907.
 She names as witnesses: J. W. Collins and W. H. Hinton, both of Prineville, Oregon.
 Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the 23rd day of September, 1907.
 J-5 C. W. MOORE, Register

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY CO.
TIME TABLE NO. 10.
 Effective July 3, 1904.

South Bound No. 2.	Daily Pass.	STATIONS.	Daily Pass.	North Bound No. 1.
Leave...	2:15 p.m.	Riggs	11:00 a.m.	Arrive...
"	2:35 p.m.	Gibson	11:19 a.m.	"
"	2:50 p.m.	Stinks	11:35 a.m.	"
"	3:10 p.m.	Wasco	11:55 a.m.	"
"	3:30 p.m.	Klondyke	12:15 p.m.	"
"	3:45 p.m.	Rummel	12:30 p.m.	"
"	4:00 p.m.	Hay C. J.	12:45 p.m.	"
"	4:20 p.m.	McDonnell	1:05 p.m.	"
"	4:35 p.m.	De Moss	1:20 p.m.	"
"	4:50 p.m.	Moro	1:35 p.m.	"
"	5:05 p.m.	Erkville	1:50 p.m.	"
"	5:20 p.m.	Gro Valley	2:05 p.m.	"
"	5:35 p.m.	Bourbon	2:20 p.m.	"
"	5:50 p.m.	Kent	2:35 p.m.	"
"	6:05 p.m.	Wilcox	2:50 p.m.	"
"	6:20 p.m.	Shaniko	3:00 a.m.	Leave...

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