

OUT OF THE VAULT

Photo folly leads to murder charge

A group of Umatilla County men on an elk hunting trip near Starkey in the Blue Mountains ended up in the courtroom in January 1935 when one of the party was shot following a photo fracas the previous November.

Dan Bowman, a merchant from Mission on the Umatilla Indian Reservation near Pendleton, joined a hunting party Nov. 10, 1934, on the Tony Vey ranch near the border between Umatilla and Union counties near Starkey. Two groups of Umatilla County men, Vey's friends and a group including Finis and Chester Kirkpatrick, had been hunting on the property since Nov. 5, the beginning of elk season, and on the day in question the only person present at Vey's cabin when Bowman arrived was Joe Cunha, who invited Bowman into the cabin for drinks. The hunting parties returned to the camp at around 11:30 a.m.

Bowman called to Fred Lampkin, co-editor of the *East Oregonian* and a longtime friend, to join him at the cabin. A few minutes later Bowman and Cunha went to the Kirkpatrick camp and were offered more alcohol, which they accepted. When Bowman and Cunha went to return to Vey's cabin, Cunha vaulted a fence between the two camps. Bowman attempted to repeat the feat but fell, injuring his leg.

Finis Kirkpatrick went over to help, but also wanted to have some fun at Bowman's expense. He motioned to his brother to get his camera and take photos of Bowman being helped up; Chester then followed the men to Vey's porch and took another picture of

Cunha rubbing Bowman's injured leg. Bowman was not pleased with the joke. Planning on leaving Vey's property anyway, Bowman angrily returned to his car, parked just outside the fence.

The group of men inside the cabin were making lunch, and Lampkin took a sandwich to Bowman at his car. Bowman complained about the photos to Lampkin, who tried to soothe his friend's ruffled feathers, but an argument ensued. Charles Goodyear, who was planning to ride with Bowman upon his departure from the camp, joined the pair at the car but was getting nervous about the argument. He attempted to intervene but was sent away by Bowman, who then grabbed his rifle from the passenger seat of his car and tried to either load or unload it (witness statements varied). Lampkin came around the car and grabbed the gun, which was pointed upward through the open car door, to help the injured Bowman get out. The rifle discharged, and Lampkin fell to the ground dead.

Several of the hunters rushed to the car at the sound of the shot, and though Bowman pleaded with them to leave the scene untouched, Lampkin's body was moved and then covered with a blanket. The rifle was picked up and set against the fence. Bowman then grabbed his camera and took many photos of the scene in an attempt to capture as much evidence as possible for law enforcement, as it was getting dark.

State police officers William Roach and Frank Perry happened by around 4 p.m. and were waved down by the hunting party. The officers interviewed Bowman and the witnesses, turning

the scene over to Deputy Sheriff Hugo Clinghammer and the Union County coroner when they arrived. Roach transported Bowman to the hospital in La Grande, where he was treated for his injured leg.

The prosecutors in the case attempted to show that Bowman shot Lampkin deliberately, citing witnesses who heard the pair arguing. The defense contended that Bowman and Lampkin were the best of friends, and the shooting was unintentional. It was shown during the trial that Bowman had sprained his right ankle in the failed attempt at vaulting the fence, but also had broken his shin bone, which no one at the camp realized. On the stand, still hobbling on crutches, Bowman said his broken leg collapsed when he tried to exit his car, and the gun fired accidentally.

Bowman also testified that someone had once taken a photo of his brother in a state of undress and then shown it to a crowd of people, causing great embarrassment, and he thought the Kirkpatricks might be planning something similar. Usually a light drinker, Bowman was concerned the Kirkpatrick brothers intended to use the photos to spread tales of drunken behavior to discredit him.

After seven days of hearing testimony, the jury took less than three hours to deliver a not guilty verdict, with 10 of 12 jurors voting for acquittal.

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WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

- Seven words starting with CH (four-letter min.)
- Four five-letter fruits
- Four common farm mammals
- Three school subjects
- "___ to the Future"

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: CHEAT CHEAP CHALK CHOC CHOW CHLH / MANGO PEACH APPLE GUAVA / HORSE GOAT COW PIG / SCIENCE HISTORY MATH / BACK
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K	A	A	W	E	N	O	E	V	P	T	O
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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 strife (7)	_____
2 push buttons (7)	_____
3 disagreement (10)	_____
4 settle the score (9)	_____
5 have words (7)	_____
6 lock horns (6)	_____
7 minor wrangle (4)	_____

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Today's Answers: 1. DISCORD 2. AGITATE 3. CONTENTION 4. RETALIATE 5. QUARREL 6. BICKER 7. SPAT

DEAR ABBY

Teen without true friends puts blame on her parents

Dear Abby: I'm a 16-year-old girl, and I'm pretty sure I'm the most insecure thing on the planet. I always feel self-conscious. Although I guess it's normal for kids my age to feel like this, it's at a whole different level for me.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

I feel like everyone, including my closest friends, don't like me or care about me as much as I care for them. I try to distance myself from people so I won't seem annoying or clingy, but that has left me socially deprived.

I don't have a best friend either. I have multiple "kind of" friends. I'm scared to get close to anyone, and too shy to make new friends. And yes, I know, having friends isn't the most important thing in the world, but it's still pretty important because you need to have people there for you, to trust and to have fun and make memories with.

I always feel like a burden to everyone and like everyone who is nice to me is only doing it out of pity. This year I wasn't invited to even one Sweet 16 party because I have distanced myself from everyone. No one, except for two kids, talks to me at school, and

when the teacher asks the class to partner up, I'm usually left alone.

A lot of this "no one likes you, everyone hates you" paranoia comes from my parents, because when I was younger, they said it to me repeatedly. I only have a few internet friends. They're the only best friends I have, but unlike me, they have lives outside of the internet. I'm the loser. Please help.

Completely Worthless

Dear Completely Worthless: Please do not compare your life with the lives of the people you know from the internet because the information can be misleading. In an online world, everything seems rosy because people are less likely to post about their disappointments.

In the real world, let me point out that parents are supposed to support and encourage their children, not belittle and denigrate them. Because you need more mentoring than I can offer in a letter or a column, I hope you will discuss your issues with a counselor at school who may be able to help you receive professional counseling to overcome

the verbal abuse you have experienced at home. Please write me again and let me know how you are doing because I care.

Dear Abby: What's a polite way to respond to friends who ask, "Are you having a baby shower?" when no one has offered to throw me one?

My husband and I are expecting our first child, and we are thrilled. My family is unable to host a baby shower (which I understand would be a breach of etiquette anyway) and my husband has no family.

I'm not particularly wedded to the idea of having a shower, since my husband and I are well established and I don't really like being the center of attention. Still, if someone offered, I would graciously accept. I feel awkward when I am asked this question because I don't want to seem entitled or expectant or like I'm feeling sorry for myself. Do you have any way to say, "No one has offered, but I'll let you know if they do?" — Expectant Mom In California

Dear Expectant Mom: Honesty is the best policy. Your answer to that question is perfectly acceptable. It's the truth, and it may cause some of your friends to step up to bat.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 13th day of 2018. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 1968, country singer Johnny Cash performed and recorded a pair of shows at Folsom State Prison in California; material from the concerts was released as an album by Columbia Records under the title "Johnny Cash at Folsom Prison," which proved a hit.

On this date:

In 1733, James Oglethorpe and some 120 English colonists arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, while en route to settle in present-day Georgia.

In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

In 1864, American songwriter Stephen Foster died in poverty in a New York hospital at age 37.

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In 1915, a magnitude-7 earthquake centered in Avezano, Italy, claimed some 30,000 lives.

In 1941, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship. Novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland, less than a month before his 59th birthday.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car

crash in west Los Angeles 10 days before his 43rd birthday.

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minnesota, at age 66.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge and fell into the Potomac River while trying to take off during a snowstorm, killing a total of 78 people; four passengers and a flight attendant survived.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Frances Sternhagen is 88. TV personality Nick Clooney is 84. Comedian Rip Taylor is 84. Comedian Charlie Brill is 80. Actor Billy Gray is 80. Actor Richard Moll is 75. Rock musician Trevor Rabin is 64. Rhythm-and-blues musician Fred White is 63. Rock musician James Lomenzo (Megadeth) is 59. Actor Kevin Anderson is 58. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 57. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 57. Country singer Trace Adkins is 56. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 54. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 52. Actress Suzanne Cryer is 51. Actress Traci Bingham is 50. Actor Keith Coogan is 48. TV producer-writer Shonda Rhimes is 48. Actress Nicole Eggert is 46. Actor Orlando Bloom is 41. Meteorologist Ginger Zee (TV: "Good Morning America") is 37. Actor Liam Hemsworth is 28.

Thought for Today: "A little too much is just enough for me." — Jean Cocteau, French author and filmmaker (1889-1963).

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the *East Oregonian*
Jan. 13-14, 1918

Unable to sell thousands of bushels of potatoes raised last summer in obedience to the "more potatoes" cry, H.E. Bartholomew, well known west end sheepman, is feeding potatoes to his sheep. He finds that the sheep are doing well on the unusual feed and that, all things considered, it is cheaper to feed potatoes than to feed them hay at prevailing prices. It takes some educational work to get sheep to eat potatoes, according to Mr. Bartholomew, but when they get accustomed to the feed they do well on it. In lambing time he will feed from one to two tons of spuds daily.

50 Years Ago
From the *East Oregonian*
Jan. 13-14, 1968

How would you like to join a bicycle club? This query is addressed to all adults who would like to get rid of rheumatic aches and pains, or any other physical ills that might be plaguing them. It is also addressed to people who feel pretty well, but who could feel even better. Crusaders for the bicycle club are two members of Senior Citizens, Mrs. Paul (Katherine) Huettl and Mary Nilson. Mrs. Nilson rides a regular bicycle, and has for the past three years. Mrs. Huettl's bike is a three-wheeler, especially designed for senior citizens. Her husband gave it to her for Christmas, and she says it's the best gift she ever received. "I had such rheumatism in my knees I couldn't walk up the porch steps," she said. "

Now you should see me run up them."

25 Years Ago
From the *East Oregonian*
Jan. 13-14, 1993

Controversy over a proposed medical waste incinerator at the Port of Morrow ended Wednesday when the company pulled out of its lease. Therm-Tec Destruction Services sent a letter to Port General Manger Gary Neal early in the day, stating its intention to withdraw from the project lease. Several area residents vocally opposed the placement of the incinerator at the Port because of possible health hazards from the incinerator's emissions. Many of the 65 people who attended a Jan 6 meeting in Irigon regarding the incinerator proposal voiced concerns. The commissioners voted unanimously to accept Therm-Tec's withdrawal from the lease. Both parties will be held harmless in the withdrawal, Port officials said.

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