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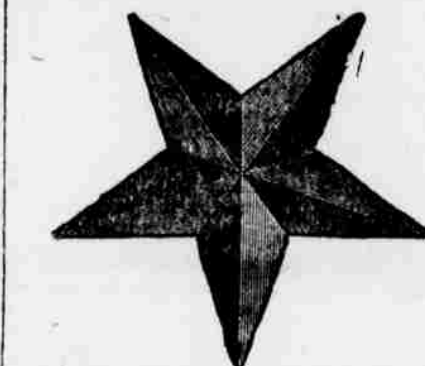
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M'CASLIN CAPTURED

Murderer of Zaspell Arrested in Spokane.

Confesses to the Crime but Says he Acted in Self Defense and Did not Rob Victim.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 7.—Webb McCaslin, alias George or William Webb, alias Webb McLaughlin, who murdered E. F. Zaspell, near Heppner, the night of September 29, was arrested this evening in the rear of a feed store. McCaslin, who has recently taken on the alias of McCain, was captured by Captain James Coverly, Patrolman George Miles and Deputy Sheriff McPugh, as he dismounted from a lumber wagon which he had been driving for a few days past for a man named Whitney.

McCaslin made a full confession, but claims he acted in self defense. He admits his victim was unarmed. A reward of \$500 was offered for his capture, dead or alive. McCaslin denies having taken \$200 from Zaspell's lifeless form.

"Yes, I guess I will have trouble proving that I shot him in self-defense," said McCaslin, "but I did, so help me, God. I was down Oregon way looking for work in the harvest fields in September. That's the way I earn my living, doing odd jobs. My home is right here in Spokane, and has been for years. Well I happened into Heppner looking for a man of the name of Joe Kern, whom I used to know up here, and who I thought could get me a job. Couldn't find Kern and while I was inquiring for him at a stable, along comes this man Zaspell, whom I had never seen before, and he asks me for work, and speaks up quick, saying to me, 'If you are looking for work, I can get you a job mighty quick out with a threshing machine gang out in the country a-piece.' Well, the layout looks good to me and I told him 'all right.'"

"So I climbs up on the seat with him and we drove out into the country. I discovered after we had driven several miles out, from a remark he let drop once in a while, that he was giving me a bum steer. So I told him I guessed I'd go back to Heppner and look for Kern."

"With that he turned on me and said: 'You —, I don't believe you intended to take that job on the machine in the first place. Then he grabbed me by the throat and was slowly choking me, when I got into my hip pocket, where I carried a .38, and when I got a clean sight of his head I let him have it. He keeled backward and dropped stone dead in the wagon box."

"Well, naturally I was feeling kind of uneasy myself just about then. I thought at first I'd drive him back to town and give myself up. So I turned the team around and drove toward Heppner. I lost my nerve by the time I got to the edge of the town, so I turns the team and wagon loose, mounts one of the horses we were leading, and rides off. I headed for some other town near there. Can't think of the name of it, and beat my way to Spokane."

"I've been working for the farmers out near Trent, and have been in and out of the city for several weeks past. I just had to kill that fellow. He'd a strangled me if I hadn't."

McCaslin was arrested on the description furnished by the handbills issued by the Morrow County authorities. Sheriff E. M. Shutt, of Morrow County, Oregon, in which the crime was committed, was notified by wire this evening that McCaslin was under arrest and awaiting the former's pleasure.

Webb McCaslin, the confessed slayer of E. F. Zaspell, is now safe in the steel cage in the Morrow county jail.

Sheriff Shutt received a message at 10:30 Sunday morning from Spokane, stating that McCaslin was in custody, and also asking Sheriff Shutt to bring the \$500 reward.

In company with Wm. McRoberts, who was taken along to identify McCaslin, Sheriff Shutt drove to Arlington, Sunday afternoon and taking the Spokane flyer, arrived in Spokane at 11:45 Monday morning. At four o'clock of the day, the Sheriff started back with his man and arrived in Heppner Tuesday evening.

Many people were anxious to see Zaspell's slayer and quite a number assembled at both the depot and court house.

No demonstrations outside of curiosity were evident among the people.

Since McCaslin's fast get away on the night of the murder, Sheriff Shutt has been alert and active in pursuit of the murderer. The country has been flooded with circulars and printed descriptions of the man, for which a reward of \$500 was offered by Morrow county.

Sheriff Shutt has been right in his deductions as to the territory in which McCaslin was located.

In the Spokane country, Northern Idaho and Montana, the Sheriff has been sending repeatedly most of the printed matter offering the reward.

The first authentic report as to the exact whereabouts of McCaslin, was received by Sheriff Shutt from Clark's Fork, Idaho. At this place the fugitive was recognized by a former employer. No knowing anything about the crime with which McCaslin is charged, the former employer of McCaslin went to Granite, Idaho, where he received a letter from the murderer.

Sheriff Shutt getting this information went to Idaho in search of the murderer. Before the arrival of the Sheriff, McCaslin had fled and no trace of him could be found.

Disguised as a lumber man, Sheriff Shutt searched for two days and made one arrest in the lumber woods, but this proved to be the wrong man.

In all, five arrests have been made before the right man was captured.

When arrested in Spokane, McCaslin talked freely and also was very communicative with Sheriff Shutt. He admits the killing of Zaspell, in fact admits almost everything except the motive for killing.

In making his get away, McCaslin states that he rode to Echo on the night of the murder and got on a freight train, getting off at Pendleton at an early hour in the morning. In a short time another freight train came through Pendleton which he boarded and got off at the Indian reservation in Umatilla county. From the Indian reservation he walked to Walla Walla, and from there went into the Spokane country.

When approached by a Gazette representative, McCaslin, in the county jail, was sulky and refused to talk.

When asked what he had to say for himself, McCaslin said: "Nothin' doing, sir; no sir, nothin' doing."

Confinement in the steel cage with the companionship of an Oregon boot seems to grate upon his nerves.

Medford Tribune: "For the seven years that I have owned my apple orchard my average yearly profits have been \$791 per acre," states A. D. Helms, who owns one of the crack orchards of the country in the foothills of the southern extremity of the Rogue River valley.

TO DISCUSS DATES.

Umatilla County Woolgrowers to Meet in Pendleton.

For the purpose of considering the wool sale dates for next spring, and to urge upon sheepmen the importance of poisoning coyotes during the entire month of January, a meeting of the Umatilla County Woolgrowers' association has been called for Saturday afternoon, December 21, in Pendleton.

The association will adhere strictly to the sales days and wool pools system of disposing of the wool clip and it is desired to discuss the different phases of this subject at the coming meeting. Sheepmen are urged to be present as a full expression of sentiment is desired upon the questions to come up.

Another important matter to be urged upon members of the association at the coming meeting is the poisoning of coyotes on the premises of sheepmen during the entire month of January as was decided upon at the recent meeting of the state association at The Dalles. It hoped that every sheepman in the county engages vigorously in the work of destroying coyotes during the month and farmers are also invited to lend their assistance in the work of ridding the country of this pest.

If farmers and sheepmen would join in the work and cover the entire country with poison during January, it would be a most effective way of destroying the coyotes which are increasing rapidly throughout the state.

To give an illustration of the enormous damage done by coyotes it is only necessary to cite an instance at Arlington recently. While a herd of sheep was being driven to the corrals at night 84 strayed away and remained out all night. Next day but 12 of the number could be found, the remainder having been killed by coyotes during one night. This loss amounted to \$350, counting the sheep at \$5 each at this season of the year.—East Oregonian.

Galloway Items.

Health is good in this vicinity. The people are not realizing there is any panic on.

The home preparation for practicing for Christmas tree is the order of the day.

Roy Neill, the most prosperous sheep and ladies' man, of little Butter creek, while buggy riding with his best girl last Sunday night became frightened and jumped out of the rig. His duster caught on the dashboard and the team started on the dead run with Roy suspended between heaven and earth. Finally the tail bolts broke and Roy fell into a large haystack on Neill Bros. ranch. Rising to his feet and seeing his sweetheart and buggy disappear in the darkness aroused his patriotic feelings. Loosing hat and spectacles, in the confusion he ran past the rig and when first discovered was 4 miles ahead of the team. Next morning it was learned that the girl wasn't killed. With the assistance of a gentle horse and the younger brother, Roy got his rig to the shed, bringing it in in a number of pieces.

BEAN POLE.

Henry O. Havemeyer, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, died at 3 o'clock Wednesday at his home near Commack, L. I. He had been ill with an attack of acute indigestion for several days.

Portland News Notes.

The statement of the National bank of Portland on Dec. 3rd proved that they had ample cash—more than the most enthusiastic had anticipated. The same is true of banks throughout the state.

The Oregon apple has captured the Orient and Russia. Yedigizov Brothers of Vladivostok, after making a display in one of the principal show windows of the city, removed the display and after it was crowned and surrounded with American and Russian flags it was photographed, and is to be reproduced in colors for international advertising. Thus the glory of the Oregon apple goes around the world. The display was unusual because most of the boxes were shown ready for ocean shipment, each encased in burlap. Varieties of apples included the Winter Banana, Orlov, Hyde's King, and Arkansas Black.

"Profitable Advertising," published at Boston and one of the leading journals of its character in the United States, reproduces the letterhead of the Oregon Development League in its December number, and prints an exhaustive letter from the Secretary telling of the League's methods and accomplishments. Oregon is nationally known for her development work.

October and November statistics for wheat and flour shipments from Portland and Puget Sound ports are particularly interesting as showing the immense resources being converted into actual cash in Oregon and Washington. 7,434,691 bushels of wheat and 649,062 barrels of flour are the exact figures, and it must be remembered that the crop is only just getting under way in earnest.

During the two months of Fall colonist rates, Sept. 1st to Oct. 31st, the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad sold 8,081 homeseekers' tickets to the Northwest, which was an increase of 2,817 over last year's business, or more than 50 per cent.

President E. T. Judd, of the Oregon State Dairy Ass'n, becomes more enthusiastic as the convention approaches, and says that the 12th of December will see a splendid lot of dairy products entered for award. The committee in charge of arrangements is already in receipt of several cheeses from Tillamook and the next boat will bring a very complete line for display. Delegates are being named by the various commercial bodies in every mail.

The meeting of Oregon business men at the Portland Commercial Club on the 1st, followed by the announcement of Governor Chamberlain that the present holidays would be discontinued after the 14th, have been the most discussed events of the week. That the representatives from forty communities should unanimously unite in resolutions forcefully expressing confidence in the outlook and financial strength of the entire state is in itself indicative of constantly bettering conditions.

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Is ready for delivery and excels all former editions in beauty and value. The cover is a beautiful design in colors, the entire book is full of fine half tones, astronomical engravings and interesting matter. It contains the Hicks weather forecasts complete for the whole year, finely illustrated. The price by mail is 35 cents, on news stands 20 cents. Work and Works, the Rev. L. R. Hicks' monthly magazine, contains all his weather forecasts from month to month, together with a vast amount of the best family reading. The price is \$1 a year and one almanac goes with each subscription. Address, Word and Work Publishing Company, 2201 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Write for rates on almanacs in quantities. Agents wanted.

A sensation was created in the Baptist church at McMinnville by a young member arising and confessing to have played baseball on Sunday and promising never to do it again.