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DOUBLE TRAGEDY

OLLIE SNYDER KILLS ARTHUR GREENE AND IS MOBBED.

Many Reports Concerning the Unfortunate Affair.

Many stories and rumors are afloat in relation to the double tragedy in Grant county in which Ollie Snyder shot and killed Arthur Greene and later Snyder was taken away from Deputy Sheriff Joe Cassidy and was shot to death by a mob.

The first report was: Ollie Snyder who is an old time sheep herder and an eccentric character, who was herding sheep for Wm. Beymer, and was camped at the Ben

Watkins place about 15 miles from Hamilton, came in last Friday evening with his sheep. He was in an ugly mood, caused by trouble that he had had in managing the sheep dogs. At the Watkins camp, Arthur Greene who was herding horses for A. L. Ayers, and Chas. Beymer were also stopping. Snyder claimed that he was going to kill one of the dogs which belonged to Beymer and the two men got into trouble. When Greene started to act as peace-maker to stop the row, Snyder grabbed up a 25-35 Winchester repeating rifle and shot Greene through the breast killing him instantly.

Beymer who was threatened ran away in the darkness and made his way to Oscar Schaefer's place, 5 miles away.

Saturday morning, a posse went to the Watkins place to arrest Snyder and finding the fugitive on the hills fired four shots at him, Snyder finally coming to the camp where the posse had gathered and laying down his gun gave himself

up. Deputy Sheriff Cassidy took charge of the prisoner and with Greene's body drove to Hamilton on Saturday and there put up for the night.

Cassidy in charge of Snyder left Hamilton at 5 o'clock Sunday morning for Canyon City. When only about two miles out from Hamilton, a mob of armed men wearing masks stepped out from behind trees and commanding the officer to stop, took Snyder from the buggy and riddled his body with bullets.

From a Morrow county citizen who came in from Monument Monday, and who personally interviewed Dr. Norris, the Monument physician who acted as coroner in the case, more information has been learned.

Dr. Norris held an inquest over Greene's body and from the record of his written testimony, personally stated that the evidence so far collected would indicate that Snyder killed Greene in self defense.

At the inquest, Snyder testified that Greene and Beymer came to his camp in a highly intoxicated condition and started the row. That Greene attacked Snyder with a knife, and in order to save his life, grabbed the rifle, not having time to aim but shooting from the hip the fatal shot.

When Greene's body was picked up his knife was found lying under him while Snyder's watch chain had been severed with a knife and his clothing was cut.

Snyder's body showed eight gun shot wounds and the surroundings would indicate that he was given no show whatever for his life.

"Come again," said Mrs. Brown. "I certainly will, if you promise to serve me another cup of Folger's Golden Gate Coffee."

Among the Schools.

On Dec. 21, I visited the school in District No. 31. Miss Winnifred Osten is the teacher. Eleven pupils were present. This term of school opened only a few days before my visit, but the pupils were starting nicely with their work. The door has been changed to open outward. An excellent book-case has been provided for the library books. The literary society meets every Saturday evening, but every alternate meeting is devoted to a spelling match. It is to be hoped that other communities will arouse a lively interest in spelling.

The following day, I drove from Mr. J. S. Young's ranch, where I visited over night, to the school in District No. 49. This school is taught by Miss Mary Gray. There were thirteen pupils present. The pupils are interested in their work and are making excellent progress. The door of the school house opens outward; the windows are provided with neat curtains; the blackboard is fair, but there should be more of it. The library books are well kept. The school has an encyclopedia, but no dictionary. The walls are decorated tastily. A new flag has been procured, but no arrangements have been made as yet for displaying it outside. The school board is planning to make a number of improvements in the building.

Several entertainments have been given by the schools recently. One at the Blackhorse schoolhouse netted \$51.00; one at Fairview, \$43.00; and one at Liberty, \$54.00. The Fairview school has purchased two new flags, after paying for the organ mentioned in my former notes. The Blackhorse school paid for their organ with the proceeds of their entertainment. The Liberty school will purchase a number of pieces of apparatus and two new flags.

Those who attended the exercises at the Heppner school building last Thursday enjoyed a treat. The rooms were all decorated in a most pleasing way. The programs were excellent. Each pupil was remembered by Santa Claus, and the teachers each received a token of remembrance from the pupils. Old Santa Claus was there to the delight of young and old.

Respectfully,
S. E. NORSON, Co. Supt.

M. E. Church, South.

Rev. E. P. Warren makes the following announcements for his church: The Woman's Home Mission Society will meet Monday, Jan. 3, 1910, at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Borg. On Friday evening, the last day in the old year at the church, there will be the following: Epworth League business meeting, 8:30. Church conference 9:30. Every member requested to be present. Watch night service at 10:30. Churches not having like service and the public invited to join this service. Sunday services, Sunday school and preaching at 10 and 11 a. m. League and preaching at 6 and 7 p. m. Sermon topics, morning, "Ye Shall Henceforth Return no More That Way." Deut. 17, 16. Evening, "The Finished and Unfinished Life."

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NATIONAL FORESTS

Resolutions Adopted by Oregon Woolgrowers.

The following resolutions in relation to National Forests were adopted at the recent meeting of the Oregon Woolgrowers Association:

WHEREAS, the interest of the Wool Growers and the symmetrical development of the vast unsettled West are at stake and are entitled to the attention of the administration of the National Forests by the general Government; the problems presented for solution touch indirectly every other industry of the states wherein the forest areas have been set apart; we believe that the existing situation requires considerable attention by all thinking men who are interested in added wealth, increased population and general prosperity, who look into the ultimate future, and not alone at the present; just criticism exists of the present methods of administering the forest reserves;

We endorse the policy of the Government in protecting the forests of the United States for future generations; and we feel that for the benefit of our posterity we have as deep an interest in this question as any other citizen; and as far as the forestry policy goes toward the preservation of our forests we are in hearty accord. We believe that certain evils exist in the administration of the forest reserves relative to the grazing of livestock thereon which should be corrected.

But there is an honest difference of

opinion among sheep men and the Forestry officials as to the number of animals which may properly be grazed on the several forest reserves, and in the method and manner in handling the flocks thereon. We, therefore, protest against the continual reduction of flocks allowed within reserves until a full hearing before some competent tribunal can be had, and in this connection we protest that by the methods now pursued investments are being jeopardized and stockmasters in many instances are being gradually driven out of business, thus producing a condition which bodes ill not only of the future of the wool growing industry, but to the prosperity of the West where yet many decades must elapse before the livestock status of the Old World and Eastern States can obtain.

We believe that advisory boards are of some assistance in the administration of reserves, yet in certain instances their recommendations and reports have been totally disregarded, owing to the fact that advisory boards are not clothed with sufficient power.

We recommend that instead of these advisory boards Congress be urged to pass a law providing for the creation of a court in each state where the National Forests are situated with power to hear and settle the many questions which arise between the forest officials and citizens who desire to use the reserves for home making, power purposes, mining, timber cutting, range and grazing purposes, and all other uses to which these mighty segregated areas of the country can properly be put, and that this court be separate and apart from the Forest Service officials who administer the National Forests.

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