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## FULL ACCOUNT OF CRIME

### EGBERT TELLS OF HIS CAPTURE AND THE MURDERS.

Admits Shooting Easton and West and Talks of His Escape and Wanderings -- McCoy Did not Get Him.

Harry Egbert, the murderer, told the following story of his arrest and capture of the Elko Independent: "Constable McCoy was out on a trail. I left American Falls Sunday morning and he was there at night. I pulled out that day for Rockland and got there about 8:30 or 1 o'clock. The saloon was crowded with men. I asked the moonkeeper in front of all these men to put my horse in the barn. It was in Rockland all that day and the next night and until 8 o'clock the next morning. McCoy telephoned from Bonanza Bar to hold me. They arrested me on a charge of horse stealing. I went to the barn with my horse, tied him and went back to get a bucket of oats for him. Friend Stone, the blacksmith, went over to the store and took a block and a half away and was talking to the clerk. I climbed into the barn and kept the barn between him and me and made for the door. I was in the lead. Some men saw me going and told me between ten and fifteen men came after me armed with pistols and Winchester rifles. I ran between four and five miles and hid in the sagebrush. They rode up with Winchester rifles and I surrendered. They took me back to town and out thirty minutes after we got here Constable McCoy rode in and took me in charge. McCoy was out fifteen miles behind me. I hired out to a sheepman at Rockland. He would have got me myself within two hours if he had wired these people at Rockland. McCoy treated me fine coming back. Could not have been better if I had not been a prisoner."

### Story of His Crime.

When Egbert had finished the above statement the reporter asked him if he wanted to say anything in his trouble in Oregon that led to rest. He replied that he did, and made the following statement: "Special Deputy Sheriff Saxton arrested me at the Malton ranch in Harney county, Oregon, one Saturday morning about 7 o'clock. I went into the house to talk to my wife and went through the back window. I stayed out all that day and the next night, and then walked to Andrews, Oregon, about sixty to eighty miles. I got there about 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the next day. I stayed under cover till night and then went up to Jack West's bin. He gave me a shotgun and some shells loaded with buck shot. He said: 'Now go down and see our little wife and don't kill any one unless you have to. If they come to you blow it through them.' I went down to the house and saw my wife. I left the shotgun, got a Winchester, bid her good-bye and started out. I walked all that night to Denio, a little town over the Nevada line. I stayed under cover till the next morning when I went up to Schenbener's saloon door and asked if the two men who were looking for me were still there. He told me they had gone back to Andrews. I treated the men in the saloon and then asked for a lunch of canned goods. While eating the lunch two men, whom I never saw, rode up. I quit eating and went out to speak to them. When they came back to pay for my lunch Jack Dry, the bartender, threw a man in my face and told me to get out of town. I went toward California until I got out of sight and then hid in the mountains until dark. I walked to Andrews that night. I walked back for the purpose of seeing my wife to make a date for sending her to a certain point on the railroad in Nevada. After talking with her I left that same night. The next day Charley Field took her to his ranch to look after her until I could send her money to come to me. I was hid close by the side of the road and

## THE TIME TO BUY CATTLE

### BELIEVE MARKET HAS REACHED ITS LOW-WATER MARK.

Kansas City Commission Man Gives Reasons For Believing This a Good Time To Stock a Ranch.

Writing to the Portland Journal from Kansas City, Mo., George B. Longan says: "It looks at last as if better days are coming for the cattlemen. There is a sound in the air that livestock men are beginning to hear. It is the approach of better prices and the end of the panicky condition of the market. Just what is causing this optimistic feeling is hard to explain, possibly it is because the cattlemen believe that the market can't go any lower. Prices took a jump up in all the markets last week and the indications are for still better gains. Whatever is causing the feeling that the prices of beef have reached the low water mark, it is a fact that cattlemen who have their ears to the ground are buying cattle now, while they are cheap. George E. Cole, president of the Cole & Ott Livestock Commission company here, one of the most conservative livestock men in the Kansas City exchange, in speaking for the commission men here, said yesterday: "Now is the time to start in the cattle business. Prices are cheap and a man can stock his ranch for one-half what it would have cost him two or three years ago. There is little money now in cattle. They are two cheap, but there is one thing certain. They can't go any lower, because if they do the stockmen will have to give them away. There should be money in buying young cattle. Spring calves are now selling at from \$6 to \$7.50 a head. Two years ago they sold for \$15. If a person has the range and the roughness he can't help making money. He can hold them three years and prices are certain to go up in that time. He will make money then because he bought so cheap. The man who started in the cattle business three years ago and invested \$5,000 has today lost by a falling market almost \$2,500. On a rising market he would have gained that much on an advance in price. Buy cattle when the market is down. That means making money."

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## GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT.

To the Hon. M. D. Clifford, Circuit Judge:—We, the grand jury for the regular October, 1903, term of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, County of Harney, most respectfully submit this, our final report, and herein show that we have been in session eight days, during which time we have examined into all crimes of which we have had knowledge, and have been brought to our attention, as well as all other things of public welfare. And have returned into court eight true bills of indictment, and three not true bills of indictment.

We have examined into the condition of the county roads and find them in excellent condition for this time of year. We have also examined into the condition of the county poor and find these poor unfortunate well kept and cared for, and no complaints.

We have examined into the books and affairs of the several offices of the county, and would respectfully recommend that the assessor's office be furnished with pigeon holes and boxes for the filing of the papers of his office.

We found that the accounts of the treasurer's office were correct so far as we were able to ascertain in the limited time and examination made.

We found that everything in the sheriff's and clerk's offices were neatly and properly kept.

At the earnest solicitation of a majority of the taxpayers of the county, we recommend that the office of county road master be abolished as unnecessary; and this, without casting any reflections whatever upon the present incumbent. And, as a further recommendation, it would seem that if the several justices of the peace and recorders within the different municipalities of this county could settle all the petty offenses committed within their respective municipalities without burdening the county and its taxpayers with the annoyance and expense of hearing and determining the same, they should do so; inasmuch as the municipalities derive all the benefit, they should bear the burdens of their saloons and other places.

We further recommend that a reward of one thousand dollars be offered for the apprehension of the murderer of Salvadore Olivera; and also the reward for Pat Moore be raised to one thousand dollars.

We wish to thank our District Attorney, Wm. Miller, for his advice and assistance to us at all times; and we desire further to thank our efficient bailiff, Austin Goodman, for his care of us.

And now, having finished our labors, we beg leave to submit this our final report, and beg leave to be discharged.

It is the easiest thing in the world to live to be a hundred years old, if you will heed the advice of the old fellows who have accomplished the feat. A Pennsylvanian, 92 years old, attributes his life to the fact that he never tasted liquor at all. A Kentuckian who recently died at the age of 103 said he drank whiskey whenever he felt like it. It is easy to pursue one or the other of these two methods—and both have been tried and found successful.

## SMALLER HERDS NECESSARY

### SHEEP MEN REALIZE THIS AND WILL CUT THEM DOWN.

Day of Big Flocks Has Gone by and Breeds Must be Bettered--Impossible to Get Sufficient Range.

A press dispatch from Pendleton says: "Charles Cunningham is in the midst of his sheep campaign for this season. The breeding time is now here and already Mr. Cunningham has sold over 2,000 head of his thoroughbred bucks to the growers of the country, 1,000 of which has gone to Umatilla county sheep men.

The sales have extended from here to Montana and the season has not as yet more than begun. Mr. Cunningham has altogether over 3,500 head of Rambouillet bucks which he has on the market.

The sheep men of the country are having a hard time to get water for their flocks. Water is scarcer at this time than it has ever been and the wells and streams are lower. What is the matter is not known but it is laid to the fact that it has been so long since there has been any rain in any quantity.

The pasture on the other hand is good, but badly in need of rain to make it last as the ground is becoming dryer the growth is checked and unless there is a good rain in a short time the sheep will get ahead of the pasture. But while the pasture is good it is not enough for the number of sheep in the county. The county is overstocked and the sheep men will have to feed earlier than they usually do owing to the fact that the range area is too small for the number of sheep.

One of the things that the sheepmen of the county should learn, and that at his earliest opportunity is that the days of the big flocks are past and that the sheep raiser of the future will have to raise his standard and cut the number of his holdings.

There is not room in the county for the sheep that are now in it and certainly the conditions will not allow of the vast increase bound to come in the natural course of breeding. So the only practical remedy that will work to the benefit of the raisers that they keep the best grade of sheep on the market and run just what they can take good care of on their range.

But few men in the county can afford to hold many thousands of acres changing the grades as fast as they can get rid of the old range stock that has overrun the ranges in the past.

Each progressive man is putting new blood into his flocks and in a short time Umatilla county will not only be one of the great sheep centers of the Northwest but it will be the home of the thoroughbred the stock that is in demand.

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Stage Line to New Mines.

Because of the excitement attending the Mount Rastus phonolyte fields and the rush of the newly discovered mining district, C. M. Kellogg, the veteran stage man, has arranged to put on a line of stages from Baker City, commencing Monday morning.

Mr. Kellogg's stage will leave the McCord cigar store at 6 o'clock. All passengers and freight will be booked from there.

The directors ratified and signed what is known as the "first agreement," by which 51 per cent of the stock is held by stockmen interested in this concern. This action precludes outsiders from gaining control of the enterprise.

"While we are in session," said

## CHARLES F. MARTIN

### received unsolicited subscriptions to stock amounting to more than \$100,000.

The first thing to be done is to finance the institution. As the most expedient method of accomplishing that end the directorate decided to refer stock subscriptions to the representatives of the various states on the board. The matter of raising funds will be left to the discretion of each director in his respective state.

Prices for good to choice dressed beef steers advanced 10 to 20 cents. Medium to fair offerings are 10 cents higher. Choice grades have been extremely scarce and the top price paid was \$5.50, except for a load of show cattle, which sold at the close at \$585, the highest price paid this year. Western grass-fed steers, suitable for killers, sold more readily at the close of the week at firm prices, while extreme common steers in some cases were 10 to 15 cents lower during the week. Choice heifers, cows and butcher steers advanced 10 to 15 cents. Medium grades of Western cows are 5 to 10 cents higher. Common canners were unchanged. Veal calves were steady and in good demand.

### SLAKE RIVER SALMON DISEASES'D.

A correspondent to the Ontario Argus says: "Has Oregon a food commission? If so, why is not his attention called to the poisonous article of food that is being distributed all over this country in the shape of diseased salmon? There is not a salmon caught in Snake river, this far from the ocean, that is fit for food—no gain-saying this fact. If any parties doubt the truthfulness of this statement, we invite each to the Ontario hatchery, where the fish and disease are both in evidence. The salmon is, instinctively, impelled up mountain streams, not for the purpose of being used as an article of food, but for the propagation of the species. Come and see those fish, and if you don't join with my old friend Callis Draper in announcing them 'hard lookers' then I'll give up. One hundred and fifty people visited the hatchery last Sunday. 'No more salmon for me,' was the unanimous expression among them all.

Things are moving along nicely at the hatchery. Up to the present time we have 7,000,000 eggs on deposit in the hatching troughs more than double the amount that was secured during the same period of time last year. This is certainly a gigantic enterprise, which fact cannot be fully appreciated without a personal observation. Twenty men are employed at present, and more are expected next week.

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