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BIT OF BANNOCK WAR HISTORY TOLD

Pioneer Tells How Brothers Shot Two Indian Chiefs In Bannock War.

The Morning Oregonian publishes the following bit of Bannock war history as told by Darius H. Smith, Harney county pioneer:

"It was my brother who shot and killed Little Buffalo Horn, the war chief, when the Bannocks, Putes and Snakes were on the warpath in 1878, and I shot Chief Egan, who succeeded Little Buffalo Horn as leader of the hostiles, a few days later, but Egan was finally killed by Umatilla Indians, who cut off his head."

So stated Darius H. Smyth, pioneer of Harney county, whose postoffice is Diamond, near Steens mountains. There being little excitement at Diamond, R. H. Smith and his wife Penelope came to Portland to see the sights and are lodged at the Imperial.

"We received word that the Indians were coming, so my father, my brother and I took the women to Camp Harney, which was a few miles from where Burns now stands. My father and brother returned to the ranch in wagons to recover household effects, and I was to follow two days later on horseback. When I arrived at the ranch I saw plenty of horses and camp fires. I supposed the figures I saw around the fires were other settlers until I heard the Indian medicine man signing the lament, and I knew there had been a death.

"There were about 500 Indians at the ranch, and my father and brother were in the house. Little Buffalo Horn led the attack, and my brother killed him with a rifle. The hostiles murdered my father and brother. I've heard it said that Little Buffalo Horn was killed at Silver creek, a few miles south of Riley postoffice, but that's not true, for I was in the battle at Silver creek. Buffalo Horn is buried at the foot of the ledge of rimrock on the ranch where he was killed. The children have picked beads from his grave.

"When Egan succeeded Little Buffalo Horn to the command, the Indians were on Silver creek. I was there with about 60 settlers and cowboys, and with us was Colonel Bernard's cavalry. The troops charged

through the Indian village and I blazed away at Egan and shot him in the left arm. I knew Egan as well as I know anyone, for I had seen him many times. Without waiting to finish Egan, I started after some other Indians and Pete French followed Egan, shooting half a dozen times and missing him each time.

"Colonel Bernard could have ended the Indian war then, for the Indians were ready to surrender; but General O. O. Howard sent a messenger to the commander of the cavalry telling him to wait. General Howard was a couple of days away with his wagons. That's the facts of the case. If it wasn't for Howard, the war would have ended right then. Colonel Bernard told me to prevent the Indians from going north, and we held them back for a time."

"However, the Indians moved into the John Day country and we had a battle with them at Birch creek and again farther north. The Umatilla Indians came down and joined the Bannocks, but later, to square themselves with the reservation agent, they took Egan and killed him. The agent said evidence must be produced, so they cut off his head and the arm which I had wounded. The arm was done up in splints.

"And when Egan was dead the Indians were demoralized and scattered back to where they came from. "The Indians perpetrated no depredation until they reached Happy valley. They killed cattle for food however, and took all the horses they could. They had about 2000 horses. There were some 800 Indians, including warriors, squaws and children. The Indians went to Roby's ranch and killed a couple of hundred head in the corrals. I saw the carcasses. Roby helped chase the Indians, and went back to Boise, where he died about six days later from exhaustion.

"There were a couple of companies of scouts, organized at Boise. The commander of one scout company abandoned one of his men when the latter's horse fell with him. The Indians captured this scout and tortured him with fire until he died. Some of the scouts were taking horses which we had recaptured from the Indians, and Colonel Bernard ordered me to take charge of the horses.

"People who did not experience that Indian war do not realize the terror and bloodshed and the loss it incurred. That part of Oregon was remote from Portland in those days. There is a lot of misinformation about the Bannock war, and much of it has gotten into print; but I'm telling facts, for I was there and know. Last summer a man came making an investigation and trying to go over the ground, but when I attempted to set him straight he

wouldn't believe me, for he had a lot of wrong notions." Mr. Smyth settled in Harney county in 1872 and from then until 1874 lived at the warm springs which is now the site of the log pond for the big sawmill now being erected on the outskirts of Burns.

Ross-Tucker Nuptials
Weston Leader: Miss Mildred Ross and Dale Tucker were married Monday afternoon at Walla Walla. The young couple were unattended and left immediately following the wedding ceremony on an extended trip which will include stops in Portland, Seattle and Spokane. The couple will make their home on a farm near Helix.

Weeds Take Crop
It is reported that 240 acres of wheat on the Bade place in the Dry creek region, farmed by Dave Still, was found to be too weedy to make a crop and will be plowed up and sown again in the fall. This is said to be the only case of weeds wholly taking a crop ever known in this part of the county.

Discuss National Park
Plans for the organization of a national park in the Wallowa mountains, were discussed at a meeting Monday of three directors of the national association and 20 Walla Walla business men, in the Marcus Whitman hotel.

Feel Grateful
Weston Leader: The picnic committees at Weston express a feeling of gratitude toward Matt Johnson, Athena Tum-a-Lum Lumber company there. Mr. Johnson loaned plenty of lumber, without charge, for the pavilion seats.

After 40 Years Practice
After practicing law in Walla Walla for 40 years, Thomas Phelps Gose, sr., will take down his shingle and retire at the close of this month. Gose is retiring on account of failing health.

Move Sheep To Reserve
Approximately 64,000 were moved to the Umatilla forest reserve this week. Mountain pasture is said to be better than normal, due to the recent heavy rainfall.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of Union High School District No. 7 of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, that the annual school meeting of said District will be held at the School House; to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. to 7 o'clock P. M. on the Fourth Monday of June,

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being the 24th day of June, A. D. 1929.
This meeting is called for the purpose of electing One Director and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.
Dated this 10th day of June, 1929
ARNOLD WOOD,
Chairman Board of Directors.

ATTEST:
J. F. KERSHAW,
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 29, of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, that the annual school meeting of said District will be held at school house; to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon on the third Monday of June, being the 17th day of June, A. D. 1929.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one Director for three year term and one Clerk for one year term and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.
Dated this 1st day of June, 1929.
B. B. RICHARDS,
Chairman of Board of Directors.

ATTEST:
J. F. KERSHAW,
District Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of John A. Keller, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Florence N. Keller has been appointed executrix of the last will and testament of John A. Keller, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them with proper vouchers to said executrix at the law office of Peterson and Lewis, Stangler Building, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is the 24th day of May 1929.

FLORENCE N. KELLER,
Executrix.
Peterson and Lewis, Attorneys for Executrix.
M24J21

NOTICE OF THE FILING FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Tompkins, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Arthur B. Coppock and John Tompkins, executors of the estate of Mary Tompkins, deceased, have filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court their final account and report as executors of said estate, and the Judge of said Court, has fixed the 22nd day of June, 1929, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time and the County Court room in the county court house in Pendleton, Umatilla county, Oregon as the place when and where objections, if any there be, will be heard to said report and account. And said report and account will be settled, and final distribution will be ordered of said estate and the execu-

tors discharged from further liability of their trust.
Dated this 24th day of May, 1929.
ARTHUR B. COPPOCK
JOHN TOMPKINS
Executors. M24J21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of David H. Sanders, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executrix of the last will and testament of David H. Sanders, Deceased, by the above entitled Court.
All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at Athena, Oregon, or to my attorneys, Watts & Prestby, at their office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.
Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 17th day of May, 1929.
CALLY SANDERS,
Executrix of the Last Will and

Testament of David H. Sanders, Deceased.
Watts & Prestby, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. M17J14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Amelia Dougherty, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That J. W. Maloney of Pendleton, Oregon, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Amelia Dougherty, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with proper vouchers, to the said administrator at his office in the Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton at Pendleton, Oregon, or to Peterson & Lewis, his attorneys, Stangler Building, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is Friday the 31st day of May, 1929.
J. W. MALONEY, Administrator.
Peterson & Lewis, Attorneys for Administrator. M31J28

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