

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

IN RANGE WAR

Burning of J. N. Williamson's Shearing Plant and Sheep Sheds at Prineville Lead to Startling Disclosures.

The Bend Bulletin prints the following about the recent lawlessness that has occurred at Prineville:

Are the hidden facts in regard to the long list of crime, midnight murders, shootings and lynchings that were so common around Prineville some 10 or 20 years ago, about to be given the light of publicity? Are the men who were responsible for those crimes about to receive punishment for which their dastardly deeds of former years entitle them? These are the questions that are paramount in the minds of all those who have heard the latest developments in a recent case of lawlessness in the vicinity of Prineville.

It is reported that Larkin K. Elliott, who is under arrest and confined in the county jail for complicity in the burning of J. N. Williamson's shearing plant and cutting of a mile and a half of Williamson's fence has 'peached' on his confederates, not only in this last deed, but has also told the authorities who were the murderers of 'Shorty' Davis, a wealthy sheepman who disappeared some eight or nine years ago and of whom no trace has been found from that day to this.

Since being confined in jail Elliott has confessed to setting the fire and cutting the fence on the Williamson place, stating that he was hired by C. Sam Smith, the ex-sheriff, and that Smith and his son were present and had a hand in the deed. These men were immediately placed under arrest and are now in jail.

After disclosing these interesting facts, it is reported that Elliott also said, "Well, I'm not the only criminal in Crook county. There are a lot of others. I can tell you who killed 'Shorty' Davis and can take you to where his body is buried." What other disclosures are made is not known, but it is reported that he has implicated 22 persons living at Prineville and vicinity, some of them prominent business men and stock raisers.

It is known, however, that Sheriff Elkins and District Attorney Menefee took Elliott and drove out into the country. Upon returning they refused to talk and would not say whether or not they had found Davis' remains or anything to substantiate Elliott's story. Their silence would indicate that their search had not been in vain. Prineville is on the keen edge of excitement as to what will follow. Elkins and Menefee hint that more arrests will follow, and the sheriff is reported to have said, "There will be hell popping next week."

It will be remembered that "Shorty" Davis was a wealthy sheepman living southeast of Prineville who mysteriously disappeared about eight years ago. No trace of him has ever been found and it has been generally believed he was murdered. Cattle men hate with a dire hatred all sheep and sheep men, and if Davis was killed it was in order to rid the range of his sheep. The recent depredations committed against Williamson and other sheepmen are undoubtedly intended to produce the same result. The question now in the

minds of the people is whether the cat has not at last been let out of the bag by one of the crowd confessing and whether the gang that carried things with such a high hand a few years ago are not about to receive their just desserts for the crimes they committed when the country was so new that law and order could not be enforced.

A Communication,
Condon, Ore., April 27th.
Editor GLOBE:

Would like to make a few comments if admissible. With all due respect to all candidates will just ask the Times editor WHY W. J. Edwards has not just as good a right to cast his 'Jim Crow' into the ring as any other man in Gilliam County. He came here when Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman were all in one county with The Dalles as the county seat. He endured all the hardships and privations of a new country, helping to make this country just what it is by the sweat of his brow, doing honest labor and being an American born citizen and raising his sons to honorable manhood, educating them at Oregon institutions, imbuing their home training with honesty and the upbuilding of a spotless character and, if I mistake not, an Oregon born man, then why not pitch his 'Jim Crow' into the ring; why should he be dubbed a 'forlorn hope'? I should like to ask the citizens of the three counties which he aspires to represent, who has a better right to represent the people than W. J. Edwards? He has always worked for the advancement of the three counties both in private and public and being a farmer knows just what the farmer needs in the way of legislation. I would ask if the men who shouldered the burdens and privations of earlier days have no right to aspire for representation in any of the public offices? Truth is stronger than fiction and the people could not put up a man with a cleaner record both in private and public life than W. J. Edwards and Mr. Time loses a score by his 'Jim Crow' and 'forlorn hope' notices.

GRANGER.

Martin M. Mitchell.

The body of Martin Mitchell was found in Ferry Canyon last Saturday about two miles below the John Walker ranch. Death was caused apparently by extreme feebleness. It appears that the deceased had left Condon about two weeks prior to the discovery of his body to go to the McIntosh sheep camp in lower Ferry Canyon. He secured a ride with John Walker as far as his ranch and remained with Mr. Walker over night, resuming his journey next morning on foot. This was the last heard of him until his body was found. Deceased was the father of Mrs. M. E. Summers of this city and the funeral took place from her home on Sunday. He was a veteran of two wars, the Crimean war in 1851 and the Civil war and had but a few weeks ago been granted an increase of pension.

Rev. Murphy will take for his text next Sunday morning, "How to become Beautiful." Much money is spent for this information. Come and learn it free of charge. In the evening his subject will be, "How They did it. How We may do it."

FARMING DEMONSTRATION TRAIN

Will Visit Gilliam, Sherman, Morrow and Umatilla Counties. Will be in Condon on Tuesday Morning May 12.

The Farming Demonstration Train of the O. R. & N. Co., which will visit the counties of Gilliam, Sherman, Morrow and Umatilla in conjunction with the Oregon Agricultural College, will arrive in Condon on Monday evening, May 11, at 8:30 and the lecture will commence at 8:15 a. m. and continue until 9:15 Tuesday morning. The object of this train is by these lectures to further the improvement of agricultural conditions in the territory served by the O. R. & N. Co. These lectures will be given by the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College on subjects of special interest to farmers, among them being Livestock, Fruit Growing, Chemistry of the Soil, Rotation of Crops, Conservation of Moisture and General Culture Methods. A special train will be employed for the purpose and will carry suitably equipped cars in which the meetings will be held. All farmers are cordially invited and should be present if possible. A lecture will be given at Clem from 9:45 to 10:45 a. m.

Henry Hawk of Spray was in town the first of the week looking for men for his sheep shearing crew.

Dr Taylor, the veterinary, was in Spray the first of the week and did a good business.

Dr. King of Antelope was in Condon a few days this week. The doctor is a nephew of F. T. Hurlburt.

A complete line of low down tank pumps and hose for sale by Hunt the Hardware Man.

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The Joseph Boyer ranch on Beecher Flats has been sold under mortgage foreclosure, and a right to redeem from that sale and get a good ranch cheap is for sale by Hunt, the Hardware Man for \$60. First come, first served.

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Ajax Items.

I. C. Orwick visited in Ajax Tuesday.

Miss Lulu Adlard is down from Condon.

The big plow engine is doing fine work so they say. It is reported that Mr. Palmer is going to run night and day after this week.

Ed Palmer and son are drilling a well for Frank Rogers.

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