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"WILD MAN" OF BUTTER CREEK KILLED SUNDAY

SAID TO HAVE TERRORIZED COMMUNITY FOR YEARS

Unknown Russian Pole Dies While Resisting Arrest By Posse

Coroner Case decided today to hold an inquest over the body of the man killed on Butter creek Sunday and witnesses have been summoned to appear Wednesday afternoon. It has also developed that the man killed was probably not the same person who was hunted for a year or so ago, but it is said he is known to have been in that vicinity for the past six months.

An unknown man, who is said to have been terrorizing the upper Butter creek section in this county for several years and locally known as "the wild man," was shot and killed last Sunday morning while resisting arrest by a posse of citizens of that neighborhood who had tracked him from the Joe M. Hayes sheep camp where he had stolen a gun and a supply of food the previous night.

The posses consisted of Charles McDevitt, rancher, J. C. Whittington, an employe of the Dillard French ranch, and Archie McCampbell, government hunter and trapper on that range. McCampbell fired the fatal shot after the wild man had taken refuge behind a tree and was drawing a bead on the posse with his stolen rifle, which was an army gun of a large caliber. The bullet took effect in the center of the forehead and death was instantaneous. The rifle in the dead man's hands was loaded and cocked when picked up by the posse.

The man has been in that locality for at least three years and his whereabouts a mystery. Sheep camps and homestead cabins were frequently robbed of provisions and clothing, the "wild man" being credited with the depredations, but it was only on rare occasions that anyone got a glimpse of him and he had an uncanny way of disappearing and evading pursuers.

On Saturday when McDevitt and Whittington were riding on the range they came upon the fellow so suddenly that he couldn't get to cover and they closed in and captured him. He carried a 22 calibre rifle and a small pack. They disarmed him and when McDevitt went to the ranch to get a rig to bring him to Heppner, he attacked Whittington and escaped.

Sunday morning the two men, accompanied by McCampbell again took his trail and finally located him with the result above stated.

Coroner Case was notified by telephone and, with Deputy Sheriff Chidsey went out Sunday afternoon and brought the body in Monday noon. The killing occurred in an isolated spot and the body had to be brought some distance on a hand sled then transferred to a hack and taken to the French ranch, thence to Heppner in a car.

Nothing was found on the body by which the man could be identified and the only information he gave Saturday after being captured was that he was a Russian Pole by birth. The men who made the capture were authorized by Mr. Chidsey several days ago to capture the man and bring him in if they could find him, when they called up the sheriff's office and asked for officers to come out.

Sheriff McDuffee was out of town at the time and the deputy could not leave the office until his return. Whether the man was demented or a criminal hiding from the law is a puzzle which may never be solved but it is certain that the people of that sparsely settled region will experience a feeling of relief to know that the wild man of mystery will roam their hills no more.

W. B. Barratt was a Portland bound traveler Thursday morning where he was called to attend an executive session of the state highway commission at which a conference will be held with the federal officials regarding federal aid to the state highway system.

CROP VALUE PER ACRE DROPPED 60 PER CENT IN TWO YEARS

The average value per acre of 10 crops constituting nine-tenths of all crop production dropped from \$35.76 to \$14.8 of 460 per cent, during the two years 1919-21, announced the United States Department of Agriculture recently. This decline is unparalleled within the score of records of the department dating back to 1866. During the years immediately following the civil war the general trend of the average was downward, dropping from about \$14 or \$15 per acre to less than \$8 by 1896, the low est point in the industrial depression of that time. Advance then set in and by 1913 the average value per acre was \$16.49. The following year there was a slight decline to \$16.44 caused by the low price of cotton, but in 1916, the year before the United States entered the World War, the average advanced to \$22.58 or \$6.14 in two years.

By far the greatest gain in one year in average value per acre for 10 crops was \$10.69 from 1916 to 1917, the average for the latter year being \$33.25. The average for 1918 was \$33.73. The average continued to rise and in 1919 reached the peak of \$35.76. A decline then set in, the average dropping to \$21.28 per acre, or 60 per cent in the two years that followed.

OREGON WOOLGROWERS AT PENDLETON FEB. 10-11

MEETING OF UNUSUAL INTEREST IS PROMISED

Many Notable Speakers Will Discuss Problems Now Confronting Sheepmen

Announcement has been made that the twenty-third annual convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers association will be held at Pendleton, Friday and Saturday, February 10 and 11.

A great array of talent has been lined up for the session and both days will be crowded full in order to give the many good speakers a chance to lead in the discussions, and for the reports of committees, and the business of the convention.

The following authorities on the problems connected with the sheep industry will be heard:

F. R. Marshall, Secretary of the National Woolgrowers Association; Dr. S. W. McClure, former secretary of the National Woolgrowers and manager of the Cunningham Sheep Co.; A. J. Knowlin, manager of the Woolgrowers Commission Co.; E. F. Benson, manager of the Department of Immigration and Industry N. P. R. R., formerly Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Washington; R. A. Ward, Manager of Oregon Cooperative Woolgrowers; Jay H. Dobbin, President of Oregon Woolgrowers; Robert Withycomb, Sup. Eastern Oregon Experiment Station; Paul V. Maris, Director of Extension O. A. C.; Stanley Jewett, in charge of predatory animal work, U. S. Biological Survey; E. N. Kavanaugh, District Forest Supervisor; and others.

In order to get down to business early in the session, the committees will be appointed before the convention opens so that they may have time to frame good sound constructive recommendations. The sheepmen are realizing the necessity for taking organized steps to protect their business.

A banquet will be held Friday night and the Pendleton Commercial club is holding a smoker for the woolgrowers, Saturday night. The executive committee is looking forward to the best attended session ever held.

Prominent sheepmen of Morrow county are interesting themselves in the success of the coming convention and urge that every flock-owner in the county who can possibly arrange to do so, should attend this meeting.

Cecil Lusslien left for Portland Sunday morning.

Max Hoke, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers, was here Saturday from Pendleton and met with the local sheepmen. In an interesting address Mr. Hoke outlined the coming meeting of sheepmen at Pendleton and urged that every Morrow county man interested in the industry attend.

POLITICAL POT IS NOW BEGINNING TO SIMMER

THREE MEN ALREADY MENTIONED FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Ralph Bengé Being Urged By Friends To Enter County Commissioner Race

Not often in recent years has the political pot begun to simmer this early in Morrow county. With January just passing, already the names of four men have been brought forward for political preferment in this county and if the activity keeps up until primary time, an unusually interesting campaign may be expected.

George Bleakman, of Hardman, present incumbent of the county commissioner's office was the first man to toss his hat into the ring in a formal announcement to the voters of the county, that he will be a candidate for reelection. Mr. Bleakman is an active member of the county court and has taken great interest in the matter of good roads and his friends believe he should be given another term.

Next came E. P. Dodd, of Hermiston, Umatilla county, who gave information through the press a week ago, that he will seek the nomination for joint representative for Morrow and Umatilla counties, to succeed C. E. Woodson, of this city, who has made it plain that he will not seek nor accept a nomination to succeed himself.

Then on Thursday, Dr. J. P. Conder, of Heppner, announced that he would also seek nomination for representative on the Republican ticket for the same position.

On Friday it became known that friends of E. M. Hulden were urging him to become a candidate for representative and it seems to be generally understood that he will have strong support from the farming interests.

Mr. Hulden is an extensive wheat farmer in the Blackhorse district, coming here from Portland some three years ago and is being urged by his backers as a man well qualified for the position. Before engaging in farming here he was connected with one of the big banking institutions in Portland and with his varied business experience and strong personality, his friends assert that he will make a strong man to represent the farming and stock interests of this legislative district.

Mr. Hulden, who is spending the winter in Portland, was here for a few days during the week and it was then that his friends approached him on the subject of becoming a candidate. He left for Portland Friday morning and the Herald was unable to secure any statement from him but it is understood from his supporters that he was inclined to consider the matter favorably.

It also became known Friday that friends of Ralph Bengé had started a movement to bring him out for the nomination for county commissioner. When interviewed by a Herald reporter Saturday morning, Mr. Bengé said that he was being urged to enter the race and that his reply was that while he is in no sense a candidate for the office, that if he is shown that the people generally want him to become a candidate he may do so. Mr. Bengé has been a resident here for many years and is known as one of the most successful farmers in the county. While still owning considerable wheat lands he has retired from active farming and is a resident of Heppner.

L. A. Hunt, former county agent, now manager for the Oregon Haygrowers association, with headquarters at Hermiston, came over Saturday to attend the annual meeting of the Morrow County Wool Growers association, of which he was secretary during the past year. Mr. Hunt says the Hermiston country is still locked in Winter's embrace and he rather enjoyed getting back to the good old Heppner banana belt where the moonshines the year around and strawberries are always available in some form. The hay market is quite satisfactory, Mr. Hunt says, about 46 per cent of the crop controlled by the association having already been disposed of and he expects to see the entire crop pretty well cleaned up by the end of the season. The price now being received, Mr. Hunt says is about \$11.00 per ton.

FARMERS' CHAUTAUQUA TO START FEBRUARY 6

ADDRESSES BY EXPERTS ON FARM TOPICS FEATURE

Heppner Gets Fine Three Day Program. Wives Urged to Attend With Husbands

Heppner gets a fine three day agricultural program beginning Monday, February 6th, that no farmer can afford to miss. Note the line-up. Monday February 6th: Professor Brewster, the poultry specialist of many years experience, will be here to discuss breeding, feeding, housing, culling and handling of the farm flocks to obtain egg production. Mr. A. H. Lea, manager of the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers, in which so many farmers are interested, will be here to discuss the work of that organization and answer any questions farmers may have in mind.

Tuesday, February 7th: Mr. Kuhns of the Forestry Service from Pendleton to discuss range management. Professor H. A. Lindgren from Corvallis, will discuss other livestock problems, and it is fairly possible that Professor Whitcomb from the Union station will be present to discuss feeding results obtained at that station. No man who keeps livestock can afford to miss this day.

Wednesday, February 8th: D. E. Stephens from the Moro Experiment Station will discuss the value of fall and spring discing, early and late plowing, deep and shallow plowing, methods of handling the summer-fallow, rates of seeding as well as the dates of seeding, and wheat variety. Mr. Stephens is a man that no grain farmer in Morrow county can afford to miss hearing. He has the actual information that applies right here. His chart showing results brings his message home. Mr. R. V. Gunn, from Corvallis, will also discuss the Cost of Production problem.

Because of the importance of these sessions, and there is so much to put across in such a little time, these meetings will begin promptly at one o'clock. It will almost be necessary for farmers to get in town for dinner in order to be ready for the afternoon session.

Town people are most cordially invited. Most of our town people are interested more or less in poultry and are indirectly interested in all the farmers' problems. In some places the town people are studying them religiously, and you will only be doing your part to be doing it here. This work takes on the nature of a farmer's Chautauqua. The same program with the exception of the livestock work will be put on in Lexington and Ione as follows. Lexington—Monday, February 6, 1 p. m.—D. E. Stephens in "How to Increase your Yields." R. V. Gunn in "Problems Connected with Wheat Production Costs."

Tuesday February 7th, 10:30 A. M. and 1:00 P. M.—C. S. Brewster on "Doubling the egg production of the average Farm Flock." A. H. Lea, Results obtained by the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers. He will speak at 10:30 A. M.

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Boardman and Irrigon will hold sessions on problems to the direct interest of the people there which will also be discussed during the same week.

John McClenon, president of the National Sheepshearers' association was here Saturday attending the sheepmen's meeting, having been brought here by the local sheepmen to confer with the local sheepmen regarding to fixing the price for shearing for the coming season. Mr. McClenon says that this is the first time where an official from the national headquarters has been invited to attend local meeting of this kind. He made a lucid statement of the aims and objects of the shearers association, which is incorporated as a fraternal organization and his remarks met with the hearty approval of the flockowners. His home and headquarters are at Butte, Montana.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR HENRY STOHLER

One of the most enjoyable events of the season for the young people of Heppner, was a farewell party given by Miss Theima Miller at the Grover Swaggart home last Friday evening in honor of Henry Stohler.

Progressive Rock was the order of entertainment and seven tables were occupied. Honors going to Miss Helen Curran and Irvin Padberg. After the games light refreshments were served. Mr. Stohler, who has been associated with the first National Bank in this city for the past year is leaving to take a position with a bank at Banks, Oregon.

Jim Farley, who says he runs a band or two of sheep for the pure fun of it and makes a serious business of financing the woolies, declared himself at Saturday's meeting as being unalterably opposed to a cut in the price of shearing. "It's the only branch of the business there's any money in," argues Mr. Farley, "so why kill off the only profit there is left. Besides where will we go to borrow a dollar next spring if we squeeze the shearer boys down to the last penny," he asked.

Harry Bartholomew, former Heppner boy, but now a resident of Pendleton and a well known sheepman, was here Saturday attending the meeting of sheepmen.

WALTER DUNCAN TAKEN TO INSANE ASYLUM

MENTAL LAPSE ATTRIBUTED TO DOMESTIC TROUBLE

Develops Suicidal Mania and Makes Two Attempts at Self Destruction

Walter Duncan, a well known resident of this city, was taken to the state hospital for the insane at Pendleton, Sunday after having been committed to that institution on Friday.

It seems that domestic infelicity had prevailed in the Duncan home for some time, which finally culminated in Mrs. Duncan filing divorce proceedings several days ago.

Duncan showed signs of mental disturbance early last week and on Wednesday he went to the Furlong home in the south part of town where he told Mrs. Furlong that he had been poisoned and was very sick. He asked for some milk which was given him and Mrs. Furlong then called Dr. Chick who removed the man to the Moore hospital where a stomach pump was used and a sleeping potion given.

Towards morning he became violent and insisted on leaving the hospital which he did at about 4:00 A. M., the hospital attendants being unable to restrain him. Dr. Chick was again called but when he reached the hospital the patient was gone.

Later Deputy Sheriff Chidsey was called to the Wilson home on Gale street, where Duncan had taken refuge. He left there, however, and was finally found at the livery barn by Sheriff McDuffee and Chidsey, and taken into custody. On the way to the court house Duncan became violent and attacked McDuffee who was obliged to use his billy to quiet him. Three small cuts on the scalp resulted from this encounter, each being closed by one stitch by the surgeon instead of 15 stitches as reported around town.

Duncan was examined as to his sanity Friday before County Judge Campbell and was committed to the asylum, but Saturday morning when about ready to start for Pendleton upon entering the jail the officer found that Duncan had stabbed himself several times in the region of the heart and was bleeding copiously. He had found an old penknife which had been left in the jail by a former inmate with which he had inflicted the wounds.

Saturday afternoon a guard from the hospital arrived and by Sunday morning the patient had sufficiently recovered to be able to stand the trip which was made by train. It is understood that he became violent on the train before reaching Ione and had to be restrained with straps and handcuffs.

Mr. Duncan's brother, P. M. Duncan, of Butter creek, accompanied him to the hospital to aid the guard in handling the patient.

MORROW WOOLMEN MET HERE IN ANNUAL SESSION

SHEARING FIXED AT 10 CENTS AND BOARD

Coyote Hunting, Railroad Rates, Marketing Problems Also Received Attention

Morrow county sheepmen, members of the county woolgrowers association, met in annual session last Saturday afternoon after enjoying a good luncheon together at Hotel Patrick. John Kilkenny, president of the association, presided at the meeting with Jack Hynd acting as secretary.

Local shearers, who had been invited to attend the meeting were present with John McClenon, president of the National organization of shearers, who came here from Butte Montana, to attend the meeting and the question of prices for the coming season was the first item on the program. Mr. McClenon addressed the meeting, explaining the aims and objects of the shearer's union which, he said, is incorporated as a fraternal organization. He explained that contrary to general belief among sheepowners, the union was organized, not to foment strikes and demand unreasonable wages, but rather to elevate the standard of efficiency among the shearers and to promote harmony between employers and employees. He concluded his remarks by suggesting a wage of ten cents per head and board, or its equivalent, for the coming season. Mr. McClenon's remarks were well received by the sheepmen after a brief discussion his suggestion was agreed to and adopted by all parties interested. Mr. McClenon was also invited by Max Hoke to attend the Oregon Woolgrowers meeting at Pendleton and make an address there, Mr. Hoke saying that he was confident the agreement arrived at here would be adopted at the state meeting.

The question of other wages was passed up to the state meeting.

The matter of trapping coyotes under the present arrangement by which the federal government pays 50 per cent of the cost and the county and sheep owners, each 25 per cent, was endorsed and continued in effect. Max Hoke, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers association, made an address in which he outlined the program of the coming meeting at Pendleton including financing the industry, railroad rates, forest reserve grazing problems and the extension of the operation of the war finance organization which, without additional action by congress will cease to function July 1st. Mr. Hoke pointed out that these matters are all of great importance to every sheepman in the state and urged that every flock owner in this county should make it a point to attend the Pendleton meeting.

F. W. Herrin, president of the Pacific Coast Woolgrowers Marketing association, was also present and made a most interesting and instructive address. Mr. Herrin, who is a native son of Jackson county where he has been engaged in the sheep business all of his life, stated that this is the first year that the marketing association has operated but that they are already showing excellent results. The membership so far is mostly confined to the smaller sheepmen of western Oregon. The offices and warehouses are at Portland where the wool is stored and graded and then sold direct to the manufacturer. Results show that members of the association have realized a net price from 2 to 8 cents above the prices paid by the old line buyers and he assured his hearers that larger operators in eastern Oregon can secure equally favorable prices by becoming members.

He mentioned a case in Jackson county of two of his neighbors, father and son, who each own 1000 head which are run together on the summer range, and only separated for winter feeding. The son joined the association and received 23 cents for his 500, while the father stayed out and sold his top 17 cents.

Mr. Herrin is spending several days in Heppner this week to meet more of the sheepmen personally.

Officers elected for the coming year were: John Kilkenny, president; J. J. Kelly, vice-president; Jack Hynd, secretary; E. O. Neill, treasurer.