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ALLEN M'CRAW IS KILLED AT WHITNEY

Ex-Marshal of Heppner is Shot to Death in Saloon of Baker County Town.

The startling announcement was made at Heppner early Monday morning the day before at Whitney, Oregon, a small station on the Sumpter Valley railroad some ten miles from Sumpter. No well authenticated report of the shooting reached Heppner, however, until the arrival of the remains on Wednesday evening accompanied by the mother and a brother of the deceased.

The following account of the shooting is from the Morning Democrat of Tuesday and contains the facts as gathered by the Baker paper and furnished us by Mr. J. R. McCraw, who states that it is a fair account of the shooting and the events leading up to it:

"If you are going to shoot me shoot now," were the last words ever spoken by Jacob Allen McCraw for at that instant a shot from a 32 caliber Colt automatic revolver in the hands of John Irvine pierced him in the right eye, two shots were fired into his body as he fell and the remainder of the chambers of the weapon emptied into his body as he lay on the floor. Death was caused by the first shot.

The tragedy occurred in a Whitney saloon Sunday forenoon, the murderer being employed as a bartender at the place. It followed an argument between the principals, because McCraw had bought a drink and had no money to pay for it at the time, having gone out and borrowed the price and returned to the saloon where the murder took place. McCraw was a Heppner man secured by the Whitney authorities to act as town marshal, and he came recommended by the sheriff of Morrow county as a fearless officer. He was to have assumed his official duties yesterday. The murderer is a lumberjack who has been about Whitney and was sometimes employed as a bartender.

Preceding the last argument between the two, they had quarreled because McCraw had admonished a man for attempting to strike an old man. The hanger-on about the saloon twitted him with being a "hired watchdog" employed to spy upon their actions. McCraw was a man 28 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighed 235 pounds. "Yes," he is alleged to have said, "I got that fellow and I'll get some others before I am through with this town." When he came back with the money to pay for the drink he had bought, Irvine refused to take it, making insulting remarks to the other. Throwing back his coat McCraw dared him to shoot, telling him he knew he had a gun concealed, but Irvine did not take the care at that time, but a few moments later when McCraw tried his bluff again he pulled his gun and shot him down.

It developed on investigation that the bad element in and around Whitney had put several officers out of business, and that McCraw was hired for the purpose of a general "cleaning up," he having a reputation for such work in Morrow county. He was bluffing good and strong when the shooting took place and the murder was nothing more nor less than the "calling" of the bluff. The murderer is a native of South Carolina and the same type of taciturn, sullen mountaineer as George Sator, the Tennessee man who shot and killed John Thomas in the Diamond bar.

After the shooting Irvine called up the sheriff's office, informed Deputy McCord of the crime and asked if he should come to this city to be placed under arrest. Sheriff Rand, however, happened to be at Sumpter so he went to Whitney and brought the man to this city Sunday afternoon. The body of the victim was brought here last evening following the inquest, which was held by Coroner West at Whitney. The mother and brother, J. R. McCraw, arrived here yesterday and will leave for Heppner with the remains of the victim this evening.

An investigation of the crime was made by the district attorney yesterday and a number of witnesses were examined. They came to Esker yesterday afternoon and will appear before the grand jury which will take up consideration of the case this morning.

Allen McCraw was marshal of Heppner for a number of months and proved himself an efficient and fearless

officer. He left Heppner some two months ago, going to Payette Idaho and then to Whitney. He was a fearless fellow, a little given to quarrelsomeness especially when drinking, but never carried a gun or made gunplay trusting rather to his physical powers to take care of himself.

Funeral was held this morning at 10, under the auspices of Heppner Lodge No. 66 I. O. O. F., of which deceased was a member. The father, mother, and several brothers of the deceased were present and attended the last sad rites.

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

Clean-Up Day For Heppner, Monday, April 22.

To the Citizens of the City of Heppner: By virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Heppner, and acting in conjunction with the Common Council of said city, I do hereby proclaim Monday, April 22, 1912, to be Official Clean-Up Day for the City of Heppner.

On this date let every man, woman and child join in to help carry out the work of cleaning up the yards, vacant lots, back alleys and streets of our city thoroughly cleaning up around the premises and removing all trash and rubbish. Such as can be burned should be disposed of in this manner and all other rubbish hauled to convenient piles in the street where it can be picked up and removed by teams that will be furnished for this purpose by the city, free of charge.

I recommend that this day be made a holiday; that the public school be dismissed, and that the citizens in general of the town observe the day as here suggested, that our little city may be beautified and all causes for sickness or disease be removed.

I also further recommend that this matter have the earnest support of the Commercial Club of Heppner, and that that body in conjunction with the City Council and other citizens of Heppner, come together at once and make such plans as will insure the speedy and practical carrying out of this order.

SAM E. VAN VACTOR,
Mayor.

1912 CADILLAC

Have you seen the new machine? It is a dandy. Albert Pawker is agent for this car at Heppner. Anybody interested in a car can have a demonstration. Will also have a car for hire at reasonable rates. Leave orders at Palace hotel and get prompt service.

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Primary April 19, 1912

Geo. T. Cochran

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Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Lone Local No 52 of the F. E. & G. U. of America, in Lone on the 13th day of April 1912, for the purpose of placing an order for sacks. All members should send in a signed order or be present at the meeting on said date. We would like to have other Locals place their orders with us.

E. L. PADBERG, Secretary.

Assessor Wells has received an abstract from the U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, showing homesteads deeded, timber and isolated lands bought in during the year ending March 1, 1912. The list contains 6,058 acres.

HEPPNER HIGH TAKES LONE HIGH'S GOAT

First Game of Season Grabbed by Local Team—Return Game on the 13th.

Before a large crowd of students and townfolk, the Heppner High school baseball team dragged their oldtime rivals, Lone High, down to humiliation and defeat by the score of 13 to 7, at the local school grounds last Friday afternoon.

The game started off with Lone at the bat. The "poultry city" bats were unable to connect with the ball effectively and went to the field with a goose egg to their credit. For Heppner, Crawford was the first man up and lined out a two-bagger. He scored on hits by Vane Jones and Hale, who also scored, making a total of three in the first inning.

In the second Heppner failed to score, but Lone took a brace and ran two men across the home plate. This made the game lively up to some extent and put more ginger in the playing of the Heppnerites. Jones settled down to some good steady work after that and with the exception of the sixth when the visitors ran in three scores, Lone didn't get much acquainted with the home plate. The Heppner team did good work at the bat, getting several two-base hits and Yeager's home run was the sensation of the game. They led the Lone team on hits, runs, and stolen bases. In the box, Jones had it over Rietman, while behind the bat, Young received very nicely but could not whip the ball to second as effectively as Cochran. Some of the new members of the Heppner team showed up very nicely until it came to base running, and in that, judging from the actions of one or two, it would seem appropriate for the manager to provide lounges so the sleepy members could take proper rest at the bases. Perhaps these players will not be caught dozing in the next game, but it might be well for the management to make some preparation for emergencies.

Heppner and Lone will cross bats again on the 13th inst. and Lone will do her best to get revenge. In the meantime Heppner High is not resting on her laurels but is carefully preparing to show Lone some more points of the game at the next meeting.

There was no lack of enthusiasm on the side lines as the students and pupils were there in goodly numbers and to add to the spirit, a competitive "rooting match" was pulled off by teams from the sixth and eighth grades. Manager Maddock had offered a pennant to the team displaying the best rooting ability and the prize was awarded to the team of the Sixth.

FAVORS PERMMENT STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Council is a Unit for Better Highways.

There was an interesting meeting of the city council on Monday night. All members of the council, excepting C. A. Minor, were present, and Mayor Van Vactor presided.

Proper application was made and the council granted renewals of the six saloon licenses in force the past quarter.

Bills against the city were presented and allowed as follows: Light & Water Co., current for March, \$98.05; L. W. Briggs, interest on city bonds, \$450.00; Cox & Beymer, hauling, 75 cents; Martin Reid, lumber, \$1.01; Wigham Bros., milk for best house, \$22.06; City Meat Market for best house, \$1.90; E. E. Beaman, wood to best house, \$8.00; Minor & Co., merchandise furnished best house, \$21.80; Mack Smith, salary, \$75.00; killing dog, \$1.00, sundries, 60 cents; J. P. Williams, salary, \$16.65; L. W. Briggs, salary, \$8.33; S. E. Notson, salary, \$25.00; Henry Beglow, 7 1/2 days labor, self and team, \$30.00; Geo Blahm, 7 days labor, \$17.50; First National Bank, table, \$30.00; Theo. Brennan, sharpening picks, 50 cents.

The committee on streets and public property reported the need of improvements on the grade leading out of town along the place of W. A. Wilcox. The most of the stock driven to town for shipment comes in over this road and are causing Mr. Wilcox considerable damage at a point where the grade is breaking off on the lower side. Mr. Wilcox agrees to do all the work of repair necessary provid-

ing the city furnish the lumber. It was ordered that the city furnish Mr. Wilcox with not more than 800 feet of post lumber to make the improvements necessary on this grade.

The committee on fire and water was instructed to continue its investigation of the proposition to secure water for street sprinkling purposes with a view to lining up something to bring relief in this direction as early date as possible.

Reaching the order of business coming under the head of streets and public property Councilman Curran presented a clipping from a Portland daily in which was discussed a new kind of hard road surface that he thought would be a fine thing for our streets, and this brought about a general discussion of the matter of permanent street improvements for Heppner. This is a subject that has been on the minds of the new council and they have referred to it at other meetings. After an expression from the Mayor, in which he set out his reasons for the taking up as soon as possible of this work, and also giving instructions as to how the same could be accomplished he called for a general expression of the council and each individual member expressed himself as being heartily in favor of proceeding just as soon as practicable with permanent street improvements, taking Main street from the depot to the power house as the first to begin on, and then proceed with the side streets and cross streets just as fast as possible. As a climax to the discussion, it was decided to have the Mayor make some investigations of different kinds of pavements. Mayor Van Vactor will take up the matter with the Umatilla county road expert at Pendleton next week and will also look into the Samuel Hill method of road surfacing, which is now being adopted by the town of Goldendale, and later on the road expert may be invited to visit Heppner and give estimates on the improving of our streets from the material that we have on hand. In the meantime the committee on streets and public property have been authorized to make some very much needed temporary repairs to our streets by employing the county road grader and proceeding as their judgment dictates.

The development of the street improvement question also brought up other lines of civic improvement, not the least of which will be a "clean-up day" which the council have ordered for Monday April 22nd. This is fully set out in the mayor's proclamation to be found elsewhere in this issue. And along this line the city physician is instructed to make an investigation of the sewage and cess pools of the town and bring into the council his report concerning same, as the health of the city is to be considered along with all the other improvements. It is especially desirable to have a report upon dumping of sewage and rubbish into Willow creek within the city limits, and the council is determined that the law with reference to these matters shall be strictly enforced.

The city council chambers were also to receive attention, and the council have already made purchase of a fine table around which that body can gather, and expect to add new chairs, paper and paint and do away with the benches that now grace the side walls of the room. These are improvements long since needed, and the small outlay necessary to bring them about is certainly justified.

Permission was granted to the Library Association to place their book case in the council room and to have the same open for the space of two hours one afternoon of each week.

The marshal was instructed to make an investigation of the condition of flues and chimneys in the city and make his report to the council at the next meeting.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by Patterson & Son.

Only one week more remains in which to register. The last day in which to register before the primaries is next Tuesday, April 9th. The following is a summary of the registration: 500 Republican 146, Democrat, 43 Socialist, 7 Prohibition, 10 Independent and 8 No party. Total, 714.

It may be to your interest to get my prices before buying watches, clocks or jewelry. C. R. Johnson, Jeweler.