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FRANK NATTER SHOT

Two Balls Take Effect, One Proves Fatal.

DEATH IS INSTANTANEOUS

Tragedy Started Over Quarrel in Saloon and Ended in Recorder's Office.

In advance of direct information in regard to the shooting affray in which Frank Natter lost his life, on last Saturday night, the incident has been the subject of much discussion and speculation, as the eye witnesses refused to divulge the particulars prior to the preliminary trial and that was withheld until the return of District Attorney Phelps, who was on a business trip to Granite and Baker City, and did not return until Tuesday evening.

Immediately after the return of Mr. Phelps, a coroner's jury was summoned by Coroner Higgs, and the inquest held, the verdict of the jury reading as follows:

Inquisition taken at Heppner, Oregon, on the 15th day of November, 1904, before Dr. A. K. Higgs, coroner of said county, upon view of the body of Frank Natter, then and there lying dead, upon the oath of six good and lawful men of the said county, who being duly summoned and sworn to inquire into all the circumstances attending the death of the said Frank Natter, and by whom the same was produced, and what manner and when and where the said Frank Natter came to his death, do say upon their oaths aforesaid, that we find that Frank Natter came to his death by gunshot wounds by persons unknown to us, on the 12th day of November, 1904, at the recorder's office in the town of Heppner.

In witness whereof, as well as the said coroner as the jurors aforesaid, have to this inquisition set their hands and seals on the day of the date hereof.

S. P. GARRIGUES,
A. E. WRIGHT,
D. A. HERREN,
J. K. CARR,
E. C. ASHBAUGH,
D. O. JUSTIS.

DR. A. K. HIGGS, Coroner.

The facts in the case as gleaned from witnesses examined before the coroner's jury, show that Frank Natter and P. C. Creswell had become involved in a quarrel in a saloon earlier in the evening, Saturday, before the shooting affray, and that Creswell had been arrested for striking Natter; that Creswell had been taken by Marshal Rasmus before City Recorder W. A. Richardson for trial, and that while a complaint against Creswell was being made out, Natter entered the recorder's office and was four minutes later followed by Doc Matlock. It also appears that Natter and Creswell engaged in hot words in talking over the incident which occurred between them at the saloon, and that this discussion led to Creswell being knocked down by Natter with a revolver; that when Creswell arose, firing began, but neither the marshal nor recorder could positively say who shot first, or, as to that matter, who did any of the shooting.

But previous to the shooting, witnesses testified that Natter had a gun in his hand, and with it prevented the marshal from interfering. After the firing had ceased Natter's gun was found by his side with no empty chambers, indicating that he had not fired a shot. Mr. Richardson testified that he left the room as soon as the shooting commenced, but as soon as the firing ceased he entered and found Creswell standing to one side of the door and Matlock to the other, and that soon after Matlock left the room and a few minutes later Creswell also left. Natter was then examined and found to be dead, and Coroner Higgs notified.

There was no evidence to show that Matlock had a gun at any time in the recorder's office. While there was evidence to show that Creswell had a gun in his hand while standing at the side of the door after the shooting, there was no evidence to show that the gun had been fired, as Creswell's gun was not secured by the officers until the next day after the shooting.

The post mortem examination made Monday afternoon by Coroner Higgs and Dr. Hunlock, shows that Natter was shot twice, once in the breast, which was not necessarily fatal, but that the wound in the head resulted in immediate death. Another bullet also

struck a bank book in Natter's pocket, but made only a blue spot on the body. It is reported that Creswell received a flesh wound in the neck from a bullet, also that his upper lip was badly cut, presumably done by Natter when he knocked Creswell down with his gun.

What other evidence will be brought out at the trial of Matlock, who is under bonds for his appearance in court, other than that given at the coroner's inquest, an outline of which is here given, is a matter of speculation, as witnesses have refused to talk, other than perhaps to the authorities. The preliminary trial has been postponed until Wednesday of next week. Judge S. A. Bennett of The Dalles, Judge Balleray, and Col. J. H. Raley of Pendleton, were informed, have been retained as counsel by Matlock.

The killing of Natter was quite a sad affair, as he leaves a young wife to whom he was married only last July, and an aged father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Natter, Frank being their only child. Mrs. Natter is a niece of C. A. and T. A. Rhea of this city.

Frank Natter has been engaged in the saloon business in Heppner for several years, and has been considered rather a quiet man, seldom if ever having any trouble of a startling nature previous to this time.

His funeral occurred yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended, and the remains laid to rest in the Heppner cemetery. The funeral was conducted by the Elk's lodge, of which deceased was a member.

Clip Not Contracted.
Reports have reached Boston from Oregon that the Eastern Oregon and Idaho wool clip for 1905 is being contracted as high as twenty cents per pound.

Alarmed at these reports, the Boston commission houses that have been buying Eastern Oregon wool every year for the last quarter of a century, have written to Jas. H. Gwinn, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, to ascertain if there is any truth in the statement.

Mr. Gwinn has replied that the reports are exaggerated; that very little, if any Oregon wool is yet contracted, and that no one except the buyer and individual seller know the prices. He also advised the commission houses to use their influence in sustaining the markets of Oregon, and prevent an early stampede of contracting, to demoralize the spring markets.

Mr. Gwinn has received no report of any wool having been contracted in Eastern Oregon and believes the wool-growers will observe the wool pool and sales days as usual. Idaho wool has been sold and Utah wool is also contracted, but Oregon, he hopes, will not break over and demoralize the Woolgrowers' association and the sales days that have proved to be of such vital importance in stimulating prices of Oregon wool for the past two years.

GOOSEBERRY.

Mr. May has started three of his children to school.

Mr. Lundell is laying the stone foundation for I. R. Esteb's new barn.

Frank Barlow expects to move his family onto the Akers place next week.

Mrs. Thos. Parman and daughter spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Esteb.

The election was very quiet in this vicinity. Prohibition carried by seven votes.

The voters left the schoolhouse in a very filthy condition; but with the aid of Miss Akers and a few of the pupils, the teacher succeeded in cleaning it up Friday evening.

The preaching at the schoolhouse last Sunday by the Rev. Mr. Sewell, was well attended. Mr. Sewell is without doubt a grand speaker. He is holding services at present at Eight Mile.

F. M. Holmes has purchased a fine Baily piano from Scott & Barnett of Pendleton. Miss Lena Holmes expects to take piano lessons hereafter instead of organ lessons. The same agent's left a Haddorf piano at Geo. Parman's for trial.

Thousands Cured.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has cured thousands of cases of piles. "I bought a box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve on the recommendation of our druggist," writes C. H. LaCroix, of Zavalla, Tex., "and used it for a stubborn case of piles. It cured me permanently." Sold by Heppner Drug Co.

Wood and Posts.

I have a large number of tamarack posts and lots of fir and tamarack cord wood for sale at my ranch near the coal mines.

WILLARD HERRER.

STOCKMEN AROUSED

Determined to Run Down Band of Horsethieves.

ONE MAN UNDER ARREST.

A Deputy Sheriff's Posse Has Been Organized in Northern Grant County.

A dispatch from Long Creek to the Saturday Oregonian, says a deputy sheriff's posse had been organized to round up and capture a gang of horsethieves whose depredations have become so widespread and bold as to make the situation on the range in Northern Grant intolerable. A later dispatch says:

"The first suspect of the gang of stock thieves has been arrested, and a dozen armed men have surrounded the camp in which the other men of the rustling band are believed to have hidden. Jim Male is the man arrested by Deputy Sheriff Coffey. The posse came upon him while he was sleeping in a cabin in the mountains several miles from here."

The present uprising in Northern Grant against the semiorganized gang of rustlers, from which no man's horses have been safe, is the climax of years of patient endurance. Individual arrests have been made from time to time by the sheriffs of Grant and Umatilla counties, but the band as a whole has never been broken up. Occasional recruits from trusted sources have kept the outlaw ranks from depletion.

It is the peculiar system of this partially organized gang which has enabled the members to operate successfully for many years. They are not a spectacular band of horsemen, who sweep into a district and out again, taking with them 100 or 150 head. They are residents of Northern Grant itself or contiguous territory, and rarely take more than two or three animals at a time.

Bolder and more active operations than even the harassing thefts of the past three years have been in progress since spring, and this thoroughly earnest manhunt, to which the patient stockmen have at last been stirred, promises to break up or actually wipe out one of the most annoying bands of bad men that ever tormented the interior.

STOCKMEN ENTHUSIASTIC.

Lively Interest in Stock Show of 1905 Exposition.

Portland, Nov. 15.—Stockraisers, not only over the whole United States, but also in Canada and Mexico, are displaying a lively interest in the big livestock contest which is to be a feature of the Lewis and Clark Fair at Portland next year. Richard Scott of the Oregon state commission, who has just returned from St. Louis, where he went in the interests of next year's stock display at the centennial, says that he found the stockmen there enthusiastic about the fair, and that he feels confident that the number of exhibitors next summer will be large.

The management of the exposition has appropriated a \$40,000 fund to be distributed as prizes and premiums, and this fact has been responsible to a large extent, for the interest shown by owners of various kinds of stock.

The apportionment of the \$40,000 fund as recently made by the executive committee is as follows:

Horses, class A.....\$12,000
Cattle, class B..... 16,500
Sheep and goats, class C..... 6,000
Swine, class D..... 3,500
Poultry and pets, class E..... 1,500

The conditions governing the exhibit and the classification of awards are now in preparation.

Herb W. Edwards Injured.

Herb W. Edwards of Des Moines, Iowa, got a fall on an icy walk last winter, spraining his wrist and bruising his knee "The next day," he says, "they were as sore and stiff I was afraid I would have to stay in bed, but I rubbed them well with Chamberlain's pain balm and after a few applications all soreness had disappeared." For sale by Slocum Drug Co.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Thompson Creek Coal Company will be held at the office of G. W. Phelps on Monday, December 5, 1904, at 7 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

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