

SELF APPOINTED DRY AGENTS IN JAIL AS KILLERS

Former Federal Workers Raid Still—Moonshiner Is Slain in Gun Battle—Still Tender Arrested Near Fight Scene.

LANCASTER, Cal., April 25.—(AP) Two self-appointed dry agents, both of whom had been dropped from the federal prohibition service, were in jail here early today on charges of suspicion of murder in connection with the killing yesterday of Chas. Chulla, asserted moonshiner and run runner, in a four man gun battle on a ranch in the Mojave desert.

Officers were searching for the fourth man who took part in the battle, believed to be an Indian, known here only as "Beans". A fifth man, caught last night tending a here still near where the fighting took place, was under arrest on a Jones act charge and 5000 gallons of alcohol, taken with him, was in the possession of federal officers. The agents believed the source of supply of a large southern California bootlegging had been discovered.

Chulla was killed yesterday afternoon on the Harry Cohen ranch, about 10 miles from here, in what Harry Chenoweth and Jack Ormsby described as a "desperate gun battle" after the former prohibition agents had visited several ranches in the Lancaster area searching, they asserted, for stills. Ormsby and Chenoweth declared that they had been promised their federal jobs back again if they would find a few stills. Federal agents at Los Angeles and here denied that the men had any such agreement. Arresting officers apparently without any authority. When arrested both men had Los Angeles county special deputy sheriff badges. County officials said these badges gave the men no authority to make investigations or arrests. The shooting was believed to have taken place in Kern county, just over the line.

Surrender After Fight

Ormsby and Chenoweth said that Chulla opened fire on them after they had passed him on the ranch and had an argument. A gun battle followed, according to their story, in which Chulla was shot down and his Indian companion escaped by running across the desert. Ormsby and Chenoweth brought Chulla here and surrendered.

"You see," Chenoweth told officers, "we are former prohibition agents. We were looking for stills and we knew Chulla. We met him outside the ranch house and he demanded to know what we were looking for. We drove on, heading for another ranch. Later we noticed that a car was following. We waited and Chulla and this other man drove up. Chulla had a shotgun in the car.

"Chulla again demanded to know what we were doing. Cursing, he leaped out of his car. We jumped out, reaching for our guns. Chulla then fired from a revolver and the fight began. All four of us had revolvers. All four of us fired at close range. Suddenly Chulla crumpled and fell. His companion ran into the desert. We centered fire on him but he escaped. We put Chulla in the car and drove him here to a doctor. He died before we got here. Then we surrendered."

Poses searching for the missing Indian after the battle found a 250 gallon still in a cave and arrested its operator, D. G. Holden, whom they found hiding behind one of the yats, each of which contained 500 gallons of alcohol. Holden said he knew nothing about the shooting. He said, according to officers, that he had been employed by Chulla to run the still. He was held on the Jones act charge.

Klamath Falls.—Montgomery Ward store formally opened in Bisbee building.

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SOCIAL DANCE ON SATURDAY, DERBY COMMUNITY HALL

DERBY, Ore., April 25.—(Special.) On Saturday evening, April 27, there will be a social dance in the Community hall at Derby. There will be an excellent four-piece orchestra to furnish the music and a good time is anticipated.

Pat Smith was shopping in Medford Saturday.

Raymond Chambers made a trip to Medford Thursday evening. On Saturday, April 20th, the school board met and elected their teachers for the coming term. The Misses Bigham from S. O. N. S. will be the new teachers.

Sunday dinner guests at the Hiram Webb home were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Chambers and Albert Brown, Mrs. Carl and Mrs. Mack Dorothy and Billie Carlless. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wymore, spent Sunday at the Chas. Humphrey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal of Medford are at their country home, near Derby, for the summer.

Miss Widell was a Medford shopper on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marston motored to Medford Monday.

Dave Runnels was a Medford visitor Saturday.

Miss Widell and Mrs. Carlless were hostesses for dinner Monday evening, entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marston and son Jack.

Raymond and Hattie Chambers spent Tuesday at Camp Two, with their sister, Mrs. Wm. Dunlap.

Ben Wurtz was a Medford visitor on Monday.

Bob Coffin called at the Fred Dunlap home Sunday.

H. N. Deen visited at the Baker home Tuesday.

Mrs. E. B. Chambers called at the teacherage Monday.

Thomas Kluge delivered some young pigs at the Baker ranch Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Smith is spending this week in Phoenix visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chester Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Riggins and Mrs. Lorena Koenig were Medford visitors Tuesday.

Willard Robertson has recently bought a piece of land on the Crater Lake highway adjoining the Z. Smith property.

The children are rejoicing that school will be out before very long and are thinking of swimming holes and wondering where the fish will bite the best.

The prospects are good for bumper crops in this section so far. A number from Reese creek have been attending the special revival meetings at Eagle Point the past week, and report good success.

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Miss Gladys Cowden of Eagle Point was a Sunday visitor at the E. R. Jones home.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Farlow motored to Medford Monday.

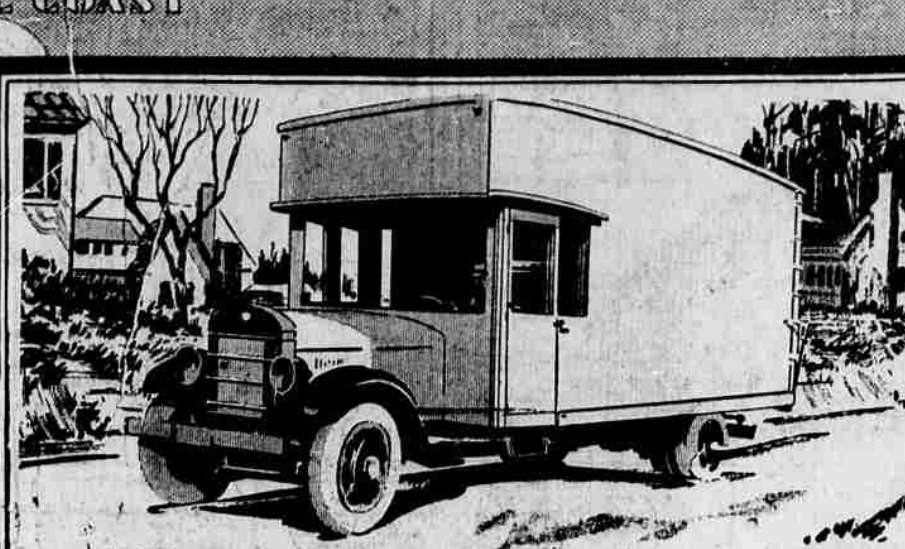
Mrs. Wm. Nickell, who has been suffering for sometime with an abscess forming in her head, was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital Friday.

The Misses Julia and Helen Sidley and Joe Sidley were shopping in Medford Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Klingle and mother were also visiting and shopping Saturday.

Helen and Harry Fry are still confined at home with the measles. Harry has been quite sick.

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