

# FAMED FIGURE OF WYOMING CATTLE BATTLES, PASSES

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The bloody days of the west, when sheepmen invaded the domain that cattlemen considered their heritage, is fiction to this generation.

To Kels P. Nickell, who died in Jackson, Ky., recently, it was a page from his book of life.

A blacksmith who saw in sheep a potential fortune, Nickell turned to raising them in the iron country of Wyoming where none had contested the cattlemen's rule of the range.

Hardened by many years in the west, Nickell stubbornly fought for his life and the right to a place on the range for his 2,000 head of sheep. The story of that fight is a saga of the west.

He was shot from ambush and severely wounded. He was marked for death by Tom Horn, professional man killer, and became involved in a brawl with a cattlemen who was Horn's intimate. The cattlemen emerged with knife wounds.

Nickell's 12-year-old son, Willie, was ambushed near his father's ranch. He was wearing his father's coat and was astride Nickell's horse when he was shot to death, apparently mistaken for his father.

Then began a relentless man hunt for Horn, who was captured six months later. At his trial in Cheyenne, the prosecution offered a "confession," damaging statements which were gained through a ruse.

Posing as a "bad man" Joe LeFors, deputy United States marshal, inveigled Horn into a drinking bout. His tongue loosened by drink, Horn made statements which were copied by a court reporter concealed in an adjoining room.

The "confession," with circumstantial evidence, convicted him.

He was sentenced to be hanged after a 14-day trial. Three following months of legal delays during which the desperate man sought to nullify the sentence, but on the ground it would take a person two days to make the 10-mile trip between some of the lights because of the topography.

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Against the other and of course, bought at the lowest possible cost to himself. Through cooperation and orderly selling of the poultry products from our flocks, eggs have been sold at a profit to the poultryman, whereas, at the time of organization eggs were sold at a loss to the poultrymen.

Notwithstanding, there were plenty of egg buyers, private, or corporate, to whom one could sell, but these were busy engaged in paying dividends to themselves and their stockholders, while the poultrymen were losing money.

In the year 1917 the poultrymen of the state of Washington, about 114 of them, decided to organize a cooperative movement, patterned after the Poultry Producers of California, to better their condition. They were suffering about as the poultrymen of the Rogue River valley are now suffering and that means that everything they had to buy was very high in cost, and everything they had to sell was very cheap, so the Washington Co-operative Egg and Poultry association became a fact and since that day the membership has grown to 8,133, which means that 40,665 people are getting a livelihood out of the profits of their poultry, as against 570 people before the co-operative movement was started.

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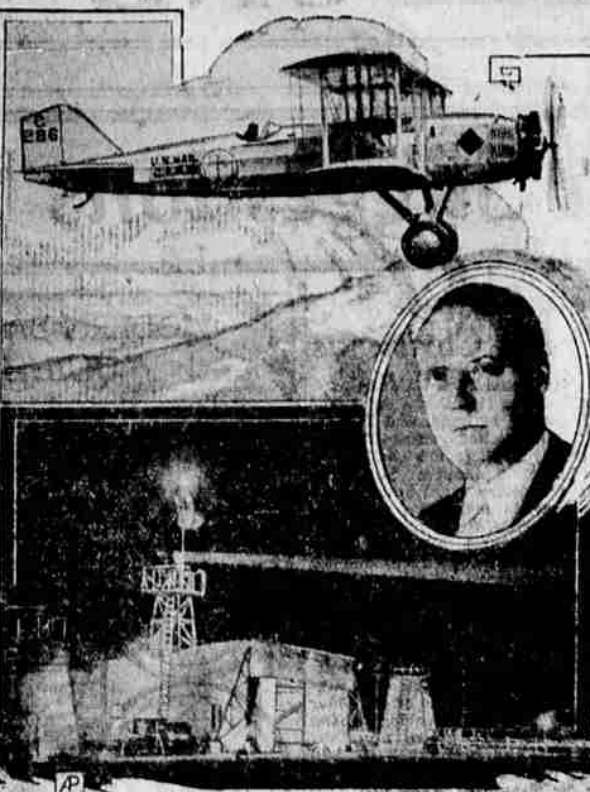
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We need only to refer to the cooperative associations of England, many of which are hundreds of years old and still are distributing the blessings of the principles of co-operation to the great-grandchildren of the wise old founders of these organizations, to show the incoming generations of all times and thus, liberally true, because they are the richest and most powerful combinations of capital known to modern times.

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## Keeping Airways Lighted Is Lonely, Arduous Job



The rough country of the west (above) has provided many difficulties to the crews placing the aerial beacons (below) which flash every 10 miles to the night flyer. Capt. F. C. Hingsburg (inset) is chief of the department of commerce airways division.

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"There have been places," he says, "where our men literally had to cut their way through to a location selected for a beacon on some mountain top."

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actor, for the mutual benefit of its members. Any individual, or organization producing eggs or poultry may become a member and stockholder. Common stock is sold only to members and is transferrable only to members.

Local Poultry Needs. The association has issued a pamphlet, entitled "Achievement," which says: "Co-operative producers are gaining a new and broader vision of their industry. They realize that production and marketing must go hand in hand. That Pacific coast eggs have gained national reputation is not just chance. Co-operative marketing and organization have been the means of stabilizing the industry, turning the tide from importation and chaotic conditions to exportation and profitable returns."

They say further: "Through co-operation the poultry industry has been instrumental in bringing in millions of dollars in new money, than has the poultry industry. Co-operation is a life principle. It is most truly a working together for the common good of each and all. It is bound to go ahead as it is the sunrise of a new and brighter day in the economic history of the American people."

That the poultry industry in the Rogue River valley is in a chaotic condition at the present time, there is no denying and if it is to be lifted out of the dumps, it will of necessity come through organization and cooperation, in like manner as that employed by the Washington association.

They are also very important requisites that must be supplied in order to accomplish our aims, in the handling of our flocks. First, hens must be bred to lay. The best feed in the world will not get eggs from the hen with low capacity to produce eggs.

Second, having been bred to lay, it is imperative that hens must be fed with a uniform feed of high quality, that they may have the raw materials, out of which they may manufacture eggs at a profit to their owners.

Sister." Joan Bennett, who plays the leading feminine role opposite him, is making her first appearance in films, having recently completed playing in "Jarnogan" on Broadway with her father, the famous Richard Bennett.

Lilyan Tashman, the blonde temptress of the picture, began her stage career as one of Florenz Ziegfeld's glorified show girls. Montagu Love and Lawrence Grant are both well known American stage actors in character specialties and Claude McAllister, playing Alcy Longworth, Bulldog Drummond's bosom friend, played the same role in the days when "Bulldog Drummond" was the stage hit of London.

"Mother Machree" at Rialto Theatre Today

Poignant drama, whimsical humor, a supple cast and scenes from old Ireland that intrigue the imagination, mark versions of "Mother Machree," which has its first showing at the Rialto theater today.

And just as the song has stirred the hearts of the world for a score of years so too the picture bids fair to become as well loved as the great lyric.

From the first scenes in Ireland where the mother, played with sympathetic understanding by Belle Bennett, thinks only how she may save her son from his sordid, crushing environment, to the time of the Great War in America, the story sweeps forward with the power of an epic.

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Having supplied these two requisites, it is now equally imperative that the poultryman must have, not only a market, but that market must be stabilized throughout the year and from year to year, in order to insure a steady growth of the industry and a profit to the individual poultryman.

These requisites must come through organization and co-operation. We have five or six co-operative associations on the Pacific coast, engaged in the distribution and the orderly selling of our poultry products, that stands organization and co-operation in like a guide to the poultrymen of the nation to join the poultrymen of the Pacific coast where profits to the individual keep pace with the marvelous growth of the industry.

Shall we do our part to encourage the upbuilding of such an industry in southern Oregon, and bring to our doors, not only the great blessings of co-operation, but untold wealth and contentment to a self-sustaining citizenry, owning the loving labor of their own hands, the earth will answer their prayer: Give up this day on fully bread.

"Skinner Steps Out" at Craterian Today

Glenn Tryon reaches new heights as a comedian in "Skinner Steps Out," farce-comedy which comes to the screen of the Craterian Theater today. It is an all-talking picture.

"Skinner Steps Out" is an ideal vehicle for the unique fun-making talents of the famous comedian. The story deals with the efforts of a young couple to advance themselves in the business and social world.

"William Henry Skinner" is a hero to his wife and an ineffectual wage slave at the office. How his adoring young wife, through her belief in him, finally fires him with self-confidence and aggressiveness furnishes material for comic situations of the highest order.

Merna Kennedy, of the famous Lillian hair, again is paired with Tryon, as in "Broadway."

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## Scientific Notes

Application of copperas or sulphate of iron around trees whose green leaves turn yellow during the spring or summer has been found an efficient remedy for eradicating the condition.

Making it possible for the amateur photographer to take snapshots in color, a special film recently has appeared on the British market.

Small towns and country roads are more dangerous than the streets of large cities so far as automobile accidents are concerned, according to a study made by the Connecticut department of motor vehicles.

Heat adversely affects the efficiency of telephone transmission, making necessary automatic devices to control the service, particularly for long-distance conversations.

Blind persons do not hear better than those of ordinary vision, but they listen harder, investigators of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness have found.

Experiments with tires to be used in attempts to break world speed records disclosed that they all deflated when revolved at a rate of speed equivalent to 200 to 300 miles an hour.

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## OREGON STATE CARS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH U. S. TIRES

After an exhaustive investigation as to the comparative merits of tires used on trucks, passenger cars and other vehicles in public service throughout the country, Oregon state officials have just placed a contract with the United States Rubber Company for the complete tire requirements of its automotive equipment during 1930.

The contract, awarded by the State Board of Control at Salem, includes all vehicles owned and operated by state departments.

This is the first time in many years that one manufacturer has been awarded so comprehensive a contract," says an official of the company. "The action, which was preceded by various tests as well as by a full investigation, was taken only after the board members had decided that the superior quality of United States tires had been satisfactorily demonstrated.

It is asserted by local representatives of the company that possible acceptance of its tire products in every part of the country has been greater in 1929 than in any previous year.

Coming, as this announcement does, so closely on the heels of news that Union Pacific stages, Inc., has renewed its contract for United States tires on the numerous buses of its extensive system for the third consecutive year, it may readily be seen that so far as the operations of this manufacturer in the Pacific northwest are concerned the outlook for the immediate future as well as for the coming year affords anything but food for business pessimism.

"An idea of what the contract means may be gathered from a consideration of the status now occupied by Oregon relative to road construction and maintenance. Within its borders are 487 miles of paved bitumen, 168 miles of concrete paving, 112 miles of bituminous macadam and 1088 miles of oiled road. Great progress in highway work has marked the present year, and an adequate program has been mapped out for 1930, embracing new construction, widening, resurfacing and bridge building.

"Many trucks, road scrapers and touring cars are employed by the state in this work, which is of a character necessarily calling for the best in tire equipment. In various other parts of the country where United States tires have been utilized for "heavy duty" work reports of their dependability and long life have uniformly been received by supervising officials."