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BLOODY TRAGEDY IN MODOC!

Word reached here by wire last Saturday, May 11th, of a bloody duel with rifles near Adin, Modoc county, Cal., between a sheriff's posse and two criminals who were fugitives from justice. Operator Burk of this city kindly furnished all the particulars to be had at the time.

On April 19th last E. A. Illingsworth and B. H. Dorland escaped from the Shasta county jail at Redding, and ever since Sheriff Chas. H. Behrens has been endeavoring to recapture them. Illingsworth was awaiting trial in Shasta for criminal assault, and Dorland for obtaining money under false pretenses, at the time of their escape.

Several times was the determined sheriff warm on the trail of the fugitives, and a few days ago he learned that they were in the vicinity of Adin, about 100 miles south of Lakeview. He quickly started for the Modoc town and before reaching there wired Constable Bert Walker of Alturas to meet him. Walker knew the nature of the business in which he was called to take such a desperate part, and fearlessly started to perform his duty. From Adin the two officers, heavily armed, started by team on Saturday morning to the Tom Reese place, about three miles north of Adin, near where the men were known to be located. They were accompanied by another white man and two Indians. The sheriff's plan was to have the Indians go along the bank of the creek near by until they came in sight of the criminals, and to pretend to be fishing in the creek. The signal to be given when the Indians saw a good opportunity for the officers to rush in and capture the men was for one of the Indians to appear in the open, take off his hat, and scratch his head. This part of the program the Indian soon carried out, when the sheriff and constable made a dash in the direction of the criminals. A most terrific encounter followed immediately, and after it was over Constable Walker was down with a mortal wound, Dorland, one of the desperadoes was dead, and Sheriff Behrens had his clothing riddled with bullets, but came off the battlefield unharmed.

The information received here was to the effect that Dorland, who was between the sheriff and his partner Illingsworth, and unarmed, had been accidentally killed by Illingsworth while the latter was firing at the sheriff, and that the other white man, and the Indians of the sheriff's posse, took flight when the shooting began. However, the Alturas New Era extra, containing an account of the tragedy, gives a slightly different version of the affair. That paper states that there was only one Indian with the officers, "Old Jack," and that he stood his ground manfully.

When the Indian gave the signal Dorland came toward him from the foot of a big bluff near the creek, where the two were sitting in the shade. Dorland's intention was, doubtless, to speak with the Indian, as he was unaware that a sheriff's posse stood within gunshot distance of him. He approached the Indian unarmed, and in doing so placed a considerable distance between himself and partner. Sheriff Behrens then prematurely called upon the two criminals to throw up their hands and surrender, but instead of doing so Illingsworth, who was at the foot of the bluff, seized his rifle and began rapidly firing at the officers. The first shot hit Constable Walker, passing through his body, breaking a rib and injuring the spinal column. Sheriff Behrens and the Indian returned the fire, and several shots were fired altogether. Dorland was shot and instantly killed, being

struck in the jugular vein and also in the chest. It is thought that this man was killed by the Indian, as "Old Jack" was directly in line between the sheriff and Dorland.

After firing two or three times, the Indian's gun refused to work, something being the matter with the trigger, and he retired to a place of safety. After firing a few shots Sheriff Behrens ran out of ammunition, and also had to retreat, thus giving Illingsworth an opportunity to plunge into the brush and make his escape.

When the firing began, the man who had taken the officers out there, became frightened and drove off. As soon as the sheriff ran out of ammunition, he also went away, which left the wounded Constable and the dead bandit lying on the ground.

The wounded constable was sometime afterward removed to Adin, the home of his boyhood, where he died on Sunday at 10:30 a. m. The dead robber was removed to Adin, also, and was taken by Sheriff Behrens to Redding. Indians in the neighborhood of Adin reported Monday that Illingsworth had come to their camp several times during the night and inquired the way to Adin.

The dead officer's remains were buried at Adin on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He was a very popular young man, and besides a wife and four-year-old son, he leaves a large number of warm friends to mourn his death. Mrs. Walker was with her husband several hours before his death. Deceased was a member of the A. O. U. W. lodge, and besides the insurance on his life leaves his family in good circumstances.

The latest reports are to the effect that Illingsworth is surrounded by a posse in Crook's canyon, in the South Fork country, about 30 miles from Alturas, and his capture or death is expected at any hour. Feeling runs high in Modoc, and if the desperado is captured alive he will probably be suspended from a tree—food for carrion. It is also stated that feeling is strong against Sheriff Behrens in Adin. It is stated that he decamped from the field of battle leaving the wounded constable without assistance; that Walker crawled toward the creek to get water after being left alone, but was too weak from loss of blood to reach it. It is also said that he lay with a mortal wound for three hours before assistance reached him. This, of course, may be unjust, as Sheriff Behrens has the reputation of being a brave and fearless officer.

HIS LAST WILL.

The Will of J. W. Loveless Filed for Record in County Clerk's Office.

Following is the will of the late Jahiel W. Loveless, executed on the 8th day of October, 1892, and purported to be his last will and testament—filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Lake county, may 10, 1901:

In the name of God, Amen. I, Jahiel W. Loveless of the county of Lake, State of Oregon, of the age of 61 years, and being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and not acting under duress, menace, fraud, or undue influence, of any person whatsoever, do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in the manner following, that is to say:

First: I direct that my body be decently buried with proper regard to my station and condition in life, and the circumstances of my estate.

Secondly: I direct that my executors hereinafter named, as soon as they have sufficient funds in their hands, pay my funeral expenses and the expenses of my last sickness, and the allowance made to my family.

Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my oldest living grand child, to his or her heirs or assigns, the said child to be the offspring of my son Charles Scott Loveless, all that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, situate, lying, and being in the County of Lake, State of Oregon, known as my homestead, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Fourthly: I give and devise all the rest, residence, and remainder of my real estate, of every nature and name whatsoever, owned by me at the time of my death to my two youngest children, Frank D. Loveless and Lena Loveless, to be divided equally between them, share and share alike.

Fifthly: I give and bequeath to my said daughter Lena Loveless, the sewing machine which formerly belonged to her mother, and to my said son Frank D. Loveless, my watch.

Sixthly: I give and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal property, goods and chattles, including money, of whatever kind or nature, owned by me at the time of my death, as follows: One-half of the whole to my said son Charles S. Loveless, his heirs or assigns; the other one-half to my said minor children Frank D. and Lena Loveless, to be divided equally between them, share and share alike.

Lastly: I hereby nominate and appoint William N. Sutton, R. A. Hawkins and my said son Chas. S. Loveless, all of said County of Lake, State of Oregon, the executors of this, my last will and testament, to serve as such without bonds, and hereby revoke all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

J. W. LOVELESS.

Elliot Vernon and E. H. Pagnello are the witnesses to the above instrument.

SECOND LOCAL INSTITUTE

Successful Convention of Teachers and Patrons at Crane Creek.

The second local institute of Lake county, which The Examiner announced two weeks ago, was held at Crane Creek last Saturday. On account of sickness some of those interested in the discussions were not present. However, a fairly good attendance of teachers and patrons and pupils made the opening of the "second" quite successful by way of enthusiasm.

The subject of "Modeling in Schools" was ably presented by W. H. Musselman, and in the handling of this subject Mr. Musselman demonstrated that he had given it considerable thought. A general discussion followed on the subject. It was a new subject to most of the teachers present, as well as to all of the patrons, and a lively interest was taken. The opinion was expressed that much good would result from its use in the school.

Owing to the late hour at which the Institute was called to order, noon had arrived ere the discussion closed, and all adjourned for lunch. This note would not be complete without special mention of the lunch. The writer is not sufficiently capable to express terms grand enough in praise of the many good things that were placed before the patrons of the Institute. Be it said, that, with chicken, hams, salads, cakes of various kinds, pies, and delicious ice cream, all prepared by the good ladies of Crane Creek, those who were unfortunate in not being able to attend missed a grand treat and royal feast. After luncheon the Institute was again convened for the afternoon session. The subjects discussed in the afternoon were "Patriotism" and "Nature Study." As the teachers who were to present these subjects were not at hand, Miss Gertrude Vernon kindly consented to handle the subject of "Patriotism." After Miss Vernon had presented the subject in her usual very able manner, a discussion was indulged in, all the teachers taking part.

Next was the subject of "Nature study" which was ably handled by Miss Winifred Fleming. The teacher showed how this new and very novel study could be correlated in the various branches. A general discussion followed and should have continued at length, but owing to the serious illness in the family of County Superintendent Willits that educational leader was compelled to take leave.

Before the final adjournment a vote of thanks was given the people of Crane Creek for their courtesies and hospitality, and there were many regrets that more meetings of a like nature would not be held at Crane Creek in the near future. Such meetings are very instructive and do much good, and they should be held at more length—say not less than two or three days—in order to multiply the enthusiasm.

Before closing a word of praise of Miss Corda Funk, who entertained those present with some of the sweetest music one could wish to hear outside of a metropolis. The little lady has a sweet voice, and with the accompaniment of the auto harp she rendered her vocal selections with rare ability.

County Superintendent Willits announced that the next Local Institute would be held at the New Pine Creek school house, Saturday, June 1, 1901.

HOMER.

'ON WITH THE DANCE.'

Give the Local Baseball Team a Big Reception at Their Benefit May 24th.

Lovers of the dance in Lakeview have had a long rest, and all will be prepared to have an enjoyable time at the event to take place on Friday evening May 24th, at Gunther Hall. Everybody is talking about it, and the arrangements are in the hands of a live committee who will see that everybody who attends will have a pleasant evening. It promises to be the most enjoyable event of the season. If a large crowd attends the dance will continue as long as the participants desire, otherwise it will close at midnight. The tickets have been placed at \$1 so as to be in the reach of all, and there should be one hundred sold at that figure, as it is to be a benefit for the local baseball team. The members of the club have been to a considerable expense and have given time and labor in fixing up the ball grounds in first class style for the big tournament on July 4th, and as they are lending all assistance possible to make the Fourth of July week a big success in Lakeview, they should be assisted in turn. If you don't care to dance buy a ticket anyway, and help the cause. Tickets will be on sale early next week. Only \$1. Restaurants about town will furnish supper for those who desire it.

Woman Disappears in Warner.

Considerable excitement was created in Warner about ten days ago over the sudden disappearance of Mrs. John Hilderbrand of Ft. Bidwell. Mrs. Hilderbrand was in Warner visiting her mother Mrs. Vinyard, and relatives the Cluff's. Sometime during the night, something over a week ago, she suddenly disappeared, leaving her three small children, and at last reports her whereabouts had not been discovered. Apparently the woman dropped completely out of sight.

LIGHT-CANNON.

Frank P. Light and Minnie A. Cannon Married Wednesday Evening.

On Wednesday evening, May 8th, two well known and popular young people of Lakeview joined hands in holy matrimony. The principals were Mr. Frank P. Light and Miss Minnie A. Cannon, and the ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Miller. The parlor at the Miller home was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the happy couple entered upon their new life under most favorable auspices, attended by the best wishes of a large number of friends for future happiness.

"Auspicious hopes in thy sweet garden grow Wreaths for each toil, a charm for every woe." Hon. Charles Tonningesen, County Judge, spoke the solemn words that made them one. The couple were attended at the nuptials by Essie Cobb and Genie Snelling, two pretty little Misses. The bride looked very pretty in a handsome costume befitting the occasion, and the groom, ever dashing and dignified, looked his best and was very happy. But a few most intimate friends were present, though a legion of friends extend congratulations and happy greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Light.

After the ceremony a splendid wedding supper prepared by Mesdames V. L. Snelling, F. M. Miller and J. S. Dewey, was given the newly married, and a few invited guests, in the dining room at Hotel Lakeview. It is scarcely necessary to introduce the bride and groom, as they have been residents of Lakeview for many years and are known by nearly everyone in Lake county. Mr. Light is the popular manager of Hotel Lakeview. He has many warm friends who wish him happiness and prosperity for a lifetime. His bride is a stately, charming and handsome young woman—one whom her loyal husband may well feel

Mr. and Mrs. Light were the recipients of numerous handsome presents, most prominent among the gifts being a solid silver service.

The Examiner joins many friends in wishing the bride and groom a long life of happiness, and prosperity.

WARNER LAND CASES.

Case of State of Oregon and Warner Stock Co., vs. Morrow et al. Appealed to the Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D. C. May 4, 1901.

REGISTER AND RECEIVER, Lakeview, Oregon:—You are hereby advised that the papers in the case of J. L. Morrow et al. vs. State of Oregon and Warner Valley Stock Company, Lakeview district, have this day been sent to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior on appeal from the decision of this office dated March 2, 1901. Notify all parties in interest accordingly.

Very respectfully,
BINGER HERMANN, Com.

One Mother—Three Lambkins.

G. Grimes visited the Snyder Bros.' sheep camp, at the head of Snyder Creek, last week. While there he was shown a two-year old ewe in the Snyder band that had a few days before given birth to triplets, and all three of the little fellows are fat and frisky lambkins. The mother shows no partiality and seems to be very proud of her three children. Wade Snyder says the Snyder band has averaged over 100 per cent. of lambs thus far.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Hall of Lakeview Lodge No. 63, I. O. O. F., May 7th, 1901.

Whereas, the Supreme Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom and wise providence, seen fit to remove by the hand of death from his family circle our esteemed and worthy Brother, J. W. Loveless, and

Whereas; his daughter and sons are prostrate with grief over the loss of their father, and,

Whereas; our lodge is deprived of a Brother, and a supporter of Odd Fellowship, therefore be it

Resolved; that the Brothers of Lakeview Lodge, No. 63, extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in this their hour of distress.

Resolved; that the charter be draped for a period of 30 days; that these resolutions be spread on the minutes; that a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy to the local press for publication.

Submitted in F. L. & T.
S. F. Ahlstrom }
A. Y. Beach } Committee.
Chas. Tonningesen }