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JUDGE LYNCH IN MODOC

Citizens at Lookout Hang Five Men
to Stringers of Pitt River Bridge.

ANGRY MOB'S MAD VENGEANCE!

Calvin Hall, Three Sons,
and Son-in-Law Yan-
tis are the Victims.

Governor of California Offers a Re-
ward of Twenty Thousand Dol-
lars for the Arrest and Con-
viction of the Lynchers.

Last Friday morning news flashed over the wire to Lakeview that Modoc county was the scene of another frightful tragedy. Coming close on the heels of the bloody duel between officers and outlaws of a few weeks ago, in which Constable Walker and one of the bandits were slain, there was an unusual ripple of excitement in consequence, and everybody wanted to learn more particulars of Modoc's second bloody affair. The first telegram reciting the occurrence came to The Examiner about 9 o'clock Friday morning, and was as follows:

"ADIN, CAL., MAY 31.—FIVE WHITE thieves were hanged to the bridge near the village of Lookout at 1 o'clock this morning by a mob of about fifty men."

An hour thereafter another message containing brief particulars arrived for The Examiner, and as fast as the words were ticked off the wire the news was posted on The Examiner bulletin board at the postoffice, where hundreds of people read the news during the day. The next dispatch was as follows:

"ADIN, CAL., MAY 31.—Officers were guarding five men in the hotel barroom at Lookout, and were not suspecting violence to their prisoners, when at 1 o'clock this morning the doors flew open and about fifty masked men rushed in with guns and compelled the officers to give up the prisoners and go with them to the bridge near town. In less than five minutes, the men were hanging from the bridge and all was over, and not a single member of the mob was to be seen. Everything was done so quickly the officers could afford the prisoners no protection. They fired two shots to stay the hand of the mob, but no injury was done by the shots. The victims of the mob's wrath were old man Hall and two sons, and Yantis; the other unidentified as yet."

Before noon another message arrived giving the names of the parties as Calvin Hall and three sons, Frank, Tim and Martin Hall, and Dan Yantis, a son-in-law of Calvin Hall.

The Alturas New Era extra, published soon after the news reached that town, says that the five men were under arrest for petit larceny, and were under guard of three officers when the mob entered and overpowered the officers, and took their helpless victims to the bridge which crosses Pitt River, and hung them from its timbers. The particulars of the deplorable affair as recited by E. S. Trowbridge and W. D. Morris of Lookout, where the tragedy occurred, and Mrs. George H. Knight, telegraph operator at Adin, are to the effect that for some time past, it is alleged, the five victims of the mob's vengeance had been systematically pilfering, stealing and robbing throughout the entire lower end of Big Valley, and that hundreds of ar-

ticles in their possession, had been identified as stolen property, by the persons from whom the property had been taken. On Tuesday, May 28th, three prominent citizens of Lookout arrived in Alturas to offer testimony as an inducement for the grand jury (then in session) to take some action against the Hall family and the son-in-law Yantis. Unfortunately the grand jury had adjourned just three hours previous to their arrival, and the three citizens then went to District Attorney E. C. Bonner, and requested that official to go to Lookout, investigate and bring the proper complaint against the accused quintuple. The district attorney replied that he was too busy to go, and they then appealed to Judge Harris, the criminal lawyer of Modoc county, and employed him to go to Lookout as an attorney for the people. Judge Harris agreed to go if he could get the district attorney to deputize him for the purpose. That official refused to appoint Harris, but instead appointed C. C. Auble of Adin to make the investigation.

On Thursday last, May 30th, Calvin Hall and three sons, and son-in-law Yantis, were arrested under a warrant issued from the Justice Court of Lookout, and their hearing or preliminary examination was set for May 31st. They were not allowed bail, and the five prisoners were placed in the custody of A. Carpenter, M. Brown and Sidney Barrette, who were officially deputized for that purpose. At nightfall the prisoners were taken by the guard to the office of the hotel, conducted by J. K. Meyers, the Lookout Justice of the Peace. The doomed men had not the slightest suspicion of the awful fate about to overtake them, and the three guards were also ignorant of the terrible tragedy which they would soon be compelled to witness. About one o'clock in the morning, the door of the room was suddenly thrown open, and forty masked men rushed in and seized the five prisoners, in spite of the remonstrances of the three guards. One of the guards fired his pistol and tried to prevent the infuriated men from carrying out their awful purpose, but all in vain. The mob overpowered the guards, and compelled them to go along and assist. With ruthless hands the five victims were taken along Main street, to the large bridge which spans the rippling waters of Pitt River. Upon arriving there, a hempen noose was quickly placed around the neck of each of the doomed men, and the rope made fast to the timbers of the bridge. Then without a moment's hesitancy, or even a qualm of conscience, the furious men pushed their five victims off the bridge, and launched them into eternity.

After their fearful deed of violence was committed, the members of the mob disappeared like magic, and within five minutes after the lynching there was not a man to be seen near the scene of the crime. The five senseless bodies dangling limply from the bridge were the only evidence remaining to tell the story of the awful occurrence.

The bodies were not taken down from the bridge until a late hour that forenoon as they were left there until a coroner's jury could be summoned to view the scene of the awful tragedy.

Calvin Hall was well known in Modoc county and has been a frequent visitor at Modoc's county seat. For many years recently he was prominently connected with the politics of Modoc county, on the Republican ticket. His three ill-fated sons and son-in-law were also well known to most of the people of Modoc county. Three of the five men lynched leave families to mourn their deplorable fate.

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN

An Examiner Man Is a
Talk With Mr. Lytle
in Portland.

HE'S COMING ON

"You Have a Great Country Down
There and We are Anxious to
Build Into it as Soon as
Possible," Says Lytle.

PORTLAND, OREGON, May 29, 1901.
EDITOR EXAMINER, Lakeview: Know-
ing that The Examiner readers are al-
ways pleased to hear authentic railroad
news, and especially from this end of the
line, I take pleasure in writing you a
few facts that have come under my
observation.

Mr. E. E. Lytle, owner and manager
of the Columbia southern railroad, run-
ning from Biggs, on the O. R. & N. to
Shaniko, 40 miles north of Prineville,
through his representative Mr. Budd,
invited me to call at his office yesterday.
I did so and was warmly greeted by Mr.
Lytle, who seemed pleased to have an
opportunity to talk to a representative
of The Examiner, and was anxious to
know more about Lakeview and Lake
county. During the conversation Mr.
Lytle said:

"I suppose you know that the Colum-
bia Southern has been in litigation for
some time and that the matter has just
recently been adjusted? Well, I also
want you to know that I am going to
build more railroad. You can tell your
people for me that I will leave here in
about thirty days and go over the pro-
posed extension from Shaniko to Lake-
view, on the preliminary survey made
by Mr. Budd."

"The report made by Mr. Budd was a
fine one and I want to verify it by going
over the route personally. What I say
regarding future extension of this line
will be acceptable to Eastern capitalists
interested. You have a great country
down there, and we are anxious to build
that way as soon as possible."

"The Columbia Southern is on a pay-
ing basis, while at the same time its line
extends through a country generally
inferior to yours."

Mr. Lytle appeared to be familiar
with Lake county, although he has never
visited that section. I assisted him in
tracing a route on the map from Lake-
view, on the East side of Goose Lake, to
Alturas, and on down Pitt River to the
Sacramento river, where it appears the
Columbia Southern intends to connect
with the Southern Pacific. Thus they
will have a line to San Francisco, and
can compete with the Southern Pacific
from Portland to the Bay of San Fran-
cisco.

Mr. Lytle refuses to give out any in-
formation regarding his intentions to
Portland newspapers, or to other rail-
road people, and has all along led them
to believe that his road would not go
any further than Shaiko, the present
terminus. I presume that this report
will be disputed by people interested in
Portland, but the presence of Mr. Lytle
in Lakeview within a month or six
weeks will dispel any doubts as to the
intention of the Columbia Southern
people.

Mr. Lytle's visit will be one of mo-
mentous value to the people of Lake
county, and should be carefully consid-
ered by all intending investors in that
locality. This road is a standard gauge
and is finely equipped. The service is
equal to the Southern Pacific. With no
mountains to cross from the Columbia
to the Sacramento river it will be an
easy road to build and keep in repair,
and its owners realize the importance of
getting into that great inland empire of
Lake as soon as possible.

A. Y. B.

Well, citizens of Lakeview, are we go-
ing to celebrate here on the Fourth?
Time to move if we are. Doubtless
there will be a very large crowd here at
the races and baseball tournament, and
we ought to give our visiting friends a
full week of unalloyed fun.

HE LIKES OUR TOWN

Cedarville Record Editor
Throws a Beautiful
Boquet at Us.

SHE'S A HUMMER

Doffed the Swaddling Clothes of a
Country Village and Assumed
the More Dignified Met-
ropolitan Garb.

Cedarville Record.

Some days ago we had the pleasure of
spending several days in the town of
Lakeview. We had always heard that
Lakeview was a lively and pretty place,
and on reaching it, was more than sur-
prised to find that half had not been
told of it. Just one year on the 22nd inst.
the whole business portion of the town
was destroyed by fire. To-day there
stands on what was then a mass of black-
ened, smoking ruins some of the hand-
somest buildings to be found in any in-
terior town. They are mostly all of brick
and built with an eye of obtaining light
and a cheerful, inviting appearance. Tow-
ering above them all is the Hotel Lake-
view, a three-story brick structure that
would do credit to any town. And right
here let us say that the interior of the
hotel is even more inviting than the ex-
terior, and under the management of
genial Frank Light every guest is made
to feel perfectly at home. Lakeview has
doffed the swaddling clothes of a country
village and assumed the more dignified
metropolitan garb. It has, Phoenix-like,
risen from the ashes, and stands a monu-
ment to the energy, indomitable and
persevering business push of her citizens
and business men. It is located in the
midst of a fertile country, and is the
trading place and supply depot for stock
men living many miles north. It is
lighted by electricity and also has water
works, both being owned and controlled
by the town.

The interests of the town and country
are well looked after by two good news-
papers, the Examiner and Rustler. The
Examiner has one of the best equipped
printing offices in Northern California or
Southern Oregon. Our stay in Lakeview
was made pleasant by the hospitable peo-
ple we met, and we have reason to remem-
ber them and their pretty little city
kindly.

In returning home we traversed Goose
Lake valley its full length. It is a beau-
tiful country, and the many substantial
farm houses and neat farms indicate the
prosperity of her residents. A large
amount of fine meadow land is to be seen,
most of it well watered. As yet no ar-
tesian water has been obtained, but we
see no reason why it should not be, as the
same formation seems to be there as is
found in Surprise. Many improvements
are being made there on all sides and in
a few years Goose Lake valley will be
second to none in beauty and productiveness.
Many large orchards are being
planted and progression seems to be the
watch-word all along the line.

Illingsworth Gets Away.

The Alturas Police dealer says that the
pursuit of murderer Illingsworth has
practically been abandoned, at least so
far as following his trails is concerned.
The trail was finally lost near West Val-
ley, and the impression now prevails that
he has followed the Warner range of
mountains to the north. A report came
in from Lakeview that the outlaw was
seen in Big Valley, west of Warner, but
is not sufficiently verified to warrant
officers in following up the clue. It is
to be hoped, however, he will eventually
be caught and brought to justice for his
monstrous crime.

Governor Offers \$20,000 Reward.

The Governor of California has offered
a reward of \$20,000 for the apprehen-
sion and conviction of the parties who
comprised the mob that "lynched" the
Halls and Yantis. The act is consid-
ered a most atrocious crime, and there
appears to be some reason to believe
that several arrests will be made soon.

BOSTON MARKET

No Increase of Business
is Yet Noted in the
Wool Market.

LOCAL MARKET

Will Open as Soon as All the Lake
County Sheep are Out of the
Hands of the Shearers—
No Offers Yet Made.

Boston, May 29.—The American Wool
and Cotton Reporter will say to-morrow:

There is as yet no increase to be noted
in the amount of business in progress in
the wool market. In fact, the market
has ruled quieter the past week than
during the previous week, and we figure
the sales at only 2,290,000 pounds, against
3,527,000 pounds a week ago. Some of
the large mills are reported in the mar-
ket, but with only one exception, they
have taken very small quantities of wool.
The trend of the goods market is appar-
ently toward an improvement, but the
clothing trade is still buying goods in a
conservative way, which is reflected in a
very quiet demand for wool. Prices
continue in favor of the buyer except on
fine wools, which are pretty fairly held
in view of the strength shown in the
country and the relative firmness of fine
stock at the London sales. The excite-
ment in the West has abated. Two of
the largest dealers in the market have
bought no wools in the West, believing
that the prices which have been paid
there are not warranted. Not over 25,-
000,000 pounds of new wools thus far this
year have been bought out there, and
conservative dealers are of the opinion
that new wools can be bought at more
favorable terms later on—at any rate,
they are willing to take their chances of
securing their wools later at as favorable
terms as are now quoted.

Sales for the week in Boston amounted
to 2,135,000 pounds domestic and 155,000
pounds foreign, making a total of 2,290,-
000 pounds, against a total of 1,150,000
pounds for the corresponding period last
year.

The sales since January 1 amount to
91,127,900 pounds against 61,466,900
pounds for the corresponding time last
year.

The local wool market will probably
open in Lakeview the first of next week.
Representatives of all the large firms
that usually buy of the Lake county
clip are now on the ground, and are
waiting for shearing to close to come to
some agreement with the woolgrowers.

A number of wool sales have been
made during the past few days for 10
cents per pound. While this is not as
big a price as sheepmen had hoped for,
it will put some money in circulation.—
Burns Times-Herald.

Enroute to Their Homes.

All of the witnesses and principals of
the Silver Lake water contentions be-
fore the Circuit Court departed for their
homes this week. The evidence in the
Hough-Porter case was all in Monday
afternoon, and argument of counsel was
completed Monday night. In order to
facilitate matters the court held several
night sessions during the past week.
There are many things to be said favor-
able to our friends from the north.
They are a sober, intelligent and good
natured body of gentlemanly citizens,
and Lakeview regrets to see them take
their departure. Their patience and good
nature was exemplified strongly during
their long stay here as witnesses before
the court, just at a season of the year
when their crops and stock interests
needed close attention. Instead of be-
coming morose and ill-humored at their
forced attendance before the court, they
were ever imbued with a jovial spirit
and good humor.

Woolbuyers Excepted.

"Sheep are the most timid of all ani-
mals," remarks an exchange. One ex-
ception, noted above, has been discov-
ered in Lakeview within the past two
weeks.