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"TWO HOGS" AND A CUR.

One of Lakeview's Citizens Called a Horsethief, and Another a Skunk by a N. Y. Editor.

W. D. Woodcock handed to an Examiner reporter a clipping from Recreation, sent to him by the editor of that publication. The unwarranted attack upon the Lakeview gentlemen is unexcused for. Following is the article in full:

"MORE OREGON HOGS"

I hand you herewith a clipping from a Lakeview, Ore., paper by which you see we have some swine in Oregon. The good work of Recreation is fast changing the sentiment of our people, but here are some notions that deserve branding.

A. V. Oliver, La Grande, Ore. "A camping party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodcock, their son, Jack, and daughters, Maud and Josie, Fred Ahlstrom and Andrew Hammersley returned from Honey Creek Saturday. They report having had a splendid time. The men claimed to have bagged 3 deer and 18 antelope. Mr. Woodcock made the largest kill, having 3 deer and 8 antelope to his credit, while Fred Ahlstrom and Jack Woodcock got one antelope each and Andy Hammersley 8. So far this has been most successful camping party yet in the way of bagging game and fish."

"I wrote Woodcock and Hammersley for their version of the story, and the latter answer as follows:

Your letter of the 7th inquiring as to my having killed 8 antelope is at hand. I anticipate you have a roast in store for me, but being like the father of his country I must plead guilty. When one has been housed up in a store for a year and gets out for a week's hunt goes 50 miles out on the desert, drinks alkali water, etc., he wants to bring enough game in to treat his friends. Antelope were plentiful out there, and I could not resist the temptation of killing a few to bring to town, knowing it would be a year or more before I would get another chance. Doubtless when you read this you will say it is fortunate that men like me don't get out often. I have read Recreation many times and have always thought your efforts to stop the wholesale slaughter of game were laudable, but I am, I fear, a little like the parents who always think other people's children are bad.

Now be charitable with me and do not give it to me too hard.

A. H. Hammersley, Lakeview Ore. "You might with the same propriety say: 'I am fond of horse stealing, but have been in jail a year past and have had no chance to indulge in my favorite pastime. Last week I got out. I went on the plains and found a big herd of horses. I had to sleep on the ground and drink alkali water. Besides, I knew I should not get another chance to steal a horse for at least a year, and as these were not branded I ran off enough for all my pals. I hope the sheriff won't get me, or that if he does the judge will be lenient with me.'"

Would you not consider that a mighty flimsy plea for a man to put up? Well, it would be just as reasonable and just as manly as yours. In my judgment a real, avowed horse thief is a gentleman as compared with you.

"Woodcock has not replied to my inquiry and so I infer he is guilty, as stated in the clipping. If so, he is disgracing one of our noblest game birds by using its name. He should change his cognomen to Skunk.—Editor.

"I hand you herewith a clipping" says the Recreation. Well, that's all right. But the nose of the Editor of a "be good to animals" paper will get pulled if he don't treat our local sleuths for deer with more decency. In the first place Recreation is a villifier when he, she, or it says that W. D. Woodcock or Andy Hammersley would take undue advantage of any living animal (outside of an elephant) that walks the prairies or desert, or any old place. Woodcock prides himself on getting most things he goes after—especially bucks. This Recreation Editor might have let Woodcock down easier. Of course Hammersley deserves to be roasted a little for paying any attention to the Recreation man.

The Examiner does not believe in the wanton slaughter of game, nor does any other civilized person, but people do not care to be taken to task by an eastern "chap-headed galoot," who would probably do the same thing if he had an opportunity. There is a law to protect game, and if any one violates it he should be properly attended to, without being slandered.

IRRIGATION IN LAKE COUNTY

The Last Census Places Lake the Second in Largest Area Irrigated in State of Oregon.

The Director of the Census has called our attention to the irrigation statistics of Oregon, compiled for the twelfth census in 1900. As Lake county comes in second in the number of acres irrigated in the state, a synopsis of the report will be of considerable interest to Examiner readers.

In 1899 Lake County irrigated 51,965 acres against 25,559 acres in 1889. The cost of constructing the ditches was \$135,187. The number of irrigators however decreased from 355 in 1889 to 272 in 1899, while the number of acres irrigated increased.

The total value of all crops irrigated in Lake County is 299,291. The value of hay irrigation alone amounted to \$187,492, while the cereals amounted to \$10,101. The vegetables were estimated at \$9,514, orchard fruits at \$1,659, and small fruit at \$525. Since the census was taken in 1900 a very large increase in the number of irrigators and the number of acres irrigated.

The report says that two sections, into which Oregon is divided by the Cascade range of mountains, are dissimilar in climate, topography, and soil. In the western section the winters are not marked by prolonged periods of cold, nor the summers by long heated terms. There is a very heavy rainfall and irrigation is not used for general crops, but water is applied in summer with truck farms, and a few cases of irrigation of hay lands (resulting in an extra cutting) are reported from the southern part of this section. The greater part of the eastern section is arid or semi-arid, but the soil, as a rule, is very productive when there is sufficient moisture. There are numerous rivers of considerable size, and the available water supply of the section as a whole is large. In the counties bordering on the Columbia River, irrigation is not generally practiced, and, except in occasional years of small rainfall, it is unnecessary for most crops. A greater part of the territory south and west of these counties is useful, without irrigation, for grazing purposes only.

In the Rogue River Valley in Jackson and Josephine counties, hay is the only crop usually irrigated, but a number of systems have been started or projected for the purpose of supplying orchard lands with water. The total number of irrigators in Oregon in 1900 was 4,636. The total area irrigated was 388,310 acres, of which 388,111 acres were irrigated from streams and 199 acres were irrigated from wells by the use of pumping plants. The irrigation systems of the state are generally inexpensive and are operated mostly by individual farmers for their own use. The low average cost of construction per acre irrigated for the state is largely due to the simple methods employed to irrigate large areas used for pasturage. There has been very little attempt to store winter water for summer use. The reports on irrigation secured by the Eleventh Census contain data for only the principal irrigating counties, which are as follows: Baker, Crook, Grant, Gilliam, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Mcrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Wheeler. Wheeler was formed from Crook, Gilliam, and Grant, since the eleventh census was taken.

Of the total area irrigated in 1899, 290,256 acres were in crops and 98,054 acres were used for pasture only. The irrigated pasture was all reported from the 17 counties mentioned above, the irrigated land in other counties, amounting to 1,215 acres, being devoted exclusively to crops.

Lake County comes next to Harney in having the smallest number of farms, while Harney has the largest number of acres irrigated. The

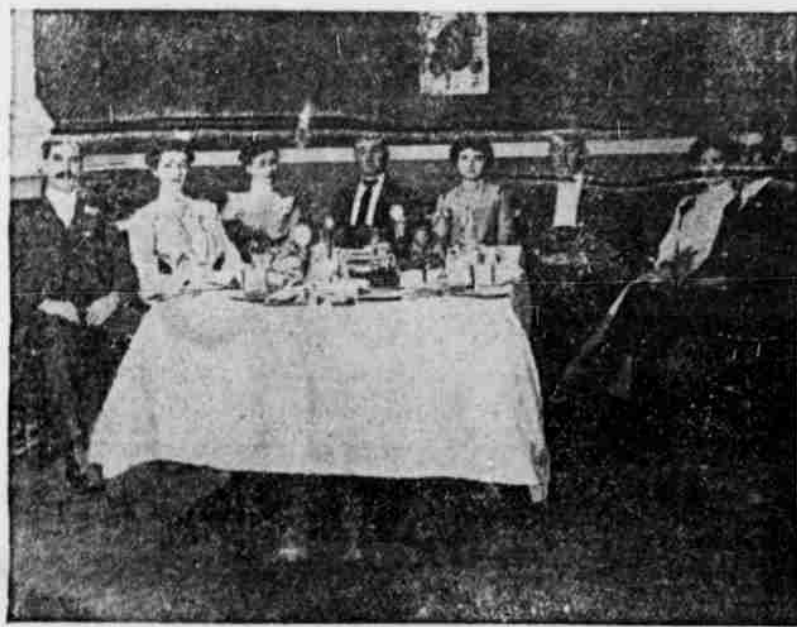
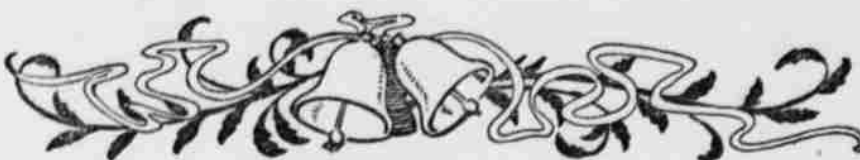
J. D. HERYFORD SUED FOR \$70,000 BREACH OF PROMISE

Special to The Examiner.

PORTLAND, OR., Sept. 9th.—J. D. Heryford was sued today by Bessie McCarty for \$70,000 for breach of promise.

Miss McCarty came to Lakeview two years ago from Minnesota and taught school one term at Thomas Creek district last year on a permit, and failing to pass the Teacher's Examination she left some time last Summer, and probably returned to her home in Minnesota.

Mr. Heryford who is well and favorably known in this country, and one of Lake County's oldest and wealthiest cattle men, is probably the victim of a blackmailing scheme, originated by some ambitious attorney who has advised the young lady to take this step in the hopes of getting a large fee.



DOUBLE QUARTET WEDDING OF KENTUCKIANS.

What is probably the most remarkable wedding on record took place in Cincinnati a few days ago when four young Kentucky farmers of Owenton plighted their troths with four buxom young women living on neighboring farms all within a three mile radius. What made the occasion still more interesting was the fact that two of the bridegrooms were twins, as were also two of the brides. The twin brothers had no intention of getting married when they left home to stand up with their friends. The sight of so much bliss was too much for them, however, and when the minister got through four newly wedded couples sat down to a merry feast. One of the twin girls married one of the twin brothers.

twelfth census gives Lake 397 farms containing 249,288 acres of which 95,824 are improved. The value of this farm property is \$1,324,849, buildings \$23,940, implements and machinery \$92,840, live stock \$1,766,154. Value of products not fed to live stock \$823,050, the cost of labor \$143,290.

There is room for dozens of large irrigating projects in Lake County, and it will not be many years until the best part of the County is under irrigation.

Stable Changes Hands.

Yesterday a deal was made whereby S. J. Vernon sold all his stock and vehicles and leased his livery stable to Fent Smith and Larry Hall. These two gentlemen are well-known and understand the business thoroughly, and will no doubt do a good business. Mr. Vernon and family will remove to California and seek another climate for a change.

The directors of the Lakeview school received a telegram Tuesday from Miss Jessie Sands of Astoria saying that she would accept a position in the Lakeview school. The teachers are all engaged now, and the order in which they will teach is as follows: Principal, J. Q. Willits, Misses Sands, Driver, Callahan and Hall. School will begin Sept. 22.

At the last session of the County Court an order was made that "it is the intention of this court to recognize no claim or charge against the county, except created by law, unless the same has been first authorized by the court. Requisitions for supplies shall be submitted to the court and purchases made only upon the authority and under the direction of the Court." A show of economy, a chance for a side graft and a knockout blow at the printer can easily be read between the lines. "I have the power and I am going to use it," some one said.

A "Quiet" Wedding.

A party of four arrived from Alturas Monday evening and stopped at Hotel Lakeview. They were S. W. Pepperdine and Miss Edna Jones of Alturas, M. T. Moore of Farmington, Cal. and Miss Etta Cartright of Lookout. The object of their visit was not made known until a marriage license was secured from Deputy Clerk Beall. Before a small company in the hotel parlor, Town Recorder Umbach made Mr. S. W. Pepperdine and Miss Etta C. Cartright man and wife. The wedding was a very "quiet" affair and was a surprise to friends of the interested parties here. Mr. Pepperdine is manager of the Grand Central Hotel at Alturas, where the newly married couple will make their home.

The Examiner acknowledges a pleasant call from the party Tuesday morning, and extends congratulations to the happy couple.

Mrs. Wm. Nail Shoots Herself.

In a fit of despondency or temporary insanity, Mrs. Wm. Nail shot herself with suicidal intent, at her home in Klamath Falls, Monday evening. Geo. Batchelder received a telegram Monday saying that Mrs. Frances Nail had shot herself and was dying, and to come immediately. Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder left Tuesday morning for Klamath Falls, but do not expect to find Mrs. Nail alive. Mrs. Nail has been sick for several months, and her sister Mrs. Batchelder was over to wait upon her a few weeks ago, and returned thinking she was much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Nail removed from Lakeview to Klamath Falls less than a year ago. They made quite a number of warm friends during their year's residence here, and will feel greatly grieved at the news of Mrs. Nail's sad end.

JIM GUY SHOT BY ACCIDENT

At a Dance at the McCulley Place Bert Mulkey Almost Fatally Shoots James Guy.

Jim Guy was the victim of an accident Saturday night that may prove fatal. He was shot in the stomach with a revolver at close range at the hands of Bert Mulkey, who was in the act of handing the weapon to Guy when it was discharged, taking effect in a vital spot.

A dance was given at McCulley's, who live on the old Pierce Combs' place, Saturday night. Dancing was indulged in till nearly 2 o'clock, when supper was announced. All repaired to the dining room but four young men, who stood in the middle of the dance room talking. The day previous one of the McCulley boys found an old pistol that had one load in it, which he had snapped several times without discharging it. Bert Mulkey had this gun in his pocket while the group were talking, and told the others that he had picked it up from the floor. Jim Guy asked him to let him see it, and in taking it from his pocket to hand it to Guy it became cocked, and when in a horizontal position it went off, and the result was that Jim Guy was fatally wounded.

Dr. Smith was called and done what he could, but pronounced the case very serious. Sunday morning another physician assisted Dr. Smith and the bullet was looked for, but without discovering the whereabouts of the death-dealing laden messenger. Sunday evening, however, the bullet was found where it was little expected. The ball entered in the left side just above the navel and ranged upward, passing through the stomach, up through the right lung, and was found just beneath the skin under the right arm. The bullet had not hit a bone in its transit and was perfect in shape when found.

Up to the time of going to press it is not known whether the accident will prove fatal or not.

A Murderous Assault.

Henry Eckert, a drunken sheepherder made a murderous assault with a cane on the unsuspecting head of Dr. Gleason Palmer, a one legged chiropodist who has been here for a week. The assault came without warning and without cause. The Dr.'s scalp was laid open and several stitches had to be taken in it.

A warrant was sworn out for Eckert's arrest. Justice Bayley fined him \$30 and he went to jail rather than pay the fine. One night was sufficient and next morning he was ready to do "what ever's right".

Town Recorder Umbach thought the case within his jurisdiction, so a warrant was sworn out from the recorder's court. Parties who witnessed the assault thought the case was a criminal one and should come before Deputy Dist. Atty. Moore, so another warrant was issued, but before either of them could be served he got "next", and was not to be found when the Sheriff and Marshal came upon the scene. Nothing short of a term in the penitentiary will be given him should he ever show up in Lakeview again.

Fire at Summer Lake.

Word reached Lakeview by phone Saturday morning that Fred Foster's house in Summer Lake was completely destroyed by fire on Friday evening. Mrs. Foster was alone at the time, and when she discovered the fire the kitchen was all ablaze, and there was very little time left to save very many things from the building. Fred Fisher, who was near by ran to Mrs. Foster's assistance and they succeeded in saving the organ, sewing machine and a few other things. We did not learn whether there was any insurance or not.

Mr. Foster's home was a beautiful place surrounded by trees and shrubbery, and the loss is almost irreparable.

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