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KILLING OF "RED ROAN"

A Beautiful Roan Horse That For Years Lead All The Range Horses On The Desert.



It is often necessary to remove vicious animals as well as vicious people from their interference with the lawful pursuit of the trades and industries of the country.

No sadder story is told of the removal of a vicious animal than that of the killing of "Red Roan," the Connell stallion in the foothills of the Steins' Mountain range, in Harney county, in 1887, though the killing was justified and it was a great relief to the stockmen of that section, says Paul DeLaney in Portland Journal.

For ten years, from 1877 to 1887, "Red Roan" was the terror of that entire country. A large, lithe, beautiful animal whose long mane and tail floated out on the breeze like the sails of a fast-sailing vessel, he led the bands of horses from hilltop to hilltop like a whirlwind and defied their owners to take them. Where he came from no one knew, though it was the generally accepted theory that he was a native of the country and had sprung from the crossing of an Oregon range horse with a real Connell which had escaped from some immigrant train as it was passing through the country.

Anyway, "Red Roan" led the range for ten years and no horse was found within that time that could even approach him in speed. He knew the country so well, too, that he could conduct his band of followers through gulches and gorges in the rimrocks and over difficult trails in a manner that soon put all pursuit at defiance.

He was select in choosing his following, for none but the swiftest and best were permitted to enter his band and these were the very animals that the stockmen needed the most, and the very ones they could not spare, for it was the swift and the hardy that were needed in those days with which to corral and handle the others.

A large reward was offered for "Red Roan's" capture, though it was not under the provision of "dead or alive" as is usual in the case of miscreants who have forfeited their lives according to the verdict of society. In his case the proviso was "that 'Red Roan' should be taken alive and unharmed."

The best horsemen were placed on "Red Roan's" trail. They came from the South, the North and the West, and rode their swiftest animals. It was a regular Tracey hunt, though only lassos were used to bring down the equine outlaw.

But with a confidence and boldness bordering on the human, "Red Roan" defied his pursuers and led his followers across the plains and into the mountain fastnesses, evading them with ease and baffling them at every point.

As the seasons followed, his pursuers decreased, and his band grew.

It finally became a point of calculation as to whether the combined stockmen owned the bands of the range or "Red Roan" controlled most of them. It was, at least, a question of which should eventually rule.

Still, the outlaw horse was admired. There was not a stockman in the district that would not have given a small fortune to have owned "Red Roan" in peaceable possession. But this was out of the question. In addition to his great speed and intelligence, the lay of the country favored him, and all hope of his capture alive was abandoned.

Of all his following "Red Roan" had his favorite companion. It was this that cost him his life. She was a beautiful animal, almost as trim and fleet of foot as was "Red Roan" himself. As he scampered across the plains, followed by the thundering hoofs of his vast band, his companion was always near his side or close behind. If she fell to the rear, "Red Roan" would make a circuit and join her again. He watched her with an eye as jealous as that of a human lover. She, too, was as devoted as was her companion, and 'twas this that cost her her life.

The stockmen could no longer sacrifice their interests by permitting "Red Roan" to run at large. They met and condemned him to die. Charles Jones, James Rector, Ed Stauffer and Frank Miller were delegates as a committee to put "Red Roan" to death.

Armed with rifles, they went into the range to seek the animal and kill him. He seemed cognizant of their mission and was more wary than usual. Some of the men concealed themselves behind the rocks and boulders while others attempted to drive "Red Roan" within gunshot range. With distended nostrils and eyes flashing fire, the fleet footed animal would circle about the men in ambush at so great a distance that they feared missing should they shoot.

Unsuccessful attempt after attempt was made. But "Red Roan's" end finally came. The mare, his favorite companion, fell behind. He looked back over his flowing mane and saw her. The other horses were about her. His jealousy got the better of his judgement. Surrendering the leadership to another animal he dashed back, making a circuit to join his companion that brought him within range of the men in ambush.

Crack! Crack! Crack! rang out three rifle shots! "Red Roan" reeled, staggered and fell!

He arose again, but the men did not have the heart to repeat the fire. As if conscious of the approach of death, he gave a long pitiful neigh for his companion.

The mare turned and dashed up by his side. This gave him new life and new hope for a moment and he raised his head again as of old. His eyes flashed as he turned his head toward the rock behind which the men were concealed.

Again the smoke flashed from the rifles. "Red Roan" fell dead to the ground. His companion fell across his body. A bullet had also pierced her heart!

The stockmen of today still tell the sad story of the death of "Red Roan," the Connell stud!

Miss Clara Taylor of Bly, was in town Friday.



MRS. HILDA CLARK FLOWER.

The recent marriage of Hilda Clark, an operatic star, to Frederick Stanton Flower, a New York millionaire, was the climax of a very pretty romance. For ten years Mr. Flower had paid court to the beautiful singer, but was restrained from taking the final step because of the opposition of his family. When, however, Miss Clark was obliged to retire from the stage because of an accident, he decided to do as he pleased, and Miss Clark became Mrs. Flower.

OREGON'S BIG TREE.

The largest fir tree in the world will supply a portion of the lumber for the construction of Oregon's State building at the World's Fair at St. Louis.

The Oregon building will occupy a site immediately north of the New York State building. The State Legislature has made an appropriation of \$50,000 for the World's Fair, but a much greater sum will be available. Five hundred thousand dollars have been appropriated by Oregon for the Lewis and Clark Exposition, to be held in Portland, in 1905. The same Commissions will handle the exhibits for both fairs. Many valuable exhibits prepared for the Portland Exposition will be first displayed at the World's Fair at St. Louis.

In fish and forestry, Oregon's exhibits will be especially rich. The Columbia River salmon fisheries, the richest in the world, will furnish an unrivalled exhibit. The processes of catching the salmon, and how they are handled, will be shown in detail. The average size of the salmon of Oregon commerce is from 15 to 20 pounds, and they sometimes reach the enormous weight of 60 and 75 pounds. The fish come in from the Pacific Ocean, and ascend the Columbia River to spawn. When the eggs hatch, the little salmon go out to sea, and remain until they attain full size. Then instinct leads them back to their natural waters. The fish are caught in traps. Great shutes have been built, leading from the fish traps to the canning factories. The salmon virtually catch themselves, and once in the toils there is no escape. They can only follow the fumes, and end their careers in the tin cans which the Oregonian fish dealers provide for their reception.

The sturgeon and flounder are also caught in large quantities, and the black bass, fostered by the United States Government Fish Commis-

sions, is gaining in importance for their reception.

Splendid timber grows abundantly all over Oregon, but it is the Douglas fir that is known the world over. The largest specimen of this timber in Oregon was felled in May for exhibit at the World's Fair. The tree was 300 feet high, and 40 feet in circumference at the base. It was 118 feet from the ground to the first limb. The age of this giant of the Oregon pineries is estimated to be over 400 years. More ships carry masts of Oregon Douglas fir than any other timber. The largest and best flag staffs are supplied by trees from the same forests. Other timbers and lumber will be shown, including, especially, maple, oak and ash.

Oregon's display of agricultural and horticultural products will be large. The prune industry of that State is exceedingly important, the crop in 1902 being valued at more than \$3,000,000. The Oregon fruit compares favorably with the famous French product. Small fruits also thrive in the State. In agriculture, the exhibit will be largely based on wheat, oats, barley, and the grasses.

Farewell Party.

Last Wednesday evening, Aug. 26, was the scene of a very pleasant party, given by the Misses Anna and Gertrude Schlagel, at the residence of Dick Wilcox. The party was given in honor of the Misses Hazel Guillems and Lottie Boche who expect to leave soon for Modmouth to attend school. About 24 young people were present and amused themselves until about 10 p. m. with games of various kinds, recitations and music. Ice cream, candies and nuts were then served on the lawn, which was beautifully decorated with evergreens and Chinese lanterns. About 12 o'clock they departed for their respective homes. All joined in wishing their two young schoolmates many happy returns of the evening.

ASSESSMENT COMPLETED

County Assessor Blair Has Completed The Roll For This Year. In Hands of the Board.

County Assessor John Blair with the assistance of Deputy Chas. Sessions last Saturday finished transcribing on the Roll all the property assessed in Lake County, which is now in the hands of the Board of Equalization. The roll shows a decided increase over last year, much to the credit of the assessor, showing that he has learned by experience. It was expected that the total this year would be much less than last, but nothing was overlooked that could be seen by the eagle eye of the Assessor.

The Gross value of all property this year is.....\$1,809,523
Exemptions..... 85,016

Total assessed value.....\$1,724,507

It is not expected that the Board of Equalization, now in session, and will complete their labors Saturday, will change these figures materially.

In comparison with the above figures last years' assessment was:

Gross value all property..\$1,670,368
Exemptions..... 83,716

As equalized.....\$1,566,652
Net gain over last year... \$157,855

This showing is a good one. More stock was assessed this year than last. Nearly 2,300 head of cattle and 9,000 head of sheep are shown on the present roll above last year's schedule.

Next year the new assessment law goes into effect, and the taxpayers will be called upon to pay twice in 1904. This new law also says there will be no more exemptions allowed, and taken from this year's roll \$85,000 will be added to the roll next year. The future assessments will be made in the spring and the payments made in the fall. This year's taxes fall due next spring, consequently two payments will have to be made, one in the spring and one in the fall.

\$400 Raised.

The Cemetery Committee report that after collection is made, enough money will be in the treasury to meet all expenses for the improvement and beautifying of the I. O. O. F. cemetery. About \$400 has been raised. Much credit is due to the ladies and gentlemen who have interested themselves in this most needed improvement. A one inch main will be laid on the east side of the grounds running north and south. One-half inch pipe will be laid through the avenues. Trees will be planted in the central avenues on each side from the entrance, and kept well irrigated. It is proposed to raise by popular subscription enough money to pay a monthly salary to a competent sexton to take care of the grounds next summer.

Lakeview with its many rich citizens has neglected the resting place of its dead too long; but now that they have set about to make a change we believe they will make the resting place of their dead a thing of beauty. As the work progresses other changes will suggest themselves. Our citizens are not stingy and will go on making improvements until the work is complete.