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MAINTAINS THE PRESENT SERVICE

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EDITOR EXAMINER,
Lakeview, Oregon.

DEAR SIR:

Knowing that you wish to be fair, I believe you will give my answer the same publicity you accorded the one who wrote the article headed, "Day Drive, Says 'Alqua.'"

The contention I have made is to maintain the present expedited mail service from Paisley to Silver Lake. The petitions have asked that the summer schedule be so changed that the mail will be delayed twelve hours at Paisley.

Let us suppose that a petition was circulated to do away with the night run from Madeline to Alturas. If this was changed to a day schedule it would take forty-eight hours to bring the mail from the railroad to Lakeview. Would not the people of Lakeview be indignant at such a move?

But suppose the people around Lakeview objected to the night service saying they wanted to send fruit into Alturas and that the stage going through at night disturbed their rest. Would the people of Lakeview be willing in consideration of the feelings of the Lakeview folks to wait another twenty-four hours for their mail? Was that route established to carry fruit or to carry mail, and if the driver should have more fruit than the stage would hold would he leave the mail and bring the fruit?

This is identical with the situation on this end of the route. There would be just as much sense in the people here asking to have the mail delayed twenty-four hours at Madeline or Alturas or Lakeview as at Paisley. There is no fruit at Summer Lake that can not be shipped by stage at night just as well as in the daytime. And any farmer can leave his money with any one of our merchants and draw a check and send it by the night mail with perfect safety. These excuses for the change are puerile. There is not a single valid reason why our expedited service should be abandoned. Nor have I seen a single person who signed the petition because he preferred the day run, outside of the two parties interested. The people signed it out of pure charity. This was wrong. They had no more right to ask this change than they would to petition to abandon the night run from Madeline.

But if the principle of the expedited service is maintained, when the railroad reaches Bend, we will get our Portland papers forty-eight hours after they are printed, and they will reach Lakeview much sooner than they do now. Should not Lakeview be as much interested in maintaining the integrity of the mail service on this end as it is from Madeline? This works no hardship nor expense on any private individual. It is done by the government. Then why should we not avail ourselves of these benefits?

Alqua would have you believe that the petition complained of was to expedite the service instead of delay it. By an expedited service mail that reaches Lakeview Friday night would be delivered at Summer Lake Saturday morning. By his method it would not get there till Monday morning.

I am not trying to impose a night service on Mr. Bryan. That petition

was forced by the actions of the postmaster at Summer Lake and the carrier. But the night run from Lakeview will probably not be established until Lakeview asks for it. Paisley in the future will be more concerned about getting mail from the north.

It was my recollection from the summer three years ago that the night schedule called for Saturday night, as it should, instead of Sunday night, but in this I erred. But even as it is the mail that leaves Sunday night would not go till Monday morning by a day schedule, and is preferable.

I wish to say a word as to the personal attack upon myself. Alqua offers this gratuitous sarcasm: "The pioneers, home builders of this country, were not aware that they ought to consult Mr. Sain about matters that concern themselves alone."

Let me say right here that if a single pioneer or home builder will prove to me that it will be a benefit to him to have a change to a day service I will offer no further objections and I will help him to get it. But he must show me that he does not ask it simply to benefit the carrier.

My ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War, in the War of 1812 and in the Civil War, and they settled in Ohio before it was a state. Do I lose any of my rights as an American citizen because I have come to Oregon. Has any pioneer here any better right to the United States mails than I have? If he has then his ancestors came to America before mine did, and have rendered better service.

Again it is complained that I am a "stranger." I ask to have the mail service maintained. The carrier objects to the night service which he has contracted to perform. Let us see which is the more "stranger" and which has the better right. I had paid into the Lake county treasury the sum of five hundred dollars before he had even set foot on its soil. He still has so little interest in the county that he does not even subscribe for his home paper. I subscribe for the Lake county papers and for four years have paid for copies to go abroad to help advertise our resources, as every good citizen should.

Again contrast a man with no interest in his home paper with a man like Virgil Conn. I took the stand in this matter simply because Virgil Conn was making single handed such a noble fight for what was right.

If it were not for the support that Virgil Conn gives Paisley would have no newspaper. He is one of the town's most public spirited citizens, and he characterizes the petition to slow down the mail service as the stupidest thing he ever knew some men to be guilty of. He says it is absurd to think that a man who has stood still all his life knows more than one who has moved about, and that the question is not How long has a man been a pioneer? but What has he produced?

In conclusion I beg to say that no man who advocates an honest course need hide behind a fictitious name. But I think Alqua is right. If I had written such a letter as he has I would be ashamed to sign it.

I subscribe myself, very sincerely yours,

C. M. SAIN.

S. T. Colvin who spent most of the winter in California returned to Lakeview Tuesday.

LATEST MOVE OF WARNER SETTLERS

The latest move of the Warner Valley settlers in their controversy with the Warner Valley Stock Company over the possession of their homes is a request made today that the State Land Board begin a suit to set aside the deeds by which the company and its predecessors secured the land from the state say the Oregonian of April 27. The settlers offered to pay all the expenses of the suit and secure the state against loss.

Without finally deciding the matter, the members of the board expressed their reluctance to begin a suit to set aside a deed which a previous board had given. The members were also of the opinion that the Prosecuting Attorney of the county where the land is located or the Attorney-General has authority to bring such a suit on behalf of the state, without any action upon the part of the board.

The settlers were represented today by John Hall, of Portland and George C. Brownell, of Oregon City. They presented a complaint against the Warner Valley Stock Company which they wanted the board to sign, but the board declined. A decision as to the further course of the board will be made in a few days.

Surprise Valley Man Suicides.

Dave Miller, an industrious and well liked resident of Surprise valley, committed suicide last Thursday evening about 9 o'clock, two miles north of Bidwell while enroute to Big valley in charge of a band of cattle belonging to Cressler & Bonner of Cedarville. Mr. Miller's rash act can not be accounted for. The boys assisting in the cattle drive had just left the house and went to bed in the barn near by, when a gun shot was heard in the house. When they reached the house to learn the

cause of the shot they were shocked to find Dave Miller dead in a room. Mr. Miller was the oldest son of Oat Miller, a pioneer of Surprise valley, and a brother of John and Bill Miller. Having married Mary Vinyard of New Pine Creek, he was a brother-in-law of Pete Follett of New Pine creek and Eldon Woodcock of Lakeview.

Corvallis Boy Runs Amuck

At Corvallis the 26th of last month a desperate and bloody shooting scrape took place, and ended when 18-year-old Chester Keady, son of G. B. Keady, was killed by a shot from the sheriff and another by a man who Keady had just shot down.

Keady was on a high lonesome and was looking for trouble. He found it with the night watch, whom he shot down and when the sheriff and another man undertook to arrest him he shot at the sheriff but missed. A man by the name of Dunn grappled with Keady and received a shot from the desperado which took effect in the abdomen. As Dunn fell he and the sheriff both took a shot at Keady, one bullet entering his head and the other pierced his heart. Keady died instantly. Dunn and Osborn, the night watch, are both seriously wounded.

Chosen By Senator Mitchell.

Frank P. Gowan, of Burns, Or., and a member of the second year class in Tualatin Academy of Pacific University, at Forest Grove, has been chosen by Senator Mitchell as first Alternate in the line of succession to an Annapolis cadetship. Mr. Gowan took his examination last week in Portland and passed with an excellent paper. Mr. Gowan is one of the most popular members of the class, being liked by all. Mr. Gowan is the son of Hon. A. W. Gowan, of Burns, Or., and a brother of W. A. Gowan, of the Lakeview land office.

ANOTHER BAND OF SHEEP KILLED

News reached here by phone from Silver Lake last Saturday that another band of sheep had been killed by nine masked men in the vicinity of Christmas Lake 30 or 40 miles from the scene of a bloody massacre only a few months ago when nearly 2000 head of sheep were ruthlessly slaughtered by five, supposed to be of the same gang.

Pete Grob, Jonas Norin, and Harrison Price all wintered their sheep on the desert and as the spring was backward they decided to leave their dry sheep on the desert and bring the others in the valley for lambing, and to make the expense lighter put the three bands together, thus having but one camp. A man by the name of Wilcox was left with the sheep 2700 head. Thursday evening about 4 o'clock nine men appeared at Wilcox's camp and ordered him to move his sheep, giving him two hours in which to do so. The sheep were bedded for the night and of course it was impossible for him to comply with their request. The gang went away and in two hours returned, and informed him that they were going to kill the sheep and that if anybody came to arrest them they would kill the officers also. They further stated that if a reward was offered for them, they would kill the party offering the reward.

After blindfolding the herder with a grain sack, the gang went to the band and with guns and clubs began one of the most outrageous pieces of devilry that ever blackened the good name of a county or state, the work of demons. None but the lowest of humanity, unfit for a civilized community would participate in such a dastardly job. Out of the 2700 sheep, but 300 were left the next morning.

The herder went to Silver Lake and phoned to Lakeview to Mr. Norin and Mr. Grob. It was a shock to the boys that was sad to witness. Mr. Grob had worked hard for two years to get a foothold, having leased a band of sheep from C. A. Rehart, and to hear that the result of his two years of hard labor had gone to the ground in a single night at the hands of a lawless gang of desperadoes, was enough to make a less resolute man lose his head entirely. Harrison Price was also a heavy loser, and Mr. Norin says the best of his band went. It is understood that C. B. Parker and W. A. Sherlock are also heavy losers. Mr. Norin immediately hired a crew of men and started for the camp to save what wool he could from the dead sheep and get the remainder of the band together before they too were destroyed by coyotes.

It was rumored Sunday that three of the sheep-killers had been apprehended, but the rumor was given no credence. So far as we have been able to learn, no suspicion rests on anyone, and no clew leading to the apprehension of the guilty parties is yet made public.

Last week several of our townsmen went with Pete Grob to Warner canyon where his sheep were and helped to bring them to town where hay and shelter could be found for those that had been sheared. It was very unfortunate for Mr. Grob that the snow storm came right in the midst of sheep shearing. Lambing is just beginning and it is expected that many lambs will be lost as a result of the storm.

REGISTER NOW—TO-DAY. May 15 will be the last day voters will have a chance to register for two years. Remember there will be a Presidential election in November, and if you want to vote at the County and State election in June and the Presidential election in November you must get your name on the register between now and 5 o'clock May 15th To avoid swearing in your vote which would cost yourself and six of your friends a great deal of trouble you should see to it that your name is on the register. It is the duty of every voter who is interested, and that is you and you and you, to prepare himself for election day. There is but one safe way to do it, and that is to REGISTER, and REGISTER NOW.

I. O. O. F. Celebration at Paisley.

At the anniversary celebration of the Odd Fellows at Paisley on the 26th, the members of the I. O. O. F. lodge there, clothed in their new regalia, at 2 o'clock marched from their hall to the M. E. church where the meeting was called to order by the Noble Grand, and after prayer by chaplain, Noble Grand John Simmons and Vice Grand P. J. Brattain, gave a historical statement of the order, after which Rev. J. B. Stark,

was introduced by P. J. Brattain, and delivered an appropriate address on the "Three Links," which was well received by the large audience present.

In the evening a special meeting was called at the hall for the Odd Fellows and their families, J. B. Stark presiding. Speeches were had from every member of the order, games were played and a grand banquet was spread to the delight of all present.