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REWARDS OFFERED

State Will Help Ferret Out Tragedy and Bring Desperadoes to Justice.

An organization of stockmen of Lake county have appropriated the sum of \$2,000 to be given as a reward for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties guilty of unlawfully killing sheep in the northern part of this county. We understand that a complete organization has not yet been effected but the money is available, and as soon as the parties get together a secretary will be elected and a standing reward will be offered for this or future violation of the law in this respect. This with the reward offered by the county court of \$1000, makes a suitable purse for the arrest of the party guilty of the offense committed on or about April 28, this year.

Governor Chamberlain has offered a reward of \$2500 for the arrest of the party guilty of the murder of J. C. Conn, and \$300 each for parties implicated in the killing of sheep near Benjamin lake.

Whereas, it has been charged that there is reasonable ground to believe that J. C. Conn, late of Silver Lake, in Lake county, Oregon, was assassinated on March 4th, 1904, and

Whereas it has been charged that on April 28, 1904, a band of about 2500 sheep were shot and killed by masked men in said county, the herders thereof blindfolded and compelled to stand by while the property of their employers was destroyed:

Now, therefore, I, George E. Chamberlain, governor of the state of Oregon, hereby offer rewards as follows:

\$2500 for the arrest and conviction, or for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of said J. C. Conn;

\$300 for the arrest and conviction, or for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of each and every one of the men who destroyed or participated in destroying said sheep on or about April 28, 1904.

The payment of these rewards is conditioned upon an appropriation to be made by the legislature, which I promise to do all in my power to bring about in case said rewards, or any part thereof is earned.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the state of Oregon, at the capitol in Salem, this 19th day May, A. D. 1904.

GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN, GOVERNOR.
By the Governor:
F. I. DUNHAM, Secretary of State.

We understand that the district attorney has been looking for information against the parties who were implicated in the wanton and unlawful killing of sheep in the vicinity of Christmas Lake. The identity of the parties is kept a close secret by the authorities, but from present indications there will be something doing in the not far distant future. Although the fact that indictments are returned does not mean immediate action, as some of them or possibly all may be against John Doe, but the fact offers encouragement to those who are anxious that action be taken to bring the guilty parties to justice. It is to be hoped that the matter will not be allowed to rest until everyone implicated in the unlawful slaughter of the bands of sheep are landed where they belong, and an example set for law breakers in the future. There is a concerted determination on the part of stockmen of this county to minimize the destruction or appropriation of stock so freely indulged in in the past. The never has been any

range trouble in Lake county until the past few months as has occurred in grazing counties farther north in this state and in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. The state of affairs, even in these states does not justify actions resorted to in many instances, let alone in a county like Lake where nothing of the kind has ever before occurred and the feeling between sheepmen and cattlemen has ever been of the warmest nature. It is realized by our stockmen that if the conditions existing in northern Lake county this spring is allowed to continue and the offenders left unpunished, a reign of terror will result and it will only be a matter of a few years when rapacity and lawlessness will terrorize the ranges in Lake county as is the case in the above mentioned states where the law is disregarded by such a powerful element that it cannot be checked. Now is the time to strike. Set an example.

Chewaucan Post Changes Hands.

This week, Chas. H. Keith, who has been in the Examiner office for a couple of months takes charge of the Chewaucan Post as editor and proprietor. Mr. Keith is a newspaper man of considerable experience, having conducted a daily paper at one time in California and also two weekly newspapers in Nevada. He is well fitted for editor of a newspaper and being particularly popular in the vicinity of Paisley, the future of the Post is encouraging. Paisley is a good field; the people of that part of the county are enthusiastic and public spirited, be-

lieving that the interests of a community and its people are best subserved through the medium of the press. Every business man in Paisley supports the Post liberally giving it all their work in the newspaper line and never fail to speak a good word for their home paper. We know of a number of people there who have as many as four subscriptions on the Post's subscription book and they pay them up promptly. We speak from knowledge of this condition, having started the Post at Paisley and conducted it for nearly three years, and have been sorry many times that we sold out. But our reasons for doing so, we believe, fully justified the act.

Wm. Holder, who has run the Post the past year, has done all in his power to give the people a good paper, and considering that he owned a ranch that he had to look after and having interests at Prineville, where his family was sick for several months, all of which made it difficult for him to give the Post proper attention, he has done well.

The Post is an established newspaper and does a legitimate business and while The Examiner loses some business on account of its being there, we are willing and anxious to see it prosper, and there is no reason why it should not prosper under its new and efficient management.

Mr. Keith made many warm friends during his brief sojourn in our city, who, though they regret his departure for the northern part of the county, wish him success in his new field.



PRINCESS CANTACUZENE, WHO IS TO VISIT AMERICA.

Princess Cantacuzene, formerly Miss Julia Dent Grant, and her infant son, Count Michael, are soon to visit America. The princess is a daughter of Brigadier General Fred D. Grant and a granddaughter of General U. S. Grant. Her husband is a member of a distinguished Russian family.

WARNER SETTLERS

Near the End of a Twenty-Year Controversy For Few Days Compromise Considered.

There was strong hopes of an amicable settlement of the 20-year controversy between the Warner Valley Stock Co. and the Warner settlers for a few days last week. The Examiner got an inkling that a compromise was on foot, and delved into matter with the following result:

When J. L. Morrow was at Salem in the interest of the settlers he conferred with Col. C. A. Cogswell of the Warner Valley Stock Co., and a compromise was talked of, each agreeing to do all he could to bring about a compromise and settle the litigation.

Morrow came home to confer with the settlers and Cogswell came to Lakeview to attend the annual meeting of the Stock Co. Both men met with encouragement, and a committee of settlers was appointed to confer with Cogswell and present their terms. The settlers agreed to relinquish 20 claims for \$50,000, there being 9 pre-emption claims withheld from the compromise. Cogswell asked for time to consider. Another conference was held Saturday, when Mr. Cogswell informed the settlers that he would take that sum and give a clear title. Six of the settlers considered the proposition and made a favorable report, but some feared the genuineness of the title, and none but Frank Houston and Jack Barry closed a deal.

The Heryford-McCarty Case.

The second trial of Birdie N. McCarty vs. Jas. D. Heryford for breach of promise will come up for trial in Portland June 1st. The case was tried last year and the jury awarded Miss McCarty damages to the amount of \$22,500. Miss McCarty sued for \$70,000. The judge set aside the verdict, saying that it was grossly excessive and appeared to have been given under the influence of passion or prejudice. Miss McCarty after the trial begun, alleged seduction, which charge was thought to have been trumped up for the purpose of gaining the sympathy of the jury. The evidence showed that Mr. Heryford, after writing Miss McCarty that he could not go east to marry her and if it was her wish to live in the East, she must do so without him, finally concluded to fulfill his promise if she would come to Reno, where he would meet here and there be married. He sent her a draft for \$200 to pay her expenses to Reno, for this purpose, and she cashed the check and placed the money in a bank to her credit, then proceeded to sue for \$70,000 more. The facts in the case are not news to our readers as they were given in all the papers a year ago. What the trial should end in we do not pretend to say, but Mr. Heryford's many friends in this country are anxious that justice be done in the matter.

Automobilist and Oregon Horse.

The town of Bend has caught the automobile craze and some of the residents of Crook county are becoming quite enthusiastic. A good story is told on the man who bought the first automobile to Bend. He was from the East and had been an automobile fiend since the introduction of the machine. On his trip to Bend he encountered many difficulties and when within a few miles of Bend his machine quit on him entirely. He was compelled to walk to Bend where he remained over night and got food and rest. The next day he hired a saddle horse and started back to his auto. Not being familiar with Oregon horses the animal soon became convinced that his rider was "easy" and finally balked. The automobilist tried in vain to start the horse from his seat. He then jumped to the ground, got down on his all-fours and crawled under the horse to see what the matter was. Any Oregonian familiar with the Eastern Oregon saddle horse knows what happened, without telling any more.

Work commenced Monday on Water street bridge across the big flume. For some time the stringers and floor of the bridge have been in a dangerous condition, but the roads were so bad that lumber to repair it with could not be hauled. The town council is also considering the best means of repairing the street at the north-west corner of the school house lot.

Last Monday Frank Smith and Al Coleman purchased the barber shop from Andy Devine and took possession Tuesday morning. What Andy has in view for the future we have not learned. The stand is a good one, being located in the Hotel Lakeview building, and is fully equipped. The boys are well liked and will do a good business. We understand the price paid was \$1000.