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THE CONN CASE AGAIN

Oregonian Springs New alleged Facts--Murder Theory Still Advanced by Outsiders.

The Portland Oregonian of July 14 contains a lengthy article, dated at Ashland, airing some more alleged suppressed facts in the J. C. Conn case. Who this correspondent at Ashland is or what authority he has concerning the case further than what could be gleaned from various newspaper reports, and conversations as various, we do not know. This is not the first of the Oregonian's articles on this subject, and so far as The Examiner is concerned no insinuations have been contained in them that we could apply to this paper, consequently we do not object to the Oregonian or any other paper publishing such news as it can gather regarding the Conn, or any other case. Furthermore we do not believe these articles have hurt any innocent man. There may be some who have thought themselves hurt. The Examiner published full particulars of the sheep killing and also full particulars of the disappearance of J. C. Conn and the subsequent discovery of his body and the verdict of the coroner's jury, which, at the time, we supposed was final. We also denounced in no uncertain language the actions of the parties who killed the two bands of sheep, and urged that something be done to put a stop to this wholesale destruction of one of our county's best resources. We were never intimidated for publishing what we saw fit, nor do we believe that had anyone had occasion for making threats that we would have suppressed anything we could find out about the case. Either of them.

Editorially the Oregonian of the same date referred to has the following to say:

"Some Lake County newspapers and citizens have fallen into a state of excitement over The Oregonian's articles discussing the mysterious death of Creed Conn. Stigma has been cast on their county, they think. Very well. Let them think so, until they are aroused to their duty of apprehending the murderers, if there are murderers, or of ascertaining the full facts surrounding the tragic circumstances. The Oregonian does not say that Conn was murdered. It does not know. But it does know that the truth ought to be exposed to the very last circumstance, and that nobody can get at the truth so well as the people most concerned."

The Examiner does not yet feel that it has been singled out as being responsible for the suppression of facts concerning the case, nor guilty of any crime for not publishing the evidence produced at the coroner's inquest, which evidence contains over ten thousand words, and no demand from our readers for such a voluminous affair has been made.

Any insinuation that the evidence has been suppressed is misleading, as it is on file at the clerk's office.

It is possible that had these same witnesses been examined in court with a view to making a murder case out of it some strong points might have been brought out substantiating the murder theory, but the evidence as it stands seems to bear out the verdict of suicide rendered by the jury.

There is no part of the evidence that proves beyond a doubt that the first shot was the fatal one, or that it was the last shot that passed through the body into the ground or that either shot went through the heart. The evidence simply shows that there were two bullet wounds in the breast, one about 3 inches above the other, and one in the back, and either of the breast wounds ranged with the one in the back, as no probing was done.

On the other hand the statement made by a local paper that the precipitation during the time Mr. Conn lay in the field between March 4 and April 21, was light, the government instruments at this office for recording the weather does not bear out this statement. Of course it must be admitted that Lakeview is nearly 100 miles south of Silver Lake, but the weather conditions do not vary to any great extent.

Following is the record of the weather during March and April:

WEATHER REPORT FOR MARCH				
Day	Max	Min	Precip.	Character
1	36	29	.19	cloudy
2	36	21	.05	"
3	44	24	.26	pt "
4	41	25	.22	cloudy
5	37	25	trifle	"
6	46	28	.25	"
7	45	31	.30	"
8	42	29	.80	pt "
9	37	20	trifle	cloudy
10	40	25	.15	"
11	35	21	trifle	pt "
12	37	20	.05	" "
13	38	23	trifle	" "
14	40	25	.05	cloudy
15	45	25		clear
16	44	28		"
17	44	30	.38	cloudy
18	44	35	trifle	pt "
19	47	30	.40	cloudy
20	25	25	.25 lin snow	"
21	34	15	.10	"
22	36	25	.03	"
23	32	12		pt "

O'KANE GETS HOME AGAIN

Says no money is Spent in Lakeview--Camps Out to Save and Makes Big Winning

Hugh O'Kane, the big race horse man who was here during the races, is a pretty big man, and we might say (so long as he is a couple of dred miles from here) a pretty big-well, tells some big--er--things. Here is what he had to say to the editor of the Bend Bulletin when he returned there:

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Kane, Miss Belle Robison, J. W. Robison and Rena West returned Monday evening from a trip to Lakeview. Mr. O'Kane took his running mare Kittle Condon, down to participate in the Lakeview races. She won \$250 in races and was afterward sold to Alex Zeverly for \$750. She will participate in the races at Susanville, Alturas, Klamath Falls, Prineville and North Yakima this season.

Mr. O'Kane is more in love with the Bend country since his trip to the south. He swears it is uphill both ways, except from Lava Butte to Bend and the south country does not appeal to him as nearly equal to this section in agricultural possibilities.

24	35	20	.20 2in snow	"
25	33	18	.16 1" "	"
26	35	16	.14 3" "	"
27	33	21	.08	"
28	50	26	.23	"
29	45	22	.23	"
30	40	20		"
31	55	25		clear

Total precipitation for March, 4.53 inches; total snow fall, 7 inches.

REMARKS:--Never in the history of the county has there been so much rain and snowfall as there has been this month. Springs are running now that have been dry for 15 years.

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"Talk about climate," said Mr. O'Kane, "that country is higher and colder than this and yet they produce fine alfalfa and other crops. Lakeview is 2000 feet above Bend and you have to wear an overcoat every evening. There was frost every night of the ten I was there. But they don't seem to hurt anything. If the people who fear an occasional frost here were to look over that south country they would change their views of the matter.

"Times are dull out to the south. At no time, not even at the races, did I see in Lakeview a crowd equal to that which greets the arrival of the mail stage in Bend every night. Bend people need to get away from home occasionally in order to appreciate their own town."

How is that? Bend has a pretty large post office lobby if it would contain the crowds that attended the races in Lakeview, especially if each one of them would take as much room as Mr. O'Kane. There were more than a thousand people witnessed some of the races. What a wonderful postmaster Bend must have to wait on so many people at once. Well, we don't believe it. Mr. O'Kane camped way out in the edge of town and does not know how many people are here. He certainly judges of the hard times according to the way he spent money while here.

WEATHER REPORT FOR APRIL. The first 13 days there no precipitation. The 1st, 5th and 13th were partly cloudy, and the other 10 days were clear the temperature ranging from 48 to 79, max., and 20 to 33 min.

On the 14th it was cloudy and stormed some, the precipitation being .18. The weather remained cloudy until the 20th, when there was 6 inches of snow and .97 precipitation.

A six inch water main is being laid down Bullard street to the corner of the Daly building.

BIG FLOOD IN CROOK

Town of Mitchell Swept Away by Water-spout--Flood in Ochoco Does Great Damage.

The town of Mitchell, Eastern Oregon experienced a catastrophe Monday night, July 11th, similar to the Heppner disaster of a year ago, only there were not so many lives lost. Two persons, a man aged 90 years and a woman aged 86 years were drowned, and the loss is estimated at \$75,000. Nearly the entire town was swept away by water, the flood being caused by a huge waterspout. Mitchell, it seems is built in a canyon, being similarly located to the town of Heppner. About 6 o'clock in the evening of the hottest day of the summer, a thunder shower came up and ended in a destructive flood. The residents of the town were warned of the impending danger by the roaring and crashing of the rushing wall of water, said to be 25 feet in height, and carrying with it thousands of tons of brush, trees and rocks. Within 15 minutes the waters had reached the outskirts of the town and the people only gained places of safety in time to save their lives. It is thought the two old people either did not hear the roaring water or were too old and feeble to reach the high ground before the water swept down upon them.

Another waterspout occurred east of Prineville a few miles in what is called Ochoco valley. No lives are known to have been lost in the flood, but the destruction of property is great. Several ranches were completely ruined, fences, houses and barns carried away, and the fields, which an hour before were covered with shocks of hay and waving grain fields, were a mass of rock piles and washouts. Hundreds of tons of new mown hay were swept away with the surging waters and the fields from which it came were left ruined. The Lafollet ranch was a heavy loser. Some small bunches of stock were hemmed in by the flood and drowned. The flood carried trees and boulders down into the valley below Prineville, but little damage was done that far down.

Numerous other water spouts of less importance are reported in Eastern Oregon, but none that we have heard of in Lake county. There is no telling how soon one may come.

To Meet in Portland.

A convention will be held in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday, August 2 and 3 under the auspices of the Portland Commercial Club, for the purpose of organizing an Oregon Development League. Every editor in Oregon will be a delegate at large. The Mayor of every city or town, the county commissioners, president of every commercial, industrial, mining, horticultural, agricultural, stockgrowing, irrigation, dairy and other associations in Oregon, which have for their purpose the upbuilding and betterment of the state, have the right to name delegates. The official call for this meeting will be issued as soon as a few important details have been arranged.

Jim Innes was down from his Che-waucan ranch last Thursday. He said haying had not begun there yet. Even alfalfa was not cut. Mr. Innes also said that haying on the marsh would be very late on account of so much water on the marsh.



MRS. BROWN-POTTER IN AN ARTISTIC POSE.

Mrs. Brown-Potter is said to be as handsome today as she was sixteen years ago, when she abandoned the life of an American society woman and went on the stage. She has made three starring tours of the world, playing in every country where English is spoken.