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WASHINGTON MAN HUNTING SUCKERS.

Lake County Farmers the Intended Victims.

HAVE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE.

Farmers are Considered Easy by Traveling Grocery Salesmen. Give them a Test.

There have been numerous letters of inquiry received by residents of Lakeview from outsiders; letters of most every character and make-up imaginable, but below we publish one that certainly ends the list. This one is inquiring if the farmers of this section have been worked yet this year, and if so by whom.

The farmers of this country must be considered, by outsiders, to be a band of sheep or silk worms, to be fleeced or skinned once a year by someone. Or they may be considered a wild plum patch, whose ripe plums are the legitimate property of the first to enter the patch.

The past fleecings, skinings or pickings have been so close that few of the people are ready to submit to a re-skinning. It is useless for us at this time to refer to the methods practiced in the past by traveling grocery men, for every one who patronizes them know. There is a "give-away" in the following letter which should be noted. The inquirer wishes to know "what firm sold the goods." It is not likely that any one would care to represent a firm of that same name. This man does not say what firm he represents, does not even use a printed letter head, or envelope, with his or his firm's name printed on it; a very poor sign of a substantial business house indeed.

Groceries are sold on a very close margin by the home merchants; they have to do it, and it does not stand to reason that a traveling salesman can undersell the home merchant on groceries, if he delivers staple articles such as he carries for samples. He has not any silk handkerchiefs to "make good on." Try a test on the first traveling salesman that visits you: Pretend that you are going to order \$500 worth of goods, get his price on fruit sugar, then tell him that you will take it all in sugar of that quality, him to sign a contract sworn to before a notary public of Lakeview, to deliver just that quality, and see what he says.

The letter was not directed to the Examiner, but was handed to us by a friend of the farmers, and we will endeavor to answer the questions the best we can:

The farmers of this country have not been skinned, fleeced or picked yet this year (not don't want to be.) Yes, they have been in the past (the memory irritates an old sore.) Last delivery was made just before the "storm" (there are yet a few blue streaks in the sky.) Name of the firm forgotten (the farmers can tell you.) The letter follows:

"Dear Sir:—I am selling groceries in the country for a S— House, and wish to know if any one has been selling groceries in that country to the farmers this year or in the past. If so, when did they make last delivery, and what firm sold the goods.

Looking for an early reply, I remain Yours Very Truly,
General del., Spokane Wash.

Pine Creek vs. Lakeview

The Pine Creek base ball team came up to Lakeview last Sunday and played a game with Lakeview. Pine Creek was winner 13 to 7. If Lakeview expects to play ball this summer with any degree of success and interest to spectators they will have to do some practicing.

There will be a practice game next Sunday afternoon between the married men and the boys. The game will be pulled off at the race track. Twenty-five cents admission will be charged, the gate money to be used in fixing up the grounds for future games.

Everybody, of course, is welcome, but it will be less embarrassing to the boys of their sweethearts will not attend the game, for the married men will not show any sympathy for the lads when it comes to covering them up with tallies.

In the Social Realm.

Mrs. A. L. Thornton was hostess at a very enjoyable party given at her home on Bullard street Wednesday afternoon.

Twenty guests attended and all speak highly of Mrs. Thornton's hospitality. An exceedingly tempting luncheon was a feature of the afternoon's pleasures.

Those present were: Mrs. W. R. Steele, Mrs. W. R. Boyd, Mrs. Harry Bailey, Mrs. Lee Beal, Mrs. Dan Malloy, Mrs. J. D. Venater, Mrs. Elmer Ahlstrom, Mrs. Joe Lane, Mrs. Geo. Whorton, Mrs. C. C. Price, Mrs. Pete Grob, Mrs. W. H. Shirk, Mrs. Roy Shirk, Mrs. J. S. Norin, Mrs. D. C. Schminck, Mrs. E. H. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Batchelder, Mrs. W. B. Snider, and the Misses Fannie Tonningesen and May Snider.

Mrs. Wallis and daughter Helen, departed last week for their home in San Francisco. Before leaving, Mrs. Wallis and Mrs. Cobb gave an elaborate dinner party to a few friends at the home of Mrs. Cobb. These ladies have proven themselves most delightful hostesses, and this function augmented their already well known reputation as entertainers.

Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Norin, Mrs. Wm. Harvey, Miss Hall Miss Pearl Diebert, and C. O. Metzker and wife.

Odd fellows and Rebekas and their families were treated to one of the finest banquets last Friday evening ever spread in Lakeview. The lower hall in the I. O. O. F. building was given over to those who enjoyed dancing and the banquet was served in the Masonic banquet room. The hall was comfortably filled and dancing continued to music by the orchestra till nearly two o'clock in the morning. The tables in the banquet room were laden with all the good things to eat and many pretty things to look at. Everything the heart could wish was served, and in a very tempting manner. Everyone was enthusiastic in their praise of the nights enjoyment.

Two Small Blazes.

Fire was discovered in one of the houses in the "red light" district on the hill last Sunday about 1 o'clock. The fire bell rang out the alarm and people came rushing from all parts of town. Before many reached the scene, however, the blaze was extinguished.

There should be some signal established, which everyone could understand, to notify the people when a fire is out. Most towns that have fire bells give two distinct taps of the bell when a fire is safely out, so that those coming from a distance may be informed of conditions without running so far, when the fire is quickly extinguished.

The house just south of Ahlstroms harness shop, occupied by J. S. Branch's family caught fire where the stove pipe passes through the roof last Friday afternoon. The harness shop boys and three or four other men and several women living in the immediate vicinity put the fire out before it had gained much headway. No alarm was given. Jim Partin climbed on top of the house and a hose was thrown to him and the fire was soon out.

Hymenial.

Mr. James H. O'Neil and Mrs. Arvilla Meyers, both of New Pine Creek, were married last Sunday at the home of P. S. Benham, of Pine Creek, Rev. H. Smith officiating.

License to wed was issued to the following couples this week from the county clerk's office in Lakeview: Mr. George E. Luttrell and Miss Isabella Wright, of Silver Lake, Oregon, and to Mr. G. C. Dick and Miss Rua Barrett, both of New Pine Creek.

Newspapers Last.

H. E. Barker was up first of the week from Alturas. He informed us that he has cleaned up all the stage freight lying at Alturas.

However we remember that The Examiner had about 1000 pounds of paper on the road somewhere between here and the railroad. But Mr. Barker said he would bring that right away, if we would quote him as having a clean waybill.

Quite a number of strangers have been in Lakeview during the past week, some looking over the country with a view to investing in some of Lake County's valuable lands, and others came here to work during the Summer.

CHARLEY THOMPSON DEAD BODY FOUND.

Shot in the Neck on the Desert—Mystery Surrounds the Tragedy.

Chas. T. Thompson was found dead in Greaser Flat, about six miles east of Adel, Tuesday, with a bullet hole through his head. "Little" Mike Barry found Mr. Thompson's horse with saddle and bridle on, Monday morning and brought the horse to Adel. Fastened to the horn of the saddle was a scabbard with a six shooter in it, the handle of the gun being covered with blood. Charlie Thompson had left Adel Saturday morning for Dave Edlers sheep camp, near Baty Buttes, where Pat Angland was believed to be working, with the announced purpose of inducing or compelling Mr. Angland to marry his daughter, Lillie, who is in a delicate condition, and this fact aroused suspicion at Adel when Thompson's horse was brought in. C. B. Parker, Andy Morris, Tom Caldwell and one or two others went out to search for Thompson. On Tuesday afternoon about 1 o'clock they found the dead body of Charley Thompson about 70 yards from where the horse was found, with a bullet hole in his head. The bullet is said to have entered under the chin and came out under one eye. From all appearances Thompson had lived some hours after he was shot. He had two coats which he had spread over the ground, and had moved from one to the other several times.

His clothing was covered with blood and his handkerchief was found near him saturated with blood. From appearances he had been dead two or three days. "Dutch" Charley, who lives in South Warner, was in town when the news reached here. He stated that Thompson was at his place and requested that he go with him to see Angland, but "Dutch" Charlie refused. He further said that he kept Thompson over night. He did not say what night, but it must have been Saturday night, and in that case, Thompson could have reached the place where he was found dead by noon Sunday.

District Attorney Moore and C. D. Arthur started from here Tuesday evening for the scene of the tragedy, and was expected to reach Adel with the body late evening. Four men guarded the body until the arrival of the District Attorney. The verdict of the coroner's jury will be awaited with great interest.

Whatever has been Mr. Thompson's fate, whether he met death by accident or at the hands of an assassin, is deeply deplored. While to his friends any man's death under all circumstances would be equally deplorable, in this case it is to be hoped that unquestionable evidence can be found to show that it is not a murder case.

BINGER HERMANN FOUND NOT GUILTY

Binger Hermann is not guilty, said the jury that has been sitting on his case for 11 weeks past. The verdict was reached after about 20 hours deliberation. The verdict of the Washington jury was such a set back to the prosecution that some doubts were expressed as to the Oregon indictments against Hermann ever being pressed. It seems that Oregon juries do not stand alone in their alleged reluctance to convict.

C. C. Loftus returned from Southern California last Sunday night on the Southern stage. Mr. Loftus was in very poor health when he left here five months ago, but looks now like a different man. He weighs about 180 pounds. The family moved out to the Cane Lake ranch yesterday.

W. H. Shirk bought 130 head of horses from W. Z. Moss last week and started for the California market with them. The band that mentioned in last week's Examiner, which Mr. Moss had started below with. Mos returned to Warner after selling out to Shirk.

Mrs. U. E. Cambell, of Paisley and her mother, Mrs. Thos. Wingfield, passed through Lakeview first of this week, on their way to the home of the former. Mrs. Cambell has been in California, to bring her mother home with her on a visit.

Presiding Elder Dunlap, of Klamath Falls, will be in Lakeview tomorrow, and will hold quarterly meetings at Pine Creek next Sunday. He will arrange the date for holding quarterly meetings in Lakeview and Paisley after his arrival.

School will close at the Union school house, on the West Side, next Friday. Mr. C. E. Oliver, the teacher, will remain in this county most of the summer, and possibly permanently. He came from LaGrande last Fall.

Harry Roberts came over from Plush last Friday. Harry said the railroad arrived at Plush the day before he left, and went on toward Adel. It's funny that some people don't know a railroad from the coming of spring.

It is learned that Chas. T. Watkins of Davis Creek, has purchased a two-tenths interest in the Wade-Reid mine at Pine Creek. The purchase was made from A. M. Reed and the price \$2500.

A. G. Duhme, one of the owners of the Fandango sawmill, came up to Lakeview last Sunday. Mr. Duhme says the mill is running now, cutting about twenty thousand feet per day.

Note and Comment.

A show passed through town first of the week and gave, what they call a "show" Monday night. The press was not invited, consequently we have to rely upon the public opinion so far as we have heard it as to the quality of the "show". Their horses are a very good sign for them. Take a look at their teams. City councils all over the interior country would confer a favor on the public if they would place a license on traveling shows that would make it impossible for them to pitch their tents inside the city limits.

Mike Kernic, an Austrian, was arrested at Klamath Falls one day last week on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape upon Miss Minnie Welch, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welch who live at Klamath Falls. The girl testified that the man met her in the road and grabbed her. After a struggle of several minutes she succeeded in getting loose from the brute, and ran home. Herald was bound over to the circuit court, with bonds fixed at \$1000.

A certain very prominent gentleman of this city has sent away for a \$50 suit of black clothes and a pair of nice patent leather shoes, all made to order. That's pretty fine togs unless they are for some very important occasion. We know the gentleman's name, but we can't spell it. If he don't come into this office and pay year's subscription in advance before our next issue we will make a stagger at spelling his name, however.

Miss Jennie Dillin, cousin of Jas. McShane, who has been visiting in Lakeview for some weeks, left Monday morning on the Western stage for her home in Sacramento and other Northern California towns on her way home. Miss Dillin made many friends while in our city who will miss her greatly.

Spinal meningitis seems to be an epidemic in several places on the coast. Several deaths have occurred in Portland this spring as a result of the disease, and at Reno, Nevada, the disease has been at its deadly work. But one case that we have heard of nearer here than Reno, was Madeline. A man who came out from Reno to work on the railroad extension became afflicted and died recently.

The Oregon Potash Co's, property in Lake county, including 600 placer mining claims located in Summer Lake and Abert Lake, were sold recently and the deeds received at the clerk's office Monday to made of record. C. M. Sain, the organizer of the original company, and John T. Reed, of Lovelock, Nevada, are the parties who purchased the property.

The Modoc Republican says that E. Laur & Sons, Alturas merchants have a contract for furnishing the N-C-O. Railroad extension crew with eight sacks of flour, 100 dozen eggs and all the butter they can supply, each day. This would suggest that quite a crew of men are at work on the road.

The raise on express freight is confined, so we are informed by Mr. A. L. Thornton, the Lakeview agent, to packages on which the charges have been paid at the starting point by the sender, at the regular railroad rate, no allowance being made for the stage haul on this end of the route.

Sam Johnson, who, for many years, has conducted the hotel at Amedee, is said to have sold out to a stranger, who is believed to have a tip that the Western Pacific will cross the N-C-O. at that place. Mr. Johnson's mining interests in Nevada will occupy his time in the future.

Felix Allen, whose association with the people of this section of country, several years ago however, established a reputation for him of "truth" and veracity, has subscribed himself to the story about the "shattered mountain," near Likely.

Bids for canal work in the Klamath irrigation project were advertised for again, but so far as learned none were received. All bids previously submitted have been so high that the reclamation service would not accept them.

Mrs. Geo. Freeman and little grandson, left this week for her old home, now known as the Ward ranch, near Bidwell, where she will probably remain for the summer.—Cedarville Record.

A band of 200 head of horses, the last of the horses of the "P" ranch in Oregon, passed through here yesterday morning on the way to the lower country market.—Cedarville Record.

SHEEP MUST BE DIPPED OFFICIALLY

Inspector shall be Present At all Dippings.

OREGON'S SHEEP DIPPING LAW.

Sheep Must Remain in the Vats From Two to Three Minutes. Dip to be Kept Hot.

Stock Inspector Proudfoot returned first of the week from a tour of inspection. Mr. Proudfoot intends to see that the law shall be complied with in the matter of dipping sheep. Following are the provisions of the law enacted at the last legislature:

"The new Oregon law provides that all sheep within the state shall be dipped during the year, between the months of April and August.

"All sheep that are free from scab will be dipped once, but all that are found infected must be dipped twice. In this annual dipping, no dips shall be used except those that are recognized by the government, a list of which may be had upon application to the state sheep inspectors of the bureau of animal industry. The government also permits the use of home made lime and sulphur dip, which is made from eight pounds of unslacked lime and 24 pounds of flower of sulphur to 100 gallons of water.

"All this dipping must be supervised by government or state inspectors, and where dipping is done in their absence it will not be recognized as official, and another dipping will be required. Whenever anyone is ready to dip, an inspector will immediately be sent to superintend the mixing of the dip and the dipping of the sheep.

"The government requires that all sheep must be in the vat from two to three minutes and that the temperature of the dip must be maintained at a temperature of from 100 degrees Fahrenheit. All scabby sheep must be dipped at their present quarters and must not be trailed to a public vat, but it is desirable that clean sheep be dipped at some central vat so that as few inspectors as possible will be required to handle them.

"For the present year, no sheep will be allowed to enter a forest reserve unless they have a certificate showing that they have been dipped by the proper officers.

"All sheep that have been reported scabby since January 1 will be handled as infected sheep at dipping time, whether they have been dipped in the mean time or not. This is done so that when the annual dipping is completed there should be little danger of them breaking out with scab again."

Distinguished Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McGillicray, of Dickinson, North Dakota, Mr. L. P. Delano, of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. H. W. Drenkel, of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived in Lakeview Tuesday evening by private conveyance from the railroad at Pokegama.

Mr. McGillicray is vice-president of the Missouri Slope Land & Investment Co., and president of the Oregon Military Wagon Road Grant, being associated with Mr. Hunter, who was here looking over the road land in this county about a year ago. Mr. McGillicray is looking over land and the country in general with a view to dividing a plan by which his company can put their vast acreage of land on the market and aid in the development of the country. His wife accompanies him on a pleasure trip.

Mr. Drenkel and Mr. Delano are also looking over the country and may invest money here.

These people are all very much impressed with the country, and while their trip over the "trail," as they call it, was one of hardship, once here they see many things to interest them. They called at The Examiner office yesterday, and enquired our little city. They are pleasant people, indeed.

L. Bailey came very near getting one of his eyes knocked out one day last week. While trying to unjoint a water pipe the wrench slipped off and the handle struck him in the eye, cutting quite a gash in the lower lid.