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HOLBROOK ROB-BED IN RENO.

Thugs Hold up Lake Co. Sheep Man.

LOSES \$640 CASH, \$500 CHECK

Was on his Way With his Wife to Cushing Neb. Act Committed in Day Light.

(Sacramento Bee.)

Reno (Nov.) July 13.—While waiting for a train in this city, W. H. Holbrook, a sheep-raiser of Lakeview, Ore., was enticed into a saloon near the depot by two men he had met at the station, and robbed of \$640 in cash and \$500 in checks. The men then escorted him to the train and made him leave town, threatening to kill him if he did not do as they commanded.

According to the story as told by C. H. Hanson, a vehicle dealer of this city, who met Holbrook on the train after he was robbed, the robbery occurred in the following manner:

Holbrook had come to Reno Saturday night with his wife after having disposed of a band of sheep at Lakeview. He secured a room at a hotel near the depot, and purchased tickets for himself and wife from Reno to Cushing, Neb. When he bought the tickets he flashed a large roll of bills and considerable coin, and two men who were standing near, after he left the ticket window approached him and entered into conversation with him.

They told him that they were from Cushing, where they claimed to know several of his friends. After his train had pulled into the depot and he had placed his wife aboard he went with his new-made friends to get a drink. He was introduced to a third man. While he was talking to the third man one of the men who met him at the depot stuck a gun to his head and commanded him to turn over all his money. At first he refused, and they threatened to shoot him. He then gave them \$510 in gold and bills and \$300 in checks, which they forced him to sign.

After turning his money over to them he started to leave the place, but they accompanied him to the train and saw him safely aboard, not giving him any opportunity to notify the police.

Holbrook met Hanson on the train and had Hanson have his checks canceled at the Washoe County Bank in this city. Hanson also cashed a check for him so that he might continue his trip to Nebraska.

The robbery was committed in daylight, and while the saloon was filled with men. Holbrook told Hanson that his wife was in a very delicate condition, or he would have left the train at Sparks and reported the crime. As yet no effort has been made to capture the thieves.

It will be remembered that Will Holbrook and his wife left here a couple of weeks ago for their old home in Nebraska. Mr. Holbrook had recently sold his interest in the band of sheep owned by Holbrook Bros., and stated to The Examiner that he thought of buying sheep in Colorado, as he could get them for much less than they sold for here. The many friends of Mr. Holbrook will be sorry to hear of his loss.

Boat on Goose Lake.

Chas. Barber was up town last Tuesday taking lessons on running a gasoline engine from S. O. Cressler, the automobilist. Mr. Barber has started the gasoline launch on the lake, put on by himself and T. J. Minton. They expect to do a regular freight and passenger business on the lake. They will have a landing at the mouth of Drews creek, on the west side of the lake, and will tow barges of grain to Pine Creek where it can be milled or hauled on to Madeline. This will save a 30-mile haul for the West Side farmers in getting their grain to mill. Excursions will be made every Sunday. The boat will carry 12 passengers, safely, it is supplied with life preservers, and is really a life-saving boat, carrying an air-tight compartment in either end.

The boys ought to do a rushing business.

Mrs. Nancy A. Gillett

The following announcement of the death of Mrs. Nancy A. Gillett, of Willow Ranch, was received after The Examiner had gone to press last week. The announcement reads:

"Died July 25th, 1907, at Cottonwood, Modoc county, Calif., Mrs. Nancy A. Gillett, wife of Jas. A. Gillett. Deceased was born in Missouri July 27, 1854; crossed the plains when a child with her parents, who settled early in Honey Lake Valley. She was married to W. K. Cannon in 1870. Five children were born of this union, B. F., Minnie A., Laura B., Dora A., and Geo. W. After the death of her first husband she married Mr. Jas. A. Gillett in 1896. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gillett, as follows: Chas. W., B. L., Grace, and Ruby, all of whom survive their mother, except Chas. W., who died Feb. 10, 1887. The first family of children are B. P. Cannon of Paisley, Mr. F. P. Light of Lakeview, Mrs. R. O. Ward, of Bidwell, Mrs. Frank Pritchard of Bidwell and George Cannon of Willow Ranch.

Deceased was among the early settlers of Modoc county. The remains were buried in the Willow Ranch cemetery. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Hall Reeves, of Pine Creek, Oregon.



Wm. H. Taft candidate for President

Trash Pile Causes Alarm.

Quite a number of the residents of Lakeview tried themselves to the tall timber last Sunday. Upon reaching the opposite side of the valley, near the Hopkins place, a terrible cloud of smoke was noticed rising from the town, and some of the parties wheeled around and drove back to town as fast as their teams could bring them. The cloud of smoke seemed to rise near the center of town. The exact location could not be determined upon till the scene was reached. A large pile of trash burning had caused all that excitement. It looked from the other side of the valley as if the heart of the town was on fire. The excitement caused by that pile of rubbish burning might be laughed at were it not for the fact that it is against the laws of Lakeview to burn trash within the fire limits.

This is not the only inconvenience caused by the burning of trash in town, and there should be a stop put to it. There is a law on the statute books of Lakeview that is just as important to some people as any law we have, and it is being ruthlessly violated nearly every day in the week. It is dangerous to property and to health, to burn rubbish in town and those who are empowered to enforce the laws should look to their duty.

Celebration at Pine Creek

The big celebration at Pine Creek has been postponed a couple of weeks on account of the date decided upon first coming at a busy time. The date set for the event now is the latter part of September. There will be three days of sport, arrangements for which is complete and the money on hand to defray the expenses.

One of the important events to take place will be the christening of the new gasoline launch on the lake. Hourly excursions will be made and everyone given an opportunity to ride on the boat.

The program for the three day celebration will doubtless be ready for publication by next week.

SENATOR FULTON MAKES GOOD REPORT.

Says Goose Lake Valley is the Prettiest Valley He Has Seen.

Upon Senator Fulton's return to Portland he gave to the Oregonian a very glowing report of Lake and Klamath counties, their prosperity and their people. Following are a few of the Senator's remarks:

"Many people are possessed with the idea that both Klamath and Lake Counties are purely stock growing regions and unsuited for agriculture. This is a great mistake. Both have large areas of fine agricultural lands. I have never seen finer fields of wheat, barley and rye than I saw in those counties, and many of them were grown wholly without irrigation. It is indeed surprising to see the success the people there are achieving in dry land farming. That country is also a fine fruit section and both Lake and Klamath Counties grow splendid apples and peaches. Indeed their apples are exceptionally fine. Of course, in order to secure the best results, most of these lands require irrigation, but fortunately most all are so located that they can be irrigated at moderate cost. This is particularly true of Klamath basin, the Lost River and Goose Lake valleys. The latter is the valley in which the town of Lakeview is situated and is one of the most beautiful valleys I have ever seen.

"The people of Klamath are very impatient over the slow progress being made in the construction of the irrigation work in the Klamath and Lost River valleys. It seems to me that they have just cause for complaint. Only about 50 men are employed in this work. There should be at least 300 or 400. It is contended

by those in charge of the work that laborers cannot be secured. Still it is to be observed that the railroad company has more than 1000 men at work in the immediate vicinity. It would seem that the Government should be able to secure laborers as readily as the railroad.

"However, Secretary Garfield and Mr. Newell were there when I was and I have hopes that the work will now be pushed more energetically. The work is being prosecuted under force account instead of by contract and heretofore the Water Users Association, representing the lands to be irrigated, has been denied the privilege of inspecting the books showing the cost of the work.

"Over in Lake County they are proposing to put the Great Goose Lake Valley under irrigation by private enterprise. It is perfectly feasible. Much of the land is now under irrigation and as soon as the railroad is extended to Lakeview, as it will be within the near future, the entire valley will be put under irrigation.

"I regret that Portland is not better connected commercially with that great section than at present. Indeed the outlook for securing its trade in the future is not encouraging. The railroads that are building will not bring that country any nearer Portland. They simply mean closer relations with San Francisco. I understand that the Corvallis & Eastern could be extended into that region on better grades than any other line, indeed on very low grades. I think the matter of securing that extension should be taken up by the proper organizations."

Out on a Bear Hunt.

Dr. Dewey, Dr. Boyd and Geo. Hankins went out into the Bald Butte country above Paisley last Sunday, to hunt that big grizzly bear that has been seen up there by several people lately. The hunters took orders for several quarters of bear meat before starting. Mr. Hankins returned to town Tuesday. He did not state his errand, but it is supposed that he came after a warrant for the arrest of the bear, and another bottle of orange cider. They will bring the bear in alive.

Mr. Hankins tells this story of the first deer the hunters killed:

"Dr. Boyd ran across a deer badly afflicted with the rheumatism, and caught it. He tied it to a tree and pulled its teeth all out, returning to

camp to get Dr. Dewey to go out and help him kill it. Boyd led the way to where the deer was tied, Dewey following, gun in position for immediate use. When they came in sight of the deer it was all tangled up in the rope, and they began firing and advancing. They emptied their guns from one position and retreated to attack the enemy from another, and after flanking all sides charged upon the deer, to find him well dead.

B. F. Barnum came in from Calhoun, arriving Tuesday in company with his son. They came after some work horses Mr. Barnum had here, which he will take back with him in about two weeks, to work on the ranch. Mr. Barnum has been away from Lakeview a little over two years and is looking well and hearty.

Death of Rosa Irene Mulkey.

The very sad news was spread about town Tuesday morning that Rosa Irene Mulkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mulkey died at 1 o'clock in the morning. The little girl had been sick but a few days and the news came as a shock. Mr. Mulkey and family had been living up in the mountains on their ranch, and the report is that the little girl had, some days ago, eaten some wild berries that were poisonous. Inflammation of the bowels set in and nothing could be done to relieve her.

Deceased was 9 years old on the 18th day of June, last. The funeral was held from the Methodist Church yesterday, Wednesday, August 7th, 1907, after which the little cold body was laid away in the L. O. O. F. Cemetery in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends.

We feel the emptiness of human words in times of bitter sorrow. Yet He who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows will comfort and sustain. Loving hands tenderly laid the little form to rest, and the bright little girl, the pride and joy of her parents and teachers was lost to them on this earth forever; but the comforting thought, that she is in a brighter better world, safe from the cares and sorrows that come to all who linger here, is a solace in this time of great grief.



VICE PRESIDENT CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.

Death of W. D. Corpe.

At Edgwood, California, Sunday July 21st, occurred the death of W. D. Corpe at the age of 58 years 6 months and 12 days.

The deceased was born in Mishawaka St. Joseph county, Indiana, November 3, 1848, and was second in a family of four children, Mrs. Ellsworth Tubbs of Yreka, and Mrs. Frances E. Boyd of Klamath Falls, Or., being the survivors.

At the age of eight his family removed from their Indiana home to Council Bluffs Iowa, afterwards to Tekamah, Burt county, Nebraska. In these two states of the Central West, the subject of this sketch spent 18 years of his life, coming to the Pacific coast in 1874 at the age of 26, accompanied by his eldest sister, Mrs. E. Tubbs, and ex-shepherd W. L. Hobbs.

In 1878, four years after coming West, he married at Jacksonville, Ore., Miss Emma Allred, one child was born to them, Mamie, who is a professional nurse in San Francisco.

For 10 or 12 years Mr. and Mrs. Corpe resided in Sonoma county, and for several years in Eastern Oregon, at Klamath Falls and Lakeview. On the Sunday of his death he hitched up a team and brought four farm hands into Edgwood from the George Decker ranch, on which he has a lease. One of the farm hands, Elmer Dye, got into a fight with a man named Myers, and Mr. Corpe stepped between them to separate them, when Myers, who has always pretended to be a friend, struck him several blows, one of which burst an artery, causing the blood to clot around the brain and resulting in death.

Mr. Corpe was a man of exemplary habits, and his untimely death, coming as it did, was a great shock to his relatives and to his friends who are legion. In his many years residence in California and Oregon he won the golden opinions of all who knew him. He was an indulgent husband and father, an upright and highly respected citizen.—Yreka Journal.

Mr. Corpe was an uncle of Dr. W. R. Boyd of Lakeview.

PREPARING THE CONVICT FOR EXECUTION.



PHOTO BY L. L. HOPKINS, SHANGHAI.

CONDITION OF SWAMP LANDS.

Attorney-General Crawford's Opinion.

THE EXAMINER GETS THE FACTS

New Law Thought to Only Effect Purchases Since the Act Was Passed.

Some weeks ago there was an article published in a number of papers over the state relative to the state refunding money paid for swamp lands by applicants. The article stated in part:

"Through the discovery of a sleeper in the act of the last legislature governing the sale of swamp, tide and other state lands, settlers upon lands which were patented to the state as swamp under the act of congress of 1863, are barred from securing repayment of purchase price from the state at \$1 per acre, with interest at 5 per cent. from date of purchase, notwithstanding the state's title to the land has been canceled by the department of the Interior because of the failure of the state to establish the swampy character of the land. This condition will effect upon several thousand acres, I, who, by reason of the state's failure to the land having been canceled by the general government, can neither secure title to their holdings from the state nor get their money back."

The article goes on with a brief history of the state's swamp lands, for a period of ten years back, and cites the Warner valley case as one affected by the new law.

Being desirous of getting the straight of the thing and being able to publish the facts, The Examiner wrote Attorney-General Crawford for the facts, and here is his reply:

Salem, Oregon, August 2, 1907. Mr. C. O. Metzker Lakeview Ore.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 27th ult., relative to recovering money paid on swamp lands to which the State is unable to give deed, received, and in reply thereto permit me to call your attention to Section 35 of Chapter 117, Laws of 1907, page 216, which section provides, in substance, that where lands other than tide or overflowed lands, or unsurveyed or unpatented swamp lands, have been sold and the State cannot convey title to the purchaser, the State Land Board shall repay to the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, such sums as may have been paid to the State thereon. Under Sections 3310 and 3311 of Bellinger and Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon, which were repealed by the 1907 law just referred to, repayments could be made where the State failed to give title to swamp lands whether unpatented or patented to the State, and just why the exception was made when the Board had the law revised in 1907 I cannot say. However, I am of the opinion that the 1907 law is applicable only to lands sold after the passage of the Act, and not to lands sold prior to that time. I am investigating that question now and after we come to a conclusion as to whether it is retroactive the Board will pass upon claims now before it. If it is found that the law applies to sales made prior to the passage of the Act then there is no law to refund money paid for tide or overflow, or unsurveyed or unpatented swamp lands sold to purchasers, even though the State cannot give a deed to the lands. The law will only effect sales made prior to the passage of the Act.

Very respectfully yours, A. M. Crawford, Attorney General.

Stock Notes.

J. J. Fleming, the Eagleville sheep buyer, made the following purchases from Lake county sheep raisers this week, paying \$3 per head for lambs: From Geo. Fitzgerald, 500 lambs, A. N. Bennett 600 ewes and lambs, Ed Bond 600 lambs, Frank Rogers 600 lambs, D. J. Wilcox 200 ewes and lambs, S. P. Moss a bunch of cull ewes.