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BULLDOG ATTACKS TEAM OF HORSES

Game Warden McKimens and Wife Go Through a Thrilling Experience.

While returning from Klamath Falls last Thursday Deputy Game Warden B. F. McKimens and wife were forced through an experience which they hope will not be repeated soon.

Before leaving for their home a friend presented Mr. McKimens with a handsome young bull dog, and had it not been for this member of the canine family there would have been no story. After riding in the buggy for some distance, the animal was put out to follow on the ground in order to get some exercise.

The dog followed but a short ways when it suddenly dashed in front of one of the horses, viciously attacking it and cutting a gash in the horse's fore leg. The bulldog then continued its attacks on both horses, they kicking and striking to ward off the infuriated canine. In the excitement Mrs. McKimens became so frightened that she jumped from the buggy. Fearing that the dog would turn upon his wife, Mr. McKimens succeeded in giving her the driving whip. With this weapon she struck the dog, and it apparently realizing the masters hand, retreated under the buggy, where it remained until Mr. McKimens got from the rig and ended its life with a bullet.

After taking considerable time to get the horses straightened out and quieted from the ordeal, they resumed their journey, for some time quite excited, but rejoicing that the incident had been no more serious.

WHO CAN VOTE AT SPECIAL ELECTION

Nobody Barred But Some Voters Must Use "Blank A."

Those who can vote at the special referendum election of November 4th are as follows: Men and women who have registered under the new permanent registration law; men who have not registered under this law but who did vote at the last general election, when Woodrow Wilson was chosen president; men or women who have not registered under the new law but who will sign "Blank A" at the polls and be sworn in by the clerk of election. Six freeholders must act as witnesses in such event.

This will be the first election at which women will have opportunity to vote upon state measures. The registration of women is not great. So little campaign has been made in connection with any of the five measures under consideration that thousands of women failed to register.

The suffrage leaders, like Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, of Portland, the clubwomen of practically all Oregon towns, and mothers of children generally have all been urging upon their voting sisters to stand behind the University of Oregon bills as a means of demonstrating women's desire for that improvement in social and general living conditions that follows advancement of general education in a state.

Deathly Mine Explosion

One of the most terrible mine disasters occurring in recent history was the explosion in mine No. 2 of the Stag Canon Fuel Company of Dawson, N. M. the latter part of last week which entombed 284 men, among them being the general superintendent of the mine.

According to late reports only twenty-three lives were saved after the explosion, which experts say was the greatest in violence in the history of the United States, and which ranks third in its appalling loss of life.

Scenes attending the rescuing of the bodies and at the morgue were reported as intolerable in their pathos. Decomposition added to the horrors of mutilation, and wives and relatives, of the unfortunate men, in numerous cases, were unable to identify their loved ones, resulting in many coffins bearing that pathetic word "unknown."

WEST SIDE GROWS LARGE GRAIN CROP

Thrashing Company Exceeds Former Run in That Section Alone.

G. F. Arthur and Chas. Nelson of the West Side Thrashing Company were in town Saturday. The season's run was completed the first of the week when the grain on the J. F. Hanson ranch was threshed. The total number of bushels threshed by the company this season is 52,834, all of which excepting 1400 bushels was grown on the west side of the lake. This is by far the heaviest crop of grain ever grown in that section.

The West Side Company threshed nearly 50,000 bushels last year but considerable of this was grown on the east side and in the upper end of the valley. The grain in this year's total has not been classified but it is estimated that about one-half is wheat, while the remaining half includes barley, oats and rye. The wheat on the West Side is considered far superior to any in the valley for milling purposes, and nearly all of the crop this season will be taken by the Lakeview Flour Mills.

NO REASONS GIVEN AGAINST MEASURES

Parties Invoking Referendum Against Bills Do Not Tell Why.

Oregon's referendum election will be held next week, and the mails were recently filled with copies of the measures being sent to the voters, men and women, by Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott. The special election is called for November 4.

There are four measures on the ballot, and one is a referendum on the State University building repair fund, another is a referendum on the University of Oregon new building appropriation. The third is a referendum on the sterilization act the fourth is a referendum on the County Attorney act, and the fifth referendum is on the workingmen's compensation act.

In not one of these referendums have the people instrumental in holding up the laws taken the trouble to give their reasons in the official pamphlet. In the matter of the two university bills, various organizations have submitted arguments showing why the referendum on these measures should be defeated, but those who objected to the laws taking effect has ignored their opportunity to give reasons for holding up the measure. The university building repair fund carries an appropriation of \$75,000. The other university bill calls for \$100,000 for a new building. Both of these measures have been placed on the ballot by H. J. Parkinson, as secretary of the Oregon Higher Educational Institutions Betterment League. Parkinson has given no explanation for invoking the referendum on either measure.

The Anti-Sterilization League has called for the referendum on the sterilization bill, through Mrs. Lora C. Little, as vice-president. No argument against the sterilization measure is presented in the pamphlet issued by Secretary of State Olcott. J. E. Craib invoked the referendum on the County Attorney bill. This measure provides for a County Attorney for each County in the State, in lieu of the present system of District Attorneys, wherein a District Attorney may have charge of several counties. The workingmen's compensation act has been held up by Wilfred E. Farrell. There has been considerable speculation as to who engaged Farrell to bring the referendum on this measure. Indemnity insurance companies have been suspected, but most agents of such companies make denial. Neither Craib nor Farrell has written a line for the pamphlet to show why the referendum should be supported.

All these measures have been placed on the ballot by their enemies, and the bills have been passed up to the voters without assigning reason for the action.

HIGHFILL NOT GUILTY

COURT BREAKING RECORD IN DISPOSING OF BUSINESS

Three Convictions Had and Heavy Sentences Are Imposed--Few Known Cases Remain on the Criminal Docket

Breaking all past records for expediting business the present term of Circuit Court is rapidly making history. Although a large amount of business has been disposed of, the calendar is yet quite lengthy and will take some time to finish. So far as known this morning the only cases remaining on the criminal docket are those of James O'Connor, who is charged with the larceny of horses. The grand jury has been excused subject to call at any future date.

The case occupying the center of attraction this week was that of the State vs. Arthur Highfill. The defendant was indicted for murder in the first degree, charged with taking the life of Harry Hancock on the morning of July 3rd last at the Lyons ranch on Rock Creek. Highfill retained W. Lair Thompson as counsel, while the prosecution was conducted by District Attorney Irwin assisted by Deputy Farrell. The jury in the case was composed of Walter Butler, J. C. Oliver, J. P. Duke, Elijah Smalley, Cliff Smith, Duke Bennett, J. S. Fuller, Frank Wilson, Andrew Hotchkiss, F. L. Ross, Chas. Sherlock and E. E. Woodcock. In selecting the jury the prosecution exhausted four of the six preemptory challenges while the defense used six out of the allotted twelve.

After making a strong plea in behalf of his client, the defense rested his case last evening, and this morning at nine o'clock argument by the prosecution was taken up. After receiving instructions from the Judge the jury remained out less than one hour when they returned with a verdict of not guilty.

A synopsis of other proceedings had since October 22 follows:

LOS ANGELES MAN BUYS BOWERS FARM

Local Real Estate Firm Sells Large Property in Modoc.

A real estate deal of great magnitude, and one netting a handsome commission to the agents promoting it, was consummated this week when George Pannosa of Los Angeles purchased through Curtis & Utley, of Lakeview, the large John Bowers ranch in Modoc County. The property consists of 1548 acres, and the price paid was \$57,500, this including all the sheep, cattle, other stock, farming machinery, etc. on the ranch.

Mr. Pannosa is a large contractor of Los Angeles and he will cultivate and improve his property, with the purpose of developing it into a stock farm. Homer Curtis and family of Valley Falls will reside on the place, becoming superintendent of the ranch.

The Bowers ranch is well known to the traveling public, it being considered by teamsters and stockmen as one of the best stations in this inland country. It is situated on the main road between Davis Creek and Alturas. Mr. Bowers had equipped it with all modern conveniences, making it a profitable producing property as well as a comfortable home. The house is supplied with electric lights water pipes and other luxuries not always found in the ranch home.

Mr. Bowers has purchased a 27-acre orange farm near Los Angeles and he and his estimable wife will make their home there in the future. They will make the trip over land in a new Maxwell car which they recently purchased.

Len Parker was convicted on a charge of rape, and sentenced to serve not less than three years nor more than twenty years in the penitentiary, the same sentence being imposed on Ray Yarbrough who was likewise convicted of rape. The penalty for this crime is fixed by law, the sentence not being discretionary with the court, and while the prisoners are subject to pardon at any time, they cannot be paroled until the minimum sentence has been served.

In the case of the State vs. W. H. Mills, who was indicted for passing fraudulent checks, Attorney Chas. H. Combs was appointed to represent the defendant. The case was tried Friday and a verdict of guilty was returned by the jury. He was sentenced to serve from one to five years in the penitentiary. Mills wrote two checks on the Paisley First National Bank, in which institution he had no funds. One of the checks was in the amount of \$40 and the other \$20, George Whorton cashing the first, while the second was cashed by F. P. Light of the Hotel Lakeview.

A decree was granted the plaintiff in the divorce suit of Albert A. Crandall vs. Margaret C. Crandall.

The grand jury returned an indictment against N. A. McCurdy, a saloon keeper of New Pine Creek, for giving liquor to a minor. McCurdy pleaded guilty to the charge and Judge Benson fined him \$50, which was paid, and revoked his liquor license.

Preceding the O'Connor case which is set for November 5, will be heard two civil jury trials, that of James Young vs. The Lakeview Land & Lumber Company, and that of O. C. Hale vs. W. B. Solder. Both are actions for damages, the former case being continued from last term.

PROGRESSIVES ARE STEADILY LOSING

Illinois Election Taken As Significant to Next National Campaign.

To the political leaders who are manipulating with a view to carrying the next National election, the election in the Fifth Supreme Court district in Illinois last week, in which Judge Craig, the Democratic candidate, was elected, the Republican nominee, Judge Puterbaugh, was second and the Progressive candidate a bad third, is regarded as tremendously significant.

Complete returns received show that Craig received 17,696 votes, Puterbaugh 14,055, and Snay, the Bull Moose candidate, only 9,128.

The heavy decrease in the Progressive vote in this election, taken in connection with the results of various special elections held within the year, is a great encouragement to the Republicans who are primarily interested in the National get-together movement. These election results are likely to have the significance brought more fully to light when the Republican National committee meets in December and later in connection with the special National convention which the committee is expected to call.

The thing which is now taken as plain to all the astute politicians is that the personal Roosevelt force was the great factor in piling up the vote which the Progressive party obtained in the National election a year ago. Without Roosevelt's personality it appears that the Progressives can hardly anywhere expect to run better than a poor third.

NEW ASPIRANT TO RECEIVERSHIP JOB

Allen Sloan and George Chastain of Klamath Falls Visit Lakeview.

George Chastain, clerk of the Circuit Court in Klamath, and Allen Sloan, an abstractor of the Falls, arrived in Lakeview Monday afternoon and remained until yesterday morning. Mr. Chastain is quite well known among the oldtimers, having pursued the avocation of stage driver during the early 90's. He noted many changes in the town, and picked the locations of numerous buildings that were destroyed by the fire of 1900.

It was Mr. Sloan's first visit to Lakeview, and he was here looking after his political fences. He is an aspirant for the position of Receiver of the local United States Land Office, and is a firm believer in the bird and worm legend. Mr. Sloan was at one time an aspirant for the position of Register, but he did not press the matter and now believes he should have the support of the local Democratic organization in landing the other position. Mr. Sloan is well fitted for the position, and if successful in landing the same will make a most competent official.

SEVERAL PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED

Many Applications for Water Appropriations During Last Quarter.

During the past quarter 150 permits for the appropriation of water have been issued by the State Engineer, of which number eleven are for the construction of reservoirs. According to these permits it is proposed to irrigate 18,690 acres, develop 21,716 horsepower, as well as for municipal and domestic purposes. The construction of the works described in these permits would cost approximately \$2,300,000, of which \$550,000 is estimated the cost of constructing reservoirs.

The following permits have been issued for the appropriation of water in Lake County, during the past quarter:

Grace Lutz of Silver Lake, for the irrigation of 440 acres with the waters of Duncan Creek in Sec. 9, Tp. 29 S., R. 15 E. M. C. Currier of Paisley, for the irrigation of 115 acres with the waters of Morgan Creek in Sec. 24, Tp. 36 S., R. 17 E. W. H. Parker of Paisley, for the irrigation of 219 acres with waters of Morgan Creek, in Sec. 19, Tp. 36 S. R. 18 E. S. M. Luce of Plush, for the irrigation of 80 acres with waters of Oliver Creek in Sec. 9, Tp. 36, S. R. 22 E. A. E. Nelson of Plush, for the irrigation of 320 acres with the waters of De Garmo Creek in Sec. 4, Tp. 36 F. R. 25 E. J. Davis of Paisley, irrigation of 40 acres with waters of Moss Creek in Sec. 34, Tp. 34, S. R. 19 E. C. C. Davidson of Paisley, for irrigation of 40 acres, including domestic use, with the waters of Spring Creek in Sec. 22 Tp. 33 S. R. 18 E. George and Virgil Conn of Paisley, for the irrigation of 126 acres with the waters of Morgan Creek in Sec. 24, Tp. 36, S. R. 17 E. Ida D. Clark of Paisley, for the irrigation of 20 acres with the waters of an unnamed spring in Sec. 25, Tp. 35, S. R. 18 E. F. H. Price of Paisley, for the irrigation of 17 acres with the waters of Moss Creek in Sec. 28, Tp. 3, S. R. 19 E. A. E. Nelson of Plush, for the generation of 342 horsepower with the waters of De Garmo Creek in Sec. 4, Tp. 36, S. R. 25 E. Grace Lutz also has a permit to store 17 acre feet of the waters of Duncan Creek in Sec. 29, Tp. 26, S. R. 15 E.

Believing that it will be for the best interests of the settlers, the Desert Land Board has decided, beginning next year, to take complete charge of operations at the Tumalo, formerly the Columbia Southern irrigation project. Many complications have arisen owing to the old and new irrigation systems and it is believed the board can do the work better itself than the West Side Wateruser's Association, which now has a contract to do it.

PHEASANTS ARE PUT IN VALLEY

Birds Will be Fed Through Winter and Strictly Protected.

Deputy Game Warden McKimens who returned last week from a trip to Klamath Falls brought with him 47 Chinese pheasants which he received at that place from the State Game Farm at Portland. Mr. McKimens was delayed several days in the Falls awaiting the arrival of the birds, but they came through in fine shape, only one out of the four dozen dying on the road.

Twelve pairs of the birds were liberated on the Henry Leehman ranch near New Pine Creek, the remaining twenty-three, 12 hens and 11 roosters, being placed on the E. C. Thurston ranch on the east side of the valley. Both these places, as well as others in that vicinity are considered excellent refuges for pheasants and it is believed that no trouble will be experienced in getting them started in this country. There is considerable feed on both Mr. Leehman's and Mr. Thurston's ranches, and Mr. McKimens states that he will buy grain and give his personal attention to bringing the birds through this winter.

The pheasants will be strictly protected by law in this county for an indefinite time or until they become sufficiently numerous to permit killing, and a close watch will be kept on any possible offenders and woe to the party who is caught slaughtering any of these choice birds.

ROAD WOULD BRING TRADE FROM EAST

Homesteader Says Citizens Will Petition County Court for Relief.

George Jones came in a few days since from his homestead on the East side of Steins Mountain. He states that the settlers along the road between Warner and that section are anxious to have a new road down the Warner rim, and to that end are now circulating a petition to the County Court praying for relief. Mr. Jones states that an easy grade down the mountain at a small cost is possible, the amount necessary being estimated at \$300. The business of Catlow Valley and the adjoining section of the country now goes to Nevada but with a new grade down the rim practically all of the business would come to Lakeview.

Chas. Barnum, who several years since operated an auto between Lakeview and Alturas and who subsequently took up a homestead in Catlow, is now operating an auto truck between that valley and the railroad down in Nevada. He states that with an improved road down the rim all freight would be diverted to Lakeview and then transported by auto truck to Catlow.

Mr. Jones came in after a load of fruit and other supplies and expects to return home in a day or so.

Compensation Act

A late news dispatch from Salem says: Declaring that the verity of the names on the petitions was not questioned and that only results in the designation of street residences in the main were urged, the Supreme Court, in an opinion written by Justice Burnett, sustained the decision of Judge Galloway of the circuit court of that district, in dismissing a suit instituted by Ernest Ringo to restrain Secretary Olcott from referring the workmen's compensation act to a vote of the people.

The title of the measure now will be placed on the ballot, and whether it is to become a law will depend on the vote of the people at the special referendum election to be held on November 4 under the Day bill. In addition to holding that the evidence submitted was not sufficient to establish fraud with relation to the name on the petition, the court also held that it is not necessary for a voter to be registered to sign a referendum petition.