

# BILL THOMASON GIVES VERSION BEFORE JURORS

Picturesque Range Rider  
Testified Before Jury  
Yesterday

A replica of Buffalo Bill, a veritable second edition of the famed old two-gun man, took the witness stand last night and told why he shot and killed Veloy Pearson, handsome and prominent young "Don Juan" of the reservation on the main street of Chiloquin on the night of November 27.

He was William Thomason, on trial for his life, in one of the most sensational murder trials ever held in southern Oregon.

The weather beaten, 69-year-old range rider, declared it was merely a question of who was quickest on the draw.

"I met 'Buck' Pearson coming out of a store in Chiloquin," he told the jury in a slow, steady voice, occasionally gesticulating with his hands to emphasize a point. "I wasn't turning my back on him those days. He said 'you black —, I hear you've got a warrant out for me. By G —, I'm going to shoot it out with you right now.' He rushed towards his car and opened the door, as if to get something. I shot then and he dropped."

State witnesses had testified that Pearson was unarmed, that he was carrying a box of milk bottles to his car, and that Thomason had come up and deliberately shot him.

The old man angrily denied this version and insisted that it was simply a case of who got the draw first.

Then Thomason told the story of what led up to the fatal shooting. He said he had raised and loved Elva Tice, 16-year-old beautiful Indian girl, to whom Pearson had paid much attention.

"He ruined her, despite the fact that he was married," declared the range rider shaking his fist at nobody in particular. "He first began paying attention to her two years ago when he made her queen of the rodeo. I didn't really know how bad the situation was until I heard of Pearson knocking down the girl's grandmother in Prineville because she didn't want him to dance with the child."

"I told him to stay away from the ranch but he told me that no officer was fast enough to make him stay away. On general election night, November 6, I again told Elva to stay away from 'Buck.' After a dance that night he came across the street in a range, with his hand behind his

back. John Lee Ball, an Indian officer, stopped him and took a knife out of his hand. He told me that night that nobody could keep him away from Elva."

The night before the shooting, Thomason related, the girl's grandmother was badly beaten up by Pearson because she had taken Elva home.

On the day of Pearson's death, Thomason admitted that he had buckled on his revolver and holster before he started for Chiloquin.

## RAIL FORFEITED BY WOMAN YESTERDAY

Kate Fales forfeited bail of \$200 in justice court when she failed to appear to answer to the charge of sale and possession of liquor yesterday.

Mrs. Fales, according to officers, sold a pint of liquor to Clarence Worden, federal officer, on Thursday night at the hotel.

After the sale, it is alleged, Mrs. Fales led the officers to a room where 11 pints of liquor were found hidden beneath a mattress.

## POULTRYMEN WILL SELECT OFFICERS

The officers of the Klamath Poultrymen's association were to be elected this afternoon by the board of directors.

The board is composed of L. Alva Lewis, Earl Mack, Bill Williams, Dave Turner and Dr. E. M. Trout. Mr. Lewis was past president.

A beauty parlor is to be installed at a Jersey City hospital for the insane, because experience has proved that when the insane patients have their personal appearance improved this beautifying also improves their mental condition.

# URGES SHORTER DEER SEASON, LOWER LIMIT

Representative R. A. Ford  
Explains Reasons for  
Proposal

SALEM, Jan. 20.—Conservation of game and reduction of fire hazards were given by Representative R. A. Ford, of Grant and Harney counties, as the reason for his bill reducing the bag limit on deer with horns and shortening the season by ten days.

At a hearing before the house

committee on game, Representative Ford pointed out that if the opening date of the season is advanced from September 19 to 29, there is less danger of fire because the fall rains will have started by that time.

A further argument for advancing the season is that of avoiding the warm weather of early September. It is often difficult for the hunters to remove game after it is killed before it is spoiled. He referred to the high color of cars loaded with game which were distinctly noticeable as they passed through town on their way out of the hunting territory.

If the killing of male deer continues at the rate of last year in Grant county, Representative Ford believes that it will be only a short time before they will become scarce.

At the suggestion of Harold

Clifford, state game warden, the proposed bill was amended to read "one deer with forked horns" rather than "one deer with horns."

The house committee on game has deferred its decision on the proposed bill until it can get an expression of opinion from sportsmen of the state.

## FOUR MEN RESCUED

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Four men were rescued by the coast guard here tonight from an ice floe in Lake Erie off Waukegan, N. Y., near here. The men were James Heardon, 29; Leon Jovanet, 40; and James Eberhardt, 25, all of Buffalo, and Henry Willis, 25, of Lackawanna. The men were fishing from a large pack in the lake when it parted and carried the quartet out into the lake about a mile from shore.

## FUNERAL NOTICES

### MAURICE DE ROY LYON

Maurice De Roy Lyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude M. Lyon, passed away at the family home, 264 Eldorado street, Friday night at 9:20 o'clock, following an illness of seven days duration. He was born at Stockton, Calif., October 19, 1921, and was aged 7 years 3 months and 6 days at the time of his passing. In addition to his parents he leaves to mourn his passing two sisters, Dorothy M. and Nadine, and one brother, Dean. The remains will be forwarded to Stockton, Calif., where funeral services will be held and interment made in the family plot. Arrangements are under the direction of the Earl Whitlock funeral home.

lock funeral home, Pine avenue at Sixth.

### GORDON JENE PERNOLL

Gordon Jene, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin V. Pernoll of the Spring Lake district, passed away in this city Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, following an illness of two days. The child was born at Spring Lake January 8, 1929. In addition to his parents he is survived by two sisters, Alice and Alta, and one brother, Vernon. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the graveside in Linkville cemetery. Arrangements were made under the direction of the Earl Whitlock funeral home.

The Canadian parliament recently granted to a syndicate the right to explore by plane for mineral on an area of about 5000 square miles 200 miles north of Fort Churchill and inland.

## Linkhaven

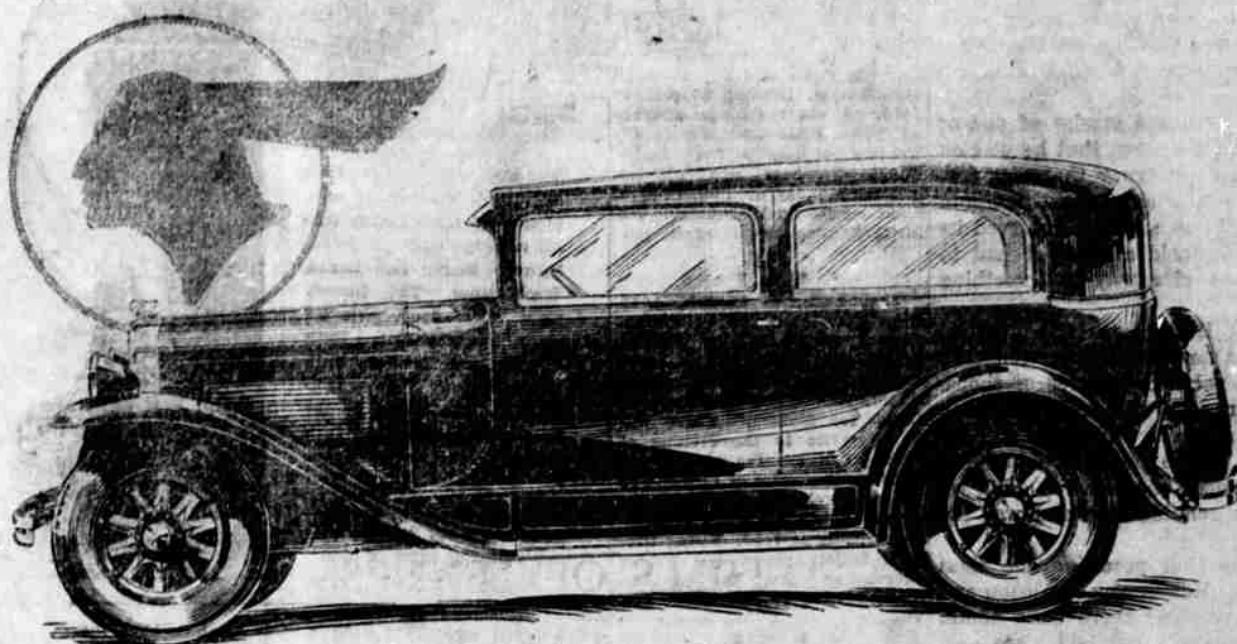
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