

WELSH CAPTURED IN CALIFORNIA.

Brought Back to Face Charge of Horse Stealing.

Deputy Sheriff Sam Walker and Wm. Shook arrived on the boat on Tuesday from Sacramento, having in charge Walter Welsh, who is charged in connection with a number of others with stealing a large number of horses and cattle in this county.

Welsh was arrested Friday night in the barroom of the Western Hotel by Sergeant of Police Koenig, of Sacramento. E. Stewart, the California horse buyer, who bought a carload of horses from Welsh and lost about \$1000 thereby, is said to have traced Welsh to Woodland and suspecting that he had gone to Sacramento a description and warning was sent to the officers there.

Sergeant Koenig saw on the necktie of a man seated in the barroom of the Western Hotel a stickpin on which were a number of small pearls arranged to represent a cluster of grapes, and he immediately recognized it as part of the description of Walter Welsh, the man wanted. Koenig found out the number of the man's room, entered it, unloaded an automatic revolver which he found there, and took possession of all the shells. When Welsh returned to the room a few minutes later, Koenig placed him under arrest and locked him up in the city jail.

Sam Walker and Wm. Shook left Sunday morning for California after the man. The sheriff's office here will not divulge any of the particulars concerning the case, but it is believed that Welsh returned willingly as no requisition papers were obtained. It is also believed that he made a full confession, implicating the rest of the gang engaged in cattle rustling. In support of this belief, it will be remembered that the day following the arrest of Welsh in Sacramento, the Grand Jury here returned an indictment against Chas. Liskey, and he was immediately arrested and placed in jail. While the indictment has not been made public, it is supposed that it is on the same charge as that for which Welsh was arrested.

Nothing further has been learned of the whereabouts of Roy Vestal, who is suspected to have been connected with the gang. It is generally believed that with the trial of Welsh and Liskey that testimony will be brought out that will break up this band of rustlers, which has been preying on the Klamath stockmen for years. The prosecuting attorney has a large amount of evidence, and if Welsh has confessed, it is believed that a number of the stockmen in the neighborhood infested will come forward with their evidence. It is stated that the ranchers could tell a whole lot, if they had any assurance that the gang was going to be convicted. Otherwise they have been adverse to incurring the animosity of these unscrupulous characters.

CHAMBERLAIN IS ELECTED SENATOR.

Democrat is Chosen by a Republican Legislature.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19.—George E. Chamberlain was elected United States Senator this afternoon on the first ballot. The ballot stood: Chamberlain, 53; H. M. Calk, 17; R. S. Bean, 1. Chamberlain received his full support and not one statement man went back on his pledge.

Before the ballot was taken several of the statement men made speeches giving their reasons for staying with their pledges and voting for Chamberlain.

DIRECTORS MEET.

Decide to Send R. S. Smith to Washington.

All of the directors of the Water Users' Association, except Anderson of Merrill, were present at the special meeting of the board Wednesday, at which time R. S. Smith, attorney for the association, was officially authorized and ordered to go to Washington as representative of the Association, to take up, with the Secretary of the Interior, the matter of the cost of the water rights under the Klamath Project.

Money to defray the expenses of the trip has been raised by voluntary contribution, and Mr. Smith will be well armed with an abundance of

affidavits as to the statements made by the officials of the Reclamation Service as to the cost when signers were being solicited. Conditions and promises made by the officials, from the beginning of the survey to the present time, will be shown.

The directors are anxious to have their representative leave for Washington as soon as possible so that the decision of the Secretary can be obtained without delay. Mr. Smith is making arrangements to leave Friday.

KEEPS SHERIFF BUSY.

It is stated that the Klamath County jail has not lacked for want of patronage for the past year. At some times it was filled nearly to the limit. Klamath County has also assisted materially in the last year in furnishing the state penitentiary with guests. Two men were sent up in the spring and five more have been added already as the result of this term of Court. Sheriff Barnes will just have returned from Salem where he took three men when he will be obliged to start back with two more. It has been suggested that the county should charter a private car and make a trip to Salem once a month, or oftener if necessary.

LANGELL VALLEY NEWS.

Rev. Edwards preached Sunday at Lorelia school house, morning and evening.

Miss Lulu Wilkerson is visiting a few days with Mrs. George Deal, of the west side of the valley.

Mrs. George Deal and Mrs. Eugene Childers were visiting Mrs. Ed. Duncan Monday.

A letter received from Thos. Brew, State Senator at Woodburn, Oregon, by Geo. F. Cline, states that the snow is 14 inches deep there and the thermometer registers 4 below zero.

On account of the roads being so muddy a number of the small children are at present kept out of the school.

Walter Campbell returned from Klamath Falls Sunday, after having a very disagreeable trip on account of the bad roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duncan were visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. R. C. Williams Monday.

E. R. C. Williams was called to Klamath Falls this week by a special meeting of the directors of the Water Users Association.

Will Duncan returned from Tule Lake Monday and reports the roads in very bad condition.

We have been having very high water here, but the creek will have to raise several feet more before it takes out the new county bridge.

We are having rain in Langell Valley and at Ashland and other parts of the state snow is falling. Seems like the climates are changing.

Hall Burnham was visiting Ferd Williams last Saturday.

John McFall was visiting on the east side of the valley Monday.

Mrs. R. C. Cowley, Miss Gladys Pool and her niece, were visiting Mrs. Dave Campbell last Sunday.

The debate Friday afternoon was a great success. The question was, "Resolved, that the Indian was more cruelly treated than the Negro." The debaters on the affirmative were: Hall Burnham, Ferd Williams, Francis Graham, Allen McComb and Sallie Williams. Negative: Douglas Bussey, Lester Boggs, Low Bussey, Kenneth Wilkerson, Ruben Pitz and Gladys Pool. The judges rendered a decision of 37 to 31 in favor of the negative.

Jean Wilkerson has been riding the last week in the valley on the southern part of the range for Lewis Gerber's horses.

George Noble lost a horse in the Langell spring on the Rolston ranch by drowning last week.

Frank Grohs passed through the valley one day last week from his Rim Rock ranch to Bonanza.

Mrs. George Cline was visiting Mrs. E. R. C. Williams Tuesday.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE.

One Second Hand Traction Engine. 20-horse power. M. H. BEEBE, 1-14-1-21 Klamath Falls, Ore.

Have E. W. Muller add an attachment to your phonograph so you may enjoy the new 4-minute Amberol records. 12-17

Watch for sale on ladies collars at THE DEAL.

KLAMATH COUNTY BANK HELD UP

Masked Men Force Cashier to Hand Over \$3,500—Are Soon Captured, Plead Guilty and Sent to Penitentiary

A few minutes before noon Saturday two masked robbers entered the Klamath County Bank and at the points of revolvers held up the Cashier, Alex. Martin, Jr., and secured about \$3500 in currency and gold. Two customers were in the bank at the time, Don J. Zumwalt and C. C. Brower. Mr. Martin was alone behind the counter, the clerks having gone to dinner.

The two men ordered everybody to throw up their hands, and one of the men passed an African water bag through the wicket to Mr. Martin and told him to fill it with money. Two trays were on the counter containing about \$3000 in currency and \$500 in gold. The robbers were not satisfied until all of the money was emptied into the bag. The man with the money then walked out of the door, the other man guarding his exit. The two men wore masks made of green mosquito netting.

The men came from the bridge and entered the bank wearing the masks. They were seen by a number of people who did not realize what was happening until it was all over. Miss McMillan and others at the Lakeside Inn, which is opposite the bank, saw the men enter, and as soon as it had dawned upon them what was taking place a telephone call was sent in to the sheriff. By that time the men had left the bank, the one with the money going east and entering the alleyway between the Brewery building and the Bank Exchange. The last man to leave went west to the corner and then started running down the middle of Conger avenue, still wearing the mask.

Mr. Zumwalt was the first out of the bank, followed by Martin and Brower. They ran to Conger avenue and took several shots at the fleeing man. Fully a hundred people were on the scene by this time. The man disappeared around the corner of the Weber barn back of the Brick Store. The barn was quickly surrounded by a large party armed with revolvers, rifles and shotguns. The barn was then entered by Deputy Sheriff Schallack, Chas. R. Baldwin, Lyle Mills and others, and after quite a search the man was found buried under the hay beneath the barn.

Jack Hall, the second robber, was captured about 2:30 that afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Schallack as he was leaving a haystack near the county road below town. He was brought to town and placed in the jail. He was quite bold in his talk and refused to answer questions, stating that he was not on the witness stand.

Judge Miller, who suspected who the party was, went to the Klamath House and made a search of the rooms. Nothing was found in Hall's room, but a big bundle of greenbacks was found under some clothing in a closet in the garret, together with a hat and other clothing Hall had changed. The money was brought to the sheriff's office where it was identified by Mr. Martin, Cashier of the bank.

A vigorous search was carried on all afternoon, with the result that all of the money, with the exception of \$250, was recovered.

Monday morning both men were arraigned and the Court appointed F. H. Mills as attorney for Previer and John Irwin as attorney for Hall. The attorneys were given until Tuesday morning to confer with their clients before entering a plea. When this time had expired Attorney F. H. Mills entered a demurrer to the indictment, claiming that the indictment was not drawn in correct form, in that it did not specify the nature of the deadly weapon used. After considerable argument the Court overruled the demurrer, and the defendant was asked to plead.

He stated that he went with the other man but not because he wanted to but because he was forced to do so. The Court informed the defendant that he would either have to plead Guilty or Not Guilty. The defendants then plead guilty. Attorney John Irwin, for John Hall, asked the Court for time until the afternoon in which to plead. The Court set 3 o'clock. At 3 o'clock Hall was brought into Court and entered a plea of guilty.

When Court convened Wednesday the two prisoners were brought into Court and Riley Previer was asked by the Judge if he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced. His attorney, F. H. Mills, stated that before sentence was pronounced, he wished to submit certain evidence as to the previous character of the prisoner and also have him tell his own story of the whole affair. The Court granted the request.

C. B. Cleadenning was then called and stated that Previer had worked for him in his feed barn about a month and a half, and that his character had been good. He had always considered him honest, as he often collected bills for him.

Chas. Woodard stated that he had known Previer for three months, and that he had seen him and known of him for nearly two years. That the young man had worked for him two months steady and at odd times

arrested before, and was not in the habit of drinking.

Prosecuting Attorney Kuykendall stated that he had received a communication from the Chief of Police, of Lebanon, who said that Previer's reputation was good while there and that his parents were highly respected. The Grand Jury also recommended leniency in the case of Previer.

Judge Noland stated that as this was the first time that the prisoner had been charged with the violation of the laws of the country he would be lenient in imposing sentence. It was evident from the evidence that he had been raised differently and should have led a different life, and he wished to give him an opportunity to reform, and further, in consideration of the recommendation of the Grand Jury, it would be the sentence of the Court that Riley Previer be imprisoned in the state penitentiary at Salem for a period of five years.

John Hall was then asked if he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced. He said: "I don't know that I have much to say. I want to say that this man has told you false. His whole story is one falsehood. That is all I have to say."

In pronouncing sentence Judge Noland said: "It is the opinion of this Court that you were the leader in this matter. You would have been willing and ready to take life if resistance had been made. The Court will not be as lenient with you as in the other case. I say this in all kindness and hoping that you will profit from this experience. It is the sentence of this Court that you be confined in the state penitentiary of Oregon for ten years."

Hall appeared very nervous and excited when Previer was only sentenced to five years and it was evident that he expected that his partner was to be let off easy and he was to get a heavy sentence. He was still exceedingly nervous after sentence had been pronounced and seemed to realize what it meant, more so than the younger man. The Court room was well packed and after sentence was pronounced, a number of friends crowded forward to shake hands with the prisoners, among them a few women.

ROAD SUPERVISORS.

The County Commissioners have made the following appointments of road supervisors for the coming year: District No. 1, Round Lake district, R. M. C. Brown; 2, Klamath Falls, C. C. Low; 3, Merrill, Joe Stukel; 4, Poe Valley, F. W. Eglington; 5, Bonanza, F. C. Bechholdt; 6, Sprague River, Laurence Griffin; 7, Fort Klamath, R. A. Moon; 8, Dairy, Wm. Uhrmann; 9, Snow, Mr. Cleveland; 10, Naylor, John Hagelstein; 11, Langell Valley, Ed Young; 12, Horseshoe, Wm. DeVaul; 13, Crescent, Chas. Graves. The supervisor has not yet been appointed for Keno district yet but the appointment will be made later.

TWO IN JAIL.

Walter Welsh and Chas. Liskey are now in the county jail, charged with being implicated in the horse and cattle stealing. It is believed that evidence has been secured against a number of other men, and it is quite probable that several new boarders will be given accommodations by the sheriff.

Liskey's bail was set at \$2500 and on being furnished he was rearrested on another charge, so it is quite evident that the officers prefer to keep him in jail so that he will be handy when wanted.

Sheriff W. B. Barnes, who left Friday morning for Salem with the three prisoners, Melton, Thompson and Hale, was still at Weed Sunday morning, having been delayed on account of the non-arrival of the trains from the south, which were tied up on account of a washout above Sacramento. Word was received that he left for the north on the afternoon train, but was again tied up at Roseburg on account of the condition of the road.

Oscar North is at work on the new cook house for the Long Lake Lumber Company at their new works on the Upper Lake. Mr. North is to be the proprietor of the house.

FOR SALE—A fine ranch of 600 acres, 350 head of cattle, 100 head of horses and mules. Price \$35,000. 10-32 MASON & SLOUGH.

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Experimental Farm
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The Reclamation Service is preparing to commence work on the experimental farm near the Commi grade on the marsh. The pump building is now on has been and will be taken down the commi tomorrow. The farm, which is of about 160 acres, has already been enclosed with an embankment. A pumping system is to be put in to drain the land.

Aside from the experimental farm made later to demonstrate the cultural value of the swampmah, the first work to be undertaken is to determine certain engineering problems. The embankment has been constructed in a most practical manner, so that with practically all of the water lot, drained from the entire trahaimah, is to be demonstrated whether one be necessary to completely drees, by lands and then irrigate by or has a or whether part of the water be removed and sub-irrigation unfitted the lands. Many other features after an engineering standpoint v tested.

It is probable that at first, the water will be pumped off this the so that the tules will dry up almost roots die. After the engineering the lems have been settled, experiment will be made with the soil to it mine what crops it will best suits r. The work on the experiment far indefi be watched with interest, as ogham result depends the future of thament area of Klamath County's ant c known as the marsh lands. ble we

Besides the work on the gchaiment farm, which will be carried as this year, other experiments win of made by private parties, so thaitutic the end of the season the public. P have more definite information, min the value of these lands, and correctness of the assertion, by cials and others, that the marsh of Klamath are destined to be the great celery producing section the United States.

HORSE THIEF CAPTURED.

DORRIS, Jan. 14.—Marshal Hughes was instrumental in the capture of a Michigan horse thief, Macedoel Monday. Harry A. Beamin was the man, and he is now at Ogemaw County, Michigan, on charge of stealing horses, cows, implements, and in fact everything he happened to find loose at one e Sheriff Howard's office at Yreka was notified some time ago that Beamin was thought to be in this section of the country, and it was a few days after Hughes was notified that he was able to locate a man, who had been holding down a homestead in Butte Valley. Depies Geney and Lockyear came over from Yreka, and it is said that made a partial confession of his crime to the officers when he was taken. The Michigan sheriff is in his way here and will take Benjamin to the scene of the crime to stand trial.

Benjamin has been a fugitive from justice for over a year and during that time was traced to Aberdeen, Wash., and later to Butte Valley, California.

No trace has yet been found of Fred Alexander, the man who broke jail at Weed a few nights ago. He was being taken to Yreka to appear before the Grand Jury on a charge of stealing oats.

CO-OPERATIVE PLAN.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Klamath Water Users' Association, Klamath Falls, Oregon, until 2 o'clock P. M., January 30, 1909, for the construction of a portion of the South Branch Canal laterals. This work consists of the building of about six and one-half miles of laterals, involving the excavation and embankment of approximately 21,000 cubic yards of material.

This work is to be done under the co-operative plan, and will be paid for in scrip, which can be used in the payment of water rights. As the contract is to be completed by the first of June, the scrip can be had for immediate use and would be of the same value as cash. The plan so far has proven a success, as it gives the farmer a chance of paying a portion of his water right in work instead of in cash.