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RANCHMEN IN A RIOT

They Call on a Butcher Creek Claim Jumper and Compel Him to Vacate.

HAULED OFF HIS HOUSE

The Fellow Retaliates by Causing the Arrest of the Principals—Heaving Set for Next Friday.

Warrants were issued last Tuesday out of Justice Hawthorne's court for the arrest of five prominent ranchmen of Butcher creek. The complaining witness is Charles Stewart, a young man who claims squatter rights to land on the creek, and in dispute of whose claim arose the unpleasantness which resulted in what Stewart claims was a riot, during which his log cabin was hauled off the premises and he and his wife made to leave their happy home.

The men for whom the warrants were issued are J. H. Plummer, George Scharff, Tony Early, James Burnett and Swan Youngstrom, all of whom are considered of good reputation and whose ranches are among the largest ones in their locality.

Stewart, who arrived in the city last Monday night to make complaint, gives his story of the summary proceeding as follows:

The squatter's claim to the property, situated on the west Butcher, had been originally held by Guy Olson. The land had never been surveyed by the government and all the rights to it were squatter's rights. Stewart claims that Olson vacated the premises and on the advice of neighbors and friends he went onto the place a few weeks ago. Last Friday night, Stewart claims, eight men, with Olson among them, came to the ranch and ordered him off, and stated they would give him until 12 o'clock next day to move. Stewart says that he told them at that time that he would go, provided he could get a team to move him. The next day Olson and J. H. Plummer appeared with a communication, calling upon Stewart to move. Stewart claims that at that time Olson and Plummer said they would give him five days in which to vacate the premises and he told them he would come here and see an attorney, and if he had no legal right on the ranch he would leave.

Monday afternoon, between 2 and 3 o'clock, a crowd congregated in front of Stewart's little log cabin, which he had put up a few days before. These men, as their names were furnished to County Attorney Caswell by Stewart, consisted of Bethel Marabou, J. H. Plummer, Guy Olson, Gus Olson, George Scharff, Pat Murray, William Pilster, Tony Early, Charles Selleck, James Burnett, Swan Youngstrom, I. W. Walkers, George Lay, Theodore Rogenes, Sanfrid Renland, Charles Marsh, D. R. Sullivan and Theodore Olson.

Stewart claims that the men entered upon his premises, took the windows and doors out of his log cabin, pushed the stove down, hitched onto the shack and Plummer and Olson appeared with the

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BASIN, WYOMING

draw it off the ranch, forcing Mrs. Stewart to leave the house and making it necessary for her to walk two miles to the home of her father, Gulie J. Rovang, better known by the American name his neighbors have given him of Jacobson.

Stewart claims that George Scharff had a Winchester in his hands while the parley was going on between him and the crowd of men and that while he did not at any time assume a threatening attitude with it, the fact that he held it in his arms during the time the house was moved and the interior destroyed, made him fearful for his life if he made any resistance. After the thing was over Stewart claims he was approached by Scharff, who told him that the gang had said for him (Scharff) to hold Stewart up and that he had to do it.

After making Stewart leave the premises the crowd locked the gates to the entrance to the ranch and told him they were through with him unless he should come again.

There are 100 acres of the ranch fenced in and it is claimed that Olson left the ranch to work for a neighbor and that Stewart took advantage of the fact to jump the claim. In addition it is alleged that Olson is not of age and hence cannot acquire squatter's title.

THE OTHER SIDE.

Ranchmen Claim They Were Preserving Property Against a Claim Jumper.

The five men who are made defendants to a charge of rioting appeared before Justice Hawthorne yesterday morning. Their story of the proceedings, in which they admit having taken an active part, shows that they were simply defending young Olson in what were considered his rights to the land in question. They claim that the land was originally held by Plummer, Olson's brother-in-law, and that when a survey was made it was found that he was holding more land than he could under the law. Then it was that Olson took possession of the ranch and of the improvements that had been made thereon. He was, they claim, of full age at the time.

They claim, too, that when the eight men waited upon Stewart he told them he would vacate if he had a team and that Plummer offered to come next day and move him, and that when later written demand for him to vacate Stewart had several men in the house and said that if any attempt was made to eject him somebody would suffer for it.

While they admit that Scharff had a Winchester with him the afternoon in question they assert that he was out hunting rabbits and that the crowd caught up with him while he was thus armed and that he did not think it necessary to lay aside the gun while he accompanied them. They claim there was no intimidation of Stewart with the Winchester and this the young man himself admits in his story of the affair.

They claim that Olson was a poor boy who could ill afford to go to law to preserve his rights to the ranch and that they decided to assist him in protecting his rights against a jumper, and that they had no other object in view. As to the destruction of the log cabin, they claim that the windows and doors were removed to save them, rather than to destroy the house, and that throughout their work, notwithstanding some very strong language was used toward them by both Stewart and his wife, they treated the trespasser courteously, although at the same time firmly insisting upon their course after once starting in on it.

It is claimed by the men who ousted Stewart that he at one time tried to jump R. O. Morris' ranch, in the same locality, and that he is an adventurer and a bad actor.

Plummer, Scharff, Early, Burnett and Youngstrom appeared before Justice Hawthorne yesterday morning and their preliminary hearing was set for the 14th at 10 o'clock. They were released on their own recognizance to appear at that time.

W. F. Meyer and County Attorney Caswell appear in the case for the state and the ranchers are being defended by Fox & Fox.

Another Case of Smallpox.

County Physician Butler has found another case of smallpox in the city, the victim being the year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, living in the south end of town. The mother was recently a victim of the disease and was taken to the pest house. The babe was left at home and the house placed under rigid quarantine.

HELLO WAR IS RAGING

The Bell Company Adopts Retaliatory Measure Against Red Lodge in Telephone Scrap.

BILLINGS IS CUT OFF

Bell and Montana & Wyoming People Lock Horns Over Franchises Into the Two Towns.

Red Lodge is temporarily without telephonic connection with Billings. The alkase was issued Wednesday evening by the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company at Billings and any attempt to cut "central" there since that time has been fruitless.

The fight between the Bell people and the Montana & Wyoming Telephone company has now resolved itself into the question whether the independent people shall have a franchise so that they can get into Billings or whether the Bell company shall have a franchise to the streets of Red Lodge and thus establish a line to Billings. The Bell company has a line from Billings to Bridger and poles erected between the latter place and Red Lodge, and their latest move is one apparently to force matters with the city and coerce the council into giving them the payed for franchise to the city's streets, which has been so vigorously protested against by the men who are financially interested in the Montana & Wyoming line and through whose endeavors the city has communication with the Basin county of Wyoming.

L. L. Moffett, manager of the Montana & Wyoming line, was in the city yesterday. He says the Bell company is taking a retaliatory measure for the opposition which has been made to their entrance to this city.

There seems to be no inclination, in view of the Bell's latest move, to grant their franchise to the city's streets and if anything it will have a tendency to make the council more stubborn against them.

B. E. Vaill of the local company says that Billings will suffer more than Red Lodge from the cut-off of the Billings office and that as soon as the merchants there see the point they will be ready to grant the Wyoming & Montana line a franchise into Billings. The Bell company has no connection into the Basin and it has been customary for Billings merchants and distributors to do business there over the Wyoming & Montana line, under the plan formerly in vogue by which the Wyoming & Montana entered the Billings central office of the Bell. The cutting off of Billings, Mr. Vaill figures, will make it necessary for this full volume of business by telephone to be done here. Red Lodge does not need Billings nearly so much in its business as Billings needs the Basin country. The fact will doubtless awaken Billings to the necessity of re-establishing communication with the Basin, with the result that the Billings council will speedily grant the Wyoming & Montana line the right of way into Billings, a franchise for which is now pending.

At a meeting of the Billings council last Tuesday evening Mr. Moffett asked for a franchise to build and operate another telephone exchange in Billings. A motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its passage was passed, when Mayor George took the floor and urged the council members to take more time to consider the matter. It was finally decided to put the ordinance over until the next meeting. One alderman said that all the ordinance asked was permission for the company to enter the city, and the mayor replied that it went further than that and asked for the privilege of establishing a Billings exchange. The vote to defer action resulted in a tie between the aldermen, the mayor deciding the question by voting to defer.

DEATH OF DOCTOR HAMILTON.

Popular Osteopath Physician Passes Away at Her New Home in Cody.

The sad intelligence was received from Cody, Wyo., yesterday announcing the death of Dr. Lulu B. Hamilton, formerly of this city. Dr. Hamilton left here about a month ago for Cody, near which

place she had a ranch. She had been a sufferer for sometime from heart trouble and after arrival there was taken with mountain fever. Particulars of her death were not received, but it is supposed she died from the complication of the two maladies.

Dr. Hamilton came to this city from Kirksville, Mo., a year ago this winter. She was a graduate from the osteopathic school at Kirksville of which college her brother is secretary. She became quite prominent in the state in the fight made by the school of osteopathy to be recognized by the state laws. She made many friends here to whom the news of her death comes as a shock. Miss Hamilton was engaged to be married to Frank Williams, cashier of the Cody bank. During her residence here she was a very popular member of the young society of the city.

Dr. Hamilton was a beneficiary number in good standing of Carbon Circle, Women of Woodcraft of this city, having joined the order two months prior to her death and taken out an insurance policy for \$2,000, made payable to her brother. At last night's regular meeting of the circle a committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions in honor of her memory.

COUNTY FINANCES.

The First of the Month There Was Nearly Thirty Thousand in the Treasury.

The report of County Treasurer Wright for the month of January was filed with Clerk and Recorder Smith Wednesday afternoon. The report shows that at the close of business, Jan. 31, there was a balance of \$29,214.01 in the various funds. The balance Jan. 1 was \$22,855.95.

The total receipts for the month amounted to \$4,022.32. Licenses contributed \$600 of the amount and the fees received by the various county officers amounted to \$302.75. The amount paid out during the month for the running expenses of the county was \$7,644.26. Following are the balances in the various funds:

General	1,352.71
Contingent	4,022.32
Road	3,296.39
Poor	2,510.93
Bridges	214.79
Institute	4.00
General School	822.04
District School	822.04
City of Red Lodge	10,844.39
Game and Fish	716.39
State	292.75
State Bounty	134.71
Stock Tax and Deeds	6.00
Stock Incentive	47
Swain Incentive and Indemnity	822.04
State Stock Bounty	45.45
Contingent Ex.	1,037.01
Sanitation	1,283.46
Red Dist. No. 1	110.00
Total	\$29,214.01

WHEELS IN HIS HEAD.

Deranged Finlander Goes Off With an Alarm Clock and Has a Funny Time.

Charles Mattila, a Finn, miser, is evidently in bad shape mentally. He has wandered away from his home several times this week and twice was found by some of his fellow countrymen down by the creek wandering about in his night clothing with an alarm clock under his arm, and otherwise acting in a deranged manner. He told the men who found him that he had to sit near the mines to see that they kept running and that when the alarm clock should sound it would be the signal for the policemen to arrive and arrest him. He was cared for by friends and today the question of his sanity will be judicially inquired into. Mattila figured last summer in a saloon fight, in which with a chair, he beat up a partner of Mattson, the man shot in the chair-riot in August.

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