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OFFICER HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Deputy Sheriff Eller Fell Over Cliff and Came Near to Going Over Another—Injuries Only Slight.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Eller was in town last Friday evening and told us of a rather hair-raising experience that befell him the night before as he was trying to get down to the George Burgund home on Salmon river through the deep snow. He left Grangeville in the afternoon on horseback and started down the Gill point just about dusk. The first part of the descent was accomplished without trouble but, on reaching a point where one of two ridges was to be taken, he chose the wrong ridge in the fading daylight and with everything covered with a deep blanket of snow, and his horse soon refused to travel and Bill had to get off and lead the animal by the bridle reins. They slid over a little rock ledge a few feet high that was hidden by the snow and a few feet farther Bill suddenly stepped off into space. His grasp on the bridle reins straightened Bill up and saved him from going down head first to certain death but as it was he fell fully twenty feet and shot down the steep hillside for some distance through the soft snow. In the fall his head and shoulders came in violent contact with the earth and he was knocked silly for some time. After regaining his faculties he saw some one in the canyon below strike a match and called to them for help. The parties proved to be John Burgund and Walter Larson, who had been breasting the deep snow all day in walking from this place to the Burgund home, and were almost exhausted at the time. They could not climb the steep canyon side but went on to the cabin and sent George Burgund back with a lantern to the aid of the officer. After a couple of hours George Burgund appeared in sight and called that he was almost exhausted and asked Eller to try to get down where he was. The latter started and went only a few feet when he almost stepped off of a 40-foot bluff, falling back just in time to save himself. After some time Burgund got up to where he was and they then worked back up the hillside to the horse, which was still standing on top of the cliff where Eller had fallen over and had not moved out of its tracks. With the aid of the lantern they finally worked down the hill to the Burgund cabin, arriving there at midnight and mighty glad to be on level ground again.

Deputy Eller says he has put in considerable time on Salmon river and knows the country pretty well in that particular locality but will leave it strictly alone in future at night and with snow on the ground. He was so sore the morning after the accident he could hardly get out of bed but considers himself very fortunate in escaping as easily as he did.

H. H. Nuxoll came up from Clarkston Wednesday evening to look after business matters for a few days.

Fred McKinney dropped off here Tuesday evening for a short visit with his father while enroute home to Grangeville from a trip to Wallace. Fred has taken a contract to furnish pork for the Hercules mine at Burke and is shipping a car of fat hogs to Wallace about every sixty days.

Stockmen On The Move

B. F. Taylor moved most of his cattle over onto the Doumeq the first of the week where he secured a supply of feed for them.

Jones & Platt are reported to have moved quite a bunch of their cattle down onto Salmon river during the week where they can get feed for the animals.

George Behean, the Salmon river stockman, has contracted for between 300 and 400 tons of timothy and wild hay on the Walter Hickerson ranch west of town, and is expected to arrive tonight with a large bunch of his cattle from the Whitebird ranch to consume the same. The hay will be fed right on the ranch.—Grangeville Globe.

Carl Flynn, perhaps the biggest stockman on the east side of the Salmon, is said to be feeding about 800 head of his cattle in the Forest country and the bunch is consuming from ten to fifteen tons of hay per day. While Mr. Flynn still has quite a lot of hay on hand it takes a great deal to run him and he will gladly welcome a thaw that will remove the snow and enable him to take the cattle back to the river range again.

Name Farm and Have Letterheads

The farmer can sell his annual receipts by using good printing and by occasional advertising in the weeklies of his county, says D. W. Morton, dean of the new school of commerce of the University of Oregon.

A farm letterhead should carry the name of the farm, the name of the owner, the location of the farm and perhaps a small picture of some feature of the place, says Dean Morton, who regards the farmer as a business man with a substantial investment upon which he should make every effort to pay interest.

"It gives the farmer a certain business standing if he has neat letterheads of good stock, and it improves the value of his farm to have a name and something of an individuality," he said. "There is some initial expense in having a picture taken and a cut made, but the publisher of the nearest country paper will attend to the details and afterward will do the printing reasonably.

"If the farmer raises high class animals, his letterhead may contain a picture of a prize animal with its record; or if he has a stock farm, a picture of a bunch of stock; or if he has the best house or barn in the neighborhood, a picture of that; or a picture of a grove or a stream is usually effective on stationery. There are few farms not worth naming, and few that do not provide something worth a permanent picture.

"Advertising rates are very low in country papers and a farmer at a cost of from 10 to 50 cents may often sell a horse, a second hand machine, or some other thing about the place he does not need by putting a small advertisement in his weekly paper.

"A farmer's advertising should of course conform to the best advertising standards; it should be very definite and absolutely truthful."

The bills for the Washington's birthday ball, to be given Feb. 22 by the Pythian Sisters, say to come dressed in Colonial style but this is by no means obligatory. It is desired to have as many as possible dress in this style but those who do not care to go to this trouble are urged to attend the dance just the same and will be shown a fine time by the management.

Had Exciting Encounter With A Canadian Lynx

C. W. Bird, who resides at the old Hoene sawmill northwest of town, had quite an exciting encounter with a big Canadian lynx last Saturday morning and, while he succeeded in killing the animal without coming in close contact with it, does not care to repeat the encounter. Mr. Bird heard his dog making a commotion early Saturday morning but thought little of it as he had the dog shut up in the hen house to keep intruders away from the fowls. A few minutes later he heard the chickens squacking and on going to investigate saw what he thought to be a bob cat in the house. The dog was giving the intruder as wide a berth as possible and made his escape from the building as soon as the door opened. Mr. Bird was armed with a single shot small gauge shot gun and gave the lynx a charge of shot in the side of the neck. The animal retreated to the far end of the building and Mrs. Bird then came in with a

lamp, when the animal sprang at them and received another charge of shot. It then got into a hole under a manger and Mr. Bird lay down to get a shot at it. As Mrs. Bird held the light down so her husband could see to shoot the lynx charged them and received the finishing shot full in the mouth, blowing away its entire lower jaw and killing it on the spot.

When hauled out into the daylight the lynx was found to be an extra large one and, although very poor, weighed 40 pounds and stood almost as high as a good sized dog. It had killed several chickens during the short time it was in the house and showed absolutely no fear of the dog (in fact the fear was entirely on the dog's part), and Mr. Bird feels very well pleased in killing the animal without getting any closer acquainted with it. He has preserved the fine skin and will sell it.

Reports on Lumber Conditions on Outside

W. B. Hussman returned Tuesday from a trip to outside points including Spokane and Coeur d'Alene, and reports the lumber industry has taken a decided turn for the better in the last sixty days. The large mills in the Inland Empire and on the coast have all advanced their prices and find themselves confronted with a serious car shortage in supplying their trade. This should be good news to all the local mill men for they will no doubt realize better prices locally and for their shop in future. At Coeur d'Alene he found the Blackwell Lumber company arranging for a large silo trade in the middle western states, Minnesota, Montana and the Dakotas. This company is a subsidiary of the Weyerhaeuser syndicate and an idea of the magnitude of their operations may be gleaned from the fact that they ordered silo irons to the amount, approximating \$25,000 and were unloading, at the time he was there, five carloads of hoops, one of lugs and another of door irons. This company is making the same silo, the Eureka, that Mr. Hussman is interested in, and such evidence of faith on the part of such a large company has given him new faith in the merits of this silo.

O. P. Fry was in the city Wednesday from near Ferdinand.

Stock Doing Well on Upper Salmon

Fet Rhoades came out Wednesday from the upper Salmon river, where he has been for the past few months assisting his brother Jay on the ranch, and dropped off here for a day's visit with relatives and old friends before going on to Lewiston where his family resides. Fet says the firm of Holt & Rhoades is feeding about 900 head of cattle on the upper river this winter and the stock is all doing well as they have plenty of feed to see them through, no matter how long the snow may last. Only about six inches of snow fell at the Jay Rhoades place on Rapid river and this was all off the low ground before he left. At the Holt ranch about fourteen inches of snow fell and the farther this way he came the deeper the fall seemed to have been. Hardly any losses have been sustained by the stockmen along the upper river, although the snow fell there deeper and the cold was more intense than it has been for years, and Mr. Rhoades does not look for any losses in that section as most of the stockmen have feed enough to last until the stock can get out onto the range again.

Bert Oliver was in town yesterday from east of Ferdinand on business.

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Items From Various Places Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers—Stories Refreshed from Exchanges.

One of the warehouses at Vollmer collapsed late last week from the weight of snow on the roof. The damage was slight.

Byron Defenbach and son, of Lewiston, have been given a contract to expert the county records of Lewis county. They will be paid \$12.50 per day for the work.

A quantity of liquor stored at the county court house at Lewiston as the result of several raids and seizures since January 1st was destroyed late last week by order of Judge Steele.

The warehouse of the Miller Implement company and the old skating rink building, owned by Frank Van Deventer, were wrecked late last week at Grangeville from the weight of snow on the roof.

During the past year 25,000 head of horses and mules have been sold at the Caldwell horse and mule market, the value amounting to more than \$3,000,000. More than \$35,000 was paid out for alfalfa hay.

The state highway commission has filed its report. During the past year the receipts from all sources were \$531,233.18, and the expenditures \$592,417.50, leaving bills unpaid amounting to \$62,608.83, with \$1,452.51 in the treasury.

The Wood & Wright warehouse located at the head of the Nezperce tramway collapsed Saturday under its weight of snow, the loss amounting to about \$2000. The house was full of grain but this was not damaged materially.

State Chairman Evans, of the republican state central committee, went to Boise this week from Grangeville to attend the Lincoln day banquet in that city tomorrow night and will also attend an executive committee meeting there the same day.

Advices from Washington state that Senator Brady, who has been at Palm Beach, Florida, for the past couple of weeks, has not improved from the change in climate and will return to Washington again next week. He will not resume his official duties for some time.

The Continental Oil company have installed another 19,000 gallon capacity tank in their yards at Vollmer. This makes four such tanks they now have located here, giving Vollmer a storage capacity of 76,000 gallons. These tanks have a capacity equal to ten carloads of oil.—Spokesman.

Two stages on the Stites-Elk City stage line were caught in snow slides Wednesday. One team was completely buried but were rescued without damage. The stages were from 3 to 7 hours late during the storm. There is from 10 to 16 feet of snow in the mountains.—Stites Enterprise.

Mrs. O. P. Christiansen, formerly Mrs. Thomas Jolly of Moscow, is reported to have shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Alice Kirkpatrick at Lewistown, Mont., recently. Mrs. Christiansen married her husband, who is a big Montana cattle man, several years ago but they have been living apart recently. Jealousy of the other woman was probably the cause for the shooting.

Idaho Falls—Harry Edwards, eight, son of Coleman Edwards, three miles south of town, marketed the result of his acre and a quarter of potatoes here Saturday, receiving \$90 for his crop. The boy prepared the ground, planted the seed, watered and cultivated the crop. His father marketed the crop for the boy which was the only help furnished.

School Notes

Miss McGrew's room will have a valentine box this week.

Besie Williams and Rosemary Shinnick are on the sick list.

The Baconian high school literary society meets Friday afternoon.

A perfect attendance was recorded in Miss Wood's room last week.

The manual training boys are making two good book cases to replace the old ones.

The domestic science classes are busy making 24 aprons for the manual training boys.

Floyd Baker entered the Sophomore class last week, making an enrollment of 42 in high school.

At a meeting of the basket ball players Monday afternoon it was decided to discontinue basket ball.

Grace Robbins and Margaret Baker received Palmer Method buttons; Elma Manwaring and Euclid Rice Progress pins.

Harry Edwards and Elma Manwaring are leaders of the spelling contest this month. Wallace Rhett's side won last month.

The entertainment given at the Odd Fellow hall Friday night netted \$23.15. This was used to pay up deficiencies in the basket ball accounts.

Final exams were given the past week in composition, literature and economics. Classics will replace composition, rhetoric replaces literature and sociology replaces economics.

The school house roof has been the cause of no little trouble these wet days, having sprung a leak in several places, George Dardorff, the janitor, is right after the leaks with a can of tar as soon as they appear.

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the fifth month:

Leslie Shields, Kenneth Hensley, Will Manwaring, Lenora Nims, Elza Matthiesen, Kathryn Phillips, Arnold Donaldson, Charles Manwaring, Helena Hamlin, Leslie Baker, Sanford Martin, Raymond Nims, Jack Parker, Clarence Peterson, Burdette Randall, Elia Hamlin, Nema Manwaring, Bayard Martin, Margaret Simon, Harold Fetters, Allen McPherson, Henrietta Manwaring, Grace Robbins, Harry Edwards, Olin Hamlin, Arcena Manwaring, Elma Manwaring, Raymond Matthiesen, Arthur Peterson, Wallace Rhett, Euclid Rice, Floyd South, Margaret Baker, Harold Simon, Charles Hamill, Gladys Lamb, Anna Peterson, Casper Manwaring, Lizzie Engel, Arthur Eckermann, Meta Schroeder, Bessie Williams, Adeline Gaul, Mildred Parks, Chester Rhett, August Schroeder, Ferdie Nacke, Myrtle Rhett, Bertha Terhaar, Aloysius Wagner, Henry Zadow, Marie Libbey, Carolyn Terhaar, Delbert Hale, Evelyn Parker, Willard South, Wilbur Robbins, Leafa Martin, Vivian Baker, Agnes Eckermann.

The pupils receiving the highest average in their respective grade are, as follows:

First grade, Will Manwaring; 2nd grade, Arnold Donaldson; 3rd grade, Blanche South; 4th grade, Bayard Martin; 5th grade, Evelyn Parker; 6th grade, Dexter Mattoon; 7th grade, Grace Robbins; 8th grade, Elma Manwaring; 9th grade, Harold Simon; 10th grade, Meta Schroeder; 11th grade, Barney Seubert; 12th grade, Marie Libbey.

J. L. Miller was in town Wednesday from his home north of Denver.



Scene from "The Nigger," which will appear Sunday at the Orpheum.