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WOMAN BEATER SLAIN BY NINETEEN YEAR OLD LAD

Snake River Cattleman Assaults His Wife's Mother and Is Shot Dead By His Brother-in-Law.

Frank Raymond Runs Amuck In Drunken Rage And Is Stopped Forever By Shot From Winchester In Hands Of Howard Whittier.

Frank Raymond, a well known Snake river cattleman, was shot and instantly killed by his 19 year old brother-in-law, Howard Whittier, at the Whittier home, 60 miles east of Enterprise, Saturday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock. Raymond came to the Whittier home in a drunken rage and began abusing his three weeks bride, his mother-in-law, and young Whittier. He struck the latter with his fist, and with a broom. He turned on Mrs. Whittier and beat her over the head with the broomstick until she fell senseless, the blood streaming from a gash on the head. Raymond then turned to his wife and reached for his hip pocket as if he was going to pull his gun. Young Whittier had grabbed a Winchester 30.30 and before Raymond could pull, Whittier shot him, the bullet entering the left cheek and coming out at the back of the neck.

Whittier started that same evening for the nearest neighbor, Ralph Russell, at Pittsburg on Snake river, seven miles from the Whittier home. He told his story and said he had come to give himself up. Sunday morning Russell took the boy to Constable George Robertson. A coroner's inquest was held Monday by Justice of the Peace, J. H. Chattin, the verdict being that Raymond had come to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by Howard Whittier.

Constable Robertson, accompanied by Ralph Russell, started Tuesday afternoon with his prisoner for this city, arriving late Thursday evening. Over half the distance they had to come by trail over a deep canyon cut country. Whittier was turned over to Sheriff J. M. Blakely and put in the county jail to await preliminary hearing.

Raymond was married December 2 to Lela E. Whittier, a beautiful young girl and the belle of all the Snake river country. It was thought at the time to be an ill-assorted match, as he was 44 years of age, given to apoplexy and always carried a gun. He left his bride within a week after they returned home and went to Whitebird. While he was gone she went to her widowed mother's place, a homestead adjoining the Raymond ranch. He returned home Saturday, went over to Mrs. Whittier's and started the quarrel that ended in his death. Raymond had resided in that locality for three years. He

was buried in a graveyard near there. His relatives are unknown.

Mrs. Amelia Whittier with her two daughters and one son came there about a year ago and took up a homestead. The boy is a bright, hardworking lad of excellent reputation. His story tallies with that of his sister, and is corroborated by the mother as far as she knew of the events. Mrs. Whittier did not see the killing of Raymond as she lay unconscious on the floor from Raymond's blows. The Whittiers story is believed by the neighbors and they feel sorry for the lad and believe he was justified. Young Whittier regrets the killing but believes he could not have acted otherwise under the circumstances.

The Whittier place is on Sonier's creek, seven miles from Pittsburg on Snake river, and 60 miles east and a little north of Enterprise. It is about 15 miles south of the locality where James Mahaffey met his death by falling over a precipice.

Girl Found In Drugged State

Miss Josie Zumwalt, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Zumwalt of Zumwalt was found just inside the doorway of G. H. Vest's residence in the south part of Enterprise at 4 o'clock Thursday morning in an unconscious condition. Medical aid was summoned and Dr. C. T. Hockett found the girl in a drugged condition. She remained unconscious all day but about four o'clock partly came to but still unable to tell how she came into such a pitiable plight. Dr. Ault was also summoned on the case and both physicians say the girl had not been drinking, as was the street rumor during the day.

Miss Zumwalt attended the ball at the rink Wednesday night, and was presumably on her way to Ed Lord's, just west of Vest's, and where she was staying while in town. She was removed to Mr. Lord's home from Vest's during the day. Disordered clothes point to a far graver crime, but further investigation and action are deferred until the arrival of Mr. Zumwalt, who has been sent for and is expected to reach Enterprise Thursday night.

Miss Zumwalt is a girl of excellent repute and a member of a highly respected family. No arrests have been made but it is said two men are under surveillance.

MUNICIPAL LEVY MADE BY COUNCIL

Only Half As Large As This Year-- News Record Named As Official City Paper.

At an adjourned meeting of the city council Monday night, the levy for city purposes was fixed at 3 1/2 mills or just half what it was last year. It is expected the school levy will be about the same amount, and as the county and state levy will not exceed 12 mills the total rate in Enterprise for 1908 will be 19 mills. It was 34 mills in 1907. The total rate in Wallowa last year was 32 mills, and this year it will be about the same though the county levy is reduced 10 mills.

By unanimous vote the News Record was named as city official paper for 1908, for the publication of all ordinances, notices, reports and resolutions at a rate to not exceed 5 cents a line breviter type.

Council will meet again this, Thursday, night to consider ordinances vacating certain streets and alleys, and a new franchise for the Home Independent Telephone company.

School Census Shows Big Gain In Population.

A special school meeting of Enterprise district will be held next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the school house to fix the levy for the coming year. The rate will be low, 3 or 3 1/2 mills unless the electors vote to add another room that is needed. The expense for that would be from \$1500 to \$1800.

Claude Lockwood, clerk of the district, has nearly completed the census of persons of school age, and it now totals 332 as compared to 272, last February. The district has lost 38 by removals and passing the age limit, so the gross gain has been 98, and a net gain of 60 in 10 months. This indicates a gain in population of at least 200 in 10 months.

Visitors Praise School Work.

Many citizens visited the public schools Friday afternoon in response to the invitations sent out by Principal W. M. Sutton. The pupils had written work on their desks for the inspection of the visitors, and were courteous in showing it to everyone. The work indicated excellent instruction on the part of the teachers and splendid progress by the pupils, and all who were questioned by the writer, evinced the liveliest interest in their studies and both respect and attachment for their teachers. Visitors commented especially favorably upon the uniform courtesy shown by the pupils, and the fine discipline in evidence in each room. The corps of teachers were praised until their ears must have burned, and everyone seemed satisfied our schools are in right hands. Mr. Sutton, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Hanville and Miss Church each were given a nice present by their scholars, who in turn were happily surprised by a generous treat of nuts and candy.

School closed Friday night for a week's vacation. It will re-open next Monday morning.

County High School Notes.

Miss Kathryn DuFur, the new assistant teacher, is expected here in a few days.

School will reopen next Monday in the new high school building.

Several Wallowa county students at Weston and La Grande will not return to those schools after the holidays, but will enter the county high school if they can secure places to stay here in Enterprise at reasonable rates. There is a move by citizens to rent a good house, place a competent person in charge and furnish board and room to out-of-town pupils at cost.

New Year's Watch Meeting.

A watch meeting will be held in the Christian church next Tuesday night Mayor Boyd, W. E. Moore, principal of the county high school, J. A. Barleigh, A. C. Miller, Thomas Morgan of Prairie Creek, and perhaps others, will make short talks.

Meeting of Sheepmen.

J. H. Dobbin, president of the wool-growers association of Wallowa county, announces a meeting of special importance at the court house, Saturday, December 28, at 10 a. m. All sheepmen requested to attend.

Files On Homestead.

Ira Pratt, recently of Ogden, Utah, has filed on a homestead three miles north of Enterprise, just beyond the

Sanford places. Mr. Pratt is a railroad man and while he drew big pay he has concluded there is nothing like owning a home and 160 acres of land in a rapidly growing county like Wallowa. Mr. Pratt is a fine musician and is a welcome addition to the concert band.

School House at Troy.

Troy, Dec. 21--Lumber will be brought soon from the Grouse sawmill for the new schoolhouse that will be erected here on the point by the north bank of the Menaha just about where it empties into the Grande Ronde.

Fixes Road to Paradise.

Henry Mench, supervisor of Flora district, is doing some good work fixing the Paradise road--cutting trees, etc.

Fine single driving horse, buggy and harness for sale. Time to suit purchaser. Rev. M. J. Thompson.

Killed By Fall Over Precipice

Word was received in Enterprise Sunday that James Mahaffey was killed by a fall over a cliff along Deep creek where he was herding sheep for Tucker and Beaudon. The news was telephoned from Innaha by Dave Tucker, and Coroner E. T. Anderson and Deputy District Attorney J. M. Rusk left Sunday afternoon for the scene of the accident, over 60 miles east of Enterprise. They will bring the body, probably arriving here Thursday. The foregoing is about all that is known at this time of the tragedy, which is believed to have happened Thursday as the sheep were found scattered on that day. A rumor was current Monday that there was a bullet hole in the body but it is unverified.

The deceased is a son of Wm. and C. C. Mahaffey and was born in Madison county, Ark., Aug. 24, 1881. He had lived in Wallowa county 10 years. It is a sad Christmas for his mother who resides on West Main street. Besides her, and the father, five brothers and three sisters mourn the young man's death.

The range where the accident occurred is on the breaks of Snake river. Only a trail leads out to Innaha, and the body will have to be brought there hauled to the back of a horse.

SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNTY COURT

Delinquent Tax List Ordered Published In News Record--Three Election Precincts Abolished.

At the special session of the county court held last week, the voting precincts of Smith Mountain, Eureka and Pittsburg were abolished; the boundaries of road districts 1, 14, and 18 were changed; the delinquent tax list was ordered published in the News Record and over \$10,000 of claims against the general fund were allowed, warrants issued and cashed. Following are the official minutes of

County Court Proceedings.

Enterprise, Oregon, Dec. 16, 1907--Ordered that the county court of Wallowa convene in special session this date, Dec. 16, 1907, for purpose of allowing and auditing bills, do general fiscal business, establish and alter road and elect on districts, and such other business as may come before the court. O. M. Corkins, county judge.

Special term convened. Present O. M. Corkins, county judge; W. C. Wilson and Sam Litch, commissioners; J. A. French, county clerk; J. M. Blakely, sheriff.

In matter of allowing bills against the county: All just claims against the county allowed as filed.

Dec. 17, 1907. Court continues to audit and allow all just claims against the county.

Dec. 18, 1907. Court continues to audit and allow all just claims against the county.

Dec. 19, 1907. In matter of ordering warrant for delinquent tax: Ordered warrant issued to sheriff directing him to collect delinquent tax for 1906 as shown on the 1906 tax roll; said warrant to be issued by the clerk.

In matter of publishing delinquent tax list: Ordered that said list be published in the News Record, a paper of general circulation throughout the county.

In matter of changing road district Continued on editorial page.

1908

RESOLVED
THAT DURING THE LAST YEAR WE HAVE BUILT UP AN HONEST TRADE WITH HONEST PEOPLE BY SELLING HONEST GOODS AT HONEST PRICES--NEXT YEAR SAME METHODS BUSTER BROWN

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WE FEEL THAT WE CAN LOOK OUR PATRONS SQUARE IN THE FACE AND WISH THEM A HAPPY NEW YEAR, BECAUSE WITHIN OURSELVES WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF HAVING TREATED OUR PATRONS RIGHT IN THE PAST. OUR PATRONAGE PROVES THIS. IN THE YEAR TO COME WE CAN PROMISE TO DO NO MORE THAN IN THE YEARS THAT HAVE PASSED. WE NEED NOT, WE KNOW, EXTEND ANYTHING BUT THANKS TO OUR OLD PATRONS. WE KNOW THEY NEED NO INVITATION TO COME TO OUR STORE. TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET COME OUR WAY, TO THE STRANGER IN OUR TOWN, WE EXTEND, HOWEVER, AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE US.

RESPECTFULLY,
W. J. FUNK & CO.

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Losses paid since organization \$131,000,000

Springfield F. & M. Insurance Company
Assets, \$6,936,261.05

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Assets, \$13,798,729

Agricultural Insurance Company
Chartered in 1853 and carries large re-insurance for protection of policy holders.

These companies, the Springfield in particular, took the lead in paying San Francisco losses 100 cents on the dollar.

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