

DUNHAM CHAMPION STAGE DRIVER OF WEST

COVERS DISTANCE OF MORE THAN ELEVEN TIMES AROUND WORLD

NOW HE'S QUIT FOR GOOD

Never Again, Declares Beardy, as He Lays Down Reins After 22 Years on One Job

After having driven the Salmon river stage for almost twenty-two years, during which time he has driven a distance equal to more than eleven times the circumference of the earth at the equator, Arthur (Beardy) Dunham, champion stage driver of the olden days of the west and also of the new, has quit his job, and now he confesses that he is so nearly lost that he does not know what to do with himself.

No more, asserts Dunham, will he ever drive stage over the hills and through the canyons of Idaho county, for he is through for good—absolutely, now and forever more.

Oldest Driver in West

In point of continuous service on one stage line, Dunham is believed to be the oldest stage driver in the entire west. And popular—Well, I guess so. Beardy Dunham, by reason of his jovial disposition and long period as stage driver in central Idaho, is known and remembered by travelers in all parts of the country.

Wealthy mining men from the east, financiers, government and state officials, stockmen, cowpunchers, young tenderfeet from the east who have come west in search of fortune, and who eventually settled down to a rancher's life in the Salmon river country, school ma'ams, ranchers' wives, and ranchers' sweethearts who afterward became their wives, and ranchers' daughters, all have ridden on Beardy Dunham's stage, and not one among the thousands upon thousands he has transported into the Salmon river country, or hauled from that section to Grangeville, will fail to remember Beardy Dunham to his dying day.

Popular with the Ladies

"I always was especially popular with the school ma'ams," said Beardy, the other day. "I drove stage out of Grangeville three times a week, while another man drove the other three days, and the school ma'ams always waited for my stage. I would get one of them on the driver's seat with me, and how we would talk. Foolish questions? You betcha, and answers entirely in keeping with the questions, would they get?"

Beardy Dunham drove the first stage into the town of Whitebird. For five years he drove a Concord stage, and the other years he drove a light wagon.

"I distinctly remember the last trip I made with the old Concord," declared Beardy, with a hearty laugh. "I was driving six horses and had twelve passengers, a number of whom were women. Six of the passengers were perched on top of the stage and six were inside. One of the men was an expert fiddler, and as we turned into Grangeville, I whipped up the horses and drove down Main street on the dead run. The man with the fiddle was fiddling with all his might and the passengers were all singing or yelling as loudly as they could. It was a great trip, and surely made an impression on the people of Grangeville. That night I discarded the Concord, and the next morning I hooked up to a stage similar to those now in use."

He's an Expert Horseman

No better horseman exists in the west than Beardy Dunham, 'tis said. For many years he drove down Whitebird canyon, lickety cut, without a stop for anything. Rocks and other obstructions in the road didn't make any difference to him. It was get there on time, for besides passengers, he carried Uncle Sam's mail and the express.

It will be twenty-two years next July when Beardy first took the reins on the Salmon river stage line, and he has been driving four and six horses over the

rocky road from Grangeville to the Salmon river ever since.

On the job? Always. Beardy Dunham, during the entire twenty-two years he handled the reins, has scarcely lost a trip. The first eight years he drove from Grangeville to Whitebird and return, making a round trip every day, six days of the week. And in all those eight years, Beardy Dunham did not lose more than eight days, and those eight days were lost because of illness. Dunham drove during those eight years for L. L. Gordon.

Entering the employ of Freeman & Brown, fourteen years ago, Beardy Dunham has driven from Grangeville to Lucile and return, making three round trips a week, with a Monday layover in Grangeville. He would drive to Lucile, distance of forty-one miles, in one day, and would return the next.

Drives Days and Nights

Driving days, and often late into the night, only to arise at 5 o'clock on the following morning, ready to start anew on his trip, Dunham, in the twenty-two years he has driven stage on the Salmon river line, has driven a total distance of more than eleven times around the world at the equator. He computes this distance as follows:

Eight years between Grangeville and Whitebird, a distance of twenty miles, one round trip a day, six days a week, 97,840.

Fourteen years between Grangeville and Lucile, a distance of forty-one miles, three round trips a week, 175,448.

Total number of miles driven 273,288. Circumference of earth at equator, 24,000 miles.

MULHALL ASKS VENUE CHANGE TO LEWISTON IN BIG DAMAGE CASE

WOULD HAVE TRIAL IN NEZ PERCE COUNTY—DENIES HITTING WOMAN

William Mulhall, former Idaho county stockman, who recently was made defendant in a \$20,000 damage case filed in the district court of Idaho county by Effie M. Newman, has filed motion for change of venue from Idaho to Nez Perce county. Mr. Mulhall says that, inasmuch as he is now and at the commencement of the action was a resident of Nez Perce county, the case should be tried there.

Mr. Mulhall denies that, while Effie M. Newman was in his employ, at his ranch near Denver, he hit her, as alleged, and caused her to fall against a door or door casing, thereby causing injuries from which she was obliged to undergo a surgical operation, as alleged in the complaint.

Mr. Mulhall, however, states that "plaintiff, without cause, excuse or provocation, became violently abusive, threatening and aggressive toward this defendant and toward members of his family and assaulted this defendant and threatened the members of his family, and thereupon this defendant, in defense of himself and the defense of his wife and children, and in resistance of the abuse, threats, assaults and aggressions of the plaintiff, laid his hand upon the plaintiff with so much force as was necessary to resist the plaintiff and to defend and protect this defendant and the members of his family." Mr. Mulhall asserts that he "did no injury of any kind whatsoever, physical or mental, to the plaintiff."

The defendant has filed a demurrer reciting that the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute cause for action against the defendant.

FINDS HIS BROTHER'S GRAVE

Edward Long Locates Resting Place of Lt. John A. Long

Edward Long, son of Commissioner and Mrs. John D. Long, of Grangeville, has found the grave of his brother, Lt. John A. Long, who was slain in battle in France. The grave is in the Argonne forest.

In a letter to his parents, Edward Long writes of finding the grave:

"I marked it as best I could, finding a large square steel can, and I filled it half full of brick and imbedded it bottom side up as a head stone, and put a board enclosure around it. Now I am ready to go back. They can't send me out of the country any too fast."

Knocked Unconscious by Live Wire While Up Telephone Pole

BUD YATES SEVERELY BURNED ON FACE AND LEG BY ELECTRICITY

Unconscious, and with one foot caught between a wire and a cross-bar, while his body dangled from the top of a telephone pole, Bud Yates, son of Lee Yates, a prominent rancher residing near Grangeville, was rescued Tuesday morning only after companions had placed a ladder against the pole and, climbing up, extricated his foot from the trap which held it, and prevented his falling almost thirty feet to the ground. The accident occurred near the Ed Hiles place, on the Denver road.

Yates, who was stringing a telephone line on the pole, was knocked unconscious by current from a high voltage electric wire, which was attached to the pole on which he was working. He was suddenly hurled from his position on the pole, and in falling, his foot became entangled between a wire and cross bar.

The young man suffered a serious burn on one side of the face and one leg was badly burned from contact with the electric wire. Dr. G. S. Stockton, who was called, said that Yates would recover.

SURPRISE PARTY FOR I. E. ZUVER

Auctioneer Is Reminded Day Is His Birthday Anniversary

I. E. Zuver, popular Grangeville auctioneer and proprietor of the Silver grill, was the victim of a cleverly arranged surprise party on Friday evening of last week, at the Silver grill. On invitation of Mrs. Zuver, a number of men, friends of Mr. Zuver, gathered around a banquet table, and Mr. Zuver was asked to be one of the guests. He was not aware that the banquet was in his honor until the visit stood to toast him, and when he attempted to rise to his feet, they ordered him to retain his seat.

TWO DEATHS AT COTTONWOOD

B. Geise and Miss Margaret Lies Are Summoned

Two deaths occurred Wednesday in Cottonwood.

Miss Margaret Lies, 19 years old, died Wednesday morning as a result of Spanish influenza. She is survived by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

B. Geise, 76, a retired farmer, died Wednesday afternoon.

A. J. Maugg, Grangeville funeral director, was called to Cottonwood by reason of the deaths.

DOE GIVES BIRTH TO 21 RABBITS; TYPICAL ROOSEVELT FAMILY

A Roosevelt family of rabbits made its appearance in a hutch at the Jack Warren home in Grangeville this week. Of the twenty-one young rabbits, twenty are alive. Local rabbit fanciers declare this litter is the largest known here.

COMPANY E IS AT FORT LOGAN

Local Soldiers Reach Colorado on Way Home

Company E of Grangeville arrived last Friday at Fort Logan, Colo. The company is on its way home. When the boys will be discharged from the service has not been made clear, but it is believed they will be home soon.

MASONS BURN MORTGAGE; BIG DELEGATION OF VISITORS HERE

Mount Idaho lodge No. 9, A. F. & A. M., celebrated the payment of the mortgage on the Masonic building Tuesday night, with a full attendance of the brethren, by burning its mortgage and putting three initiates to the Master Mason degree.

A large delegation of brethren from Prairie lodge No. 75, Vollmer, participated in the festivities and assisted in the initiation work, winding up with a splendid banquet. The proceedings were accompanied by an address by the Hon. A. F. Parker, who gave a history of the lodge from the date of its institution at Mount Idaho, in January, 1873, by Sewell Bruax, of Walla Walla, under dispensation from the grand lodge of Idaho. The duty of burning the mortgage devolved upon Mr. Parker, treasurer of the lodge for twenty-one successive years, following a few remarks appropriate to the occasion.

A number of addresses were also delivered during the banquet by the Vollmer visitors, all of whom expressed their appreciation of the hospitality of the local lodge, and at 3 a. m., the brethren adjourned, after a celebration marked by enthusiasm for the principles of this great fraternity.

WILL RUSH ROAD FROM HERE TO MEADOWS

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION DECIDES ON WORK FOR 1919

LEGISLATORS RETURN HOME

Worked Hard for Money for Roads in Idaho County and Brought Back the Bacon

The North and South highway link between Grangeville and New Meadows will be rushed to completion this year. The state highway commission so decided at a meeting held Wednesday.

Idaho county will benefit tremendously through road work to be done within the next year, in the opinions of State Senator N. B. Pettibone and Representative Seth D. Jones, who were in Grangeville this week enroute to their homes, following adjournment of the state legislature, last Saturday.

Senator Pettibone and Representative Jones, as well as Representative Schroder and all north Idaho members of the legislature, worked during the entire session for good roads, and as a result big appropriations were granted for road work in north Idaho.

Idaho county received \$283,000 for the North and South highway, and it is stipulated that on the section of the road lying between Whitebird and the intersection of the South Fork with the main Weiser river, local cooperation in the raising of funds is not required. Since little taxable land is to be found in this part of the county, local aid would be almost impossible.

Idaho county also receives \$48,000 state aid for the Lewis and Clark highway.

BOYS, GET YOUR EXTRA PAY!

Free Press Will Give Blank Forms to All Applicants

Idaho county soldiers and sailors who have been discharged from the service without receiving the \$60 extra pay to which they are entitled, may procure blanks free of charge from the Free Press, on which to make application for extra pay.

Blanks have been prepared and will be given or mailed to all applicants.

Soldiers and sailors who in the future are discharged will receive the \$60 extra pay at the time of their discharge. However, those who previously left the army or navy must make application for the bonus.

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GEORGE SWANK
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