

Joe Lancaster

Former Sheriff.

Hon A.J. Splawn returned to North Yakima Saturday from California having made a trip to the Sacramento valley to inspect the condition there of the herd of Hereford cattle which he shipped from North Yakima to Dean Duke, a stock fancier of the Sacramento country.....

.....One of the first men Mr. Splawn met in California was Joe Lancaster, formerly sheriff of Yakima county who has purchased thirty acres at Woodlawn and who proposes to make his home there. Mr. Lancaster said that his days of strenuousness are over and that hereafter he proposes to lead the simple life--Yakima Herald, May 22, 1911.

Pioneers

Mose Splawn

Mose Splawn, age 89, was killed this afternoon when he was struck by a truck driven by J.A. Bovey of Deer Park Wash.

Splawn was crossing Yakima avenue when he was struck by the truck which apparently he did not see. He was living when picked up but died even before reaching St Elizabeth hospital.

Splawn was the last survivor of the Splawn brothers who came west with their mother in one of the covered wagon trains and contributed much to the pioneer development of the valley. He was one of the leaders in the Boise gold basin rush--Yakima Republic, July 7, 1925.

Mr. Splawn was born in Missouri and spent 74 years of his life in the real west. Of all the events of his life, he was proudest of being the leader of the small group who in 1862 discovered gold in the Boise basin and led the stampede to the rich mines that contributed so much to the development of Idaho state. This part of his career is mentioned at length in Bancroft's history and result his fame was secure.

A couple of months ago Mr. Splawn fell 12 feet in the basement of the Michigan hotel where he lived when in the city. He broke three ribs and a collar bone and for a time was considered in a serious condition.,, Yakima Republic, July 8, 1925.

Jack Splawn

Who's Who-Bibliographical

Jack Splawn, pioneer of the Yakima valleys, has been selected for a place in the next edition of Who's Who in America and has been asked for a short biography of his life.

He will thus become one of several North Yakima men listed as famous.

Others are Alfred Henry, author of several books of fiction among them: "By Order of the Prophet;" Oscar A. Fechter is listed as a financier, irrigation promoter and scholar being having translated one of Max Muller's works from the German. Senator Wesley L. Jones is included in the list.

Splawn's claim to fame is said to be because he was one a pioneer of the valley, head of several stock growing organizations and the Tieton Water Users association, the democratic leader in this county and collector of Indian legends and myths which he expects to publish--The Yakima Republic, Dec. 23, 1910.

A.J. Späawn of this city is now engaged in organizing the company which proposes to establish arbattoirs and packing houses at Puyallup. Seventy five thousand dollars have ben raised at Tacoma for this enterprise and Mr. Splawn thinks that he will soon have the capital stock of \$200,000 subscribed--Yakima Herald, January 2, 1890.

A.J. Splawn is strongly of the belief that hog raising will prove one of the most profitable of industries for the Yakima country. He says that fully a third of the hogs shipped from the east die of cholera , a disease not known to the porkers raised here. Added to this, they can be fed and fattened on alfalfa and that it only takes a month to six weeks of grain feeding to harden them--¹Yakima Herald, January 2, 1890.

Splawn

A.J. Splawn is over from the Okanogan country and is registered at the Yakima.

In addition to his stock interests, Mr. Splawn has a mine that gives great promise of providing exceedingly rich--Yakima Herald, Dec. 24, 1896.

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A.J. S_nlawn, P.A. Bounds and Court Meyer of this city have open d the Yakima Market in Seattle for the wholesale handling of Yakima meats.

The name alone should stamp the enterprise a success without taking into consideration the thorough and thrifty business men who are at the head of it--Yakima Herald, Feb. 25, 1892.

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Editor of the Signal. As I was looking over the Signal I found a news item stating that I and "Little Billie Splawn" were accused of running away with Miss Bertie Bunting. This is a false accusation and if the authors of it will come forward and pay the expense of bringing the witnesses here I will bring twenty different men to prove our whereabouts every day and night from the time we started from town until I came home; and furthermore the interested parties may have to prove that their accusations are true--Mark Fowler Yakima Signal, Nov. 8, 1884.