

## Bad men

There is very little doubt that a well organized gang of horse thieves exists in this county, and it seems impossible to break it up.

Their haunts are known, but as soon as an officer with a warrant of arrest appears they are made aware of his actions and effectually elude pursuit.

It seems that a committee of vigilantes would be the only means of stopping their operations, and for the protection of property this appears to be absolutely necessary--The Dalles Mountaineer--September, 1893.

The story comes from the Cherokee strip of a gambler who secured a desirable lot in the rush for claims and then made a present to an old woman who had been unsuccessful in the grab prize.

A disappointed claim seeker attempted to deprive her of the land but refrained when she said:

"Young feller, I'm a widder and I'm armed, and I'm going to hold this lot and build a hotel on it. If you don't get out of her I'll start a business for the undertaker."

"That's right mother," said the gambler, "and I'll be the coroner." Yakima Herald, October 26, 1893.

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Tom King, the notorious female horse thief and cattle thief who escaped from the El Reno jail last week with the aid of a deputy who eloped with her, stood off five deputy United States marshals and a sheriff who had tracked her to her lair.

She escaped as she has on every occasion when phard pressed by the officers of the law.

The Yukon bloodhounds that were placed on her track were killed by her unerring rifle and she had plenty of time to stop and pin a note on the body of one of the lifeless brutes saying that the same fate would be meted out to all who attempted to capture her.

The woman is a dead shot with a rifle or revolver and rides astride with the ease and grace of an accomplished horseman.

She has Cherokee blood in her veins and to that is attributed her success in eluding her pursuers.

Riding, roughing it out of doors and undergoing hardships that few men could endure have given her a rather hardened appearance, but despite this she is quite comely and has fine eyes. She is an intelligent woman and speaks English and several Indian languages fluently.

She is 22 years old and was reared near Springfield, Mo--  
Yakima Herald, December 22, 1893.



## Rioting

U.S. Marshal Drake on Wednesday sent over the money to pay off all deputy marshals employed during the commonweal riots.

For the cities of North Yakima, Ellensburg and Spokane \$1,2000 was required to settle the debt of the government to its officials-- Yakima herald Nov 1, 1894.

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Young Pimps, the Indian arrested through the instrumentality of the Oregon Shakers in March last and charged with being the murderer of Indian Jake whose body was found in the Yakima river, was last week found not guilty by the Walla Walla U.S. court.

Herald readers will remember that on December 13, 1893, Jake suddenly disappeared. He was last seen near Yakima City in company with Pimps.

Jake was found in the river about 15 miles below Yakima. Pimps was arrested and brought here. He was indicted by the grand jury last May and has been in jail since. In testifying in his own behalf, Pimps claimed Jake rode into the river while drunk and was drowned--Yakima Herald, Nov. 22, 1894.

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The Southern Pacific train, bound for Portland was held up by three train robbers near Riddles station on the night of July 1st.

The train was stopped by a torpedo signal and then the trainmen and passengers were so terrorized by frequent explosions of dynamite and the threat to blow up the train that one of the robbers went through the cars looting the passengers and taking the registered mail.

It is estimated they secured about \$4,000. The Southern Pacific and the Wells Fargo jointly offer reward of \$2000 for arrest and conviction of each of the robbers--Yakima Herald, July 11, 1895.



## Bad Man

A desperate hand to hand encounter was the result of the effort of Deputy Wayne Field on Saturday to capture David Weddle, charged with theft of five cattle from Doc Flynn of the Wenas and but for the timely arrival of assistance there might have been a vacancy on the sheriff's working force.

Field arrived at the home of Weddle as the latter was riding out of the corral on a horse afterward found to be the property of A.H. McCeadie of Cleveland, Klickitat county. Weddle tried to ride him down but Field caught the horse by the bridle. The animal reared and threw his rider jumped up and ran to the house. Field ordered him to halt and when he was disobeyed fired a shot from his revolver.

Weddle called to his sister, a girl of 19 or 20 to get the rifle and shoot the --- --- ---.....However assistance arrived in the person of Daniel Fish, a neighbor and Weddle was pronounced. The prisoner once more appealed to his sister, Nellie, to get a gun. John Foster disarmed the girl.

He was safely brought down to jail and put in a cage. On the way down he is reported to have remarked hopefully to one of the party:

"Well, I'm not in as bad a fix as Chris Evans yet," a phrase which may explain some of his unholy characteristics in that he may have been endeavoring to emulate the Evans-Sontag gang--Yakima Herald August 1, 1895.

## Lynching

E.E. James has a photograph of the Vinsons, father and son, as they were hanging to a tree in front of the Davidson residence, Ellensburg. This tragedy is still the leading excitement of our sister city and little else is discussed.

The prosecuting officers of the county are determined to bring to justice the leaders who took part in the lynching but there is a general belief that no conviction can be secured through any jury impanelled in Kittitas county.

The lynching was no doubt largely due to the fiasco to which the trials of the Roslyn bank robbers resulted. The first trial terminated in a conviction but was subsequently proven the convicted men were innocent and they were given their liberty. Then the real criminals were arrested and a disagreement of the jury followed. By this time the county was nearly bankrupt and there being no money with which another trial could be held. Judge Graves ordered that the prisoners be turned loose.

On Tuesday the local company of the state militia was called out. It is claimed that upwards of 100 persons took part in the lynching mob although but eight arrests had been made at last report. Those arrested were Mike Linder, ex deputy treasurer, John Bush, a wagon maker; Frank Uebelacher, partner of Kohlhopf, one of the men murdered by the Vinsons; William Kennedy, a blacksmith; Frank Feigle and Frank Groger, brewers, Robert Linke and Patrick Desmond, both farmers. At the preliminary examination Desmond, Bush and Groger were discharged for want of evidence. It is asserted that many who were implicated in the lynching have left for other parts--Yakima Herald, August 17, 1895.



## Lynching

The celebrated Ellensburg case in which Uebelacker, Linke, Kennedy, Fiegle and Linder were tried for murder in the first degree for lynching of the Vinsons on the night of the 13th of August came to an end Saturday night by the verdict of not guilty.

So many were implicated in the jail breaking and lynching that local feeling evidently dominated the jury to a large extent--  
Yakima Herald, Sept. 26, 1895.



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Deadwood Jack was no scholar but he insisted that he was a gentleman. The same was the case with Montana Jim. Therefore when we learned that Jack had come over to Custer City to have it out with Jim we felt assured that it would be a gentlemanly affair from start to finish.

Jack had put up in the Old Last Chance saloon written his name on the ace of spades and sent a messenger over to the Bald Eagle's Roost to say to Jim:

"Compliments of Deadwood Jack and he hopes you have no engagement to prevent your meeting on the public square this evening to settle the little misunderstanding that has existed for several months.

And Jim wrote his name on the ace of clubs and instructed the messenger to say:

"Compliments of Montana Jim and he assures D.J. that he will afford him the utmost pleasure to shoot at him at the place mentioned.

Doc

at exactly 7 o'clock this evening. "

Each man was about town during the afternoon and they encountered each other a dozen times. On every occasion each raised his hat and bowed and expressed the hope that the other was well and happy.

At 6 o'clock each retired to his quarters and carefully cleaned and loaded his two guns. There was no bragging or boasting--no posing for effect. Both were game men and both dead shots and the chances were even up between them. No one knew the cause of the trouble and neither man entered into an explanation.

At exactly 7 o'clock they appeared on opposite sides of the square, each with arms folded. They approached within 30 feet of each other and bowed, and then Rocky Mountain Joe gave the word.

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The town of F<sub>o</sub>rt S<sub>m</sub>ith, Arkansas with a population of 12,000 boasts the world's record for hanging.

Ninetythree murders have ended their lives at that place within the last twenty years; three have died before execution; one was shot while trying to escape; 67 dentences of death have been com<sub>u</sub>ted to life imprisonment and 36 others are now in jail awaiting execution.

The name of F<sub>o</sub>rt S<sub>m</sub>ith might appropriately be changed to Gallows City for it certainly has the drop on other places--  
Yakima Herald, Feb. 27, 1896.

## Cattle Rustlers

A spring round-up near Pasco disclosed the fact that great raids have been made on the stock belonging to the ranchers in the neighborhood of Washnena by a gang of rustlers.

Mr. Henrich has lost 100 head of valuable cattle. The rustlers always take the most remarkable animals, leaving the scrubs behind--Yakima Herald, June 4, 1896.



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St Paul, Feb. 6--The state board of pardons has refused to grant the petition for an absolute pardon for James and Cole Younger , and the two noted convicts have to remain in Minnesota, being now out on parole but limited to the state borders--Yakima Herald, Feb. 2, 1902.

W.D. Faville of Prosser is now a deputy sheriff for the eastern end of the county.

He received his commission last week from Sheriff Tucker and is now a full fledged officer--Yakima Herald, April 1, 1902.

The office of deputy United States marshal at this place has been abolished by Marshal Hopkins who succeeded Marshal Ide last week.

When Mr. Hopkins took office he appointed all the old deputies excepting A.L. Dilley of this place. The reason for abolishing the North Yakima office was on account of insufficient business here to require a regular deputy--Yakima Herald, April 1, 1902.

## Police

At the council meeting Monday night a resolution was introduced which provided for the purchase of a saddle horse for the use of the pelice force of the city.

In explanation of the resolution it was stated that the object was to provide the peace officer with a means of getting to the scene of trouble with greater dispatch than had been the rule in the past. "A good horse, it was thought, should be kept saddled and tied in some convenient place in the central part of the city where one of the police force who was called in a hurry to go to any part of the city could find a means of going quicker than he could go afoot..

"I think some such provision is a necessity" said Councilman Linbarger. Councilman Marsh suggested that the city pay the initiation fee of its policemen to the Athletic club and insist on their taking a course that would rid them of surplus avoirdupois and harden their muscles. After some discussion the motion to purchase a horse for the use of our 'finest' was lost and the preservers of the peace and order will have to depend upon their own resources for getting there when duty calls-The Yakima Herald March 22, 1905.



El Paso, Tex. Feb. 29, 1908- Pat Garrett, known the continent over as the man who killed Billy the Kid the notorious outlaw and one of the last of the prominent gun fighters of the frontier days was shot and killed by J. Wayne Brazle, a young ranchman near Las Cruces, N.M. in a dispute over terms of a ranch lease.

Garrett had been on a visit to one of his ranches and in a buckboard with a friend was returning to Las Cruces when they were overtaken by Brazle. A quarrel ensued and Garrett is said to have reached for his gun. Brazle fired twice, both bullets taking effect. Brazle then went to Las Cruces and surrendered. He was locked in the county jail after making a statement to an officer that he shot in self defense and that he had not drawn his six-shooter until Garrett had reached for a shot gun in the bottom of the buckboard.

The quarrel between Garrett and Brazle arose over a ranch that had been leased by Brazle and on which he pastured a herd of goats. Garrett remonstrated with his lessee and declared that the goat pasturing was in violation of the terms of the lease. He threatened to resort to the courts to prevent what he thought was a breach of contract and the men quarreled. Since then both men went armed and it was common talk in the territory that they were looking for each other.

Garrett was sheriff in Lincoln county, New Mexico in the early 80s and his campaign against cattle rustlers was replete with daring arrests, pitched battles and bloody encounters with cattle thieves.

The best known of his experiences was when as officer of the law he killed Billy the Kid who after killing, according to some

Kansas City, Mo., May 8, 1909-Joy bells will not tinkle in the offices of the various western Chautauquas who are out on a still hunt for talent.

Cole Younger, ex-bandit is on the lecture platform. He was at the Union depot this morning on his way to Tulsa, Okla, where he will deliver his first lecture. Referring to his manuscript Younger made the announcement that there was nothing in the same to which the most fastidious might take exception. He described his lectures as setting out "the lessons that might be drawn from his past life." One of his climaxes is this:

"A young man never made a more serious mistake than to suppose that the world owes him a living. It does not."

Younger says that in delivering lectures he is not violating the conditions of his parole. "The understanding with the governor of Minnesota was that I might do as I please as long as I didn't do it in Minnesota," Younger said.



## Sheriff's:

Sheriff Joseph Lancaster was today called before the commissioners of Yakima county at a special meeting which was to explain his conduct of Monday night when he shot up a resort on Front street kept by Ruby Scott.

The county attorney who was called into the session advised the commission that they had no authority to ask for the resignation of the sheriff and that they could do nothing in the matter unless the bonding company which is on the sheriff's bond asked to be allowed to be withdrawn.

The sheriff explained his conduct by saying that when the shooting occurred he was trying to arrest a man who was in the room who was wanted by the sheriff's office.

According to the statement of the Scott woman the sheriff and a companion came into her place at 12 o'clock and after sitting around a few moments the sheriff drew his revolver and shot up the place, breaking two cuspidors and threatening to shoot the keys off the piano.

The episode of Monday night in which Sheriff Lancaster shot up the resort of Ruby Scott on Front street is not the first time that the woman has been treated to an exhibition of the sheriff's marksmanship according to a statement made yesterday.

She stated that his performances were periodical and that he had indulged in target practice at her place twice before in the last three months to the truth of which statement at least 15 bullet holes in the floor and ceiling of the parlor testify.

Not content with shooting up his favorite resorts, the sheriff has tried his gun on the furniture of his own office in the courthouse and the county jail also bears the marks of the sheriff's prowess with a six gun in the shape of a number of holes in the floor and ceiling.--Yakima "epublic, Oct 28, 1910.



## Police Station

After completion of the new fire station at Third and Walnut the contracts for which will probably be let at the next meeting of the city council, the police station, which is located in the same building as the present fire station, will be remodeled.

According to a statement made by Mayor Schott yesterday the entire building will be given over to the police department and a number of improvements made, the most important of which will be the building of a new cell house.

The mayor's plan is to install modern steel cells which will be brought from the east. The cells will be installed in such a manner that they may be easily removed and may be used at such time in the future as the city may see fit to build a new station.

The present location is thought to be most convenient for the department as it is centrally located and the officers may easily bring in the prisoners from any part of town.

(Subhead on story--New steel cells will replace the old wooden structure in the near future) Yakima Republic, Nov. 11, 1910.

Olympia, Dec. 2, 1910-- One person in each 238  
in th state of Washington is a criminal or feeble mind  
and a charge upon the state. The ratio in 1890 was  
1 to each 546 and in 1900 it was 1 to 316.

The legislature will be asked to provide more prison  
cells and more room for feeble-minded and insane--The Yakima  
Republic, Dec. 2, 1910.

Approximately one auto out of every four stolen in Yakima is not recovered. Records for 1924 show there were 178 automobiles stolen siwith 134 recovered. Estimated value of the machines is \$89,000. To be exact, 76 per cent of the machines stolen in Yakima are recovered.

There were 120 bicycles taken during the year and 51 of them never recovered. This brings the number of stolen bicycles not recovered to 42 per cent. The value of the bicyfles is \$3,600--The Yakima <sup>1</sup>epublic, Dec. 29, 1924.