

Source: The Morning Oregonian (Portland, OR) - Monday, September 6, 1875
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Bell, Henry

Henry Bell died at Granite of pneumonia on election day. He was a stranger there, and was an old miner.

Source: East Oregonian (Pendleton, OR) – Saturday, June 9, 1900

Robinson, Frank

A Woman Kills a Sheep-herder in Self Defense.

A woman by the name of Sklenska, living in Grant county, killed a sheep herder, by the name of Frank Robinson, by shooting him through the head. Robinson stopped at the house of Mr. Skalenska and ordered breakfast, which the woman speedily procured. Her husband was away from the home at work, several miles distant, earning the necessary sustenance of life, while she remained at home to look after the place. After finishing his meal, Robinson produced a flask of whiskey and invited Mrs. Skalenska to partake, which she promptly refused to do. Robinson took several drinks, and became quite talkative and made some improper proposals to her, whereupon she ordered him out of the house. He then attempted violence, when she ran out of the house, the man following her. Finding him persistent she returned to the house and seizing a revolver, shot at him as he was entering the door, the ball striking him in the face. Robinson then started for his horse, but returned and told her he was not afraid of her bullets. She fired again as he was turning to leave, the ball striking him in the back of the head, when he fell to the ground, Mrs. Skalenska then went to Mr. Branson, Justice of the Peace, and gave herself up, telling him what she had done. Mr. S. was sent for, and in company with the constable, went to the house where they found Robinson still living, but unconscious. He was properly cared for until he died. After hearing Mrs. S's testimony, she being the only witness, the Justice discharged her.

Source: The Oregon Scout (Union, OR) - Saturday, September 26, 1885

Chittenden, Samuel

Samuel Chittenden, an old resident of Grant county, died at his home in Prairie City on the 4th inst.

Source: The Eugene City Guard (Eugene, OR) – Saturday, January 21, 1882

Bonham, Mary

Two little girls, twin daughters of Mrs. Bonham, residing near Mount Vernon, Grant county, fell from a cliff near the house, one being instantly killed and the other seriously injured, though hopes were entertained of saving her life. It is supposed the little innocents were gathering flowers near the edge of the cliff, when one, stumbling caught the dress of her sister, and both were precipitated to the rocks below.

Source: The Eugene City Guard (Eugene, OR) – Saturday, June 12, 1880

A Sad Accident – On last Friday, two little twin sisters, children of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bonham, of Mt. Vernon, were out playing and wandered some distance from the house and finally found their way to the top of a very large rock, one side of which was about 40 feet high. The little ones approached the edge of this rock, and in attempting to go home, fell off, and one of them was so injured that she only lived about four hours. The other one had her arm fractured and a very deep and ugly wound in the forehead. She is in this city now and in a very fair way to recover. Inasmuch as the fall was nearly 40 feet perpendicular, it is a mystery that both were not instantly killed. Mr. Bonham was absent on the road between here and The Dalles, and the news will be heartrending to him.

Source: Grant County News (Canyon City, OR) – Saturday, June 5, 1880

Parry, Jeff

A homicide occurred at Prairie City, Grant county, recently, a well known resident, A. E. Starr, shooting and killing a young man named Jeff Parry. The cause given is that the latter had refused to marry the daughter of the former, with whom he had been keeping company. The girl is but 16 years old and all connect with the affair have heretofore been persons of good repute.

Source: The Eugene City Guard (Eugene, OR) – Saturday, November 19, 1881
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Luce, Jacob

Died

Died, near Canyon City, Grant county, Oregon, March 6th, of kidney disease, Jacob Luce, aged 70 years, 11 months and 3 days.

And thus another of the pioneers of Oregon has crossed the river of death. Born in Muhlenburg county, Kentucky, in 1808, he resided there until 1843 when he removed with his family to Iowa, and settled in Mahaska county near Oskaloosa. But reports of the beauty of the country of the far Oregon reached him, and here he came arriving in 1852. He located about ten miles west of Eugene where he lived until a few months ago, when ill health induced him to remove to Eastern Oregon, in the hope of improving his condition by change of climate. But all of no avail. He leaves a wife, and seven children – who have all arrived at the years of maturity – to mourn his decease.

He received what was called at that time in the State of his birth a more than average English education. His mercantile business was swamped in the financial crisis of 1837, since which time he followed farming for a business. A tall, blue eyed man, hardy and muscular, type of the Englishman, he was well fitted for the hardships and dangers of a frontier life. Though his father was a slaveholding Democrat, he became a free-soil Whig and afterward a Republican. But he is past all the small things of this life – dying with his wife and children