

THE PAST AT A GLANCE

140 Years Ago
The Republican Citizen
October 2, 1885

—Walter Harris who was reported killed by the Indians a month ago has returned to Rawlins. He is not acquainted with the circumstances of his death.

—The first frost of the season came on Wednesday night, killing some of the tender vegetables in the valleys.

—We understand that Bro. Hand has sold out the Settler office at Ludell. Mr. Hand is one of the best printers in the northwest, and we are sorry to have him dispose of his interests in the county.

—Joe Schran, who is accused of tapping E. A. Mike-sell's till, was arrested by deputy sheriff Warren on Wednesday, and his trial set before squire King on Thursday.

—The survey of the B. & M. railroad reached town this week, and a number of lines have been run into town. We hope that the road will be built this far this season. Rawlins county has grown much the past season, but with a railroad to help out, its growth and development would be immense in the coming year.

130 Years Ago
The Republican Citizen
October 4, 1895

Lost His Life

Two weeks ago Samuel Null, living just across the line from Burntwood, in Cheyenne county, was in McDonald with a load of wheat for Ed. Greenlee, and while holding the team near the pumping station, the horses became frightened by the exhaust from the engine. In his endeavors to quiet them Mr. Null's right foot slipped under the hind wheel of the wagon and the bones of the ankle were broken. Dr. Pegg of McDonald attended him and it was thought he would get along all right.

Last Sunday Drs. Mc-Irvin and Newsome were summoned in consultation with Dr. Pegg, as gangrene had set in, and it was found necessary to amputate the leg above the knee. The doctors felt some hesitancy about administering an anesthetic, as the patient is 75 years old and subject to heart disease. However, they decided it was necessary and the operation was successfully performed. Mr. Null rallied for a time, but his strength was not sufficient to sustain him and he died early Wednesday morning.

Thomas Downend, whose neck was broken on the 16th ult. by falling from a load of grain, was born in England, and came to this country with his parents when he was six months old, their first stop being in Ohio. In 1865 he removed to Stark county, Illinois, and in 1883 to Rawlins county, where he has since resided.

He leaves six children, two of whom — Mrs. May Gibbs and Mrs. Etta Ryman — live in Rawlins county. The others reside in Stark county, Illinois. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. John Summers and the remains were interred in the Cumberland cemetery.

—While feeding grain into a feed chopping machine Tuesday I. N. Holcomb fed his right hand in also. The bones were badly crushed, but no amputation was necessary. Dr. McIrvin attended to the job.

—John Pope fell from a load of hay Monday, but with no more serious result than a bad shaking up and



INDIAN MASSACRE SURVIVORS were invited guests of Jess Pratt to the "Cheyenne Autumn" movie last week. Two of the survivors were present. Shown above, left to right: Jess Pratt, Henry Steffin and Charles Janousek (the two honored guests); and Mrs. Lawrence Claar, curator of the Oberlin Museum.

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a disfigured countenance.

—Dr. McIrvin was called to Bird City last Saturday night to consult with Dr. Pegg in the illness of Gus Kerndt, who has a serious attack of typho-malaria.

120 Years Ago
The Atwood Patriot
September 29, 1905

Held For Trial

The preliminary examination of Charles R. Stevenson, the Herndon drug-gist, charged with the murder of John Tutt (colored) on September 20, was held before Justice Hemming in this city last Monday and Tuesday.

As a result of the examination Stevenson was bound over to the District Court and the amount of the bond fixed at \$5,000. Stevenson was represented at the preliminary examination by Fred Robertson of this city, and J. P. Noble assisted the county attorney for the State.

The evidence brought out by the State in the preliminary did not materially differ from the statements of the case made in the county papers last week. Tutt went to the drug store about 5 o'clock in the evening and wanted to buy some whiskey when Stevenson told him he had none, Tutt answered that he knew better as others had bought liquor there that day. Stevenson told him that was true but he had none for him (meaning Tutt). Tutt pushed past Stevenson into the drug store and asked Stevenson if he wanted him to help himself. After a few words had passed Tutt left the store and remained away 15 or 20 minutes. When he came back the second time he declared he intended to have whiskey if it cost him \$10. Stevenson again refused to sell him the liquor and drawing a gun on Tutt threatened to shoot and Tutt backed out of the store followed by Stevenson.

Tutt again went away and during his absence, one of the witnesses testified that Stevenson said to the by-standers, "It's a hard proposition gentlemen, I guess I'll have to kill the

Tutt came back the third time after liquor and was met at Slocum's store by Dr. Thompson and Harry Fortney who endeavored to induce him to go home. He promised Fortney that he was going home as soon as he made one more attempt to get some whiskey. He went to the drug store and demanded that Stevenson sell him liquor. Stevenson reached for his pistol and went toward Tutt who stopped in the door way, raised his pistol and fired. Tutt staggered out on the sidewalk to the front of Slocum's store and fell dead.

The defense introduced no witnesses at the preliminary but in cross examination brought out the fact that Tutt was a physical giant being six feet four inches tall; while the defendant is rather undersized his weight being about 110 pounds.

Jury List

The following list of jurors were drawn last week for the November term of the District Court: Fred Roesch, Grant; O. V. Henderson, Beaver; L. A. Larson, Jefferson; Joseph Samson, Ludell; Joe Ecker, Elk; M. Pingetzer Jr., Herndon; John Anderson, Celia; D. W. Anderson, Logan; Marion Preyir, Driftwood; A. S. Bird, Logan; P. L. Kesselring, Ludell; R. E. Musso, Ludell.

Kicked by a Horse

Willie, the 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Studer, was kicked in the face last Monday by the old family driving mare. He was badly cut below the right eye. Dr. McIrvin took several stitches and the boy is rapidly recovering his injuries.

Fined for Assault.
Archie Beverstock was

finned \$20 and costs in Justice Griffith's court last Saturday evening for an assault upon the person of Jacob Sloane. The two men were employed as a portion of the crew of a threshing machine which has been at work for J. E. Brown.

110 Years Ago
The Citizen-Patriot
September 30, 1915

—We are informed that the lion tamer of the Yankee Robinson Show which was here a few days ago was killed by the lions at Yuma, Colo.—Trenton Register.

—Plans for construction of the electric lighting plant are expected this week and advertisement for bids will follow at an early date.

—It is much regretted that the city is threatened by an epidemic of whooping cough. Several families have been quarantined at this date and it is feared that the disease will very materially interfere with what promises to be a very successful school year. In order that our County Health Officer, Dr. Wimer, may cope with the disease it is the duty of every parent in the city to lend their aid for its eradication at the earliest possible moment.

100 Years Ago
The Citizen-Patriot
October 1, 1925

Ben Franklin, Sheriff, with four deputies, made a raid Friday night of last week on Henry Schmaizle's farm, one mile east and one half mile north of McDonald. They charged four with gambling. They entered a plea of guilty and were fined \$25 and costs making a total of \$31.34 each. Two of them are now in the county jail waiting payment of the fine and were sentenced to jail until the costs and fine are paid. Another was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon and entered a plea of guilty and

was fined \$5 and costs. Henry Schmaizle entered a plea of guilty to operating a gambling house and was fined \$100 and the costs of the action.

Another Atwood man was charged with being drunk and entered the plea of not guilty whereupon the State announced ready for trial and the court found from the evidence that he was guilty of being drunk and was sentenced to the county jail for a period of 30 days and until the action amounting to \$42.30 was paid.

Crawford Car Found

Sheriff Walter Pratt, Deputy W. C. English and County Attorney E. F. Beckner returned to Colby last Friday from Geary, Okla. with the Doyle Crawford Ford touring car which was stolen by bandits that killed sheriff Sam Pratt August 24. Mr. Crawford was in Colby and drove the car home. He said that it was in good condition as it was the night it was stolen.—Colby Free Press.

Obituaries

Jessie Mae Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown of Cedar Bluffs, Kansas, died in the early morning of Sept. 25 after a four day illness of Infantile Paralysis.

Private interment was made in the Atwood cemetery. A short service was conducted by Rev. Strayer of the Methodist church.

Jessie was born near Atwood April 4, 1914 where she lived a few years, after which she moved with her parents to a farm near Cornell, Nebraska, and from there to her home near Cedar Bluffs.

William James, the 19 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Owen died at their home Monday morning, September 28th.

Mr. Owens accompanied by J. H. Briney, left Tuesday with the remains for Luray, where interment

was made. Mrs. Owens remained at the Briney home with an older son, who is suffering the same malady that took his little brother. We are glad to report that the older boy is improving and is expected to recover.

80 Years Ago
The Citizen-Patriot
October, 1945

Word Received that LeRoy Scoby is Safe

This entire community was gladdened Tuesday morning, when it was learned that Harry Scoby had received a message from the War Department, notifying him that his son, T-Sgt. Marion LeRoy Scoby had been returned to military control, and would be returned to the United States in the near future.

It has been known for some time that LeRoy had been transferred to the Japanese home islands shortly before the liberation of the Philippines, and two radio messages from him had been received in this country, and relayed on to the family here. Since the war ended, and no word had been received of his release, much anxiety was felt by his family and friends, until the good news of his release was received this week.

LeRoy was taken prisoner on May 6, 1942, and was interned in camps in the Philippines until recent months, when he was transferred to Camp Fukuoka, in Japan, and since his release has been so long delayed after the end of hostilities, it must have been one of the last camps to be liberated.

The text of the message received by Mr. Scoby is as follows:

"The Secretary of War has asked me to inform you that your son, T-Sgt. Marion L. Scoby returned to Military Control 17 September 1945 and is being returned to United States within near future. He will be given an opportunity to communicate with you upon arrival. —Robert H. Dunlop, Acting Adj. Gnl."

Report for Active Duty

The following will report for active duty on Friday morning, October 12, for induction at Fort Logan, Colorado: Elmer H. Holthus, Arthur H. Dunker, Robert L. Sis, James R. Curtin, Kermit L. Fikan, Claude A. Tonigsh, Clem W. Hartner.

60 Years Ago
The Citizen-Patriot
September 30, 1965

Dale Vap Severely Burned

Dale Vap, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Vap, suffered first, second and third degree burns last Thursday evening, Sept. 23, and his companion, Mark Ginther, 10, suffered minor burns, when their clothes accidentally caught fire. The two boys were having a cook-out that evening, using the hood of a combine as their location for the cooking, which afforded little ventilation. In some manner, igniter fluid was spilled on the clothing of the boys, and it caught fire. Mrs. Joseph F. Vap, grandmother of Dale., heard the boys yelling, had them roll in the dirt and helped in extinguishing the blaze. It was very fortunate that she was close by.

Dale is a patient in the Rawlins County Hospital, and will probably be hospitalized for some time, with burns covering approximately 25 percent of his body.

Mark was not hospitalized, but suffered burns on his legs and face.