

WEATHER REPORT				
Date	Max.	Min.	Wind	Clouds
Feb. 27	40	10	00	Clear
" 28	44	27	00	Cloudy
Mar. 1	50	33	00	P.C.
" 2	45	30	10	Cloudy
" 3	35	20	37	Cloudy
" 4	41	23	00	P.C.
" 5	32	19	20	P.C.

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DOUBLE MURDER SHOCKS COUNTY

Sheep Herder Kills Cattlemen Hides Bodies, Abducts Wife

Jim Palmer, 37-Year-Old Sheepherder Kills Blanding Cattlemen Possee Recovers Bodies.

Early Saturday morning the town of Blanding was shocked by the news that two of their citizens had been brutally murdered in Johns Canyon. John Hunt and H. T. Goulding brought the information that Jim Palmer, in charge of the Goulding sheepherds, had appeared at the Goulding trading post Friday evening, declaring that he had shot W. E. Oliver, 77 year old cattlemen, and his 24 year-old grandson, Norris Shumway, and that he had hid the bodies.

Evidently the murderer had traveled fast from the scene of the crime as the car he was driving, which belonged to Oliver, had two flat tires, according to the report, and one wheel had no tire at all. According to Goulding, Palmer robbed him of \$40.00 and his rifle and fled southward taking with him his young wife, who is but 17 years of age, and who, it is thought would not have gone except for her fear of her murderer husband. Palmer is twenty years her senior.

The couple were married about a year ago. A baby was born to them at Monticello a few weeks ago, which, if a week later, Palmer is related to families of that name here, but came to this county from near Farmington, N. M. Beyond this little is definitely known of his past, the vague insinuations are circulating.

Following the murderer's departure from the trading post it was several hours before Goulding found transportation to nearby towns where information was given the authorities. A posse left Bluff for the scene of the crime before the sheriff was notified.

About 10 o'clock Sunday morning Sheriff Lawrence Palmer and several deputies left in pursuit of the fugitive, although the trail was by this time "cold". A large posse also went to the scene of the crime to search for the bodies.

Subsequent events indicate that trouble had been brewing for some time due to the sheep herders' alleged hyacinth growing north of the San Juan which had been used exclusively for cattle until the government forced them to vacate the Navajo strip which had been rated as belonging exclusively to the Indians. Goulding had taken up a ranch ad joining the Harrison Oliver ranch at Johns canyon and created considerable hard feeling.

The Oliver and Goulding houses were only a few yards apart, and Palmer and his wife lived in the Oliver cattle were being fed about four miles from the ranch houses at a camp known as the Seeps. Oliver had been shot near the building, and his wife, who was thought to be killed there. Later theories are that he was only wounded and started down the road toward the nearest settlement. Palmer rode to the Seeps after shooting Oliver. He met Shumway and shot him. Powder burns on the hands and a bullet wound on the hand or wrist indicate that Shumway tried to shield his face with his hand. The bullet, however, entered above the left eye, probably causing instant death. Palmer then took an axe and backed at the dead man's neck, horribly mutilating it.

Following the killing of Shumway Palmer appropriated Oliver's Chevrolet, loaded the dead man into it and drove back to the ranch. Here he was evidently loaded up with camp equipment, and taking his wife with him, started for the trading post. Not far from the ranch he tied a low ridge by the roadside where he put rid of his gunnys bag and by hiding it beside the ledge. From the road, it is thought that he

SCIENTIST IS FOUND

ARTIST LOST IN S. E. UTAH

Early in January a weary-looking young man riding a tired pony and leading a pack animal were seen on the outskirts of Monticello. He gave his name as Daniel Thrapp, and claimed to have come from the Green River region and to have crossed the Colorado river near the mouth of Indian creek.

He told of having experienced considerable difficulty in crossing the Colorado river where he made a raft and floated his effects across. He then stripped to his underwear, doubled back and returned for his horse. He turned the raft loose.

After catching his horses he was unable to make them swim the icy river and was compelled to camp for the night without blankets.

Thrapp was able to make a fire, however, and huddled in its glow undisturbed when he cut a stout "perender" in the emergency, doubtless plied the cudgel right lustily for the stubborn mount changed his mind, and swam to the other side.

The young scientist, who is in the employ of the American Museum of Natural History, of New York City, spent several hours at the J. T. Peterson ranch two miles south of town, where he gathered as much information as possible about this part of the state.

Thrapp later went to the region of Dark canyon, which empties into the Colorado river southwest here, and spent several weeks exploring numerous cliff dwellings.

Bob Wise of Bluff is said to have carried supplies to Thrapp, and later brought news of his location, where anxiety for his safety caused a search to be made for him by airplane. The young man departed for Salt Lake City by plane the first of the week, and went from there to his home in Chicago and will later go on to New York.

Artist is Lost Near Escalante. Late in the week word came from southern Utah that an artist, who was being sought near the Escalante river. The man had doubtless been attracted by the beauty of the region and has been mistaking for some time the "barrow" which the lost man had been using for a home.

Planes were used to try and locate the artist's camp and succeeded in finding what they thought to be the camp of a national program to safeguard your health and that of the community.

The FERA in co-operation with the state health and the United States public health service has allotted a sum of money for sanitation project in San Juan county.

If the owner will furnish the necessary materials, the FERA will supply all labor for the installation of septic tanks or pit toilets in private homes, business places, schools, etc.

The materials may be had for a nominal sum, and as these are only limited appropriation for these installations, it is to the advantage of San Juan residents to have as much of this work done as soon as possible.

W. H. Mills of Salt Lake City is doing something radically wrong with the electric current, and the condition has become practically impossible for the board to keep lights burning on the street.

MURDERER IS CAUGHT

NEAR SCENE OF OLD CRIME ADMITS MURDER HELD BY TEXAS AUTHORITIES CHARGED WITH KILLING WIFE'S FATHER.

Late information comes to us that the identity of the man known in Texas by the Sulphur Springs authorities has been definitely established as that of James Palmer, who perpetrated the brutal murder of Wm. Oliver and Norris Shumway at John's canyon last Friday, the full story of which appears in another place on this page.

Palmer's wife is still with him and they admit the murders here. Texas authorities refuse to return the murderer to Utah and are holding him on a murder charge there.

He is accused of killing his wife's father about a year ago near Sulphur Springs.

Few particulars are at hand regarding the alleged former crime. Late information, however, indicates that his wife may be implicated as an accessory in one of the John's Canyon murders.

OLIVER: SHUMWAY FUNERAL IS BEING HELD TODAY. Funeral services for W. H. Oliver and Norris Shumway are being held in Blanding today.

Numerous friends from distant points will be in attendance in spite of the bad roads.

EX-COUNTY PRISON AGENT GIVES INFORMATION ON RURAL REHABILITATION.

State Rural Rehabilitation Director C. O. Stoddard, having taken a home leave, is giving information on rural rehabilitation, according to the S. L. Tribune, as helping stranded persons to establish themselves in rural areas on a self-sustaining basis. He points out the difference between getting people off relief rolls, and making it possible for people to get off the relief rolls.

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Those farmers who are on relief rolls or who have exhausted their resources are eligible for loans. The purpose of rural rehabilitation is to make it possible for worthy destitute families to become self-sufficient on a plane consistent with decent living and in so far as possible, on their own farms.

Seed stock, farm animals, equipment, buildings or land purchase will be available as may be required for subsistence purposes and as soon as possible, to restore complete independence.

Clients are to be given supplementary employment if and when necessary to complete budgeting needs.

Eligible persons desiring rehabilitation loans should contact D. M. Stoddard in charge of the rehabilitation office in this county.

TOWN BOARD HOLDS MEETING. At the meeting of the Monticello Town Board, held Monday last, the matter of street lights of the town occupied a good part of the session.

Ray V. Redd reported that globes had been replaced in some streets and that a light globe had been found that was as old as time, and that a week after being installed in the light socket. Stoddard was found that a light globe had been broken, causing the lights to go out.

This led to the belief that there is something radically wrong with the electric current, and the condition has become practically impossible for the board to keep lights burning on the street.

STATE LEGISLATURE FACES HUGE TASK IN LAST TEN DAYS

Twelfth District Representatives Split Votes on Important House Measure (By U.S.P.A. Service.)

Members of the twenty-first Utah legislature have completed another week of the session, with the bulk of major legislation still on the session books as unfinished business.

Even officially-allowed days remain Monday and the 60 allotted to the current session. Stopping of the legislative clock—a respite often made use of to give additional lawmaking time—may add another one, two or three days.

Important matters on a state liquor control law, personal income and corporation franchise taxes, social relief and appropriations must be thrashed out by the assembly lawmakers.

The liquor question is expected to be solved in comparatively speedy fashion through passage by the senate and concurrence by the house.

With the finished product providing for state stores and by-the-drink sales in licensed hotels, restaurants and clubs. A few other changes in the house adopted measures will be sent to the committee of 49 proposals agreed upon in practically their entirety.

The end of the seventh week found house and senate deadlocked on personal income and corporation franchise taxes. Neither side—midst verbal fireworks—would concede from its position on property tax offsets.

Legislators made no headway on a tax measure and the office in the corporation income tax bill. Concussions must be made by one house, for the other it either will be to no avail. Otherwise there can be no income tax changes.

Speedy passage by both branches of a bill enabling the state to reap advantages of bond refunding suggestions made by the House. Henry H. Blood will doubtless result in appropriations for various government departments as it means \$750,000 in additional revenue without resort to taxes.

Legislators were also quick in their enactment of several measures clarifying the water supply question. The senate took final action for cities to participate in reclamation projects, enabling Salt Lake City in particular to take part in the project.

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Representative Gammeter Praises San Juan

NEWS IN BRIEF

OPERATION CURES WOMAN VICTIM OF HICCUPPING

EMANCIPATION OF EASTERN WOMEN LIKELY

Bombay—One of the most remarkable changes that has occurred in the so-called "unchanging east" is that of the awakening of the women of India. They have w-nterful leaders to express their feelings and opinions, even though they themselves cannot do it. At the All-India Conference recently held at Karachi, measures were discussed for the abolition of polygamy, child marriage, seclusion of wives, and the permanency of widowhood. The organization of debating societies was recommended to train women for public speaking and so more ably to defend their rights.

On Feb. 28, Turkish women voted for the first time in history, going to the polls in a general election. Not only that, they may also be candidates for seats in the Grand National Assembly or Turkish parliament. The fact of woman suffrage in Turkey is unique in the annals of the Moslem East. Turkish women have been encouraged by Mustafa Kemal and his colleagues to engage actively in trades and professions as a matter of course. The great war had opened the process of liberation for Turkey and its women.

In Athens, thanks to the Greek League for the protection of children, a small but comfortable shelter has been erected in the Women's prison yard in order that the children of prisoners may have a place in which to play in comparative freedom and safety. The league feeds and clothes the children, and the children will be sent to school. For these the league is trying to find lodgings outside the city, that their fellow prisoners may not look down on them.

The children of parents serving life sentences are placed in state orphanages.

SNOW AND DUST STORMS LEAVE PATH OF DEATH

Snow, sleet, violent winds and swirling dust storms darkened the night Saturday, killing and destroying on both hemispheres. Howling gales pounded distress calls out of seven vessels in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and battered an airplane above the waves. While in land storms swept over the eastern and southwestern parts of the United States, and through south and central France.

Among toppling chimneys and uprooted houses in France, six people were killed and five wounded. Airplanes were grounded and all transatlantic routes were closed. Dust storms swirled over western Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. In Pennsylvania, 100 automobiles and 100 buses were stalled in 10-foot drifts. At one time ships were gale-bound in the Bay of Biscay. The Italian freighter, Talde, was believed to have sunk in flames. It was the fourth ship to be wrecked in the area around off the coast of Japan, and an oyster sloop struck a reef off Delaware.

DEATH VALLEY YIELDS FOSSIL SKULL

The "lowest sink" on the American continent, called by the California "40-ers" Death Valley, because of the many deaths of pioneers from thirst in trying to cross this dread desert, has now yielded to science the fossil skull of a dinosaur or 30,000 years ago. From this fossil D. Donald Curry, graduate of the California Institute of Technology, deduces that at that time Death Valley was a "wet" valley, with stretches of water, and beautiful vegetation of trees and plants. It is said the dying pioneers often saw fossils similar to the long-necked dinosaur as described by Dr. Curry.

Describes Its Boundaries and Resources In Recent Radio Address.

The following paragraphs are extracts from an interesting radio address delivered by Representative Emil Gammeter from station K S L in Salt Lake City.

"San Juan county is about the size of New Jersey. It has the largest area of the best tillable land with the highest annual percentage of precipitation of any county in the state. The proposed Navajo National Park will be located in a 500,000 acre section west of the 110th Meridian.

Park across the river to the south of the Colorado state line and east of the Colorado river. This section has been known as the Navajo strip to which the cattlemen of San Juan county released all claims to the Navajo Indians. This feature will be an added attraction to visitors, containing Monument valley, Navajo mountains and the Rainbow natural bridge. On the southern boundary of the park are the Goosenecks and the Garden of the Gods.

The highway commission of Utah has assumed in of an improved highway to Bluff, Utah. From there a summer and winter road will reach the park.

The Indian Department has promised a donation extending a road from Flagstaff to Bluff in 1934 that an improved highway will be constructed from Flagstaff to Bluff in the near future. This will make the new Park accessible to the south as well as from the north. The California Automobile Association has assured us that if and when highways are opened that at least 20,000 cars will be routed annually through this heretofore inaccessible section.

"A memorial to congress is now before the Utah Legislature requesting Congress to speed up this action together with a similar memorial from Wayne Wonderland in which urges the opening of an improved park to park highway from Mesa Verde to Bryce and Zion National Parks.

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HEADLINES

NEWS IN BRIEF TOLD BY HEADLINES

MONARCH OF SIAM VOLUNTARILY ABDICATES.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKES REPORTED IN FOUR CENTRAL STATES.

EIGHT CARS STOLEN BY THREE GRAND JUNCTION H. S. STUDENTS.

HONOLULU FLOODED BY 16.7 INCHES RAIN IN SIX HOURS.

HOUSE MEMBERS PUTTING FEWER RELATIVES ON PAYROLLS NOW.

AAA TO CONTINUE ALL-ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS IN 1935.

GIRL WITH INVERTED STOMACH LAY AWAY AFTER OPERATION.

TWO DENVER MINING MEN, KILLED IN AUTO CRASH.

TWO 14-YEAR-OLD MEXICAN BURGLARS CAUGHT IN GRAND JUNCTION.

JAPAN PROPOSES DEATH PENALTY FOR AGITATORS.

SERIOUS REVOLT IN GREECE. PLANES BOMB SEIZED WAR SHIPS AND LAND FORCES PURSUE REBELS.

TRUCE BETWEEN ITALY AND ETHIOPIA AS NEUTRAL ZONE IS ESTABLISHED.

JUSTICE HOLMES (64) PASSED AWAY QUIETLY YESTERDAY.

8 KILLED, SEVERAL INJURED IN ST. GEORGE, UTAH BY PRELIMINARY EXPLOSION AT NEW CITY.