

Kuna Kompass

Kuna Historical Society

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Recent Events

Kuna History Center 415 West Second Street

Winter Hours

By appointment

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Dave Lyon

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Amanda Leroue

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Upcoming Events: **Society Officer Elections**

At our next Kuna Historical Society Meeting on Thursday, December 5th, we will be holding the annual nomination and election of new officers.

Walking Tour of Historic Kuna

On a lovely evening in July, a group of locals and a couple out of state guests gathered to take a walking tour of historic Kuna. We gained some interesting knowledge of some of Kuna's most historic buildings, and were treated to a nice summer rain at the end. Luckily, we were able to take cover in front of the door of the former Movie Theater (one of the historic buildings)



Kuna Days!

We enjoyed seeing all of those who stopped by to see us at our Booth shared with the VFW and Western Heritage Foundation. Some of us were even treated to stories both by those manning the booth and visitors stopping by.

Meeting The Author: Donna Fletcher Crow

We had the pleasure of meeting Donna Fletcher Crow, Author of the trilogy *Daughters of Courage*, a great history of Kuna over 3 generations, and although she uses fictitious names the books are about her family from when they arrived in Kuna in the early 1900s. Very interesting to hear first hand about her inspirations.

Check out her website:

www.donnafletchercrow.com



100 Years ago in Kuna

The Idaho Daily Statesman

November 11, 1913

ROUSH STILL AT LARGE AND FEW CLUES LEFT

Assailant of Deputy Sheriff
Makes Good Escape: Eludes Pursuit

MAY HAVE BOARDED TRAIN

Conductor Confronted by a Strange Man on Blind Who Uses Gun

Up to a late hour Monday evening Clarence Roush, the ex-convict who shot Deputy Clawson in the jaw Sunday noon, and escaped over the mesa towards Kuna, had not been apprehended. A number of clues were received during the day, but only one, his boarding an eastbound train near Kuna, about 8 o'clock Sunday night, is believed to be the real thing.

Deputy Clawson was resting easily Monday. The doctors removed the packing from his mouth about noon and found the condition of his jaw to be much better than they had expected. The profuse bleeding was stopped about midnight Sunday, and unless some unforeseen complications set in, the wound will not prove dangerous.

Sheriff Roberts and Deputy Day were out the greater part of Monday, and The offices at Vale and other western points were notified, as well as those along the eastern points.

Draws Gun on Conductor.

The only verified story of Roush of the day is that told by Conductor Rickart, who says that a man answering Roush's description boarded Train No. 10, which left Nampa at 7:30, at Kuna, and was discovered by him, riding on the blind baggage. When told that he could not ride there the man pulled a gun and pointed it at the conductor's abdomen. The conductor backed into the baggage car, called the train crew and stopped the train at Keisel siding, where the man was put off.

The conductor says that there was an eastbound freight standing on the siding when the man was put off and that he made his way toward that train, which he may have taken. Another theory is that he went on into Owyhee county.

From the description given by Conductor Rickart it is believed the man was Roush. At Glenn's Ferry a west-bound freight was leaving the station as Rickart's train came in and the crew was warned to look for a gunman who had boarded the train, but they reported nothing later.

Nampa Clew Fizzle

The man seen riding the black horse, in the vicinity of Ten Mile, by Fred M. Carson, whom he believed, from his suspicious manner, to have been Roush, after he heard of the shooting, has proved to be another man altogether. The story told by a boy in Nampa that he saw a man answering Roush's Description leaving an abandoned barn, led to a closer search at Nampa, but nothing materialized and it is thought the boy was mistaken in his man.

Roush is believed to be well acquainted with the entire country in which he is supposed to be wandering, having worked at Arrow Rock for the Kesl company and recently with a bridge gang at a point which it is believed is called Pergrain, near Nampa.

One of Roush's pals tell that he was hidden in a cave about four miles from Nampa and fed for days, by friends before he was captured after he broke the Canyon county jail. Others claim that there is no cave nearer Nampa than Kuna cave eight miles away, and the pal declares that it was not Kuna cave. The story illustrates, however, that Roush has friends near Nampa, who have aided him in the past.

The sheriff's office is counting on the reward of \$200 offered to find their man. Roush has a brother living on a ranch near Nampa, who might aid him, it is believed. It is claimed that his mother spent almost all of the \$1500 insurance she received when her husband died, trying to save her son from prison. The boy is believed, however, to have been incorrigible from an early age, since he served a term in the Colorado reform school, where he learned the cabinet makers' trade, before he came to Idaho, and he was sent to the penitentiary here at the age of 17.

Dodgers were printed and sent broadcast Monday all over Ada, Canyon and Owyhee counties and east and west along the Oregon Short line.

100 Years ago in Kuna (continued..)

The Idaho Daily Statesman

November 13, 1913

ROUSH GOES FREE IN DEFIANCE OF OFFICERS

All Clews Run Down Only to Result in Failure
Caves Searched

The Idaho Daily Statesman

November 14, 1913

DEPUTY CHAPMAN IN DEFENSE

Thinks it Unfair to Criticise
Sheriff Roberts
In Roush Case.

The Idaho Daily Statesman

November 17, 1913

ROUSH IN JAIL; CAPTURED AT HUNTINGTON

Would-Be Slayer of Deputy Sheriff Clawson
Picked Up in Oregon.

AT FIRST DENIES IDENTITY

Later Admits He Is the Man Wanted and
Was Hid in Boise

TRAMP SCARES TRAINMEN

Taken From Car at Meridian, Brandishes
"Gun;"
Caught Later at Nampa.

The Idaho Daily Statesman

November 21, 1913

WANT LADDER BACK.

KUNA---Now that Roush is safely behind the bars, the citizens of Kuna formally request the sheriff and his deputies to restore the ladder in Kuna cave to its former position.



Teed Family photo collection-Kuna Cave

Do YOU Have a Story?

I often wonder what life would have been like 50, 70, 100 years ago. As the joke goes, "When I was your age, I had to walk a mile to school in the snow, uphill both ways" There aren't many hills around here, so lets not try that one, but really I want to know! What was it like in Kuna's past? What did people do for fun? How did one spend a lazy Saturday afternoon, if such a thing existed? Did people only take trips to Boise once a month? What were holidays like? What was something everyone in town looked forward to each year? My questions are endless! If you or someone close to you lived in Kuna in the early-mid 1900's? We would love to record your early Kuna stories as part of Kuna's history and share them with all those interested in learning the history of Kuna and it's people. We will connect you with an oral history taker who will work with you to record your story, and your memories will then be preserved as part of Kuna's history! Please contact Dave Lyon at (208) 861-9131 if you're interested in sharing. We look forward to hearing from you!

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