

Pete Karst

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When Pete was carrying the mail to the Cooper Tie camp, he had to have someone on his place, Karsts Camp. One season some people by the name of Flexons ran the place for him. These people had the dining room and cabins, but Pete kept the barn for his horses. The Flexons had two or three beautiful daughters. Foley Waters and Charles Davis were quite sweet on these girls (and maybe Pete was too). Anyhow the young men would ride down from their places on horseback, and they would put up their horses in Pete's barn and feed them Pete's hay. Now Pete had to buy all this hay for his horses. He used to carry the mail and he figured his hay cost him about one and one-half cents a pound. Pete didn't care how many meals the boys ate for this was Flexons affair but the hay was his and he made a big rumpus with the Flexons saying he had to have some money for this hay. The Flexons in turn told Waters and Davis they would have to pay for this hay. The boys decided to haul Pete a load of rye hay which Foley had raised that year in payment for the hay they had used. The rye hay really wasn't much good, but Pete figured it was better than nothing. So the boys started from the Waters place with their load, they had a lot of hard luck and finally ended up by tipping over at Portal Creek where they left the hay. Now Pete was busy hauling the mail and had no time to get this hay but still it was hay that belonged to him so he hired Flexon to go up and haul the hay to his barn and he would pay him for his time. Flexon charged Pete more than the hay was worth. Pete got his hay all right but when he figured it all out he had paid more for this rye hay than he could have bought good hay.

Charles C. Esgar

Charles C. Esgar was born in Blossburg, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1868. He came to Bozeman, August 1888. He ran cattle in Bridger Canyon until 1913 when he was appointed Deputy Game Warden. He was Deputy Game Warden from 1913 until 1919. From 1919 until 1923 he was sheriff of Gallatin County.

Sam C. Crockett

Sam C. Crockett was born in Virginia City, Montana, August 11, 1873. He moved to Bozeman in the summer of 1879. He worked for W. B. Benham at odd jobs and learned the gun smith trade from Mike Knox while there. His father's name was Sam H. Crockett and was a harness maker by trade.

W. B. Benham

W. B. Benham died about 1895. He had a son named Claude who is with the West Publishing Company either in St. Paul or Minneapolis.

Mrs. Fletcher

Mrs. Fletcher ran the first dude ranch in the canyon or Logger Creek at the present Borrow's ranch from 1898 to 1900. Her people were mostly from different parts of Montana.

Philo H. Tomlinson, Route 3 Fern Avenue, Walla Walla, Washington. Walter Sales dug up this address and I have written him on January 9th, but have received no reply. I also wrote Clyde Tedrick, R. F. D. on the Boulder, Livingston, Montana.