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Fair, Heavy Frost

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RIDDLE BOY IS KILLED IN FIGHT

**Odie Bates Stabbed In Heart
By Arthur Thompson Well
Known Farmer.**

TRADE CAUSES DISPUTE

**Heavy Horse Traded for Cow Causes
Fight in Which Knife Ends the
Life of Younger Participant
—Thompson Arrested.**

Odie Bates, aged 19 years, was killed at Riddle yesterday evening by Arthur Thompson, aged 35 years, in a fight resulting over a trade completed about a week ago. Bates was stabbed with a pocket knife wielded by Thompson and died before he could be taken to his home.

The dispute which led to the death of the younger man arose over the trading of a horse and cow last week. Both Bates and Thompson were members of the same Southern Pacific section gang and had always been friendly. Thompson has a small ranch near the town limits and needed a horse to put in his crops and to use for work about the farm. He had a cow which Bates desired and on this basis the trade was made. Bates representing the horse was in good condition and broke to pull.

Thompson claims that the horse was balky and was of practically no account, refusing to pull when put in the harness. Yesterday evening after completing his work for the day, he took the horse to Bates' home in Riddle. On his way he stopped at several stores and paid bills, having received his pay check, and also made purchases to be taken home on his return trip.

Reaching the Bates home he tied the horse to the fence and went into the enclosure to get the cow, which was staked out on a long tether rope. He was unfastening the rope when he was accosted by Bates, who objected to the removal of the animal. Jim Bates, an uncle of the young man, was standing near by watching proceedings.

As near as could be learned, Thompson started to lead the cow away and Bates rushed forward and attempted to jerk the rope from his hands. Thompson is said to have called to the uncle of the boy to take young Bates away, but the older man refused to interfere, saying that it was none of his quarrel.

Thompson has the misfortune to be very cross-eyed, and his hindering vision greatly making it difficult for him to judge distance. Consequently he was practically helpless in the fight which followed. It is claimed that the boy struck first, hitting Thompson in the eye, but as there was only one witness, coherent statements are hard to obtain. In the melee Bates was struck by a knife in the hands of Thompson, the knife striking the lower portion of the heart.

The boy staggered back, and the older man, thinking that he was only slightly injured, picked up the rope and led the cow away. Odie staggered over to where his uncle was standing and with the help of his relative, climbed over the nearby fence and started for the house. He had taken only a few steps in that direction when he fell to the ground, dead.

Thompson, not knowing the seriousness of the wound he had inflicted, continued on his way home, leading the cow, and stopped at several places to pick up the purchases he had made. He told of the fight and said that he had hurt Bates with his knife, but it was not until after he had reached home that he learned of the death of his opponent.

He was placed under arrest at once, making no opposition, and taken to the county jail. He is a fairly well known citizen of the community in which he has been residing. His wife is only 20 years of age and has a baby, born last December.

Bates was only 19 years old, and had been a resident of the Riddle community practically all of his life. He was the support of his widowed mother, Flora Bates, and lived with her. He was well known and quite popular in the community. The two men had been working side by side for many months in the same Southern Pacific section gang. Both were hard workers and apparently good friends. No dispute had ever arisen between them before, and the affair was a great surprise to the friends of the two men. Coroner Ritter was called shortly after 5:30 last night and left immediately for Riddle, where he took charge of the body. Sheriff Quinn was also notified, and not knowing that Thompson was being held, or

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BUSINESS STOPS FOR SILENT PRAYER

Office of Interchurch World Movement in N. Y. Stops Its Rush to Pray.

BELL USED AS SIGNAL

All Churches of the County Will be Instructed to Urge Five-Minute Prayer Period at 2 o'Clock Sunday, April 25th.

Step out of the elevator upon any of the huge floors of the Greenhut building on eighteenth street, New York (they are as long as the deck of the Leviathan and a good deal wider) at twelve noon, precisely. As the elevator door closes you hear a bell ring. If you continue your progress toward the information desk you will not go more than a few yards before something prompts you to stop and stand where you are. At first you are in doubt what that something is; but presently you realize it is the dead silence, the absolute stillness.

The hum of many voices, the click of hundreds of typewriters, that assailed your ears as you entered the door has suddenly ceased as by magic. There is a silence in which you could hear the proverbial pin drop. The noise of your own boots on the hardwood floor sounds as loud as the report of a gun. It is that that makes you stop and look around.

Then you realize what is happening. The Greenhut building is the head office of the Interchurch World Movement throughout the country. It is the signal for a minute of silent prayer for the success of the movement.

Instantly, as the bell rings, every sound ceases. Conversations are interrupted in the middle of a sentence; typewriters are stopped; even the telephone operators murmur a low "Hold the wire a minute please." For sixty seconds every head is bowed in silent prayer. Then the bell rings again, and the building is a busy, humming hive of activity once more.

The principle that governs the hundreds of members of the Interchurch organization will be extended to millions on Sunday, April 25, which is the opening day of the united simultaneous financial campaign. Word has been sent around by all the thirty denominations participating in the Interchurch campaign requesting that at 2 p. m. on that day, the hour at which the eight-day intensive campaign opens, all members of the co-operating churches as well as all citizens friendly to the cause pause in whatever they are doing to bow their heads in silent prayer for the success of the churches' great enterprise.

It is the belief of the leaders of the campaign that practically all of the fifteen million members of the thirty denominations, as well as many other men and women throughout the country, will join in this five minute period of silent prayer. And on the principle that "what's well begun is half done," they believe that a campaign started in this fashion cannot but succeed.

Mexican Officers Make the Request

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Mexico's request for permission to send troops through the United States territory has been referred to the war department by the state department. The state department officials said today the request came from high officers in the Mexican army and not the Mexican government.

FERTILIZER CONTENT VARIES

A 100 pound sack of a commercial fertilizer sold in Oregon is guaranteed to contain 4 pounds of nitrogen, 20 pounds phosphoric acid, and no potash. Analysis by O. A. C. station chemists found 2.14 pounds of nitrogen, 16.67 pounds phosphoric acid, and 1.06 pounds potash. An Oregon farmer paying on the guaranteed basis would not have got just what he thought he was paying for. No brand of commercial fertilizer can be put on sale in the state without a label, but the label doesn't always tell the truth. The college station is to enforce the law, and has driven some of the brands off the market. A new station bulletin shows up every brand sold in the state in 1919, good and bad. A free copy will enable the farmer to buy on merit.

Howell Case is Set—The trial of Harold Howell, the small Bandon boy who is accused of the murder of Lillian Leuthold, has been set for Wednesday, May 5th, at Coquille. This is the third trial of the lad and it will undoubtedly be hard to obtain a jury to hear the evidence.