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CHAS. WIEST MURDERED

Body Found in Cabin With Two Bullet Holes Through His Head

BLOOD HOUND TAKES TRAIL

Bert Green, Suspect, Arrested by Sheriff Thompson and in Jail at St. Helens

Sheriff Thompson was called by phone from Warren on Wednesday morning and informed that a man had been found dead in his cabin on the Slough and under suspicious circumstances. Mr. Thompson immediately telephoned to Coroner Sherwood at Rainier and upon his arrival the Sheriff and Coroner proceeded to the cabin on the Peterson and House Duck farm and found there the body of Charles H. Wiest, with his clothes all on and lying across the bed. Immediate investigation was begun by the officers and continued up until Thursday morning and the following facts were disclosed: On Tuesday at 1:15 o'clock P. M. Wiest was taking to Gus Schwoch, the man living on the farm, and left for his cabin to do his work in connection with feeding the duck lakes etc., he having been a game tender for Peterson & House, and was to come back in the evening to get his milk; evening came and Wiest failed to return but nothing much was thought of the matter until morning when Mr. Schwoch went to the cabin of Wiest and the door was open and after shouting, with no response, Schwoch went inside and found Wiest on the bed with his clothes all on and apparently asleep; closer investigation proved that he was dead, and Mr. Schwoch went to Warren and notified the Sheriff. Sheriff Thompson immediately took charge of the premises and kept any curious persons away from the cabin, wired to W. E. Conyers at Clatskanie for his Blood Hounds and until the arrival of the dogs everybody was kept away. In the meantime Mr. Thompson went to the cabin of Bert Green, another game tender for the Day Bros. of Portland, on the adjoining farm, and brought Green back with him to the Wiest cabin by a circuitous route, carefully avoiding the regular trail through the woods, and upon arriving at the cabin, borrowed Green's pocket knife; with this as a clue the blood hound was given the scent and immediately took up the trail which led by another and different route from any known, in fact was not by any trail at all but through the woods, right to the cabin of Green.

Some two weeks ago there was a shot gun stolen from the Wiest cabin and no clue was ever found concerning this theft, but it is presumed that Wiest had some knowledge of who stole the gun; since the man was last seen alive another gun is missing from the cabin.

After the hound had made its discovery Sergeant Hunter of the Detective force with Lou Hartman and Dr. Cathey, the blood and finger print expert from Portland, made some experiments and took some photographs but nothing of importance has as yet resulted from their work.

The post mortem examination revealed the fact that there were two bullet holes in the left side of the man's head, evidently from a 32 caliber revolver.

The body was brought to St. Helens Thursday morning and Coroner Sherwood summoned a jury and held an inquest, but nothing was brought out except the facts as above stated.

Little is known of the man who was murdered, he having no relatives in this vicinity, a brother living in Portland being the only known one; he was 24 years old and was a sober industrious young man and unless the stealing of the shot guns from his cabin furnish a motive, the authorities are at a loss to discover one.

Bert Green, the man suspected by reason of the action of the blood hounds, was brought to town and will be thoroughly examined before being allowed to go.

Further developments in the case go to strengthen the suspicion against Green. Wiest's movements have been traced during Tuesday until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He was in Warren when the 2 o'clock train arrived from Portland and left there immediately afterwards for his cabin, and it would have taken him from 45 minutes to an hour to reach there. On the stove in his cabin were potatoes and bacon burned to a crisp, indicating that he was cooking when shot.

Green was seen to enter the Wiest cabin between 3 and 4 o'clock on Tuesday.

NEWS OF ALL KINDS

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND ST. HELENS

LOCAL ITEMS: PERSONAL MENTION: SOCIETY NEWS

Dr. Peel was joined this week by Mrs. Peel and their little son and have taken up their residence in the home recently vacated by L. B. Rathertford.

The latest improvements on Columbia Street are the steps leading to the M. E. Church building, and the Cement sidewalk in front of A. Ketel's property, both of which give added attractive appearance to this corner.

Deputy Sheriff, Archie Leonard, of Portland, was an interested spectator at the trial of John F. Hamlin, last week. Mr. Leonard is one of Oregon's best known and successful peace officers and is quite prominently mentioned in the office of Sheriff of Multnomah County at next election.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone spent the greater portion of last week at Vancouver, visiting Mr. Stone's mother who was seriously ill. She is now improving.

After having been confined in the St. Vincent's Hospital at Portland, for about eight weeks, with typhoid fever, Frank Thorp was brought home last week entirely recovered.

Judge J. U. Campbell, of Oregon City, was a Court visitor Friday.

A ring of keys picked up on the streets of St. Helens have been left at this office. Owner can have same by calling here and paying for this notice.

Hon. C. N. "Pat" McArthur, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, spent Monday in the City attending to legal business.

The dance given by the St. Helens City Band last Saturday night was a success socially and financially. More than fifty couples were present and enjoyed themselves until the early morning hours. Music was furnished by the Band Orchestra, consisting of local talent and was highly appreciated.

Ernest Johnson, of Scappoose, who was under indictment for larceny in a warehouse, changed his plea of "Not guilty" to a plea of "guilty of simple larceny" before Judge Eakin last Saturday and was sentenced to 90 days in the County Jail and then paroled. The specific crime with which he was charged was stealing a keg of beer from the Scappoose landing warehouse.

The case of Andrew King vs the City of St. Helens was tried before Judge Eakin and a jury last Friday and resulted in a verdict for King for \$221.50. King claimed he had worked for the Water Commission during the winter of 1909 and 1910 and that he had \$317.50 coming and the Commissioners claimed that he had been fully paid. The case will probably be appealed.

Peter Felton returned to St. Helens last Saturday after quite an extended visit in the East and South.

Chas. R. McCormick, of San Francisco, the head of the St. Helens Mill Co., spent several days in the town this week, looking after business interests.

The usual number of Halloween pranks, so called, were perpetrated in St. Helens Tuesday night, but we have heard of no very serious damage to any property.

The City Council met in regular session Monday night and spent most of its time in a discussion of the proposed street car franchise. No definite action was taken. The City Attorney was instructed to commence necessary legal proceedings to enforce the collection of colliquit street and sewer assessments throughout the City.

Mrs. Catherine Malarkey, mother of our State Senator Dan J. Malarkey, died at Portland Sunday.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church will meet with Mrs. E. A. Cronse on Wednesday Nov. 8th.

The Annual Bazaar and Supper of the Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church, will be held on Dec. 8th.

Mrs. Sarah Heitman, of Ridgefield, Wn. died at her home on Tuesday and will be buried at Vancouver, today. Mrs. Heitman was the daughter of Columbia Lancaster, a former owner of the present townsite of St. Helens.

County Clerk LeBare is now a marriage license to Miss Geraldine Shields of Columbia County and William Marhoff of Flavel, Clatsop County, during the week.

E. A. Ross and family have returned from Wisconsin where they went several weeks ago to dispose of their property. This was a case of trying the country out before deciding to locate permanently and the trial was so satisfactory that the last trip was made, and we now have Mr. Ross and family as permanent residents.

Mr. A. P. Sprague, with his family, drove his auto down from Portland last Saturday. Mr. Sprague is manager of the Crescent Timber Company with large holdings in Columbia County and is an enthusiastic good roads booster. He had not intended coming to St. Helens on this trip but was informed that the roads for automobiles in this direction were better than any other leading out of Portland, and his trip confirmed his information.

J. R. Campbell, residing in one of the Saxon cottages on Caseman Street, made complaint before Justice Haxen Wednesday that his wood pile was decreasing in size faster than his use of wood warranted, and a warrant was issued for John Doe and several of his brothers who were haled before his Honor upon a charge of larceny. Before a hearing could be had the members of this well known family paid Mr. Campbell for his wood and settled the costs of the Court and were allowed to go.

The cleaning, pressing and tailoring establishment of Ernest Scheiker and Mrs. M. E. Wilson-Bungardner is now located in the Report House next to the I. O. O. F. Building.

Ernest E. Taylor, Field Secretary of the Prohibition State Central Committee will speak at the Houlton F. M. Church Saturday at 8 p. m. Admission Free.

The Young Married Ladies Friday Afternoon Club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Jeffcott in Columbia Park on Halloween night by Mesdames Jeffcott and Everson. Decorations consisted of Autumn leaves and Pumpkin Jack-o-lanterns. Dainty luncheon was served. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. I. G. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Muckle, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crookier, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ragan, Mr. and Mrs. Everson and Dr. and Mrs. Jeffcott.

Mrs. Mary J. Perkins, of Drain, Ore., owner of one of the largest hotels in Southern Oregon, visited in the City the past week with her daughters, Misses Nellie and Leona Perkins.

A fine box of quinces from the orchard of J. W. Saxton on Bachelor Flat, was the first present to the new management, presented by Mrs. Saxton. Thanks.

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church will meet with Mrs. Wm. Muckle, Thursday Nov. 9th. All are invited.

The Houlton Rebekah Lodge held High Jinx at the I. O. O. F. hall in Houlton on Halloween night when a genuine surprise was given to the Odd Fellows by the Rebekahs and their friends. Visitors were met at the door by a witch with all the make up of a being from some other world, escorted to the hall where all sorts of witchery prevailed, with dim lights and grotesque figures, and entertained by charades and games. A fine lunch was served to the large number present and a general good time prevailed until a late hour.

The Ladies of the Guild will serve tea in the Guild Hall from 2 to 6 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon. Nov. 7th.

J. W. Allen and Peter Felton have formed a partnership for the handling of real estate. They have a number of first class propositions on hand now and will devote their entire time to the business. An office will be fitted up in the near future in a convenient part of the city where buyers and sellers will be welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. James Muckle were visitors in the City during the week.

Dr. H. R. Cliff down from Portland in his auto last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Barbour of Suisun, California visited with Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Zipperer Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Rudig, of Portland, and Miss Hazel Meritt, of North Manchester, Ind. visited Dr. and Mrs. I. G. Ross over Sunday.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

St. Helens Post Office is Designated by the Government

IMPORTANT FACTS CONCERNING SAME

The Post Office at St. Helens has been designated as a Postal Savings Bank and opened for this business on Oct. 25th. The object of the Postal Savings System is for the purpose of providing facilities for depositing savings at interest with the United States Government as security and for the information of the public we have gathered the following facts:

Accounts may be opened and deposits made by any person of the age of 10 years or over in his or her own name and by a married woman in her own name and free from any interference or control by her husband. No person can have more than one account at any one time.

No person may open a postal-savings account at any post office who is not a patron of that office.

All accounts must be opened in person by the depositor or his authorized representative. After opening an account a depositor may forward subsequent deposits to the post office by mail.

Deposits will be accepted only from individuals, and no account will be opened in the name of any corporation, association, society, firm, or partnership, or in the names of two or more persons jointly.

No account will be opened in the name of one person in trust for or on behalf of another person or persons.

The service of the Postal Savings System is free, and no charge or fee is collected or required in connection with the opening of an account or the withdrawal of money deposited.

No person connected with the Post Office Department or the postal service is permitted to disclose the name of any depositor or give any information concerning an account except to the depositor himself, unless directed to do so by the Postmaster General.

Deposits are evidenced by postal-savings certificates issued in fixed denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100.

Interest will be allowed on all deposits at the rate of 2 per cent per annum, computed on each savings certificate separately, and payable annually. No interest will be paid on money which remains on deposit for a fraction of a year only.

Interest will continue to accrue on a savings certificate as long as it remains outstanding, certificates being valid until paid, without limitation as to time.

Compound interest is not allowed on an outstanding certificate, but a depositor may withdraw interest payable and include it in a new deposit, which will bear interest at the regular rate.

A depositor may at any time withdraw the whole or any part of his deposits to his credit with any interest payable by surrendering savings certificates, properly indorsed, for the amount desired.

When a person who has opened an account can not appear personally to make an additional deposit, because of infirmity or for other good and sufficient reason, the amount to be deposited may be sent by a representative or forwarded by mail. New accounts can be opened by mail. When an intending depositor desiring to open an account is unable to appear in person he may forward the money by a representative, who will be

provided with an application form, which must be properly filled out by the intending depositor and returned with the duplicate certificates.

When under similar circumstances a depositor can not appear in person to make a withdrawal, a blank order will be furnished for his use upon request by his representative. When such order has been properly filled in and signed by the depositor, with his signature witnessed by a disinterested person, and has been returned to the postmaster, together with each certificate to be paid properly indorsed, payment will be made to the depositor's representative.

In case of the death of a depositor the amount standing to his credit will be paid to the executor or administrator of his estate upon compliance with the necessary requirements. In case no formal administration is desired by his relatives, the postmaster may, if it is deemed proper, be authorized to pay the amount of the deposit, on application in proper form, to the persons entitled to receive it, without the appointment of an administrator.

A woman who opens an account and afterwards marries must present her savings certificates at her office in order that the certificates may be indorsed as payable to her in her new name. The postmaster will receive no further deposits from a depositor failing to comply with this requirement, nor will be made any partial or interest payment to her.

A depositor desiring to convert his savings deposits into bonds on January 1 and July 1 of any year must make application a least 15 days before either of the dates named to the postmaster in triplicate on a form which will be supplied him for that purpose. At the time of making application he must indorse and surrender savings certificates covering the amount of the bonds desired, for which the postmaster will give him a receipt. Interest will continue to accrue on certificates surrendered until the date on which the bonds are issued. When the bonds applied for are received by the postmaster, the depositor will be notified and the bonds will be delivered by the postmaster on presentation of the receipt for the certificates surrendered. At the same time all interest due on the certificates surrendered will be paid.

Savings deposits converted into bonds are not counted as a part of the maximum of \$500 allowed one depositor, and there is no limitation upon the amount of available postal-savings bonds which may finally be acquired by a depositor.

Postal-savings bonds are exempt from all taxes or duties of the United States, as well as from taxation in any form by or under States, municipal, or local authority.

Postal-savings bonds can only be procured by the conversion of postal-savings deposits, and will not be issued to persons who are not depositors, but whether in registered or coupon form they may, upon receipt by the depositor, be sold and assigned at any time to any person desired.

The Post Master has pamphlets in several different languages giving full information which he is ready to hand out to any one applying for same.

Jury Disagrees.

After being out for 36 hours, over Sunday, the jury in the case of the State vs J. F. Hamlin, failed to agree and on Monday morning were discharged by Judge Eakin. Hamlin was charged with forgery committed in Aug. 1909 on the State Bank of Rainier. The evidence on the part of the State was that Hamlin, representing himself to be J. W. King, went to the Bank at Rainier and made arrangements to borrow \$300 with W. Kennedy on the note, and secured the money. Mr. Kennedy denied having signed as surety and investigation of the matter developed a clear case of forgery. The officers the Bank, Mr. Kennedy and a livery man from Rainier positively identified Hamlin as the man, but the defense brought from Portland some six or seven witnesses who were just as positive that Hamlin was in Portland on the day he was supposed to have been in Rainier; hence all the jury were not convinced "beyond a reasonable doubt" of his guilt and a disagreement resulted.

DON'T FORGET-- BALL TEAM DANCE NOVEMBER 11.

Methodists Banquet

Last Thursday Dr. J. W. McDougall's first quarterly visit to St. Helens was made the occasion of a "Membership Dinner" by the local Methodists. Seventy five members and their families sat down to well loaded tables in the Guild Hall. After dinner Dr. McDougall, Drs. Edwin and L. G. Ross, Miss Philip and the pastor presented various phases of the work of the church. So enjoyable was the evening to all present that it is likely to become an annual event.

Boys Sunday Observed

Next Sunday is to be Boy's Sunday at the Methodist Church. The boys and young men are choosing the sermon theme, picking out the hymns and doing the boosting for both services. In all probability one of the boys will preside. The subject of the morning sermon will be "Going Fishing or What a Boy Can Do." "Branded" will be the subject of the evening sermon. Boys and young men are especially invited to these services. Girls may find the services equally applicable to them. Special music by the choir. Hear it!

Take the girl with you to the lyceum course.

Lyceum Committee Busy

The biggest thing in St. Helens today is the People's Lyceum Course. The "pros" and "cons" of the street railway franchise of the proposed sewer system or contemplated street improvements are all forgotten finding the answer to the question, "Have you bought your lyceum course ticket?" A few who realize what such a course will mean to St. Helens and the surrounding country have been a bit impatient with the committee as is evidenced by such remarks as, "Why don't you bring around your tickets?" "When you are ready put me down for a couple" or "Say, that course is worth five dollars to my family!" This week the advance sales canvass is being pushed with vigor.

Stock and Dairy Farm for Sale

Good Equipment. One hundred and sixty acres. Horses and Cattle on the place. Inquire at this office. Best terms.

We thus express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the people of Warren for their help and comfort which they tendered to us in our late bereavement. E. A. Hyde Jacob Hegele.

Eugenia Deming invited the Sunday School class of Miss Elsie Philip to sup with her on Halloween and a general good time was had, at the home of Mrs. Deming. This was the second event of the kind held by this class and others will follow. Those present were:-

Miss Philip, Miss Farnum, Miss Weed, Harriett Ross, Marion Cox, Lois Clear, Bernice Masten, Dorothy Johns, Inez Barber, Katurah Dixon, Olive La Fare, Fay Lynch, Merna Yoeman, Maud Richardson, Alice Richardson, Goldie Hattan, Ella Hattan, Hilda Speck, Minnie Leifer, Elvora Savage, Mariota Popejoy, Vienna Woolley, Viola Woolley, Ethel Drew, Esther Weigle, Ruth Weigle, Arline Paulson.