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JAMES CORRIN MURDERED

BODY FOUND TIED TO BANK OF SLOUGH FIVE DAYS LATER

GEORGE WEBER ARRESTED

James Corrin, a game tender on the Frakes farm on Willamette slough, met a violent death at the hands of some person unknown, last Saturday night. Last night at 10 o'clock the body was found tied to the bank near the residence of Mrs. Saline on the slough. Coroner Sherwood is holding an inquest today over the body.

Last Saturday Mr. Corrin and George Weber, a neighbor fisherman, came to St. Helens in a launch, purchased some supplies, gasoline etc., and started for home about 6 o'clock. They reached the Weber place about 7 o'clock in the evening and together, in the Weber launch, they went on up to the float of Corrin, about a mile further up the slough. That was the last James Corrin was seen alive.

Weber tells a disconnected and old story about an attack that was made on him at the float of Corrin, wherein he was knocked overboard from his launch and when he came up out in the slough, about 40 feet from the float, his arm was alongside him and he grabbed onto the side of it and heaved his way down the stream a mile or more then got into the boat and went to his home.

Weber never saw Corrin afterwards and never made any inquiries concerning him. It was Wednesday evening when the Sheriff heard of the disappearance of Corrin and immediately search was begun and kept up night and day by Deputy Sheriff Lake in a posse, dragging the river and searching the surrounding country. Last night when the farmer America passed down the stream a fisherman named John living in the neighborhood, told Captain Abel that the body of Corrin was tied to the bank near the Saline residence.

Capt. Abel immediately upon arrival notified Mr. Lake who secured the body. No clue as to who tied the body to the bank could be had so far.

The body of Corrin is in a very decomposed condition and the eye is extended way out of head, with a heavy bruise around the temple. The contents of the wounds and body cavity that a struggle took place; blood in big spots was on the edge of the float of Corrin, together with his hat and mail which he took out of the office on Saturday.

Weber has been thoroughly examined by the sheriff's district attorney and has so many conflicting and unbelievable stories that he has been placed in jail awaiting the coroner's examination.

Corrin was little known in St. Helens having been on the place for about a year before he was engaged in Crawley and taking care of duck for some Portland hunters. He was a native of the Isle of Man and has been living for several years at Satsop, Washington, as a member of the I. O. O. F. at that place.

CORONERS SCRAP

COLUMBIA COUNTY MAN KILLED AND CLATSOP HOLDS INQUEST

Secular scrap was indulged in between Coroner Sherwood of Columbia County and Coroner Gilbaugh of Clatsop County. Shultz of Clatskanie was in getting caught some way machinery and one arm torn off the body. When the man was entirely unresponsive and was placed on a train for Astoria but died within a few hours. The arm was left behind. Coroner Sherwood was notified and immediately to Clatskanie he made an investigation which he said no inquest would be necessary. When, however, Gilbaugh at Astoria was told that a dead man was there

he immediately decided to hold an inquest. Only a portion of the body was there and he made a demand on Coroner Sherwood to send down the remainder which Mr. Sherwood refused to do. The inquest was held anyway at Astoria but developed nothing. In the meantime the son of the dead man had summoned Sheriff Thompson to his aid and they proceeded to Astoria to secure the body and take it to Clatskanie for burial but the Astoria coroner refused to deliver it up. Then a delegation of Clatskanie citizens, members of the Eagles Lodge, went to Astoria and after considerable wrangling Coroner Gilbaugh gave up and the body was brought to Clatskanie where burial took place.

THE BAND DANCE A SUCCESS

LARGE CROWD GREET THE BOYS AT THEIR FIRST DANCE

Nearly one hundred couples of dancers were on the floor last Saturday night at the City Hall when the St. Helens Band gave the first dance in St. Helens where music was furnished by an entire brass band of twenty pieces. The stage in the large hall was completely filled with musicians and the music they discoursed was all that could be desired by any dancer. Before the dance, the band gave an open air concert at the corner of Cowlitz Street and the Strand where Chief Electrician Bob Cole had placed an Arc lamp especially for the occasion. The music played by the boys was a revelation to some of the citizens who heard the band play a few weeks ago, so much improvement having been made. It is contemplated by the boys to give a dance once a month and that way they can make enough money to keep their instructor, Prof. Coomer of Portland. The band is one of which St. Helens can be proud and lends much life to any public occasion.

GRAY-MUCHOW

A very pretty romance was culminated last Saturday in Portland when Rev. Hampton of that city performed a ceremony which united in marriage Mr. Von A. Gray of St. Helens and Miss Florence Muchow of Hastings, Nebraska. When small children Mr. Gray and Miss Muchow were schoolmates in Hastings, Neb., and an attachment was formed there between the boy and the girl which never lost its charm, although separated by many miles. Several weeks ago Miss Muchow came to Portland to visit some friends and also spent a short time in St. Helens. Mr. Gray is a prominent business man of this city, conducting a jewelry store. The bride was a popular young lady of her home town in Nebraska and will be welcomed to St. Helens by our people.

SEWER ORDERED

MODERN SEWER SYSTEM TO BE BUILT IN ST. HELENS

Another great stride forward in the march of progress of St. Helens. The city will be sewered and drained. The city Council held a meeting last Saturday night to hear objections from the property owners to the proposed sewer and drainage system as surveyed and after listening to all objections and meeting them with a few minor changes and satisfactory explanations the meeting adjourned until Monday night when an ordinance ordering the sewer and drain was introduced and read twice and will be read the third time next Monday night and will pass without doubt. It will carry an emergency clause and become operative immediately. Bids will be advertised for at once and work will be commenced within a few weeks so that the system will be all complete before the rainy season starts this fall. The sewer will reach every lot that drains to

ward Nigger Creek and embraces nearly a thousand lots. A main sewer will be laid from the Falls of Nigger Creek down to the River and laterals will run out each street in all directions so that every house will be accommodated. The drainage will tap all the stagnant lakes in the same district and be so arranged as to carry off all the surface water which stands in certain places during the winter months. This will be the greatest improvement ever made in the city since the installation of our excellent water system.

ARTILLERY TO COME

BATTERY A. O. N. G. WILL CAMP AT ST. HELENS

Battery A, Oregon National Guard, will be in St. Helens about the 20th of August on a camping trip. The battery consists of about 80 men and 80 horses and will leave Portland on the 18th arriving here about noon on the 20th. They will then go to the Yankton neighborhood taking their guns along and will have target practice. From there they go over the mountain to Nehalem Valley and back to Portland by way of Buxton and Hillsboro. It is understood that General Finzer of the O. N. G. will accompany the battery and that while they are in camp at this place that Governor West will visit them.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

\$25,000 EXCHANGED FOR ST. HELENS PROPERTY IN LAST TWO WEEKS

Several pieces of down town property changed hands during the past few days. The St. Helens Mill Co., purchased the lot adjoining their office on River street from Jacob George, and will begin the construction of a modern office for themselves in the near future. The St. Helens Improvement Co., purchased the lot on Columbia Street from the Ansoerge Estate. J. E. Ramsey, the baker, purchased the old Masonic Hall and we understand will erect a modern fire proof building for his bakery business. Mr. H. F. McCormick bought the lot on the corner of Columbia Street and the Plaza from Charles Muckle, one of the choice business lots of the city.

George Brian purchased the lot on the corner of Willamette and winter streets from A. T. Laws and will move his hotel building in from near the Ball Ground and open up a first class family hotel on this corner. J. H. Wellington bought the Fred Abbott lot adjoining the Donastor on Winter street.

The purchase price of these lots was approximately \$15,000.

In addition to these transfers of business property a number of lots and residences have changed hands, all of the real estate firms reporting good sales during July.

Then take the sale of the Masten property to Dr. Peel which was reported in last week's issue and the transfer of property from Judge Dart to Mr. Saari together with the sale of various lots in the additions to St. Helens will bring the total of transfers of City property during the past two weeks easily to \$25,000.

Shipping Notes

The British Ship Dunsyre left down the river Monday and sailed from Astoria Tuesday bound for Sydney, Australia. She carried a cargo of nearly two million feet of lumber. The Dunsyre was in St. Helens loading for over a month, and left something like \$1800 in wages to longshoremen to say nothing of the amount which was spent by the sailors and for supplies.

The British Bark Battle Abbey, Captain Marston, arrived from San Francisco several days ago and is loading for Newcastle, Australia. The Battle Abbey is an old timer, being 37 years old, but Captain Marston says she is new as good as new and can "show her heels" to most of the newer and larger vessels. The Battle Abbey has a number of smart passages to her credit, the

last one being a 47 day passage to Sydney, Australia, a trip that usually takes 60 days and over.

The Schooner King Cyrus left down Monday night with a mixed cargo of ties and lumber for San Pedro.

The Steamer Nehalem is loading a full cargo of lumber here for San Diego delivery. Until recently, the Nehalem was the property of the Hammond Lumber Company, but has been taken over by the Hicks-Hauptman Lumber Co., of San Francisco, which firm also owns several other steamers, among them the well known steamer Francis H. Leggett.

The Steamer Klamath is expected at St. Helens Sunday for a cargo of lumber for Southern California delivery.

The British Steamer Gifford will arrive in St. Helens about the 20th to load a partial cargo for Australia. The Gifford is a large carrier and will take something like four million feet of lumber. The balance of her cargo will be supplied by mills on the lower river.

The British Tank Steamer Cordelia with a full cargo of creosoting oil imported from Germany is due to arrive in Seattle today. After discharging a part of her cargo, she will proceed to the docks of the St. Helens Creosoting Company, which Company owns half of her cargo. The Cordelia enjoys the distinction of being the largest tank steamer afloat, and this trip is her maiden voyage, she having been built recently in England. Owing to the size of the Cordelia, the Port of Portland will send a pilot over to Seattle to bring her into the Columbia River and to St. Helens.

Shipping in St. Helens should be very brisk from now on. The mill running night and day turns out a cargo about every 80 hours, so we will have to have a number of vessels in all the time to take of the output. This means a healthy pay-roll for the longshoremen increased prosperity for our town.

Congregational Church

Services at the Congregational church Sunday at St. Helens Aug. 11. Morning service 11 a. m., Evening service 8 p. m. In these days are many paths for our feet to run into wickedness and we need to stay close to the plain unadorned truth of the gospel as it is in Christ Jesus. Let us promote His Kingdom by mingling ourselves together in worship and be able to give a reason for the hope that is within us. The subject for the morning services will be "Sacrifice" and for the evening "Conquering Self." A cordial invitation is extended to all. David Jopling, Pastor.

Local Mention

Rev. A. A. Heist spent Tuesday in Portland.

J. M. Blackford of Clatskanie was a St. Helens visitor Tuesday.

W. A. Harris spent several days at Seaside during the week.

Mrs. Flora Owen spent Friday in Portland shopping.

F. M. Thorp left yesterday for a two months trip to his old home in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harrison spent several days at Tillamook Beach during the past week.

Mr. J. W. McCallum of Rainier was transacting business in St. Helens yesterday.

G. W. Ramsey, Gus Lange and Mr. Hegele, all prominent farmers of Scappoose were County Court visitors during the week.

Mrs. A. E. Thompson, wife of our sheriff, is quite sick at the home of her parents in Clatskanie. Mr. Thompson is with her.

County Commissioner W. K. Tichenor came up from Clatskanie Tuesday to attend the August session of the County Court.

Wm. Ross and family left Saturday morning for Seattle where they will spend some time visiting relatives. During the trip Mr. Ross and Harold will go to Mt. Rainier.

Rev. W. N. Coffee, District Elder, will preach at the Houlton Free Methodist Church, Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning and evening. All are invited to attend.

Marcus W. Talbot and Captain Groves, members of the Port of Portland were down from Portland early in the week. They came down in the Port launch.

Chas. Stinefield Jr., of the Whitney Timber Co., of Portland and Mr. Steven Moore of Aberdeen, Wash., were St. Helens visitors last Sunday.

Mr. Calvin C. Thomason, the new principal has secured the Edwin Ross house just north of the school house and will be here soon to get the place ready for the family, which will come later.

L. Rossaso has gone to San Francisco this week to purchase the supplies for the large store and wholesale wine house to be installed by the Italian Importing Co., in their new building on the Houlton road.

Jacob George will shortly begin the erection of two residences on Casneau Street on the property just South of the School House and adjoining R. S. Hattan's residence.

Mr. G. W. Gates a Portland timberman who is interested in Columbia County timber, accompanied by Mr. E. C. Shevlin, a timberman of Minneapolis, Minn., also interested in Columbia County Timber, were looking after business matters in St. Helens last Saturday.

Mr. O. M. Clark, of the Clark-Wilson Co., of Linnton and Geo. McPherson Vice President of the Lumbermens Bank, and a large timber owner in Columbia County, were visiting in St. Helens last Saturday.

L. R. Rutherford and family, accompanied by Mildred Allen leave Saturday for a ten days outing near the Weed farm in the Nehalem Valley. The trip will be made in the auto and they will go in by the Germantown road and through Buxton.

Geo. Shinn has purchased the lot on the East side of Columbia street across the street from the residence of W. B. Dillard, and will soon begin the erection of modern residence there. This is one of the most slightly residence lots in the city.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Rutherford and Mr. J. S. Allen went to Portland to meet Mildred Allen and Gena Denning, returning about midnight in the automobile. Gena has been visiting relatives and at the Allen home in Spokane for three weeks. Mildred Allen will spend the year in St. Helens with the Rutherfords and attend the High school here.

Since it has been definitely announced that St. Helens is to have an accredited high school a number of students have announced their intention of attending here instead of going away or dropping out entirely. St. Helens would be glad to have students from any of the surrounding territory attend the high school. Graduation from the school will admit students to any college or university in the State.

The St. Helens Timber Company, who bought the King Farm adjoining St. Helens, have platted a portion of same and placed it on the market. This land adjoins the Columbia County Mill and the St. Helens Creosoting Plant and is easy of access from all points. During last week 9 lots of this addition were sold. The official name of this addition is South St. Helens.

Hon. Jerry Millay, of Eureka, Cal., visited in St. Helens the greater part of last week, the guest of H. F. McCormick. Mr. Millay is one of the stockholders in the Ship building plant and the several ships owned by the McCormick interests and was well pleased with the property at this place. For 25 years Mr. Millay was a political leader of the Territory of Arizona served and several terms as United States Attorney for that District. At present he is located in Eureka, Cal., where he is the President of the Humboldt Club and an enthusiastic booster for his town.

Houlton M. E. Church, Sunday School at 10 o'clock, A. M. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Deer Island, Religious Service at 2:30 p. m. at Grange Hall. Warren, Religious Service at 4:00 p. m. at M. E. church.

You are invited to show your interest in these services by your presence. Make plans to come. Chas. L. Darz, Pastor.

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