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BODY OF AGED HERMIT IN WELL

District Noted for Crimes Has Another Tragedy Added to List

PENDLETON, Aug. 16—Matt Jepson, aged bachelor-hermit, whose lifeless body was discovered in the bottom of a well on his ranch at the Little Meadows Nestlet, 16 miles east of Milton, was murdered, according to deputy county coroner Brady, who returned last night after conducting a hurried investigation at the scene of the believed crime. A bloody axe, discovered buried in straw on the roof of the dugout where Jepson had lived 12 thirty years, is believed to have been the weapon used. Jepson's skull was crushed almost beyond recognition. Jepson, who was sixty years of age, had been missing for three weeks, and after neighbors had become alarmed, deputy sheriff Jim Dykes of Milton discovered the body at the bottom of the well after a search of the premises yesterday. According to Mr. Brady, the body had been in the well for fully three weeks.

Motive Is Mystery.

The motive for the crime remained a complete mystery last night, although officials gathered up Jepson's personal effects in the hope that letters or other articles might offer some clue. As nothing appeared disturbed about the premises, officials are certain that robbery was not the motive.

Hat and shoes, left at the brink of the well, which is about 50 yards from the dugout, are believed to have been placed there by the murderer in order to give the appearance of a suicide. After the body had been removed from the well and the condition of the skull observed the suicide theory was scouted, and the discovery of the bloody axe was taken as a positive indication of foul play.

Body Immersed in Water.

The well in which the body was found, which was about 18 feet deep and about 8 feet in diameter, was an old one which it is said was not used by the hermit. Five feet of water was in the bottom and the body was in the bottom and the body was immersed in this.

The only clue upon which officials have to work is that a neighbor had stopped at Jepson's ranch about a week ago and had discovered no one about. He is to be interviewed by deputies today in the hopes that he may have some information which may shed light on the mystery.

Officials Have Theory.

Officials are of the opinion, however, that the murder was committed by some wrong-doer in the Little Prairie district who was afraid that Jepson had knowledge of his actions. Jepson is known to have informed local authorities of illicit whiskey distillers in that neighborhood and officials are working on his theory.

Brady, accompanied by deputy district attorney Randall and deputy sheriffs, will leave here tomorrow for Jepson's ranch to conduct further investigation. Neighbors on Government mountain, none of whom live within several miles of the scene will be called in to see what they know of the mystery.

The district where the crime is believed to have been committed has been the scene of numerous murders and crimes for the past thirty years, according to local records. Some of the mysteries remained unsolved, and it has always been noted as a place where disappearances and murders were likely to happen at any time.

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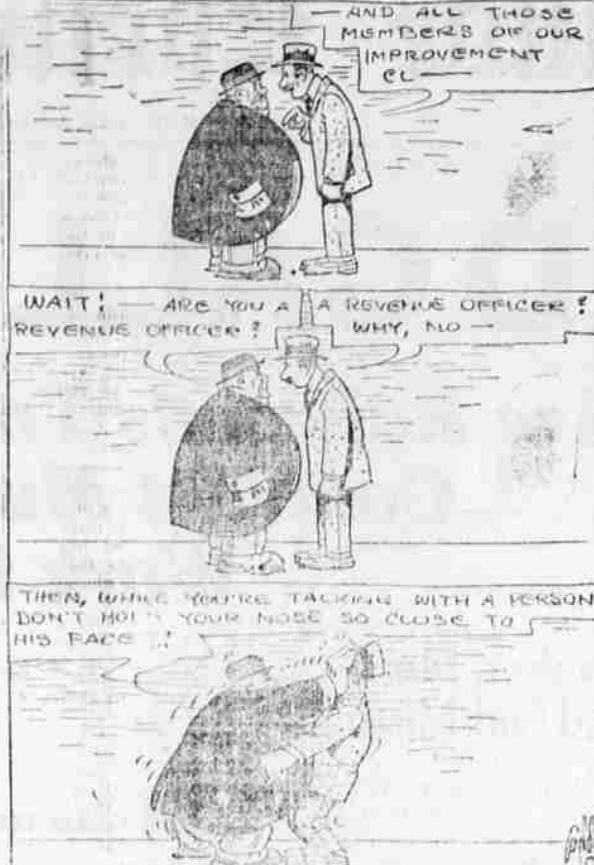
NORTH POWDER, Aug. 16—A truck driver on the highway was struck by lightning during the storm at 3 p. m., Saturday. Several poles were torn to splinters on both sides of the road and the driver was found in the road some distance behind the truck, in which the motor was still running when found. The stricken man was brought to Dr. Irvine's office here where the necessary treatment was administered.

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BAKER MAN'S BODY FOUND

Identity of Body Found in Iowa Believed Certain. Is Report

BAKER, Aug. 16—Police authorities indicated last night that the body found in a cornfield near Brandyville, Iowa, is thought to be that of Ross Hammond, who until recently was employed at the Oregon Motor company in this city.

He left here on July 27 in a blue Maxwell "bug" with Mike Wren to drive to Missouri where both men's parents reside, the police said.

The men were last heard of, according to the police, by Miss Myrtle Truesdall of Baker, who is said to have told the police that at the time of the writing of a letter to her the men were in Okalalla, Neb.

Description Identical Held.

Miss Truesdall, the police said, asserted that the description sent of the dead man corresponds with those of Hammond. Miss Leah Hammond, a cousin of Ross Hammond, who is employed as a stenographer at the Geo. H. Foster Co., also is said to have declared it to be her belief that the dead man is Hammond.

The description as sent to the local police from the Brandyville authorities of the man found dead was that he was a young man with red, curly hair, worn pompadour style, and weighing about 160 pounds. His last, according to the telegram, had a Bowen-DeSette label in it, address that he carried a medicine box from the Live and Let Live drug store and that he had in his possession notes from the Prairie City bank.

Had Been in Prairie City.

Hammond recently had been in Prairie City as a salesman for the Oregon Motor company, the local authorities asserted.

The message did not indicate whether the man found had been murdered. Details of the finding of the body were not given in the telegram sent to Baker.

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