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SHOCKING TRAGEDY

Jesse Thrasher Brutally Murdered Near Ashland ---Suspects are Arrested.

Jesse Thrasher of Grants Pass, a young man well known to many of our readers, was found dead in his bed at Ayer's Spur, near Ashland, early Tuesday morning, having been brutally murdered some time during the night. The victim's skull had been crushed in with a club or other blunt instrument and the body was otherwise horribly mutilated.

Six Greek laborers employed near the scene of the crime have been arrested and held for examination, but there is no direct evidence against them. The officers are reported to have secured clues which may lead to the arrest of other suspected parties. Further particulars will be given later.

Buncom Reports.

Correspondence to the Post.

We are having some nice rain at this writing.

Ralph Jennings was in the city last week.

John Lyden of Jacksonville took dinner with friends near Buncom recently.

Ernest Foreman was up Little Applegate on business the other day.

Miss Beulah Garrett was visiting friends last week.

Bert McKee spent Tuesday night with friends or Little Applegate.

Mrs. M. Buck accompanied by her mother Mrs. Parks was visiting Mrs. W. R. Garrett last week.

Mrs. Laura Gould of Jacksonville spent several days with Mrs. J. Goldsby last week.

We are glad to report that A. B. Saltmarsh is improving.

R. J. Cameron is quite ill we are sorry to say.

Watkins Items.

Correspondence to the Post.

We are having some very cold weather at this writing.

Orpha and Bessie Lewis spent Sunday with friends near Watkins.

Anthony Watkins made a business trip to Jacksonville recently.

The dance given at the Lorzen

house near Watkins last Saturday was a very enjoyable affair and was enjoyed by the many which were present.

Mr. Dewes of Jacksonville accompanied by a number of men made a flying trip up Applegate Sunday renewing old acquaintances and looking after business matters.

Mrs. Joey is visiting her sister Mrs. John Harr near Watkins she is accompanied by her daughter. They are well pleased with this country and do not know just how long they will visit here.

Miss Maud Harr who is teaching the Palmer creek school was visiting her parents near Watkins Saturday and Sunday.

Emma Wendt made a business trip to the Loudan ranch last Tuesday.

It is reported that a railroad up Applegate to the Blue Ledge will soon be started.

Base Ball

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	WON	LOST	PERCENT
Medford.....	6	0	1000
Grants Pass.....	3	3	500
Central Point.....	2	4	333
Jacksonville.....	1	5	167

GREAT GAME

At Eagle Point, Sunday. Ten innings were played.

The second team defeated Eagle Point Sunday on the latter's grounds, by the score of 14-11 Ten innings. It was a very interesting, and well played game, despite the rough grounds.

Notes of the Game.

Young Wilkinson of Central Point, who played behind the bat was all to the good.

Coffman pitched a good game, and well deserved to win.

Griffith on first was going right, securing 4 hits out of 5 times at bat.

Trix Pearce of Central Point who held down second base, was all to the good. That double play of his, unassisted was a bit of clever fielding.

O. Coffman played classy ball on third.

Toots Thompson who played right garden, is a coming ball player. He handles the willow like an old leaguer.

"Century" in center knows the game from start to finish, and plays classy ball.

Wendt in right, is a clever fielder, and also good with the willow.

RIGHTS OF WAY OVER THE HILLS

For Railroad to Joe Bar Almost all Secured--Committee Does Splendid Work.

C. F. Dunford, J. M. Dewes, J. Hartman, and D. W. Bagshaw, members of the committee appointed to secure the right of way for the new railroad to Joe Bar have returned from a trip through the Applegate valley and report excellent success, having secured rights from 24 private owners, leaving only 4 or 5 to be secured later.

The committee are very enthusiastic over the prospect, and confidently expect the matter of right of way will be entirely closed up in a few days.

An Ideal Husband

is patient, even with a nagging wife, for he knows she needs help. She may be so nervous and run-down in health that trifles annoy her. If she is melancholy, excitable, troubled with loss of appetite, headache, sleeplessness, constipation or fainting and dizzy spells, she needs Electric Bitters-the most wonderful remedy for ailing women. Thousands of sufferers from female troubles, nervous troubles, backache and weak kidneys have used them and become healthy and happy. Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by City Drug Store.

SCHOOL DEBATE

Won by parties of the seventh grade.

The Grammer Grades debated Friday, on the question Resolved that the South was not justifiable in withdrawing from the Union. Those on the Affirmative side being pupils of the 8th grade namely, Rowell Hines, Lena Downing, and Pearl Dox, against those of the negative, 7th grade pupils, namely Henry Hoefs, Edith Hoefs and Maud Darneille. The judges being pupils of the High school, Chas Prim, Robert Peachey and Willie Henry, decided in a unanimous vote for the negative side, 7th grade. Special attention was given to Henry Hoef who has proved to be a very capable debater.

Call at the Boss, for some of that delicious candy.

To the Applegate and up the valley.

Some things which the future has in store for our neighbors along the line of the proposed railroad

On Saturday morning of last week, the writer in company with C. F. Dunford, J. M. Dewes, and J. Hartman, of this place, members of the committee appointed to secure right of way for the new railroad to Joe Bar, left for a trip into the famous Applegate valley to interview the residents therein regarding the railroad proposition.

At first sight of our traveling companions we felt some little doubts as to the wisdom of traveling in such company, but after depositing our diamonds and other valuables in a place of safety, we concluded to take a chance and make the venture. Climbing into the carriage drawn by a span of fast horses driven by Jase Hartman, (by the way Jase proved a careful driver) we were soon rolling up the country road on Jacksonville hill. The view of the old city and a large part of the valley was simply superb, and is well worth the labor of climbing the hill. Reaching the top of the hill at 11 o'clock, we found here the farm of Dr. Hester, recently purchased of Peter Ensele. Situated at an elevation of 2190 ft above sea level the view afforded is one worth traveling many miles to behold; the doctor has certainly secured an ideal site for residential purposes.

Proceeding onward we left the summit at a lively rate, soon arriving at the farm of Henry Baunen where a fine repast was served to the hungry travelers. Mr. Bauten at first was inclined to demur at the idea of a railroad invading the precincts but a little explanation of its plans and purposes convinced him of the need of it and he signed up the necessary conveyance, as did Prior Eaton who also was present. After frequent stops to interview the owners of the different farms, we arrived at Ruch, here one of the prominent citizens alive to the interests of the community offered the committee a deed to land for depot site, etc., which of course we could not accept as being outside our jurisdiction.

Just beyond Ruch we made a detour toward the river and found a wide expanse of level land, well watered and fertile; this was in the vicinity of the Buckley and Devlin ranches, at both of which places we secured deeds to right of way across the respective properties. Continuing on the way, with frequent interviews, the next long stop was at Union Town with Mr. Zack Cameron, a gentleman of the old school, kind hospitable, but in regard to right of way he was from Missouri and had to be shown. This the committee proceeded to do, but it required a couple of hours time, during which Mr. Cameron proved himself a debater of excellent ability, but he finally capitulated to the weight of eloquence and gave the necessary waivers.

Mr. Robert Cameron was found ill in bed and the committee thinking it unwise to disturb him proceeded on the way with the assurance that the requisite permit would be forthcoming later. Crossing the Little Applegate we reached the home of A. D. McKee at 9 o'clock and found an excellent supper, prepared by Mrs. McKee, and to which ample justice was done by all especially Dunford and Hartman. It was while passing the Newbury-Central ranch that Mr. Dunford told his big alfalfa yarn; one of the party was explaining to the writer about the large crops of alfalfa grown in the valley, and stated that the roots of the alfalfa plant penetrated the earth to the depth of 20 feet in some instances. Mr. D. said that was nothing compared to the alfalfa grown in Nebraska, where he formerly lived, that he had seen alfalfa roots 175 feet long with stalks to correspond.

Leaving McKee's next morning we proceeded up stream as far as Watkins seeing many fine fields of alfalfa and other crops, and through a region whose natural scenery is unsurpassed anywhere on the American continent. On Squaw creek and elsewhere there is considerable timber which at present is practically of no value whatever owing to difficulty of transporting to market, but which with the completion of the railroad will be worth thousands of dollars to the owners.

Returning down the valley in the

afternoon we were treated to an exhibition of base ball as it is played on Applegate, anything lacking in science was more than made up by the interest manifested and the vim with which the players go after the ball. Here all and young join in the game, all ages, from boys 12 years old to men of mature years, like Amos, and A. D. McKee, and they enjoy it too.

Returning homeward, and calling upon those missed upon the outward trip we reached our starting point Monday evening having succeeded in securing rights of way from three-fourths of the owners of property along the line.

The valley is sandwiched between high, bald hills, and consists of many fine and productive farms most of which are now under irrigation ditches to some extent. There is considerable land as yet unimproved which can be irrigated and the future possibilities of the region are unlimited. What is lacking is means of transporting the produce to a market, and with the advent of a railroad conditions will change; what is now barren and unimproved will be cleared up and cultivated, the large farms will be divided up into many smaller ones, occupied and owned by a happy, prosperous and contented people, good schools, within convenient distance of every home and every adjunct of modern civilization in the populous communities, will be among the things gained by the construction of the road.

The people of the valley were courteous and hospitable in their reception of the committee and to a man were willing to admit the benefits to be derived from better transportation facilities and seemed willing to assist the committee in every way possible. The construction of this road will place the Applegate valley on a level with other parts of the state and will increase the value of lands and the number of inhabitants many fold.

Commercial Club.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the city hall Wednesday evening for the purpose of completing the organization of a commercial club.

After some preliminary remarks the following named persons were elected to serve as officers: President; B. M. Collins, V. P. Dea; C. F. Dunford, secretary; C. J. Kenney, Treasurer; Lewis Ulrich.

The question of a suitable name for the club was discussed at some length, Mr. Collins suggesting that it be named "The County Seat Commercial Club". Mr. Bagshaw suggested that the term "county seat" was too indefinite; that as there are many county seats in Oregon, and but one Jacksonville, it would be proper to include the name of the city in the designation of the club. Mr. Coleman made a short boosting address in which he suggested that it be named "The County Seat Commercial Club of Jackson County, at Jacksonville, Oregon, the best Town in Oregon." Mr. Wells objected on account of the unnecessary length of the title. On motion the title "Jacksonville Commercial Club", adapted.

The committee on constitution and by-laws appointed at last meeting having failed to present a draft of the necessary laws, a new committee, consisting of Lewis Ulrich, J. Percy Wells, D. W. Bagshaw, J. W. Robinson, and S. P. DeRoboam, were appointed, with instructions to prepare constitution and by-laws and to present same at the next meeting.

Mr. Nunan of the right of way committee announced that his committee had "got busy" and had done excellent work in securing rights of way from most of the owners of property along the route of the proposed railroad to Joe Bar.

Mr. Bagshaw reported that four members of the committee, Dunford, Dewes, Hartman, and himself, had made a trip from this city to the Watkins ranch, had interviewed most of the resident owners, and had secured the deeds for right of way from twenty two different parties, leaving about five or six yet to secure, part of whom have promised to sign up later.

An invitation to the public to become members was responded to by some twenty persons stepping up to the desk and signing the membership roll. The question of a Fourth of July celebration was discussed and on motion it was decided that we celebrate. The committee of arrangements will be announced later.

Adjourned to meet Thursday, May 12.

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COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Session Tuesday Night --- Bills Allowed--- Two New Ordinances Ordered Drafted.

The regular monthly session of the city council was held in City Hall Tuesday evening. Present--Mayor Shaw; Councilmen Britt, Pick, and Grievies; Recorder Dea. Absent--Dunford. Minutes of previous regular and adjourned meetings read and approved. Water committee reported that affairs were about as reported at former meeting. The recorder was instructed to have Mr. Hanna prepare necessary papers for filing on and appropriating water.

The usual number of bills for labor, supplies, etc. were presented, audited, and ordered paid.

The matter of ordinance to provide for cement sidewalks was discussed and the city attorney was directed to prepare a draft of the necessary ordinance and present the same at the adjourned meeting of the council next Tuesday evening.

Mr. Collins suggested the convenience to the recorder, and necessity of using a regular printed form of voucher on which to make out all kinds of bills for labor, supplies, etc., and on motion it was ordered that the Jacksonville Post be given an order for 2,000 of said vouchers.

Mr. Collins reported progress of the committee of the commercial club in regard to right of way for road to the Blue Ledge, and stated that Mr. Allen would ask the council for a fifty years franchise in this city. As the charter prohibits the granting of any franchise for a longer period than twenty years, it was deemed advisable to amend the charter and the city attorney was directed to prepare the necessary ordinance therefor.

Owing to the death of Mr. Young, the office of Street Commissioner was declared vacant and the council elected Lewis Eaton to fill the position until the next general municipal election.

A communication from the Saturday Review in regard to copies of that paper ordered was laid over to next meeting as the papers have not yet arrived.

Council adjourned to meet May 10.

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