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THE WORK OF GHOULS.

W. S. Ladd's Body Stolen—Speedy Capture of the Thieves.

The body of W. S. Ladd was taken from its resting-place in Riverview cemetery sometime during the night, May 17 and was recovered from its hiding-place in a deserted spot on the west bank of the Willamette river just below the rapids at Magone's park last Friday, just four days after it was stolen by some fiends in human shape. And the perpetrators, Dan. J. Magone, Charles Montgomery, Wm. Rector and Ed. Long are in the Multnomah county jail charged with the crime.

To Chief of Police Charles E. Burns, of this city, is due the honor of the speedy capture of the perpetrators of this dastardly outrage, and he was ably seconded in his efforts by Detectives Welsh and Simmons of Portland. Tom Smith of the West Side brought the first information that led up to the arrest of Magone, which he gleaned from a conversation he overheard between Magone and Montgomery a short time before the robbery. Magone had conversed with Wm. Jennings, John Watson, Senator George C. Brownell and others relative to the possibility of robbing a grave, but Mr. Brownell always looked upon his statements as those of an insane man. Charles Montgomery never had any conversation with Mr. Brownell on the subject of the contemplated robbery at any time.

Montgomery weakened after his arrest and gave away the whole plot. According to his story Magone had suggested to him that there was a small fortune to be made in digging up Ladd's bones. A few weeks ago he was again asked to help get the bodies of Mr. Ladd and Mr. Lewis and the thought of the great reward which he might gain if he could successfully possess the bodies constantly haunted him, and finally he returned to Oregon City and agreed to accompany Magone.

Magone had also induced William Rector, a woodhauler, and Ed. Long, a fisherman, to take part in the expedition, promising to reward each handsomely for his night's work. Rector was made to believe that the body to be stolen was for a medical college, and was that of a pauper. A definite offer of \$50 was made to each man, and it was understood that they were to receive a much larger sum if the expedition proved successful. Magone had secured a boat, which he had filled with all the tools necessary to the graverobbery, and had hidden a telephone which he had previously stolen from the East Side Railway company in the woods near the cemetery.

Sunday afternoon he and Montgomery rowed quietly down the river, pulled their boat ashore near the old water works, and climbed with their tools to a deserted cabin high on the hillside near the cemetery, where they spent the night completing their plans.

The next day Magone went to Portland and met Rector and Long, who had gone from Oregon City during the day. The three men ate supper together and shortly before dusk set out separately for the cemetery, meeting half way down the hill.

Here Magone, who feared that an alarm of some kind might connect the grave of Mr. Ladd with the residence of Charles E. Ladd at Riverside, stopped, and with the assistance of Montgomery connected the stolen telephone, which was hidden near by, with the wire to Mr. Ladd's residence. Stationing Long to listen for any word which might be sent to town from the residence, in case an alarm was given, Magone and Rector then proceeded to the river where they met Montgomery. After carefully reconnoitering the surroundings all three proceeded to the grave, took up the shovels which Montgomery had conveyed to the scene earlier in the evening, and began to dig rapidly. They worked more furiously as they realized what the consequences might be, Magone growing frenzied as they neared the coffin. He turned around several times and thrust his pistol before him into the darkness, at a fancied sound and then, replacing it in his pocket, worked like a fiend.

When at last the earth was cleared away Magone and Montgomery forced the covers of the box with the points of their shovels, and roughly hacked the casket open with the hay knife. A plank was lowered to the head of the casket, a rope fastened about the body, and it was drawn forth.

It took the excited men some time to wrap their prize in a blanket and fasten it with ropes, but it was finally accomplished. One of them secured a scantling from a pile near by, and, lashing the body to it, they started with it down the hill.

The thick brush and steep sides of the hill made the way very difficult, and when they reached the bottom, even Magone admitted that it was too late to

make an attempt on the Lewis grave. Long was called from his post at the telephone, and assisted in putting the body aboard the boat. No one thought of going back for the tools.

Long and Rector took the river road to Oswego, leaving Magone and Montgomery to row the body to its hiding-place. When their boat was opposite Oswego day broke, but a thick fog protected them, and they met with no one until they reached their destination. It was a deserted spot on the west bank of the river, just below the rapids.

The two men carried the body ashore and dug for it a pit six feet long and three feet deep. They carefully covered it again, spreading all the dirt that they did not use broadcast over the ground covering it with leaves. When their work was done no one could have known that the ground had ever been disturbed, and but for the fact that Montgomery led the officers to the spot or that he hoped for reward had induced the ghouls to divulge their secret, Mr. Ladd's lonely burial place might never have been known.

Montgomery took the officers to the spot where the body had been roughly interred and although they were standing over the place were unconscious of it until Montgomery pushed the leaves and moss aside and showed them the freshly made grave.

Later in the day Charles E. Ladd sent up a naphtha lamp and had the remains of his father removed to Undertaker Holman's rooms in Portland. Last Tuesday they were again interred in a bed of concrete. The grave was then vaulted over, and four walls built upon it to serve as a foundation for the slab which is to mark it and there will be no fear that the grave will be disturbed by ghouls in the future.

Since their incarceration Montgomery, Long and Rector have pleaded guilty and been bound over to await the action of the grand jury and Magone's friends are endeavoring to have him released on the ground of insanity and sent to the asylum.

Dan D. Magone lived with his family on a farm near Oswego, but he usually engages in fishing in the Willamette in the spring. He is generally regarded as being a bit peculiar, and some have expressed the conviction that he is mentally unbalanced. He had a considerable tract of land about half way between Oregon City and Oswego, that he lost under a mortgage foreclosure, and though the mortgagee was lenient in his dealings in the matter, the loss embittered his soul. He cherished a grievance against certain men of wealth. It is said that about 10 days or two weeks ago he made a proposition to a man in Oregon City that they should go together and rob the Ladd grave. The proposition was declined, and then Magone declared that he was going to do it. Not much was thought of his threat, it being regarded as another evidence of his queerness.

A year ago last fall, Magone filed a suit to enjoin Clackamas county from paying any of the warrants issued in excess of the \$5000 indebtedness mentioned in the state constitution. Shortly afterward he had a claim against the county on account of damages to his property by a county road running through it. He was awarded \$500, taking his pay in warrants. It is said that he permitted his suit to languish because of the fear that if it should be successful it would result in the nonpayment of the warrants received by him for road damages, though he disposed of them.

Montgomery shot and killed Hiram Hall about a mile from Oregon City on the west side of the river a year ago last December. He delivered himself to Chief Burns, and asked to be locked up in jail. He claimed that he killed Hall because he was afraid Hall intended to harm him. There were no witnesses to the deed. Montgomery's youthfulness and his previous good character and the bad character of Hall weighed with the jury, and the prisoner was acquitted. He is about 23 years of age, and an orphan. He was arrested at his cabin near Oregon City, on the west side of the river. He is a quiet boy, generally regarded as likely to be led into misdoings, but not inclined to originate evil schemes.

William Rector and Ed Long live near where the body had been stowed away, and when captured by Chief Burns and Detectives Welsh and Simmons, were in their homes asleep. Neither of the men made any resistance when informed by the officers that they were under arrest, but quietly submitted to having the handcuffs placed on their hands. Both are men of middle age, not being over 35 from their appearance, and look more like the laborers they profess to be than the foul desecrators of the dead that evidence indicates they are.

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES

All communications intended for this column should be addressed to Mrs. H. S. Gibson, Oregon City, Oregon.

Report of school district, No. 54, for term ending May 21st. Those neither absent nor tardy during the entire term of four months were Bessie and Roy Sleight, Ray Vinyard, Lee Eckerson, Cora Armstrong and Harry Howard. Those present each day during the present month were Cordelia Stevens, Birdie Alice and Cora Armstrong, Fred Roth, Willie and Gladys Eastman, Leslie Shank, Lee Eckerson, Ray Vinyard, Roy and Bessie Sleight, Harry, Ethel and Frank Howard.

Friday being the last day of school, after the morning exercises the school marched to Howard's grove where the ladies and friends of the district had spread one of those excellent dinners for which the ladies of our district are noted. This dinner had all the delicacies of the season including an abundance of ice cream.

After dinner the following program was rendered:

- Song.....America
- Recitation.....The Boy's Complaint
-Harry Howard
- Recitation.....The Little Prisoner
-Gladys Eastman
- Recitation.....Love and Sorrow
-Cora Armstrong
- Recitation.....The Little Boy
-Willie Eastman
- Dialogue.....Choice of Occupations
- Recitation.....Lee Eckerson
-Ralph Mandeville
- Song.....The Old Oaken Bucket
- Recitation.....The Blind Girl
-Birdie Armstrong
- Recitation.....The Two Children
-Leslie Shank
-The Raven
-Victor Carothers
- Dialogue.....The Three Steves
- Song.....Sweet Bye and Bye
- Recitation.....Frank Howard
-The Shadow
-Ray Vinyard
-Flora Armstrong
-Alma Eckerson
- Dialogue.....Our National Holidays
- Song.....Mrs. Clayton
- Recitation.....A Parody
-Victor Carothers
-Fred Roth
- Song.....Star Spangled Banner

In behalf of the school I thank all those who took part in the program.
HOWARD ECCLES, Teacher.

Following is the report of the Beaver creek school, district No. 15, for the month ending May 21: Days taught 20; pupils enrolled 44; days attendance 681; days absence 48; times tardy 36. Those neither absent nor tardy were Dora Hughes, Marie Herman, Perry Londergan, Lena Staedeman, David Thomas, Maud Daniels. GERTRUDE RICE, Teacher.

Teachers' Association.

The next session of Clackamas County Teachers' Association will be held on the camp meeting ground in Canby on Saturday, May 29th.

This promises to be one of the most pleasant meetings of the year. Several schools in the neighborhood of Canby will join with the Canby school and make the occasion a grand school picnic. President P. L. Campbell is engaged to lecture on some live educational subject which alone insures a profitable meeting.

These educational meetings have become a powerful factor in developing a professional spirit among school officers and patrons.

A large attendance is expected at Canby. The program prepared is as follows:

- Music.....Kites Orchestra of Aurora
- Address.....P. L. Campbell, Pres. State Normal School
- Music.....Chorus of young ladies
- Recitation.....Victor Carothers
-Minnie Zeek
- Percentage.....Prof. H. S. Gibson
- Some Errors in Method and Discipline Made by Teachers, Supt. H. G. Starkweather
- Music.....Kites Orchestra
- Recitation.....Vera Knight
- Recitation.....Alice Terry
- Music.....Kites Orchestra
- How Can We Gain the Confidence and Love of Our Pupils.....Prof. T. J. Gary
- Recitation.....Cordelia Stevens
-Ethel Cantwell
- Music.....Chorus

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