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MERRILL IS DEAD

Tracy Killed His Pal, Just as He Said.

BODY FOUND AT NAPAVINE

Brother of the Outlaw Identifies the Remains.

WEDGED BETWEEN TWO LOGS

Discovery Made by a Woman and Her Son, While Out Picking Berries—Coroner's Jury Will Render Verdict Today.

In the morgue at Chehalis, Wash., lies the body of Merrill, the escaped Oregon convict, who was shot to death by his pal, Tracy, the outlaw who is now terrorizing Washington. Merrill's body was discovered near Napavine, Wash. Bullets of 30-30 caliber found near the remains substantiate Tracy's story that he shot his partner. The discoverers did not take part in the man hunt, and will not receive the reward for the return, dead or alive, of the convict, but will be liberally rewarded.

NO JETTY WORK NOW

Langfit Reports on Columbia Improvement.

RECOMMENDATION IS INDORSED

Time This Year Will Be Occupied in Completing Trestle and Other Work Under Way—Advices Against New Dredge.

WILL NOT GET FULL REWARD.

But Discoverers of Merrill's Body Will Be Well Paid.

GREEN-GAYNOR PROCEEDINGS.

QUEBEC, July 15.—Messrs. Gaynor and Greene filed answers to the motions made for counsel for the United States to quash the writ of habeas corpus issued by Judge Carson June 29 and 30. Should the writs be set aside, the extradition proceedings will be heard on their merits. The answers deny that the United States is properly represented in the proceedings, and allege that when Meron Erwin made the complaint upon which the demand of extradition was made before Commissioner Lafontaine, he rendered himself unworthy of continuing said proceedings in his name, as he had offered the accused to compromise by abandoning the demand for extradition on their payment of a sum of \$500,000. The answers alleged also that Erwin, with the object of influencing public opinion in the United States, transmitted to Attorney-General Knox a report of the proceedings of the case very injurious to the administration and judicial authority of Canada.

DISCOVERERS OF MERRILL'S BODY



MRS. MARY WAGGONER AND HER SON, GEORGE, OF NAPAVINE, WASH.

ENTERED THE LEFT SIDE, PASSED THROUGH THE BODY AND CAME OUT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

breaking the man's right wrist. The only articles found in the pockets were a briar pipe and some smoking tobacco, an upper plate with four false teeth and seven 30-30 caliber shells.

The trousers worn by Merrill at the time of his death were blue; the coat is dark, the hat black, and the shoes heavy logger shoes.

The trousers had been cut off at the bottom, as they were apparently too long. He wore a soldier's blouse, and had on a red undershirt, and his heavy shoes were slit as though they hurt his feet.

There was thick brush behind the log where the body was found, and apparently after it had been lifted over the log, more brush was thrown over to help hide it.

NEAREST RESIDENTS HEARD NO SHOTS.

A Bohemian named Frank Vrba and his wife are the nearest residents to the scene of the killing. They live about 300 yards south of where it happened. Mr. Vrba, who does not speak English, told the Sheriff in German that two weeks ago last Saturday (June 28) at 5:30 o'clock in the morning two men passed his house walking on the road. He was about 100 feet from them, and did not know whether they saw him or not. He described one of them as having on a black coat with blue trousers and a dark hat, and said the other had a solid blue Army suit. One carried a rifle on his shoulder, and the other had one over his arm. Mrs. Vrba, who was in the milkhouse, also saw the men, but neither heard any shots. That was the day that old man Porter's house was robbed and the bounds put on the trail, and found where one man had changed clothing. Porter's house is about a mile from where the body was found, and if Tracy waded Nevaquum River after killing Merrill, it would have been almost directly on his natural line of travel to Puget Sound.

BROTHER IDENTIFIES BODY.

The face was unrecognizable, and the body in a bad state, but a comparison of the description of scars on Merrill's hands, his foot and knee, and the color of his hair, tallied with those on the body. Warden J. T. James, of the Salem penitentiary, did not swear that the body was that of Merrill, but expressed an opinion to this effect. J. W. Studebaker, of Castle Rock, who had known Merrill many years, said the body was that of the outlaw. Ben Merrill, his brother, who has been working in a Chehalis livery stable the past two weeks, expressed the same opinion.

There were three bullet wounds in the body. One was through the head; another entered near the middle of the back, well up toward the neck and came out along the left side of the neck, while the other

IGNORE THE BAILEY-BEVERIDGE INCIDENT, BUT SHOULD WEIGH THE MATTER CAREFULLY AND DEAL OUT CENSURE AS DESERVED.

He maintains that if a Senator who takes offense at criticism by another Senator in debate is allowed to secure satisfaction through a personal assault, after the Senate has adjourned, that freedom of speech guaranteed by the Constitution will become a thing of the past. Owing to the fact that Congress was ready to adjourn in a day or two, nothing was done about this incident then, but the probabilities are that it will be taken up early next session.

SURVIVOR OF BROOKE FARM.

LAWRENCE, Kan., July 15.—Rev. John S. Brown, known as "Father Brown," died at the home of his daughter here today, aged 96 years. He was one of the few survivors of the famous Brooke farm experiment, and was the oldest Unitarian minister and the oldest member of the honorary college society of Phi Beta Kappa.

TRANSPORT ROSECRANS SOLD.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—The sale of the United States transport Rosecrans to the Matson Navigation Company for \$50,000—a little more than a third of its cost to the Government in 1897—was concluded late today. The Rosecrans was formerly the hospital transport ship Missouri.

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CORN DEAL ENDS

John W. Gates Closes His Corner on July.

CLEAR ABOUT \$1,500,000

Price of the Cereal at Once Drops Fifteen Cents.

LITTLE EXCITEMENT IN THE PIT

Question Now Arises How Much Less Than Cost Gates Will Have to Sell "Corpse" of 500,000 Bushels.

NOTABLE FLUCTUATIONS OF CORN IN TRADING UNDER JULY OPTION.

Since the July option first opened the price slowly increased until the latter part of June. On June 28 it reached 70 cents. From that time the rise was rapid, and on July 8 the top notch was reached, when 90 cents was bid. Since then the price has gradually receded until the bubble broke yesterday. The following table shows the changes each day since the price touched 70 cents:

Date	Open	High	Low	Close
June 28	70 1/2	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
June 29	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
June 30	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 1	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 2	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 3	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 4	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 5	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 6	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 7	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 8	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 9	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 10	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 11	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 12	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 13	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 14	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4
July 15	70 3/4	70 3/4	70 1/2	70 3/4

CHICAGO, July 15.—The famous John W. Gates corner on July corn came to an abrupt termination today, when it became known that shorts to the extent of a good many million bushels had effected private settlements with Harris, Gates & Co., and that the deal was at an end so far as the steel magnate was concerned. The July price responded to the settlement by a quick drop of 15 1/2c to 65 1/2c. Later it recovered a fraction, and closed at 66 1/2c, substantially the price of the cash article.

Just how many bushels were subject to private settlement will probably never be known; nor is there much chance that the identity of the "big fellows" in the trade, who doubtless contributed liberally to the fortunes of Mr. Gates and the friends associated with him in the deal, will ever be positively known. Mr. Gates is at present in New York, and Mr. Scotten, manager for the Gates-Harris house, will admit only the fact of a settlement by the outstanding shorts. Even the fact of a termination of the July deal was left largely to inference. But the trade readily figured that, with the shorts practically all in, nothing in the shape of a corner could exist.

No Special Excitement.

No special excitement attended the premature puncturing of the bubble by the men whose property it was. The trade has all along admitted that Mr. Gates was right, and also his ability to do what he pleased with corn, and if he chose to close the deal a couple of weeks prior to the date at which it would have ended by limitation, there was no one to say nay. The only unusual thing in the pit prior to the time at which it became known that the corner was at an end was the purchasing of July corn in small lots by various commission houses. Pit trade during the day, however, was not much over 500,000 bushels.

Manager Scotten will not discuss the settlement price. This price, however, was a matter of decided interest to the trade generally. With the knowledge that Monday night's closing price was 65c, and the opening today from 70c to 80c, the consensus of opinion among the outsiders was that Mr. Gates had demanded either 80c or 81c from the people who were foolish enough to sell him corn all the way from 65c up.

The length of the line of July settled for shorts is also a matter of more or less conjecture. Mr. Scotten said it was "several million bushels," and that the length of the line had never been over-estimated. It has been called as high as 25,000,000 bushels, but more generally 20,000,000 bushels. It is a matter of common knowledge that since it became possible to make deliveries on July contracts, the Harris-Gates people have taken in and paid for about 2,000,000 bushels. This would leave settlements on some 17,000,000 bushels.

Gates' Profit \$1,500,000.

To form an estimate of an apparent profit by the deal would necessitate a knowledge of the average price at which the property was bought. This can never be known, unless later Mr. Gates chooses to divulge it. It is estimated, however, by close observers of the transaction that Mr. Gates' profit will not exceed \$1,500,000. This amount will be divided between 10 or 12 millionaires, who were interested in the deal. Mr. Gates and his friends have 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 bushels of cash corn, which they must dispose of before the corner can be called absolutely settled. This corn represents the "corpse" which in every corner ever run has been the stumbling block to success. If the average price of the Harris-Gates holding should prove well up to the 70 point, the clique has on hand several million bushels of corn which cost its holders in excess of the present market price. Right here is the salient point. Will it be necessary to make this large holding of corn at less than it cost? The corner at one time promised millions of profit, and the men whose well-filled cribs line the tracks of nearly every railroad entering Chicago are held responsible for the

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