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BODY FOUND AT NAPAVINE

Brother of the Outlaw Identifies the Remains.

WEDGED BETWEEN TWO LOGS

Her Son, While Out Picking Berries-Coroner's Jury Will Render Verdict Today.

Hee the body of Merrill, the escaped convict, who was shot to death by his pul. Tracy, the outlaw who is now terrorizing Washington. Merrill's hody was discovered near Napavine Bullets of 80-30 caliber found near the remains substantiate Tracy's coverers did not take part in the man

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 15 .- All doubt of Convict Harry Tracy's story that he had slain his pal, David Merrill, was removed today by the news that Merrill's dend body had been found, four miles southeast of here, partially concealed by two logs, between which the munierer had thrown it. Although partially deosed, two bullet woulds were plainly discernible in the body, one in the wrist and another in the back, and it is believed hat a third bullet found lodgment in the neck of the victim of a fellow-criminal's treachery. The discovery was made by Mrs. Mary Wagoner, of Napavine, and her 12-year-old son George, who were the Northern Pacific railroad track, and were attracted to the body by the odor. Thinking at once of the story of Tracy, which, with the many tales of his adventures, is known to everyone in this vicinity, they at once made an investigation.

The body was lying between two logs, face down, and with the legs and one hand up. The spot where it lay is about 300 feet from the Northern Pacific track. on an unfrequented road, and so distant from any dwelling that the crack of

On an Unfrequented Road.

Established 1867. Tracy's murderous rifle might have sounded without attracting any attention. The surroundings and the location of the bullet holes indicate that the story Tracy told to the crew of the launch which carried him down Puget Sound from near Olympia, July 2, may be true, although there is reason to believe that the convict, fearing that Merrill would reveal the whereabouts of the fugitives by his clumsiness, killed him in cold blood,

> Tracy's Story of Murder. According to the story told by Tracy to Will Langridge on the hunch, he first iscovered that Merrill was responsible for his capture in Portland when the pair were near Castle Rock. This incensed him, and as Merrill was noisy and careless about his trail he resolved to pick a quarrel with him. Each man was to walk 10 paces and wheel and fire. Tracy walked nine paces, and looking over his shoulder, saw that Merrill was about to shoot. He immediately turned and fired, and Merrill fell. At another time he said he did not give Merrill a chance for his life, but fired after walking eight paces.

Three 30-30 shells, found a little distance om the spot where the body was found, destroyed whatever doubts remained in the minds of those who answered Mrs. Wagoner's summons, and subsequent developments have demonstrated conclusively that Tracy not only is the slayer of six men who were obstacles in his path to liberty, but also shot down his own com-

Shells Found Near Body.

panion and fellow fugitive. The matter was reported to the Sheriff yesterday afternoon, but kept very quiet except that the authorities at Salem were notified and requested to send some one to identify Merrill, whom it was believed to be. Sheriff Deggeller maintained a guard over the body all night, and did not allow it to be disturbed. Deputy Coroner H, L. Mead at noon impaneled Francis Donahoe, J. E. Leonard, John Goff, T. J. Newland, L. J. Sticklin, and J. Y. Coffman as jurors, and went to the scene. After viewing the surroundings, the body was brought to Chehalis, where it rests in an undertaking establishment tonight. The jury examined the body and adjourned

until 10 o'clock tomorrow. 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, tailied with those on the body. Warden J. T. Janes, of the Salem peniten tiary, 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 out-Ben Merrill, his brother, who has been working in a Chehalis livery stable the past two weeks, expressed the same

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 tion and judicial authority of Canada.



DISCOVERERS OF MERRILL'S BODY

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

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 shees heavy ogger shoes.

oody and came out on the opposite side,

breaking the man's right wrist. The only

articles found in the pockets were a brian

The trousers had been cut off at the ttom, 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 Reard No Shots

A Bohemian named Frank Vrba and his wife are the pearest 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 the men as having on a black coat said the other had a solid blue Army sult, One carried a rifle on his shoulder, and the other had one over his arm. Mrs. Vrbs, who was in the milkhouse, also saw the men, but neither heard any shots. That was the day that old man Porter's has been indorsed and sent to the Secrelouse was robbed and the hounds 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 Newaukum River atter killing Merrill, it would have been almost directly on his natural line of travel to Puget Sound.

WILL NOT GET FULL REWARD, But Discoverers of Merrill's Body Will Be Well Puld.

SALEM, Or., July 15,-Superintendent J. D. Lee, of the Oregon penitentiary, today received a message asking whether the reward will be paid to the person who found the body of Merrill if the body found near Chehalls shall prove to be that of the convict. Superintendent Lee replied that the reward would be paid according to the language of the offer, which was for the "capture and return" of the convicts, dead or alive, but that in any event he would pay liberally for the return of the body, even though not captured as specified in the offer.

Greene-Gaynor Proceedings. QUEBEC, July 15.—Messrs. Gaynor and Greene filed answers to the motions made by counsel for the United States to quash the writs of habeas corpus issued by Judge Caron June 20 and 21. 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 Marjon 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 administra-

Langfitt Reports on Columbia Improvement.

RECOMMENDATION IS INDORSED

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

WASHINGTON, July 15.-The Chief of Engineers today received from Captain W. C. Langfitt, stationed at Portland a partial project for continuing the improvement at the mouth of the Columbia River. Captain Langfitt states that it will be impossible to actually extend the jetty by placing more stone in the river during the present calendar year, but that the time will be fully occupied in completing the trestle work, storehouses and general repairs to the old superstructure, and in letting contracts for stone to be furnished early next year. This recommendation tary of War for approval.

The engineers, who, a few days ago were somewhat disconcerted because of the delay in getting together the board to determine the actual direction of the jetty extension, say that in view of Captain Langfitt's report, the work will not be held back unnecessarily, and there will be ample time for giving all due consideration to this problem, so that the plan finally determined upon will best serve the purpose of cutting and permanently maintaining the 40-foot channel at the mouth of the river. With the funds made available in the new bill, it will probably be possible to extend the jetty for two miles, although not to its full height.

Captain Langfitt's recommendation for a continuance of dredging of the Willamette and Columbia below Portland has also been approved. Captain Langfitt deems it unwise to expend the fund now available in building a dredge for this portion of the river, as a dredge such as is needed would require the full amount and leave nothing with which to operate it until the next river and harbor bill shall pass, Instead he suggests apply the money to immediate dredging with the Government dredge now in the river, and using a por tion in operating the new dredge of the Portland commission, for which municipal funds are reported as lucking. He suggests asking Congress to provide in the next bill for a new dredge, with additional funds for operation. Nothing is said about a sea dredge for the mouth of the Columbia, this subject being held up until passed upon by the board. In the Williamette, above Portland,

snagging and dredging will continue or old lines. WOULD TAKE BAILEY TO TASK.

Burrows Favors Censuring Senators Who Fight.

WASHINGTON, July 15 .- Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privfleges and elections, is today quoted as eaying that the Senate cannot afford to

suld 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 entisfaction through 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 ses-

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

Transport Rosecrans Sold.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15 .- The sale of the United States transport Rosecrans to the Matson Navigation Company for \$8.-600-a little more than a third of its cost to the Government in 1890—was con late today. The Rosecrans was erly the hospital transport ship Missouri,

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John W. Gates Closes His Corner on July.

CLEARS 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 art 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 reclined until the bubble broke yesterday. The

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 settlement 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%c to 65%c. Later it recovered a fraction, and closed at 61%c, 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 "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 readfly figured that, with the shorts practically all in, nothing in the shape of a cor-

ner could exist. No Special Excitement. No special excitement attended the pre-

mature 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 may. 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 matted of decided interest to the trade generally. With the knowledge that Monday night's closing price was Sic, and the opening today from 79c 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 60c 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 of the line had never been overestimated. 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 3,000,000 bushels. ould leave settlements on some 17,000,000

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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