

CLEARING WAY FOR IRRIGATION

C. E. S. Wood Confers With Officials on Malheur Project.

FIND OUT POINTS AT ISSUE

Wagon Road Co. Wants Cheaper Land Excluded and Asks Protection From Competition.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—As the result of a conference held today between C. E. S. Wood, of Portland, representing the owners of the wagon-road lands in Malheur County, and officials of the Reclamation Service, further steps will be taken to bring about an adjustment of the differences between these two interests, which may result in ultimately insuring the construction of the Malheur irrigation project.

Neither Mr. Wood nor the reclamation officials look forward to an immediate adjustment of their difference on the two great questions at issue, for neither side is now willing to make concessions. Mr. Wood has hopes that, under pressure from Oregon, the Reclamation Service will eventually accept the terms of the road landowners, especially after he has full data and can submit a detailed statement as to the lands he is willing to subscribe.

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age materially smaller than the list made by the Government experts, he will insist that the landowners shall say what acreage shall be brought under the project and what shall not.

The Reclamation Service told Mr. Wood today that it wanted him to agree to subscribe "every acre of irrigable land," but this he will not do, for he says considerable road land is not of such a character as to stand this high price and he is unwilling and the landowners are unwilling to sell such land to settlers, knowing that they would be obliged in time to mortgage and eventually lose their homes because they would be unable to meet their payments.

He furthermore insists that, in view of the large amount of Government land under the Malheur project which can be obtained without cost and in view of the great acreage adjoining in Idaho, which the Government will irrigate for about \$5 an acre, it is unfair to compel the wagon-road landowners to sell their lands before water is turned on.

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Assassin Evidently Crept Up Behind and Struck Fatal Blow—Motive for the Crime is a Mystery.

BONNEVILLE, Or., Aug. 17.—(Staff Correspondence.)—While answering his correspondent's call to come home, J. L. Anderson, of 44 North Prospect street, Kansas City, Mo., was foully murdered near this place some time early this morning.

The crime is remarkable for its cold-bloodedness and its mystifying features. The body was found by C. A. Townsend, of Portland, at 1 o'clock this afternoon, at a point 600 feet west of the Bonneville station and about 75 feet from the O. R. & N. track.

Telegraphic advices brought Coroner Finley and Sheriff Word to the scene of the crime. The investigation tonight showed that Anderson met his death by repeated blows on the skull with a heavy bridge bolt, but failed to reveal the slightest clue to the murderer or to disclose a motive for the crime.

The body was found in the open in a slight depression, the battered head lying in a pool of blood, while near by lay the blood-clotted bar of iron with which the crime had been committed. A peculiar feature was the orderly condition of the body and that the ground showed no signs of any struggle.

Assassin Crept From Behind. Every evidence indicated that the murdered man had been seated while his assailant crept up and struck him from behind. The skull was crushed apparently at the first blow. The fact that the motive of the crime was one other than robbery was evidenced by the condition of the clothing.

Anderson's last boarding place in Portland, the address at which he received the letter, no doubt after the crime the murderer caught some train out of here. The appearance of the body would almost indicate that after being murdered the man was laid out and even the cap placed over his face. The murder was most cold-blooded.

Verdict of the Jury. The jury empaneled by Coroner Finley returned a verdict as follows: We, the jury, find from all appearances that the deceased, supposed to be J. L. Anderson, was slain by a person or persons who beat him over the head, crushing his skull with a bridge bolt, in the hands of some one unknown to the jury.

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Late tonight Coroner Finley wired the mother of Anderson of the death, and asking instructions for the disposition of the body. Pending an answer, the body will be taken to Portland on the morning train.

J. L. Anderson was in Portland two weeks or more and was employed for a few days previous to August 13 at Erickson's place on Burnside street. The letter received on the above date was delivered to the address of the Canadian Employment Agency at 59 Burnside street, and was received for by E. P. McCroskey to whom Anderson confided that the letter contained the whereabouts of his return to Kansas City.

McCroskey did not understand from the language of the young man whether it was cash or a ticket that was enclosed. Anderson received only a few dollars in wages from Erickson when he quit with the announced purpose of returning to Kansas City.

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