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NEWPORT

The killing of Jess Hall the notorious convict by Carl Tuell—a fifteen year old boy, has created quite a sensation in the county as well as the state. Hall was out of the penitentiary on a conditional parole. He had with him when he first came in three or four months ago, two boys about fifteen or sixteen years old each. When found on the evening of May 9th, by Mark Guilliams, he lay dead in his tent but Mark did not know it being about 5:30 P. M., he might be asleep or acting opossum, so he did not disturb him. Guilliams was led to the place by his little hunting dog. Mark went to Mr. Hall's house about half a mile distant and got his brother Frank and then returned to the tent and found Jess was dead. The coroner and sheriff were notified and the next day in company with the undertaker, W. B. Hartly went to the place where Hall was found. An investigation showed that he had been shot in the back, ball entering 12 inches below right shoulder and 2 inches left of the spine, passing diagonally through the body, piercing the heart, coming out below, and in front of left shoulder at upper edge of armpit, producing instant death. He had on yellow stockings, garters, underclothes and trousers and shoes, but the shoes were not laced; had a purse and cheap watch, no money. The tent was heavy canvas, large and put up in one of the most inaccessible places in that country. It was close to a deep gorge where trickled down a clear cold stream of water, surrounded with a dense growth of brush, salal and three large fir trees that surrounded the tent. These trees could be seen for miles around. This is an ideal place for anyone that wished to be hid from the world. Here Jess Hall erected his tent and began to fill it up with loot that he had taken from the Seal Rock cottages. Among the stolen goods were found canned beef, fruit and salmon; three pairs of woolen blankets, dishes, teacups and saucers, spoons, knives and forks, butter, flour, bacon, coffee and a good lot of liquors. The Savage rifle, .302, lay about 15 feet from the body with one empty shell in it. No evidence of any struggle but in his confession to Sheriff Geer, young Carl Tuell said he shot the outlaw because he threatened to kill him (Tuell). It was a remarkable thing for one so young and inexperienced to do such a thing. The last of March Jess Hall and Tuell spent three days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Hall, parents of the outlaw. Mr. Hall is 84 years old and the mother is also old and very feeble. When Jess and Tuell left the house and bid good bye to Mr. and Mrs. Hall, it was eight o'clock in the evening, saying they were going to Mexico and would camp out that night, but instead they went to the tent. Tuell said he did not know Hall was a bad man till he commenced to rob the cottages. I don't believe that Mr. and Mrs. Hall knew that Jess was robbing the cottages or that he had camped in that vicinity at all. He kept that all from them. He made no explanation about what he was doing, neither did he give them the name of the little boy, or where he got him. Mr. Hall said they could never do anything with Jess, he had bad blood in him and he could never keep him in the right way. Said he was glad it had come to an end and now they would know where he was and that he would never give them any more trouble. The burial took place at the Fern Ridge Cemetery and he now lies at rest beside his brother, Joen, who died several years ago. Two songs were sung at the grave by the women and a short obituary read by Mrs. Alice Wind, and by request a few remarks were made by Sheriff Geer.

Verdict of the jury: We the jury impelled to inquire into the cause of the death of Jess Hall, after careful investigation and inquiry, find as follows, That Jess Hall came to his death from a gun-shot wound, fired by a party unknown.— Jerry M. Smith, Foreman; Tracy W. Davis, William D. Collins, John T. Hanlon, Peter Byrns, William B. Hartly, and F. M. Carter, Coroner.

The deep sea fishing industry has opened with six or eight boats engaged in the business, viz., the Empire, Pilgrim, Jack Burnham, Gazell, Gerald C., and the Freemont, when it is fixed up. The engines of the Pilgrim and Gazell became disabled at sea and the Life Boat crew had to go out and bring them in.

The halibut, linn and rock cod seem to be plentiful.

The ice plant for the next few months will run night and day under shifts. Help is hard to get now, everyone that wants to work can get employment at good wages.

The roads are being put in repair by volunteer work and will be in good condition by the time the season opens for travel.

Two Sunday excursion trains have come in but owing to the late cold season the travel has been light.

Last Sunday Mr. Jenkins, the S. P. General Passenger Agent came in and Mr. Montgomery, the freight agent at Albany came over and spent the day at Newport.

FIEGLES CREEK

Mr. Shane is planting potatoes enough so that the soldier boys will have a spud apiece. Nothing like having plenty of Murphys—war or no war.

Blanche and Percy Mulvaney are gaining farming lore by helping Mr. Kessi plant his Irish potatoes.

By the way, that gives the color of Dickens' Dotheby Hall school doesn't it, "spell, weed, w-e-e-d—go and weed," etc?

Well it isn't that bad for our private school is doing some intensive studying—the class in agriculture having drained a small swamp and tested different soils. The class in nature is taking notes of tadpole-frog life as well as butterfly and humming bird physical qualities.

Lacking the social subjects of our Harlan correspondent we needs must talk or write spuds and the like.

I sometimes forget that it is intelligent to talk shop.

Mrs. Frank Mulvaney has been on the sick list.

Wilbur Davis accompanied his uncle, Frank Mulvaney home Monday.

C. F. Lindley returned to his work at Spauldings Camp.

POOLE SLOUGH

Farmers have all begun to wonder if this rain is ever going to cease. They want to get the crops in.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Huntsucker went to Yaquina Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Shermer and daughters, Gretchen and Elane and nephew, Sederick, visited Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Barker Sunday.

Miss Julia Brown went to Corvallis Monday, returning Tuesday, she is still on the sick list.

Mrs. Thomas Barker and daughter, and Mrs. M. G. Shermer and daughter, and Miss Hislop called on Mrs. J. C. Huntsucker Sunday afternoon.

Chas. Brown visited at the Huntsucker home Sunday evening.

Gorden, Eugene, and Johnnie Emerson and George and Jim Huntsucker and Walter Brown were Upper Beaver visitors Sun-

day.

Miss Christine Peterson visited at the Brown home Sunday. Misses Cara and Alma Boone and Christine Peterson were in our vicinity Tuesday.

Chas. Brown and Thos. Barker went to Newport Saturday. They took down two of Mr. Barkers' cows.

CHITWOOD

Everybody busy making garden—when it isn't raining.

Prof. S. S. Gossman and family are planning on going to S. Dakota about the 8th of June. The professor has taught our school here for the past several years.

Archie Wilson's family is growing. Miss Elva Wilson and little sister, Cora, have come to stay with their brother, Raymond, who is also there.

The C. M. P. C. met at the residence of Mrs. E. H. Steinmetz last Thursday. The Club meets regularly every week at the residence of some of the members. All topics of importance discussed, all but neighborhood gossip, and that is strictly prohibited. The ladies should be congratulated on that score.

The Happy Husbands and Lonely Bachelors Club met at the home of Albert Thomas last Sunday. The war situation was thoroughly discussed and a resolution was unanimously adopted, resolving to, "Hock Der Kaiser."

Clyde Rowe is very busy working on his new ranch lately. We need more of such industrious young farmers as he.

Mrs. E. M. Wood recently returned from a trip to Illinois where she has been visiting relatives and friends for nearly a year. She says that she likes Oregon the best.

Albert Cook traded his buggy to Frank Willoughby for a pony last week.

SILETZ

To change the subject, we are having a little rain.

Miss Ruth Sneve stayed with Mrs. Joe Cason over Saturday and Sunday.

The Club meeting last Friday was well attended, holding a short business session, after which the entertainment committee had a short program.

Mrs. M. Wygant was up from Newport calling Saturday and Sunday at her new home where she expects to spend a greater part of the Summer.

Mrs. Hamar and her son, Darrel returned home from Salem Wednesday evening. Darrel is improving as well as could be expected.

Bertha Bryant spent Wednesday night with Ruth Sneve and Clara Slocum.

Marie Slocum and Bertha called on Victoria Kobielski last week. A few of the young folks spent Sunday at the home of Arthur Crawford.

Mr. Robertson sold his team of horses to the Wygant brothers.

A few young folks called on Marie Slocum Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Scott Lane and son, Frank, went to Portland Tuesday where Frank will have his eyes treated.

A business meeting of the Church was held at the parsonage Tuesday evening.

Jim Gibson made a business trip to Upper Farm the first of the week.

Everybody has been working hard trying to get their crops in. Mamie Hawkins spent Wednesday night with Miss Slocum.

C. S. Davis made a trip to Newport and Albany.

Dickerson from Florida is here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall, the past week or so.

Genevieve Tillotson and Mamie Hawkins spent Saturday and Sunday at the Crawford's home at Lower Farm.

Tommie McNalley and Joe Steve were up from Taft the first of the week.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY EVENING

President W. H. Lee, of the Albany College will be in Toledo Sunday evening and deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon of the graduating class of the Toledo High School, at the Methodist Church at eight o'clock in the evening. Mr. Lee will preach at Newport in the morning.



Pres. W. H. Lee

GOOD ROADS MEETING TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. Adams of the State Highway Commission will be in Toledo next Tuesday and will address the citizens at the courthouse at two o'clock in the afternoon, discussing with them the proposed six million dollar bond issue.

Everyone is interested in good roads, but we disagree on the best method of obtaining them. Come out and hear Mr. Adams, even if you don't favor the bond issue.

We personally favor the bond issue, and we think everyone should for this reason, viz., the bonds are to be paid out of the auto license fund, and the quarter mill state road fund. Now most of the cars are owned in the cities, and the greater assessment valuations are in the cities, so this is our one chance to make the city dweller help pay for our county roads. Then again under this proposed bonding act, none of the money is to be spent within Multnomah county, which is the richest county in the state, and accordingly pays the most taxes. This money will be taken from Multnomah county and spent in other parts of the state.

WADES SURPRISED ON SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Ladies of the Whist Club arranged a surprise upon Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wade, at the Schenck home in this city, Wednesday evening, the occasion being the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wade. The evening was spent playing whist, after which a luncheon of sandwiches, salad, coffee and cake was served. After supper Bert Geer, with a neat little speech, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wade a silver carving set, given as a token of esteem by the persons present, who numbered about thirty. Mr. Wade made an appropriate response, and expressed his and Mrs. Wade's appreciation at being remembered on their anniversary, and hoped all would be present to celebrate their Golden Anniversary 25 years hence.

ROAMER AND RUSTLER WILL MAKE THIS PORT

The Roamer and the Rustler, two gasoline boats owned by Peter E. Olson, of Marshfield, have been put on the Portland-Toledo run, taking the place of the Mirene, which has been taken over by the government as a mine layer.

NEWPORT BANK CHANGES HANDS

The Western State Bank of Newport went under new management today, the bank having been bought by Newport and Toledo men. The officers of the new concern are: C. E. Hawkins of Toledo, president; O. F. Jacobson, of Newport, vice-president, and C. O. Hawkins of Toledo, cashier. The latter will move to Newport at once and assume active management of the bank. For several years past he has been cashier of the Lincoln County Bank of this place, and has demonstrated his business ability.

Joel Booth, assistant cashier of the local bank will be promoted to the position of cashier.

TOLEDO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES BIG CLASS

The Toledo High School class of '17, consists of twelve graduates as follows: Thelma Hoeftlein, Winifred Swearingen, Marjodie Ball, Irah Sherwood, Doris Elder, Mollie Ross, Ruth Larson, Mamie Redfield, Terrence Gaither, Jack Haskett, Norman Stewart and Basil Lutey. The class will hold their graduation exercises at the Dime Theatre next Wednesday evening, at which time the following program will be rendered:

- Introduction of the Class By Prof. Blough
- Class Song—"The Blue and Gold" By the Class
- Class Declaration By Norman Stewart
- Class Resolutions By a Junior, Clayton Dickson
- Class Eulogy By a Junior, Raymond Stewart
- Valedictory address and presentation of diplomas By Herman Greenhagen
- Valediction By Herman Greenhagen

LOCAL POSTOFFICE SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL GAIN

The receipts of the local postoffice for the past year show a big gain over the preceding year, and as a consequence the salary of Postmaster Gaither has been increased from \$1400 to \$1500 per year. Present prospects would indicate that another gain may be expected this coming year, as Toledo's future looks very bright at present.

LOGGING CAMPS RECEIVE NEW CABLE

Two spools of cable arrived for the logging camps the first of the week, one of which is 5/8 inch, and the other 1 1/8 inch line. The smaller is for trip line and the larger for hauling logs. This would indicate that the company expects to be hauling logs soon.

AUGUST WALTENBERG ARRESTED IN PORTLAND

August Waltenberg is under arrest in Portland, being held on suspicion that he may have been implicated in the death of pretty Miss Anna Ranquist, aged 18 years. Waltenberg is 33 years of age, and was formerly a resident of this county, living in the Salmon River section. He obtained a divorce from his wife lately, and has been living in Portland. Miss Ranquist died under peculiar circumstances, and examinations show that she was in a delicate condition at the time of her death.

NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS

As the dry season is now coming on, and the sawmill expected to be using water soon, all water consumers are requested to have all leaky faucets and plumbing repaired. The Council will have the Water Commissioner inspect all the connections within a few days, and those having leaky fixtures will be cut off from the mains until same is fixed.

HIGH SCHOOL CLUB WILL GIVE DANCE

The High School Entertainment Club will give a dance at the I. O. O. F. Hall, next Wednesday evening after the Commencement exercises. The club is using the funds derived from these dances to purchase a flag for the school. Tickets for the dance, \$1.00. Ice Cream and Cake will be served.

MARK MIDDLEKAUFF JOINS CAVALRY

A letter from Mark Middlekauff, who is attending the Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, to his parents, Attorney and Mrs. O. Middlekauff, in this city, contains the information that he has passed the examination for entrance into the officers' reserve corps and is to report for duty May 14 at Fort Snelling, Minn., where he will be assigned to the cavalry. He has secured his master's degree at Ames and is to leave that place tomorrow night on his way to Fort Snelling. He will visit relatives on his route.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

WAR CENSUS MARSHALS APPOINTED

Following is the list of War Census Marshals appointed by Sheriff Bert Geer, with their precincts and registering stations:

Registrar	Precinct	Station
F. L. Baker,	Alsea	Evans Hall
Guy E. Lewis	Beaver Creek	Ona School
O. C. McWilliams	BayView	B. V. School
F. A. Thompson	Big Elk	Grant School
Ruth Blattner	D. Lake	D. L. School
Charles Allen	Elk City	Morrison House
A. F. Ross	Five Rivers	F. R. School
J. M. Stone	Kern	Kernville Cannery
Amber McBride	Little Elk	Grange Hall
L. D. Nash	Nashville	Norton School
L. S. Dennick	Newport	City Hall
W. E. Peterson	N. Toledo	City Hall
G. L. Gray	Nye Creek	N. C. Rent Room
P. Shoemaker	Cacific	I. O. O. F. Hall
R. H. Plank	Rock Creek	Orton School
H. R. Deakins	Rose Lodge	Grange Hall
Scott Lane,	Siletz,	Davis Building
Rose M. Schenck	S. Toledo	Court H.
G. N. Pulse	Tidewater	Smallwood School
Owen Callahan	Yachats	Yachats store
Nellie King	Yaquina	Castle Hotel

INDEPENDENT ENTERPRISE SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

With the issue of yesterday the Newport Independent Enterprise went into the discard. Mr. Emery, the publisher, was in Toledo Tuesday and made arrangements with us to take over his subscription list, and fill out the unexpired subscriptions. The Independent Enterprise has been published about two years, and according to Mr. Emery, was run at a loss most of the time. Mr. Emery expects to continue in the job printing business at Newport. The high cost of material and poor support are given as his reasons for quitting.

FLAG RAISING POSTPONED

The flag raising which was scheduled for this afternoon has been postponed until tomorrow afternoon. Remember, tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock at the courthouse.

GOOD ROAD POINTERS

It is time for us to get out of the mud. We need and must have good roads. They will add to the wealth, thrift and happiness of our people and our state. This measure (\$6,000,000 road bond bill) does not add one farthing to our taxes; it simply capitalizes waste. No sane man or woman should offer a single word of opposition to this movement.—Governor Withycombe at state-wide good roads rally in Portland.

"This is the greatest measure ever contemplated by the state of Oregon," Governor Withycombe said, discussing the \$6,000,000 road bond bill at the state-wide good roads rally in Portland. "It means more to the state than any measure in its history, because the one thing we need is highways in Oregon."