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HUNTED AND HAUNTED The Tragic Mystery in the Life Old Jim Bridger.

The mystery of Jim Bridger's early life was explained to a writer during a recent visit to Oregon, by Col. Jesse Applegate, of the Umpqua valley, whose story of the "Pilgrims of 43" was published in the Call of August 6th. Col. Applegate, who is now in Monterey county on a visit, obtained the following details of an almost forgotten tragedy from some of Jim Bridger's companions nearly 40 years ago. The story, says the Call, has never before been published and is peculiarly interesting, as it explains why this celebrated scout and guide sought a home and protection among the Indians in his early days, and why he was always avoided and shunned by ers on the Upper Mississippi and than 20 feet away, and he was man disliked to carouse with stranthe old French trappers and tradits tributaries.

A TRAGEDY OF FIFTY YEARS AGO. The story, as related by old Jesse Applegate, is as follows? When Jim Bridger was a young young man he became identified with the American Fur company, which, more than half a century ago, kept a winter headquarters near the mouth of the Kansas river. This trading post was in charge of the Choctaws, of St. Louis, Missouri. Here the Otoes, Kickapoos, Osages and Kaw tribes came to trade, and here, also, the flat-boatmen and fur traders, on the plains not far from the way to San Francisco. Hearing, voyageurs and others in the em- grave in which Glass lay. He while in Alaska, that the Indians ployment of the American Fur managed to crawl to the carcass, had taken possession of the Americompany passed their winters and and by the aid of his hunting can Fur Trading conpany's staprepared for their spring trip up knife, which Bridger failed to find, tations and held all the employes the Missouri river after furs and the wounded man satisfied his prisoners, Commander Healey, with peltries. In the spring of 1833 hunger. He laid by the side of as little delay as possible, went to Jim Bridger, with a party of eight the dead carcass several days, durtheir relief, and as the Indians or ten hunters, trappers and fur ing which he cut and dried several were very hostile, shelled their viltraders, started for the Yellowstone pieces of meat, and then crawled lage and released all the men held an a country to spend two or three back to the water. More than a as prisoners. The promote in which they have been punis journey was a long and tiresome at Fort Randall were astonished to will, in all probability, teach them start the season was far advanced when they reached the present gate. It did not look like a husite of old fort Randall. They had man being, nor did it resemble any abandoned the boat and were Benton, when the following noise or sign. It was picked up and highly recommends the remtragedy occurred:

region, each carrying his kit con- ton of Tom Glass, the abandoned strapped upon his back, his rifle crawling along like a snake, upon taining food, ammunition and traps upon his shoulder. The leader of one side, a distance of more than the party, a young hunter named 100 miles. He had lived upon Tom Glass, was ten or fifteen feet roots, reptiles and berries and even in advance of the rest of the party, grass during the latter half of his when a large she bear and two terrible journey. What he sufcubs were met on the trail. fered was known only to himself. Before Glass could retreat the His wounded arm was withered monster had seized him in a and dried; the wounds upon his deathly hug and bore him to the body were partially healed, the earth. Before the bear was killed, fresh buckskin having almost it had torn open the unfortunate grown to the lacerated skin. man's abdomen, exposing the intenstines, and wrenched his left arm clear off the socket at the shoulder. His companions did all in their power to relieve Glass

LEFT ALONE TO DIE.

and bury him when he died, while to death. the rest continued their journey.

was unconsious or asleep Bridger and went to Blackfeet, where gathered up what few effects he Glass again followed him. Bridger deemed most valuable, belonging started south and joined the Ogo-

ing his comrades and reported to himself safe from pursuit. them that Glass had died and he He never afterward attempted had buried him and brought away to fraternize with or associate with his arms and traps. Nothing more the old crowd of hunters on the was heard of the affair until the upper Missouri. He crossed the tollowing season, when a terrible mountains, joined his old faiends, denouncement was made, and the Shoshones or Snake Indians, Bridger fled to the mountain tribes built Fort Bridger, where he lived to save his life. It appears that with his squaw for many years, a Glass awoke from his delirium on quiet and silent man. He was the second day after Bridger had kind, but not generous, to the left him. He found himself weak, white emigrants who met with alone without arms, food or help, him on the trail. He would not and suffering intensely for water, allow them to run into danger nor He realized only vaguely his terri- permit the Indians to attack the ble situation. He remembered whites without warning them, if the bear and the departure of his he could reach them. He was a companions after leaving Bridger bashful, but rather selfish man, to attend to him. He could see a not neglecting himself at any cold, bubbling spring of water less tme. As a general rule the old

EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY. tedious effort, during which he to a civil question. had no food, his fever soon left of the northwest. him, and in a few days he was able to crawl about on one side and one win, Lieutenant-Commander Heaelbow. By a rare provision of ley, arrived in Esquimalt recently, Providence a buffalo calf had died from a cruise in the Arctic, on her

dying for water.

ing slowly toward the stockade known animal, but it kept slowly crawling along, making neither and carried into the fort, where, after being washed and cleaned. The party were marching in single file through a densely wooded proved to be the animated skelehunter. He had made his way.

> A MISSION OF VENGEANCE. With kind attention and care Glass was able during the following spring to walk about, and then he started forth on his mission of

and ease his intolerable pain, but vengeance. He made his way to all agreed that he could not live Fort Benton, on the upper Misall agreed that he could not live long. His abdomen was bound with buckskin bands, and his left arm, which adhered to the shoulder merely by pieces of lacerated flesh, was washed, bound and tied to his side, and he was laid out to die.

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By some means Bridger learned, Lots were cast to see who should to his great horror, that the man remain with the dying man, and he thought dead and devoured by Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!! Bridger was selected. It appears the wolves was alive, and that he that Indians were fierce and hostal been tried by his comrades and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating and crying with the excruciating pain of culting terms of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating and crying with the claim his companion, and overtake four years, when Glass discovered

to Glass, including his rifle, ammu- lalla Sioux who, finding Glass nition, etc., and quietly stole away, lurking about their village, shot leaving the wounded man to die him as a spy. With the death of alone. He succeeded in overtak- Tom Glass in 1838 Bridger felt

gers, but as he grew old he be-INDESCRIBABLE TORTURES AND AN came almost garrulous among his acquaintances, while at other times He managed, after a long and he would decline to say yes or no

suffered the most intense agony, to Thus is explained by one of the reach the water with his right arm, scout's oldest acquaintences the There he lay for several days, singular mystery of Jim Bridger's bathing his wounds with water and early life and the cause of his lifekeeping down the fever. As he time exile among the Indian tribes

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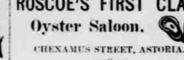
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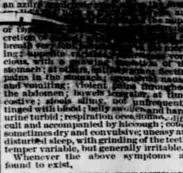
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