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FRED GALE DEAD

Found Bruised and Beaten in his Room New Year's Morning—Died Jan. 3rd—Coroner's Inquest held and Jury Renders Verdict, Death Caused by Parties Unknown.

GREAT INTEREST MANIFESTED

The finding of Mr. Fred Gale in a semi-conscious condition on last Friday morning in his room next to Clark's harness shop, and the subsequent statements made by him concerning his condition, and his death on Monday has caused a great amount of conjecture concerning these matters and has created an interest not equalled for a long time in this city.

Mr. Gale was a cripple, caused years ago by a fall from a horse while riding the range and has been compelled ever since to get around on crutches. Not long since he procured a tricycle and was able to propel himself about town.

Owing to his comparatively helpless condition, indignation ran high when it was learned he had been attacked in his room and badly beaten. On Thursday Mr. Gale was around as usual and on New Year's eve attended door at Masonic Hall for the club which gave a dance upon that occasion and remained there until about half past twelve, when he left and went to the Resort saloon, where he talked a time with friends and then retired to his room and nothing definite is known about him further, except his own statements made after his partial recovery, until ten o'clock the morning of the 3rd.

At that time little Stella Fry, a child about ten years of age, whose mother was related to Gale by marriage, went to the front door and finding it locked, passed to the rear of the house, and entered by the back door. Here she found Mr. Gale lying on the bed, with bruised face and bloody clothes, blood on the floor and his outer clothing scattered about the chair upon it. He spoke to her and said, "Hello! Stella, some one came in and beat and robbed me."

Stella at once notified the Clark's, who live in the adjoining house, and Mrs. Clark and others went to his assistance.

After his death the authorities believed there was sufficient cause to hold an inquest and the coroner, Dr. King of Eugene, was notified, but being ill and unable to attend, Justice J. W. Vaughn acted in his stead.

District Deputy L. T. Harris and Sheriff Fred Elk, of Eugene, came up to assist in holding the inquest. The sheriff selected as jurors: John Harris, Robert Veatch, C. H. Vandenberg, Frank Woolley, Scott Christman and Frank Jordan, and after they were sworn in and viewed the remains, the taking of testimony began.

Dr. A. J. Anderson was the first witness called. He stated he had known the deceased for some time, had attended him in his last sickness and up to the time of his death. Also stated that Gale had told him that sometime between four and five o'clock the morning of the 1st someone had entered his room, assaulted and robbed him, that the description of the party was very indefinite, but that he was medium height, dark, with about two weeks growth of beard. That he became aware some one was in the room and as he raised up, was struck in the face twice, and when he attempted to grapple with his assailant was thrown to the floor and knew no more till found by the little girl.

When asked by Attorney Harris if any weapon had been used, the Dr. stated there had not. There was he said a contusion on right temple bone, bruise on nose, one on right corner of mouth, one on right chest, one on left side over pelvic bone, and that he died at 1 o'clock and 21 minutes p. m. the 3rd. Question by Attorney Harris: "In your opinion as a physician what was the cause of death?" The indirect cause was Bright's disease, the inciting cause was the suppression of fever as a result of a blow or injury over the kidneys, the one above the great pelvic bone was the direct cause.

All the witnesses live at Cottage Grove and gave testimony under oath.

Mr. W. R. Fry was the next witness. He stated he saw Gale about half past one of the first. There were several present. Gale's condition was bad, but he was conscious, told Fry that some one had come to his room in the early morning and had beaten and robbed him, thought it some one who knew of his taking in money at the door at the dance and that he still had it. He came into the saloon after he left the dance and at about one o'clock and said come boys and let's have a drink and then I'm going home to bed. At my second visit on the first he said he suspected several parties. \$8.85 was all the money found in his clothing.

Stella Fry gave her testimony, lives in city, is 10 years old, mother cousin to Gale, saw him about 10 o'clock on the morning of the 1st, was the first one to see him, went to front door and found it locked, then went in through two doors, both unlocked, Fred said, hello Stella, some one came in and beat and robbed the living end of him, set his wheels inside the room, his clothes were scattered about the floor, chair upset, and his face was bloody and blood on floor, then I went and got Mrs. Clark, don't know if he had money.

Thomas Miller sworn, knew Fred Gale, was at Resort saloon between 1 and 2 o'clock the night of the 3rd, couldn't say if Gale took a drink, helped him onto his wheel and went to his room with him, set his wheels inside the room, his clothes were scattered about the floor, chair upset, and his face was bloody and blood on floor, then I went and got Mrs. Clark, don't know if he had money.

C. R. Ormsby was called and said he knew Gale, saw him Jan. 1st between 9 and 10 o'clock in bed, Gale said some one had pelted the bed, he was conscious, his clothes were scattered about the floor, chair upset, and his face was bloody and blood on floor, then I went and got Mrs. Clark, don't know if he had money.

Len Miller sworn, knew Gale, saw him at dance, Gale was door keeper, was there till one o'clock and attended to business all night. Next saw him about half past ten, was called in by Mrs. Clark, Gale was lying on bed and said some one had used him up, his face and nose skinned, only stated someone had beat him with chair. Did not answer readily, said man struck him twice and then blew light out. Arthur Thompson examined his pockets for money and found \$8.85.

Arthur Thompson stated Gale was door keeper at dance, took in \$4 which he turned over, left half past ten, saw him next after he was hurt. Owed him \$6 and was going to pay and went to see him. Clark told him some one had done him up. Gale said some one came in at ten o'clock, thought some one was in room, was struck, just got a glimpse of man when he blew light out. Saw no blood on bed clothes, blood on shirt and floor bloody. Gale told me he had been robbed and asked me to look in pockets, said he had a \$20 and a \$5 gold piece, found but \$8.85, he seemed surprised that any was left. Said he had loaned \$30 last August to a man, who had paid him the day before, could not remember the man's name, but had taken Grizzly mining stock as security. Thought Gale was good business man and did not think he would loan money and not know the man's name. Did not think he had been beaten with chair.

Dr. J. tested he had just finished an examination of the body. Found large tumor under left kidney caused by heavy blow, abrasion on breast bone, nose skinned and right eye discolored. Should say death ensued owing to physical condition, caused by blow over kidneys, would not have been sufficient to cause death in healthy person.

W. F. Shanafelt knew Fred Gale, saw him the 1st, Fred sent for me. I found him lying on bed. Fred said, been something doing, bruises on him, shirt, bloody, said some one came in and robbed him, that he was struck two blows in face, then the light was blown out, called for help. He stated he robbed of 29 or 30 dollars. Did not remember the name of the man who paid him, but said it was a foreman of the Pacific Timber Company. Knew of no enemies,

seemed rational in his talk. Russell Fry testified that he passed Fred's place at 5:35 in the morning and lamp was on the commode and burning.

Mrs. Katie Clark knew Fred Gale. Husband has harness shop next to Gale's, lived closed. Fred said nothing to her about having money. I arose about quarter to six, had not slept well, had not heard no noise or outcries. Did not hear Fred stirring as usual and called out to him and got no response, thought as he had been out late, he was still sleeping, went in about ten o'clock when called. Found things scattered about, he told me some one tried to do him up. Did not tell me he had been robbed, but told others that he had been robbed of 29 or 30 dollars, said he had been alone, was on the outside of bed with a robe over him. Gib Knox, of First National Bank, testified that Gale drew out on the 31st of Dec. \$10.

J. N. Jones, saloon keeper, saw Gale at his home on the 1st. On the last day of Dec. Fred borrowed dollar which he paid back after bank opened. Saw him have no other money.

Mr. Clark, harness maker, stated that when he first went in to see Gale, he was lying on the bed, was bloody, thought at first it was caused by bad fall, but upon examination of bruises changed his mind and concluded it was an assault. Gale did not know who did it. I thought Gale said tended to convince me the motive was not robbery but malice. Admitted to me that no money was gone. First tried to claim so but at last admitted it. F. H. Rosenburg, auditor of Pacific Timber Company, was called to learn if any such or similar name as Westburg was on the company's books, or if there was a foreman by such name, as Gale had stated that was as near the name of the man to whom he loaned the money as he could recollect. None was found.

Bert Lawson, constable Cottage Grove District, said when he first saw him in the morning, Gale could not say much about the affair but later said he had received 30 dollars from a man by the name of Westburg or a similar name, that he had loaned him the money some time before, taking Grizzly mining stock as security. Never actually changed story but was satisfied he was covering up something. Fred was sober but looked as if he had been on a spree. At the request of Attorney Harris the clothing worn by Gale was shown to the jury. Mrs. Fry, cousin by marriage to Gale said he had been taking his meals with her family. Did not know of any lady friend of Gale's.

W. F. Shanafelt thought he ought to say something more and again took the stand. About a week since Gale told me about a woman with whom he had been intimate years ago, and that she had followed him over state, and showed me a letter from her. The woman was here some time ago, before Fred went to California. Gale said he did not know what to do. I advised him to marry her and save further annoyance.

Mr. Fry was called in and asked about the letter. He stated his wife had said she had seen it but he had not. Mrs. Fry testified to reading the letter twice. Gale told her the Saturday before starting for California to buy as security. He advised him not to go. About three days before leaving showed me the note which was: "Roseburg, Oregon. Dear Freddie,—Don't fail to notify me when you will go. Upon his return he told me she went with him, but they had agreed to disagree and she would not bother any more. Never saw the woman but Fred said she went to Roseburg. Frank LeRoy knew Fred Gale for about 31 years.

Had discussed the woman matter with Gale just prior to his going to California some two months ago. Gale pointed out a lady on the street, she was tall, well dressed and had light hair. Heard of letter but did not see it. Witness was reluctant to tell all the story, but finally said: Gale said the woman was going to force him to marry her and go to California. Gale said he would not marry but would go to California, do not remember the length of time he was gone, saw him after he was hurt, said some one came in and struck him, do not know where the woman stopped when she was here, when Gale pointed her out we were

in the shop, she was near the bridge. Mrs. Wilson who keeps a restaurant saw a lady several times, was quite tall and some person or persons deceased about 10:45 the morning he was hurt. Gale told him he awoke up about 4 o'clock, was struck several times and dragged to floor, and remembered nothing further till was put in bed told the motive was robbery and 25 dollars was taken, and that after he was struck twice the light was blown out. Gale did not seem ready in his answers, said the man would resemble Frank LeRoy, but was much heavier and wore a black coat, told me there was no clue.

The jury took the case at noon and adjourned until half past one o'clock. In the afternoon the jury together with the Det. Atty. sheriff and city officials, made further investigations and recalled some of the witnesses. Owing to the conflicting statements made by Gale prior to his death and a failure to secure further evidence, nothing more clear than is set forth in the verdict of the jury was learned.

CORONER'S VERDICT. We the Coroners Jury, empaneled to enquire into the cause of the death of body before us, find that the deceased name was Fred Gale, aged about 40 years and that death resulted from the effects of bodily injuries resulting from blows given it at the hands of some person or persons unknown to us, and inflicted upon him on January 1, 1904, between the hours of 2 a. m. and 6 a. m., and that deceased died at his home in Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, on January 3, at 10:21 a. m.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1904. ROBERT VEATCH, Foreman, JOHN HARRIS, C. H. VANDENBERG, SCOTT CHRISTMAN, FRANK JORDAN.

SCHOOL NOTES. School opened Monday morning after ten days vacation with an enrollment of 461, the largest in the history of the school. The town is very much in need of another building as all the rooms are over crowded and the primary department gives only half day sessions.

The school has received "The Liberty Bell Class Scholarship Medal" through the liberality of Mr. Leta, of Chicago, and awarded to the pupils in each grade passing the list examination.

The next lecture will take place at the opera house on the evening of January 29, by Prof. Campbell of the University of Oregon.

The Horace K. Turner Art Exhibit of Boston, given by the school will be held in the new bank building Feb. 1st to 6th. The proceeds are to be invested in pictures and works of art for the public school. Come and help the children make their school a place of interest and an attraction.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING. The Woman's Club and a few invited guests enjoyed a delightful social at the home of Mrs. Herbert Eakin New Year's eve. Music and games were enjoyed until eleven o'clock when light refreshments were served followed by a lively geological and historical contest until a shower of confetti and the ringing of a bell announced the advent of the New Year. After throwing confetti and exchanging compliments of the season another successful social by the Woman's Club passed into memory. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Eakin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Young, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wheeler, Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Job, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Briggs, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. L. Lurch, Mrs. Lillian Goodman, Misses Lillie and Gella Lurch, Lulu Curran, and Mr. C. F. Jones.

DEED. Retsey J. (Hall) Magee was born in Vermont, Dec. 1, 1832, died at the family home near Cottage Grove, Jan. 2, 1904. Mrs. Magee spent most of her life in Wisconsin, after a short stay in other Western states she came with her son, P. H. Magee, to Oregon about five years ago. Mrs. Magee had been for many years a faithful Christian and at her death held fellowship in the Baptist Church.

The deceased leaves to mourn her departure an only son and family and a host of friends. All who knew Grandma Magee loved her. After a brief service at the family home conducted by the pastor of Christ Church, Jan. 3, the body was laid to rest in the L. O. O. F. cemetery in the presence of her sorrowing relatives and friends.

H. C. MARCUS INSANE. Alec Pugh received another letter from Bow, Washington, which states that H. C. Marcus, who recently left Bohemia for that place, has become insane. He recently undertook to jump from a second story window but was prevented by an attendant. Subsequently he got hold of a razor and before he could be secured slashed at his throat, cutting a deep gash, but not a dangerous one. He is now at the Sisters Hospital at Willamette, but shows no sign of improving. The case has been reported to his sisters who will undoubtedly look after him and his affairs.

A STRANGE CASE. About four weeks ago or sometime near the last of November, a family moved to Cottage Grove from Kansas. It seems that one of the family when quite small had been caught in a cyclone and struck on the chest with a barn, which had left her with weak lungs, until they came here, and she began using M. & B. White Pine. It cured her like magic. Its good for coughs and colds, at Morgan & Brehaut.

NEW PROCESS

Novel Method of Introducing the Solution and Agitating While Pulp is Subject to this Treatment.

HOW TREATED.

Another new cyanide extraction method has been put on the market. W. A. Irvine, of this city, who came here last summer to work out the metallurgical process for the Standard has been made the authorized representative for the S. T. Muffly process, patented, and will go to Middle West mining fields in this behalf, or work for a period here about Sumpter. Mr. Irvine received notification this week that he could handle the Muffly process in this section. He has given it hasty consideration, but believes it has features that will appeal to the mine operator troubled with slimes or difficulty of permeation of the pulp. Mr. Irvine worked with Mr. Muffly in North Carolina for a long period, and at a time when the latter was experimenting in the direction that has resulted in the process now being put on the market.

"I believe the Muffly process will prove valuable under many conditions," said Mr. Irvine yesterday. "I am familiar with it in a measure, for I was solving difficulties that I worked with when in North Carolina, and which are common to many properties of that country."

A general outline of the process and what the patentees claim for it will be given herein, for the study of operators, as it has not been set forth with any detail in the technical journals yet. In the pamphlet issued by the management of the new concern is set forth the following assertions as to what the process is equal to:

"Extraction of 96.59 to 99.78 per cent of the gold assay value from fine ore, concentrates and slimes, after 11 to 14 hours' leaching."

"Extraction of 82.87 to 98.47 per cent of gold assay value from coarse ores after 24 to 40 hours' leaching."

"The accomplishing in 12 to 24 hours of a practically total gold production from ores, concentrates and slimes impossible of treatment by any other cyanide method now in use."

"We are warranted in claiming by the results accomplished in the mill at Waverly, N. J., that our process will effect 85 to 99.78 per cent gold extraction, according to the complex, refractory or free character of the ore."

"Cost of cyanide consumed, 29 cents to \$1.24 per ton of ore, according to richness and character."

"The method of operating the process is in every respect opposite to the old vat method of still leaching, with the ore submerged in a solution. It is stated that the character of some ores in the western regions and South Africa prohibits the use of stamps for dry crushing, owing to the generation of slimes, even when the ore is crushed comparatively coarse. These fine ores, or slimes, as well as the 60 to 80 mesh, and even impalpably fine sulphide concentrates from wet crushing stamp mills, are adapted to treatment by our process with 95 to 99 per cent

of gold extraction in 12 hours. Ores included in the above per cent of gold extraction contain such a large amount of soluble iron salts as to render them practically impossible to treat by the old methods of cyanide leaching. By our new process, extraction is effected at a cost of 29 cents to \$1.24 for cyanide per ton of ore, according to its character and richness.

"We are treating ores, concentrates and slimes in charges of 500 to 2,000 pounds from South America, Mexico, Canada and the Western and Southern gold regions. Several lots of these ores contain such an amount of soluble base metallic salts and others are of such a clay or slime nature as to render treatment by other cyanide methods entirely prohibitive."

"By our process the slimes are kept entirely disintegrated—broken up—and the total amount of gold and silver in them is more quickly dissolved than from the coarse sands."

The mechanical method of handling ores by the Muffly process is placing the ore in a revolving cylinder, which agitates by lifting up at the sides and dropping back over the center. Cyanide is injected into the cylinder in the form of spray, by means of compressed air, the current of air picking up the cyanide just before entering the cylinder. The air current passes through a heater en route, by means of which the temperature is regulated to suit conditions of extraction. The pulp lifted up by the revolving cylinder falls down through this spray as it discharges. The inventors claim that this method of introducing air and the solution "provides a more effectual and economical supply of oxygen, to replace that element rapidly as it separates from the cyanogen compound to enter into new molecular combination with gold, silver and potassium."

"It forces the oxygen and also the cyanide solution into and between all parts of the ore charge during any special time, or during the entire time, according to character of the ore being treated."

"It creates and maintains the most effective and constant temperature."

"It regenerates or strengthens the solution with a constant supply of the fresh solvent, thereby preventing chemical inertia replacing cyanogen which has combined with hydrogen liberated in the passing over of oxygen to form the new compound auro-potassic cyanide, argento-potassic-cyanide and potassic hydrate."

"A systematic agitation is produced in which the ore is carried up and falls by its gravity back through the warm currents of air and spray of the solvent."

The same inventor has also perfected an electrical precipitation process for auriferous solutions. Instead of placing the solution in a great vat with immense cathodes and anodes, it is caused to pour into a small tank, passing down near the bottom in going under a partition, and thence upward through a patented cathode and over an apron into another like receptacle, and so on until the solution is free of values. This is being put on the market at the same time and with the new method of agitating.

Mr. Irvine will be given more definite notice of the field of his work soon, and intends to enter upon it at once, pushing the process wherever cyanide is considered as a means of reducing ores.—Blue Mt. American.

Mining Notes.

Alec Pugh, owner of Eutopian group of mines, of Bohemia is in Portland.

Wm. George from Bohemia is in the city he has a severe case of blood poisoning in his left hand.

Mexico is securing large amounts of United States money in the developing and working of its mines.

Tonaph has reversed the usual order of things. It has been paying dividends before the advent of a mill.

The Grants Pass country is evidently flourishing, Carloads of mining machinery are arriving and are being sent to the mines.

Henry Johnson, owner of one of the Grizzly group, after a long absence from the state, is in Portland and will soon return to Cottage Grove.

The oil wells of Spindle Top, Texas, are producing 20,000 barrels of oil daily, with prospects of a much greater production in the near future.

Mining men will appreciate such work as was accomplished in the Gem mine at Idaho Springs, Colo. An upraise was made from a tunnel to the workings above, a distance of 1100 feet and it came out at the identical marks made by the engineer.

A man by the name of H. Shaffer died of Typhoid Pneumonia at the Crystal Consolidated early in the week. Dr. Emerson was sent up to attend him. Every thing was done by the company that was possible. He was buried at Wildwood.

Sam Richards is just down from the Bohemia country where he has been since last spring. During the summer, he together with Jack Morgan, was doing rock work on the Oregon-Colorado road for Manager Hard, but recently has been doing assessment work for the LeRoy Bros. Sam states that there is but very little snow and it has been the most pleasant winter he ever saw there, says every body is at work and are pleased with the improving conditions of their properties. A letter just received from Alec Lundstrom, foreman at the Riverside property states the tunnel is showing up fine.

LIGHT NEWS FROM THE MINES. News from the mines at Bohemia is rather light at this time of the year. Nearly all the miners who spent the holidays with us have returned to work and few are coming out.

The good results obtained the past season by development of properties has lent new courage to the owners of claims and they are back working hard but saying little. Good accounts of their labor may be anticipated by spring. The older and better equipped properties are pushing work with highly satisfactory results.

WILLIAMS—At Eastern Ontario, December 18, 1903, W. S. Williams, aged 50 years, of pneumonia. Deceased was a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America, of Cottage Grove, and a member of the M. E. Church. He leaves a wife, M. I. Williams, and one daughter, J. C. Williams, at Springfield, Oregon.

Don't neglect that house any longer, but call at the express office and have Tom Aubrey write you up a policy in either the Aetna Insurance Co., or the Oregon Fire Relief Association of McMinnville, Ore. eot-50

Garman, Hemenway Co. Reductions on all kinds of merchandise, nearly everything in our store is reduced from 20 to 25 per cent. Some odds and ends—we sell way below cost. HATS LOT, UNDERWEAR, DRY GOODS, SHOE LOT, CLOTHING, CLOAKS AND JACKETS, SHIRT LOT, FURNISHING GOODS.

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