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BRUTAL MURDER NEAR LELAND

STRANGER IS CLUBBED TO
DEATH WHILE ASLEEP.

BURIED IN THE CREEK BED

W. A. McMichael, of Leland, Makes
Gruesome Discovery While
Walking Track.

Complete details of the finding of the body of the unknown victim who was murdered Wednesday night or Thursday show one of the most cold-blooded crimes which has occurred in southern Oregon in a number of years.

The body was found by W. A. McMichael, a young man of Leland. McMichael, when he found the body, notified Deputy Ellis and others at Leland, and the deputy immediately sent the word to Sheriff R. J. Smith and Coroner F. D. Stricker in Grants Pass.

At the coroner's inquest McMichael testified that he was walking along the Southern Pacific tracks about four miles beyond Leland, when he noticed an abandoned camp fire, or rather the remains of a camp fire, and also traces of blood. He investigated and quickly realized that a tragedy of some kind had occurred. McMichael said the heap of dead embers and ashes showed a burned blanket, and that signs of a scuffle were in evidence. Blood stains were on the ground in addition to the pool of blood. Leading from the camp to the bank of Wolf creek, about 20 or 25 feet distant, was a newly made trail showing where some object had been dragged. Michael went to the waters edge and there saw an object which proved to be the body of a man under a quilt, the quilt being weighted around the edges with stones. The body rested in the water face downward.

When the coroner and sheriff arrived on the scene they found that the man had been beaten in a fearful manner. His head was mashed in, both jaws broken, eyes mashed in, nose broken and his back bruised and beaten with a heavy instrument of some kind.

The officers then searched the camp and found in the fire in addition to the burned blanket, a pair of spectacles. The victim's shoes were discovered in the bushes 50 feet away. The shoes were later identified by R. L. Coe of Grants Pass as a pair he had a week before sold to a man answering the description of the dead stranger.

Lying near the camp was a club, which undoubtedly was the bludgeon with which the murderer used to slay his victim. This club is now in the sheriff's office. It is a heavy seasoned limb from a bull pine tree, and is about five feet long and 8 or 10 inches in circumference. It is blood-stained, but the heavy end had been put in the fire and most of the blood burned away. The murderer in other ways attempted to conceal the crime, but his work was crude; and no doubt also he was in a hurry to flee from the scene.

The victim wore overalls over a dark suit of clothes. He wore a black sateen shirt and blue necktie. The middle finger of the left hand had been amputated some years ago.

L. E. Thompson, signalman for the Southern Pacific at Leland, testified that the day before the body was found that he saw the victim in company with another man; that the other fellow was a man who would weigh over 200 pounds, about five feet, 10 inches in height; wore a red corduroy vest, dark trousers, turned up at the heels, dark coat, had sandy hair, smooth, round face and was about 35 years old, and was an American. This man the officers are now searching for, and have notified other officers up and down the Southern Pacific.

Supposition of the officers is that

MANY PRIZES FOR THE ROSE FESTIVAL.

Just one week will intervene before the date of the rose festival in Grants Pass and members of the Ladies Auxiliary are busy as bees making preparations for the event. Word comes from Medford and Ashland and other points along the Southern Pacific and from over the county that a large outside attendance will result.

Merchants of the city have been liberal in their offers of prizes and below will be found the list as just made up:

Section A.
Best 12 Caroline Testout, candelabra and candles, Geo. S. Sabin.
Best 24 Caroline Testout, cut glass vase, H. P. Tracey.
Best 50 Caroline Testout, choice of safe deposit box in new vault, First National Bank.

Section B.
Best six La France Pink, silver berry spoon, Cramer Brothers.
Best six Frau Karl Druski, ladies' silk parasol, R. L. Coe & Company.

Best six Papa Gontier, fancy basket, Clemens Drug store.
Best six General Jacqueminot, pair auto gloves, Peerless Clothing company.

Best Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, stand, M. E. Moore.
Best six Marechal Neil, gold nugget, Grants Pass Banking & Trust company.

Section C.
Best four red roses, any one variety named, 100 pounds best fertilizer, Gillett and Son.

Best four white roses, any variety named, pair driving gloves, Bishop Clothing company.

Best six pink roses, any variety named, \$2.50 gold piece, Josephine County bank.

Section D.
Best hybrid perpetual named, any color, to be filled, Gibson Grocery company.

Best hybrid tea named, any color, nickel plated coffee pot, Coronath Hardware company.

Best tea named, any color, dress hat, Mrs. Edith Rehkopf.

Section E.
Best individual rose in the show, exhibited in any class, book, "Roses and Rose Growing," by Rose Kingsley, Portland Seed company.

Best ten blooms, distinct varieties, book, C. H. Demaray.

Best five blooms, one variety in single vase, pair ladies, long kid gloves, Mashburn & company.

Best four new roses, any color, not exhibited before 1909, six Foster rose exhibition tubes, Portland Seed company.

Best collection, six varieties, any color, four blooms each, silk umbrella, Geo. S. Calhoun company.

Best display of roses from city school yards, dozen two-year-old roses, their choice, Portland Seed company.

Best arranged exhibit, a \$2.50 merchandise order for flowering bulbs, winner's selection from 1911 catalogue, Portland Seed company.

The blue and red ribbon prizes will be given the best decorated automobile of any make.

REPORT HAS TREASURE FOUND OFF HONDURAS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 8.—Ensenada is greatly excited over the reported success of the treasure ship Eureka, that has been seeking the \$15,000,000 buried treasure off the Honduras coast, according to passengers arriving on the steamer San Diego today. When the San Diego left Ensenada last night, residents of that town were standing in excited groups, discussing the report from Salina Cruz that the Eureka was bound north with the treasure. The report here was that the treasure boat would transfer the valuable cargo at Ensenada, putting it on another vessel.

The two men were camping together that the victim of the heavy man had some money and that he was murdered for this money. Indications seem to point to the fact that the victim had pulled off his shoes and was resting on his blanket near the fire, probably asleep; and that the murderer slipped up with the club and dealt a blow which stunned, then continued to beat the man's head and body to make sure of death.

PREPARE WELCOME FOR MINING MEN

MINING CONGRESS MEETS IN
GRANTS PASS JULY 18.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Fourth of July Celebration Gives
Way to the More Important
Meeting of Miners.

Lively preparations are under way by the Commercial club to prepare for the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining congress, which will be held in Grants Pass July 18. It is the intention of the club to make this meeting one of the most important yet held in Oregon.

The Commercial club has given up the intention of holding a Fourth of July celebration so that all efforts may be concentrated upon the success of the mining congress. The numerous rich gold strikes being made in this county are sufficient to attract a large gathering of prominent mining men who will be interested in learning of the richness of this district.

One of the most extensive and comprehensive mineral exhibits ever assembled in the Northwest will interest the delegates. Ore from every section of Josephine county will be on exhibition and a display of gold nuggets worth some thousands of dollars will also be a glistening show.

Committees.

The following committees have been appointed:

Committee on Entertainment—Frank M. South, W. T. Coburn, L. E. McDaniels.

Decoration—Geo. S. Calhoun, J. F. Klein, M. J. Anderson.

Advertising—H. L. Andrews, L. E.

GRANTS PASS HIGH SCHOOL WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN DEBATE

EUGENE, Ore., June 9.—Victors over the Pendleton high school debating team for the state high school championship, the Grants Pass high school debating team today prepared to depart for home.

Grants Pass defended the negative of the question "Resolved, That National Conservation of National Resources is Preferable to State Conservation."

The decision stood 2 to 1. By it Grants Pass gains permanent possession of the silver trophy cup of the board of regents of the University of Oregon.

The team in meeting Pendleton joined issues with old contestants, as for three years the final issue has been between these two. Grants Pass won from Pendleton two years ago, Pendleton defeated Grants Pass last year, and now Grants Pass defeats Pendleton, making two victories for Grants Pass, which lands the championship and the cup.

Pendleton had defeated all contestants in eastern Oregon, Grants Pass all contestants in western Oregon,

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR AUTO FIRE WAGON

Judge M. L. Opdycke yesterday posted notices for the special election called by the city council for June 29, to pass upon the question of purchasing an auto fire wagon and selling the old city hall and with the proceeds to erect another at Fourth and H streets.

Polling places, judges and clerks are as follows:

First ward—Guild hall; judges, J. B. Paddock, M. E. Sturtevant, John Poole; clerks, H. C. Bateham, George A. Slover.

Second ward—County court house; judges, John Randle, John Patrick, J. H. Nelson; clerks, Fritz Dean, John M. Booth.

Third ward—City hall; judges, L. A. Robertson, Peter Gravin, V. A. Groat; clerks, T. Y. Dean, John Cousins.

Fourth ward—Williams building, corner Fourth and G streets; judges, B. A. Williams, F. G. Burns, R. L. Byrd; clerks, William Alfred, E. A. Wade.

McDaniels, O. H. Griswold, C. H. Clements.

Reception—C. L. Mangum, E. V. Ingels, J. R. Harvey, Geo. E. Sanders, Geo. Howland, G. W. Donnell, A. H. Gunnell, Geo. Finch, Col. Frank Leland, E. T. McKinstrey, F. Tomek, J. T. Logan, O. S. Blanchard, Adolph Maier, Dr. J. C. Smith, J. M. Tetherow, J. L. Myers, T. K. Murray, M. J. Anderson.

Exhibits—H. L. Herzinger, J. C. Mattison, W. S. Bacon, Geo. E. Howland, W. M. Richards, F. Tomek.

Music—F. H. Applehoff, Jos. Wharton.

Program—C. G. Coutant, O. H. Griswold, H. L. Andrews.

Finance—Frank M. South, Geo. H. Durham, C. B. Fowler.

Accommodations—Geo. C. Sabin, Eugene Coburn, Chas. McKinnon.

Every mine and prospect in the district is expected to send an exhibit to the congress, ample exhibit room will be secured. Bank vaults will be engaged for the rich specimens and bullion.

hence the debate at Eugene Friday night was a final battle between eastern and western Oregon for the state championship.

Having membership in the league are about fifty high schools. By a series of contests during the school year these fifty contestants were reduced down to two, Pendleton having won championship in the eastern Oregon and Columbia river districts, and Grants Pass, who had won championships in southern Oregon, Willamette valley and Coos bay districts. Thus Pendleton and Grants Pass as represented by the two best teams in the state next for final debate at Eugene.

Especially significance is attached to the victory last Friday in view of the fact that the state, or regents' cup now becomes the property of Grants Pass high school, "to have and to hold."

The Pendleton team was doubtless the strongest team met by the local team in the series of debate this year.

The cup is on display in the window at Demaray's.

IRRIGATION NOW ASSURED FOR 1911

JOSEPHINE COMPANY SIGNS CONTRACT WITH GEO. SANDERS.

TEXT OF THE CONTRACT

Ditches to Be Paid for on or Before
Five Years from Date—Are
a First Mortgage.

As the result of an agreement on the irrigation question, water will soon flow in this region, which means more to Grants Pass and vicinity than a new railroad or any other big enterprise.

On Saturday the directors of the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company held a meeting to consider the proposition of Geo. E. Sanders, of the Chicago Rogue River company, published in both the Daily and Weekly Courier of Thursday and Friday. H. L. Gilkey, former director of the company and also president of the board, was invited to participate in the discussion which was to determine what should be done with the Sanders proposition and did able service in the cause. H. D. Norton was elected a member of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Gilkey.

After a full discussion it was decided to make a counter proposition along the lines marked out by the Sanders communication and also covering, in part, former offers made by the same gentleman. To accomplish this purpose a special committee, consisting of H. D. Norton, O. S. Blanchard and J. G. Riggs, was appointed to make a proposition and meet with Mr. Sanders and, if possible, close the deal. After the committee had placed the matter in writing, they called upon Mr. Sanders late in the afternoon and within a short time both parties put their signatures to the documents. There was much enthusiasm when the agreement was finally signed, it being the culmination of many communications, many discussions and much talk on both sides. Below will be found the proposition with the signatures attached.

Gentlemen: Subject to lawful ratification by our stockholders at a meeting to be called at the earliest possible date after your acceptance of this offer, we will sell to you all our corporate holdings for the sum of \$35,000.00, payable on or before five years from date, interest six per cent per annum from date, payable annually, and will take your notes payable in cash, or at the option of any holder, in water rentals to the extent of 50 per cent of the water rental of any such holder during any one irrigation season; you to put the present high line ditches on both sides of the river in condition to deliver water at the present terminal by July 1, 1911, and deliver water in sufficient quantities to purchasers.

You may also execute and float under this proposition additional notes or obligations to the amount of \$35,000.00, on condition that the same be used exclusively in extending the present ditches and building such additional ditches as may be necessary, you to deliver water by May 15, 1912, on the present grade of the lower line ditches to all persons desiring the same to points on each side of Rogue river five miles below the Grants Pass Sixth street bridge; you to have ten per cent leeway for the expense of floating your issue of bonds in all sums over \$25,000.00, but with that exception, the total amount of said issue to be actually expended in construction of the ditches, and not otherwise.

The whole of said issue of notes to be secured by first mortgage or deed of trust on all property transferred by this company, as well as the additional ditches constructed with the proceeds of said issue; none of the notes or obligations above the \$35,000.00 to be issued, except as required for construction purposes, and then only upon certification by the trustees, with power to foreclose on

REPAIRS ON DAM TO BE COMPLETED SATURDAY

Stockholders Will Make Excursion to
Dam Thursday Morning and Attend
Meeting in Afternoon.

The repair work on the dam will be completed by Saturday night and the pump will be ready to put water in the north side ditch and this will be cleaned out at once so as to furnish water from a short point below the dam down nearly as far as the county home so that all lands, coming under this stretch of canal, will get water this season.

Character of Repair Work.

The repair work on the dam has been done in the best possible manner, all of it being in concrete and of a character that will stay in place as long as the rocks in the eternal hills. This concrete work will be continued later in the season as far as the spill way and at no distant day will reach the south side of the river, thus completing a dam that will have no superior in the state of Oregon. The Chicago-Rogue River company are determined to protect their holdings from great flood and to complete the work as soon as possible.

Importance of Stockholders' Meeting.

Now, everything depends upon the meeting of the stockholders which is to be held at the rooms of the Commercial club at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of June 15, for the purpose of ratifying the action of the board of directors who have agreed to sell all rights and privileges owned by the Josephine County Irrigation company, also the ditches, tools and machinery to the Chicago-Rogue River company, subject to the endorsement of the stockholders. At this meeting, it is important that every stockholder be present so as to insure a two-thirds majority for the proposition, as less than this will defeat the action of the board of directors. Should this occur irrigation in this valley will be indefinitely postponed. Everybody can afford to turn out on this occasion and vote for irrigation.

Excursion to the Dam.

The Courier is deeply interested and has long been doing what it could to unite all parties in securing the water to irrigate the lands on both sides of the river and, the opportunity now having arrived to secure this, it urges that stockholders attend the meeting on the 15th. This paper has arranged for an excursion to the dam today morning and invitations are being sent out to all stockholders and their families to join the excursionists and go to the dam and see what has been done, so as to be able to vote intelligently when the hour of 2 o'clock comes. A special train of four passenger coaches will compose the excursion and it will leave Grants Pass at 10 o'clock, go to the dam, examine the work or repairs and conditions generally, after which a luncheon will be served and the return to Grants Pass, be made in time to attend the stockholders' meeting.

RICH ORE FOUND IN OLD GLORY MINE

C. L. Mangum and William Stock, of Grants Pass, have just returned from their Old Glory gold prospect on Silver creek in the northwestern part of this county, bringing out with them some of the most beautiful ore ever taken out of any mine in this state. It is a spectacular siliceous ore carrying auriferous sulphides—assaying from eight to ten per cent copper and more than one hundred dollars in gold. It is an ideal concentrating ore.

any default of any principal or interest, subject to thirty days of grace.

We will waive the first year's interest; mortgage or trustee deed to contain full provisions for default and foreclosure, your failure to perform any material condition above to be deemed a default.

The foregoing offer made by the undersigned committee in behalf of the corporation by authority of the Board of directors.

H. D. NORTON,
Chairman,
O. S. BLANCHARD,
J. G. RIGGS.

Accepted by the Chicago-Rogue River company, June 3rd, 1911.

GEO. E. SANDERS,
Agent.
Grants Pass, June 3.



ERLE BEST, HELEN LOVE, ALLAN HERRICK.