

# Lebanon Express--Extra.

LEBANON, OREGON, MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1893.

## Another Tragedy.

### JOHN M. J. LOVEALL THE VICTIM.

#### Robbery Supposed to be the Object of the Murderer.

Yesterday morning John M. J. Loveall was found dead in his cabin 3 1/2 miles south of this place, near the head of the Lebanon and Santiam Canal. He lived alone about a mile off of the road. He had evidently been murdered in cold blood, and had been lying there dead for four or five days. Whoever committed the crime was staying all night with the old man as he was in his night clothes and in bed when first struck. When alone he always bolted the door securely. It is generally believed that he was murdered for his money, but it is not known whether he had any about him at the time or not. His papers in his gunny sack which he always carried with him was undisturbed, and his trunk was apparently untouched. The person or persons who committed the crime must have known all about the place. After the crime had been committed the door was tied like the old man kept it when he was away from home. He drew all the money he had in the bank last August.

The deceased had a wife and one child, but separated when he came to Oregon in 1852. He has no relatives in this country except a brother who

lives in this city. He will be buried in the Masonic cemetery to-day.

The deceased was 71 years of age.

J. Thomas testified as follows:

I was at Loveall's cabin one week ago to to-day. Found door fastened on outside. Did not go in. Didn't visit the place again until this morning, with Mr. Carter. I and Mr. Carter were there this morning. I unfastened the door. We went in and saw Loveall lying on the floor back of the bed. We then went out and notified the neighbors.

J. Thomas being recalled, said object of opening the door was to see if deceased was in the house.

Mr. Carter testified as follows:

I was here with Mr. Thomas this morning. Went in the house. Saw Loveall as stated by previous witnesses.

Jas. H. Loveall testified as follows:

I am brother of deceased. When I arrived no one was there. I didn't open the door until others arrived. My brother is in the habit of concealing money in the house. The last I saw him have his money in the house, was last fall when he had a pound baking powder can full of \$20 gold pieces. Know of no enemies.

(The can was found, but no money was in it.)

Frank Vail testified as follows:

I last saw deceased in Lebanon, Feb. 16, 1893. I didn't go in this morning. The door was fastened when I arrived.

Joel Vail testified that he last saw deceased alive Feb. 25, about 12 o'clock; Deceased was at his home and in good health as usual—perhaps better than usual.

SODAVILLE, Or., Mar. 5, '93.

We, A. G. Prill, of Sodaville, and J. A. Lamberson, of Lebanon, being duly sworn, state we are practicing physicians and surgeons in this state. We have this day made a careful examination of the body of John M. J. Loveall, and find the cause of his death was produced by being struck on the head with a hammer, hatchet or some blunt instrument of like nature. We find a lacerated wound in the median line above the bridge of the nose, 1 inch by 1 inch in diameter, a second lacerated wound on the left cheek fracturing the molar bone, said wound 1 inch long by 1/2 inch wide; a third lacerated wound on the left temple, fracturing the left temporal bone, driving the spicula of same into the brain thereby causing death from internal hemorrhage and concussion of the brain.

DR. A. G. PRILL,

DR. J. A. LAMBERSON.

SODAVILLE, Or., March 2, 1893.

We, the undersigned jurymen, being empaneled and sworn by J. S. Ireland, Justice of the Peace of Sodaville Precinct Linn county, Oregon, to enquire into the death of John M. Loveall, and after weighing the evidence presented, do hereby find that his death was caused by blows inflicted upon the head with a hammer, hatchet or other blunt instrument in the hands of a person or persons unknown. We further find that a willful and deliberate murder has been committed.

H. SKINNER,  
W. W. WELTNER,  
FRANK N. VAIL,  
JOEL VAIL,  
L. E. DEAN,  
Geo. SKINNER.