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MURDER VERDICT OF THE JURY

Body of Jules Wallende Found In Silver Creek

DISAPPEARED LAST CHRISTMAS

Head Crushed In Several Places and Arm Broken—Money and Watch Taken

The mystery surrounding the sudden disappearance from the Silver Lake hotel on Friday night, December 27th, 1907, of Mr. Jules Wallende, aged about 28 years, has sufficiently unraveled itself as to warrant the conclusion that murder was committed in the little quiet town of Silver Lake on that night.

Last Friday, March 13, nearly three months after the man disappeared so mysteriously, his body was found in the creek a half mile west of the town of Silver Lake, just above the bridge that spans the creek. Twenty residents of that place had gone on that day in search of the man—with what hope of finding him at that late date we are not apprised. But the body was found. The head was crushed in, both on top and at the base of the brain, eight other bruises were visible, the right wrist was broken and the arm beaten into a jelly clear to the shoulder, as if the man had endeavored to ward off the blows of his assailant with his arm. A coroner's jury composed of the following was appointed: J. S. Martin, Justice of the Peace, of Silver Lake Precinct, Wm. Holder, Ralph Spencer, C. E. McKune, C. Hamilton, J. C. Boney, Bert Gowdy, to investigate the case. After exhaustive research the jury adjourned until Saturday, when the following verdict was rendered:

That Jules Wallende came to his death by blows on the head with a blunt instrument in the hands of a party or parties unknown to the jury.

The case has been the all absorbing topic of the people of Silver Lake since the finding of the dead man, and \$250 was at once raised to ferret out the crime. A mass meeting was held there Tuesday evening for the purpose of raising more reward money, and the county will be asked to add to the reward.

Jules Wallende came from Portland last year and settled on a homestead in the Christmas Lake Settlement. It seems that in December he was working for some one about Silver Lake, and was stopping at the hotel. On the 27th of December he was paid \$30 by his employer. On that night he changed his clothes, as was his custom, after finishing his day's work, and put on his fur overcoat and left the hotel about 9:30 o'clock. He also possessed a fine gold watch which with the money, was missing from his body when found. The fur overcoat was still on the body. It is believed that he left the hotel that evening under engagement to meet some person, and was waylaid and beaten to death with a gun or club, and the body carried to the creek, a half mile away and thrown in.

There are some facts in the case that would throw considerable light on the murder which are withheld from the public at this time. An investigation will be made by Sheriff Dent and District Attorney Moore, who have gone to the scene of the tragedy, and it is believed that some startling evidence will be unearthed. It is said that parties in Silver Lake received letters from Portland before the body was found indicating that Wallende had been murdered and the body thrown into the creek some half mile from the town. The robbery theory is not believed to be the only motive for the murder; there is said to be a woman or two mixed up in the affair.

Reservoir Site Released

The large body of land in Modoc county, around Alturas, withdrawn a few years ago on account of the Sacramento River Drainage and Irrigation project, has been released and will become subject to entry after June first, this year. This body of land comprises the valley in which Alturas is situated. The principal

portion of the land is in private ownership, and is the farming section of that part of Modoc county. This late order restoring it to entry would indicate that either the drainage project has fallen through, or some other reservoir site has been selected. The people of that section are of the impression that Big Valley has been decided upon by the department as the site for the reservoir.

Farewell, Oh, Farewell!

Do not, my friends, imagine that the above words indicate that we contemplate "absenting" ourselves suddenly from you; they mean not that; they have a much graver and deeper import. They pertain to a subject that is very dear and sacred to our acting hearts. Its a subject that stirs our every impulse and fond recollections of many, many years ago; recollections that have long been buried in the green sepulchers of our memories now to be exhumed and revived before our dusty remembrances; recollections that bring back the scenes of our childhood and the years when the pioneers and redmen ruled supreme. Days when factional strife were yet untried; days when we could lie down at eventide with a drowsy but honest conscience and arise with the spotless hope of morn, but alas for the uncertainty of time, such are the destinies of man; such is the cruel irony of fate, we are doomed to separate sooner or later and so it comes to pass, or rather is, by some DESIRED to come to pass that we must separate from our mammoth structure known as the Court House, which bath withstood the storms and wintry blasts and the ever changeable elements for so many generations. Where many a wayfaring sinner has swallowed the bitter pill of retribution and passed from its gruesome portals a wiser and sadder man. We mourn to give thee up! We have been friends and neighbors all our lives, our friendship cemented as one, and now, when old age is fast stealing upon us; just as we stand tottering on the brink of the grave, oh, how cruelly shameful that thou must be torn from our fond embrace and hied to a foreign land and one of strangers. It is to weep.

We have suffered many a cruel word in our long and checkered career, but THIS is the unkindest cut of all. Methinks I can hear the dolorous screeching rollers wearily plodding thy homeward way up Dead Man's Canyon, already be goah. Sad thoughts. We can barely restrain from crying out, "rock me to sleep mother, rock me to sleep!"

But if the worst is to come, then let us be brave martyrs and die with our faces to the enemy, consoling ourselves in the soothing consolation that we have consumed the cream, that we have extracted the sweet and the bitter, that we have inhaled the pleasing fragrance and all that now remains of thee is a faint and fleeting memory. If any one wants thy demise, why let 'em have it though it prostrate us to part. Yes, bring on your spavined ponies, gentlemen, and haul the patriarchal structure from our midst and while she is wending her weary way up the narrow and rocky defile, let's bow our heads and weep. We wish thee God speed and a safe and triumphant journey and may thy newly found people rejoice in thee and pay reverence to thy hoary locks.

As you pass over yonder hill tops and we take our final view, let us also pay our last respects by repeating, the following appropriate stanzas: Our souls are full of sadness Our hearts are full of woe, Our eyes are full of weeping To think that you must go. How can we ever stand it! We'll wander to and fro, We'll seek the burning deserts Because you have to go. The birds doth warble sadly Because they feel the woe, Methinks I hear them twitter "Why DO you have to go." Dame nature too, is mourning Her tears doth melt the snow, We hear her softly moaning Because you have to go. O! memories sad and joyful That we cherished long ago We never shall forget them Although you're forced to go. Farewell, thou dear beloved, It breaks our hearts you know, But we must grin and bear it, To have thee leave us so.

G. W. Welch.

W. W. Finley was here from Bly this week.

ORGANIZE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Meeting Called for Next Monday Evening. To Erect New Building on Library Lot

The movement started a few weeks ago to organize a Commercial Club for Lakeview is taking shape. A call is made for all who signed the membership paper to meet at the Opera House Monday evening, March 23, for the purpose of perfecting the organization. Each member will subscribe \$25, and it is the intention to arrange with the Library Association to erect a two-story building on the Association's lot the Library to occupy the ground floor and the Club the upper floor.

Others Have Done Worse

One of the North end papers declares they have not a population sufficient to maintain a County government. On the first assessment roll of Lake county, there were three hundred sixty five names. The total valuation of property was \$496,334. There might be a county erected consisting of the three Northern precincts of Lake, with the extreme North end of Klamath a few miles of Southern Crook, and Harney territory including Ezli in which would be found a number of persons liable to taxation anyway equal to the number on Lake County's first assessment roll, and with more property than was found on Lake County's first roll.

There were 232 votes cast in the territory of Klamath County 4 months before it was created. A new county North of Lake may be organized with more voters than Klamath had.

The people of the North end of Lake County say they have not the population to support a new county. Yet the only argument they can advance in favor of removal of the County seat is that the vast stretches of desert north of Silver Lake are rapidly filling up with homesteaders, and soon shall be teeming with prosperous farmers. If this is true, and we believe it is, the fact operates as strongly in favor of the establishment of a new county now, as it does in favor of the removal of the County Seat in anticipation of its occurrence. If the settlement of the desert is soon to be complete, as argued, there will be a population greater than Lake County now has. Why not promote and hasten this development by doing the very best thing that can be done to encourage it, the establishment of a new County, and leave the people of Southern Lake County in peace?

One motive only can justify any citizen in voting to remove the county seat from Lakeview to Paisley. He must believe that the best interests of the majority demands such removal. Of course it will be to the advantage of some, and if the removal is not to injure you, your liberal spirit towards these few may prompt you to forget the harm it is certain to do many others. If it is to render the transaction of such business as can be transacted at the county seat only, more costly and difficult, and the discharge of public duties less convenient and easy to a majority, it is not for the public good, and ought not to be done. There are about 4 times as much population south of Paisley in Lake county as is in Paisley and north of it. Here is the standpoint from which you should decide your duty in acting on this question.

Many young men, without capital, have been enabled through the generous confidence of Lakeview business men, to start in life for themselves, and are now prosperous and independent. They cannot forget their benefactors, and will never vote to injure those who assisted them in time of need, and made a successful business life for them possible. To remove the county seat from Lakeview will injure every man in the town engaged in business. Remember that Lakeview has offered to do the fair thing by the North end people, while they insist on inflicting the deepest possible wound to those who have been your friends. Stand by Lakeview.

The Public Library is now domiciled in its own building, and a neater place cannot be found in the city to spend a few leisure moments reading. All the important newspapers and magazines are supplied, and for neatness and comfort, one could not wish for more, and all made possible through the energy of the ladies connected with the Association. The President, Mrs. W. H. Shirk, contributed a neat carpet for the rooms.

New Ruling of Secretary

A new ruling was approved by Secretary of the Interior Jas. R. Garfield, on Feb. 21, as follows:

In cases of applications to locate scrips, warrants, certificates, soldier's additional homestead rights, or to make lieu selections of public lands of the United States, the following requirements will govern on and after April 1, 1908:

1. The location or selection must be accompanied, in addition to the evidence required by existing rules and regulations, by affidavit of the locator, selector, or some credible person possessed of the requisite personal knowledge of the premises, showing that the land located or selected is not in any manner occupied adversely to the locator or selector.

2. You will require the locator or selector, within twenty days from the filing of his location or selection, to begin publication of notice thereof, at his own expense, in a newspaper to be designated by the Register as of general circulation in the vicinity of the land, and to be the nearest thereto. Such publication must cover a period of thirty days, during which time a similar notice of the location or selection must be posted in the local land office and upon the lands included in the location or selection, and upon each and every noncontiguous tract thereof.

3. The notice must describe the land located or selected, give the date of location or selection, and state the purpose thereof is to allow all persons claiming the land adversely, or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file objection to such location or selection with the local officers for the land district in which the land is situate, and to establish their interest therein, or the mineral character thereof.

Why Do You Cry?

A Northern Lake county paper says that "in justice to the many who will settle here the county seat should be moved to the center of the county."

This reminds us of a story. A bashful young man once sat with his sweetheart before the fire, by an old-fashioned chimney fireplace, with a coffee boiler sitting on some live coals. The hour was 11 o'clock, and nothing had been said by the bashful swain. Suddenly the girl began to cry. "Why, darling, why do you cry?" "I was thinking," said she, "suppose we were married, had a little boy sitting on the hearth, and that coffee boiler should turn over and scald the poor, little thing to death." That wedding never came off.

District Attorney Moore returned from Klamath Falls and Ashland last week where he has been for several weeks past attending a special term of circuit court for Klamath county, and visiting his family at Ashland. Mr. Moore says his family is well. In going from Klamath Falls to Ashland he went over the new route via Weed. He says work is progressing very nicely on the railroad extension from Weed toward Klamath Falls, and that the road will tap a very rich country.

School Boards Act

The recent terrible conflagration in a Cleveland school, in which 174 children were burned to death in a heap, has quickened the pulse of every school board in the country, and steps have been taken in most cases to guard against a repetition of such a horror. The Lakeview school board has ordered double hinges for all the doors in the school building, so that the doors may be opened either way. It is believed that the school house could be cleared, in case of fire, in 40

seconds. The hallways are wide, and there are no obstructions in the rooms square, and large, double exits. In Portland the schools practice a fire drill every two weeks. This is done in order to keep the pupils in readiness for an emergency, and to practice clearing the rooms in the shortest possible time. These drills are almost sure to prevent a panic in case of fire, as the drills are had upon absolutely no notice. No one knows when the signal is to be given, and all are taken by as much of a surprise as if a real fire existed. So accustomed do the pupils become to this sort of thing, that the instant the signal is given each pupil jumps to his or her place, and the march, four abreast, is formed instantly and the building is cleared in from 30 to 50 seconds.

School Report

8th 9th & 10th grades: John Blough, teacher.

Whole number enrolled 87
Whole no. of days attendance 869
" " " absence 20

Times tardy 6
Pupils neither absent nor tardy 24
Per cent. of attendance 97
6th and 7th grades: Miss Conn, teacher.

Whole no. enrolled 56
" " of days attendance 833
" " " absence 41

Pupils neither absent nor tardy 19
Times tardy 3
Per cent. of attendance 95
5th and 6th grades: Miss Snelling, teacher.

Whole no. enrolled 51
" " of days attendance 869
" " " absence 41

Times tardy 2
Pupils neither absent nor tardy 97
Per cent. of attendance 97
3rd & 4th grades: Mrs. Cloud, teacher.

Whole no. enrolled 46
" " of days attendance 794
" " " absence 48

Times tardy 2
Pupils neither absent nor tardy 16
Per cent. of attendance 94.3
Primary department: Miss Hall, teacher.

Whole no. enrolled 64
" " of days attendance 1193
" " " absence 23

Times tardy 3
Pupils neither absent nor tardy 41
Per cent. of attendance 98.1
Summary of report for month ending Mar 14, 1908.

Whole no. enrolled 266
" " of days attendance 4730
" " " absence 192

" " " times tardy 19
No. neither absent nor tardy 126
Per cent. of attendance 96.1

The High School boys are contemplating giving a basket social in the near future, the proceeds to be used in purchasing athletic goods.

Spring has come and the flowers are beginning to burst forth making every creature bright and happy. The boys hear the call of the wilds which seems to lure them to the brook side; but school days are not always with us and the trout are.

The Ninth Grade are progressing rapidly in their work. Algebra is the most difficult, for many did not realize the necessity of first thoroughly learning the principles. Their Physical Geography is excellent for the grade. The good work they are doing in Literature will lighten the work of the tenth grade.

The School Board has ordered forty new seats and other necessities for a new High School room. Indeed, a newly furnished room is a much needed accessory to our school.

Every scholar should bear in mind that truancy spells failure in Final Examination. Every half day missed is something lost and those who play truant are always behind in their class. So we find it much better to attend school regularly. Do not blame the teacher if you fail but blame yourself.

Thomas McCulley, who has been taking the eighth grade course and doing excellent work, was obliged to quit to take charge of his ranch. Tom, we are sorry to see you leave, but we wish you success in your new field.

Millie Reynolds, of the 9th grade has been ill several days with Pneumonia. Fred and Nell Stanley have dropped High School studies to herd goats.

Several absences are reported in Miss Conn's room on account of sickness.

J. B. McNew, the Pine Creek Liveryman, was up town Monday.

FINDS GRAFT IN NEW YORK

People of New York Believe In Dishonesty

SO S. V. REHART INFORMS US

Minister of the Gospel Says Graft Permeates the Political and Business World

Lakeview Examiner:—While it is not pleasant to write upon pessimistic topics, it falls to the lot of someone to do so, in the interest of the public generally.

Therefore I shall write concerning, what seems to me, to be the crying evil of the age.

While in Chicago, a drummer made the statement in my presence, that a person to succeed in business must be dishonest. And you hear just such statements upon all sides in the larger cities.

I asked him whether he meant to slander mankind, or whether he cast such a gross slander upon our Creator. I also asked him, whether, when selling goods to a customer, upon misrepresentation, what kind of a reception he received from his customers, upon his return trip, and what would he expect to make upon his or third trip? After a little reflection he answered, that he guessed he had made his statement a little too strong.

In this City I asked a very prominent practical, and progressive minister of the Gospel, of wide experience, to what extent graft and dishonesty was prevalent in the City. He answered that "The evil permeated the entire political and business world; that was truly discouraging."

Upon being asked again, if the graft was general throughout the City, or if everyone was affected by the evil influence. He answered that "A person would have to be incurably honest not to be affected by it." It is not only discouraging to me, but annoying, to learn of the extent graft and dishonesty is permeating the political and business world today; eating at the vitals of the people; at the very vitals of the nation as a whole, and a blotch upon our civilization that is a shame and disgrace to mankind. The question arises, what is wrong with the people, to bring about the foregoing results? Are men and women naturally depraved, dishonest, and corrupt, beyond hope of improvement, or does the evil spring from other sources, which are within our reach if the proper method be pursued to overcome the same? While I do not believe that evil can be entirely eradicated from the world, I do believe we could get along with much less than does exist today throughout the world, and next week, by the courtesy of The Examiner, I will give my views upon this important subject, upon entirely new lines, as to how to cure the evils of mankind.

S. V. REHART.

Out of the suit against Chas. Barber last week to recover money, and the subsequent attachment of a team of horses by Sheriff Dent to satisfy judgment, came the appointment of D. P. Malloy, Tuesday, as elisor to arrest the sheriff and regain possession of the horses, which are alleged by Barber to be exempt from attachment.

A. S. Ward, of Fort Bidwell, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mrs. Geo. Freeman, who died recently at that place. Mrs. A. S. Ward was appointed administratrix of the estate of Geo. Freeman, who was her uncle. Mrs. Freeman was left about \$15,000 by her husband, and this amount is now, since the death of Mrs. Freeman, to be divided among the heirs.

One of the leading spirits in the county seat removal scheme remarked the other day, when asked if Paisley precinct would vote dry at the coming election, said, "If we are to get the county seat we do not want it to go dry, but if we do not get it, then we want it dry." This voter needs light on the subject before he can cast his vote intelligently at the coming election.