

## ACCUSED OF MURDER Allie Hamilton Wanted for Killing Wallende WAS HERE LAST SUNDAY He Slipped Away Quickly When He Heard He was Being Sought

Sheriff Obenchain received a telegram Friday from the sheriff of Lake County giving a full description of the murderer of Julius Wallende, whose body was found in a creek near Silver Lake on Friday March 13. Another message received this morning stated that the man had fled from Silver Lake and was being followed through the mountains by the sheriff. He is supposed to be coming by way of Klamath Marsh and headed for Klamath Falls, where it is believed he has a hogan. He was here last fall for a while and has been working in a saw mill at Silver Lake all winter, but as soon as the body was found and investigations made he skipped out. The telegram reads:

"Look out for the murderer of Julius Wallende who left here the 19th. Height five feet nine inches, medium complexion, very wide drawn mouth, bull dog face, slight Roman nose, very reserved, makes no friends. Smooth shaven with rather broad shoulders, round face and head, blue eyes, face badly tanned. Wearing sweater with large white buttons. Goes by the name of Alex. Hamilton. Riding stolen horse, color bay, with crooked front foot and branded capital D. on left stifle. Carried roll of blankets on back of saddle. \$425 reward. Have warrant."

The following account is given by the Lakeview Examiner.

Last Friday, March 13, nearly three months after the man disappeared so mysteriously, his body was found in the creek a half a 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 clod to the shoulder, as if the man had endeavored to ward off the blows of his assailant with his arm.

John Wallende, aged about 28 years, 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 \$90 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 a 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 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.

While the officers of the law and many of the citizens were out scouring the hills Sunday in search of the murderer of Julius Wallende, it is believed that that much desired person was taking a much needed rest in one of the lodging houses in this city.

A man came to the Houston House about 6 o'clock Sunday morning and registered as Geo. Mesner and was given a room by one of the Houston boys. He went to bed and did not get up until 1 o'clock. Between one and two he entered the American House and asked to be billed out on the Lakeview stage which left this morning. He registered for a room under the name of Geo. Mesner, of Silver Lake. On August 7 of last year Mesner and Ollie Hamilton stopped at the American House and remained for several days. Mr. Seehorn, one of the proprietors of the hotel, recognized this man as one party. Seeing him register as Mesner, he supposed it was him and spoke about Hamilton. The man said, "Yes, I came here with Hamilton last fall and slept with him. I see by the papers that he is in trouble. I read that he was at Naylox last night about 12 o'clock. If he was he ought to get in here about five or six."

He and Seehorn talked further on the subject and then he said that he had some baggage and would get it to have it weighed so he could pay his fare on the stage. He then went down the street toward the Court House. Seehorn followed him shortly afterward with the intention of telling Sheriff Obenchain, so that he might get a better description of Hamilton from the man he supposed was Mesner. He did not find the officer at that time, and it was six o'clock before an investigation was made.

On going to the room in Houston House, which Mesner occupied, a bundle of blankets was found with some clothes wrapped up in them, including a grey sweater with large white buttons, which tallied with the description of the one worn by Hamilton. No trace of the man was found after he left the American House and it is believed that he must have left the city on foot. Everyone was notified along the road but he has not been captured yet and he has had time to reach the railroad before now. Both Sheriff Obenchain and Mr. Seehorn express themselves as certain that he is the man who is wanted. Mr. Seehorn says that in talking to him about Hamilton, he was perfectly calm and did not seem to be in any hurry and when he left him walked leisurely down the street through the crowds, which had congregated to discuss the subject.

Deputy Sheriff Schmallock and a party of men spent Saturday night watching the bridge which crosses the canal East

of the city. This is the only entrance to the city from this direction. At about five in the morning they rode up the Fort road for several miles. They believe he must have seen them coming and hid in the woods and after they passed left his horse and came into town, arriving here about six o'clock. Another party went out to search the hills and about 10 o'clock Allen Sloan found the horse on the hill near where the Fort and Swan Lake roads meet. The horse when brought to town was positively identified by W. B. Barnes as one he had seen in Silver Lake. The horse had been turned loose but was so tired it did not wander far. No trace of the saddle was found although search was made all the afternoon. It was supposed that the man was in hiding in the woods and no thought was given to the possibility of his having entered the city undiscovered.

Those who saw Hamilton while here Sunday say he is an unassuming person and looks far from being a murderer. In fact his appearance is very good, he being a man close to thirty years of age and having an intelligent face. The authorities here know absolutely nothing of his past history and the description of the man as furnished by the Lake county authorities is very incomplete.

The ease and boldness with which Hamilton has eluded the officers would indicate that he is experienced in crime, or else he is possessed of the natural instinct of a criminal in avoiding justice. Since he made his daring visit to this city and slept in a comfortable bed while the officers scoured the hills in search of a man armed to the teeth, many stories have been circulated as to where he was last seen, but no one has been able to identify him. Monday the incoming stage from Poguekama passed a man on foot near Chase's, evidently some economical fellow walking out of the country, and at once the officers were notified that Hamilton was headed for Poguekama. Sheriff Obenchain and Special Deputy Sam Walker were at Poguekama Tuesday, but they saw nothing of a man answering the description of Hamilton, who by this time may be hundreds of miles from here. Officers along the railroad are on the lookout for the man and it is possible that his capture may yet be effected.

### STORM DOES DAMAGE

#### Wind Was Severe in Most Sections of the County

One of the strongest winds that has visited this section for some months raged Tuesday and as a consequence the two-story house built by O. A. Hilliard on Keno point and only partially completed is a mass of ruins. The building was nearly completed but was not strong enough to withstand the strong gale and collapsed about 2:30 o'clock. This structure is the only one that has suffered from the wind and had it been further along it would have withstood the storm. The building was in an exposed spot where it received the full force of the wind.

The telephone line between this city and Poguekama is down in places and as a result all communication is shut off. So far there has been no damage to any of the other lines and as the wind seems to be abating it is not likely that more of the telephone lines will be put out of commission.

In this city practically no damage has been done. A window in the A. O. U. W. hall was shattered by the storm and a few awnings and other readily damaged articles were injured by the wind.

The storm is more disagreeable than dangerous and is one of the few strong winds that visit the Klamath section during the early spring.

A mass of timbers drifting across lake Ewauna Tuesday caused considerable excitement because of its close resemblance to an overturned boat with the occupants clinging to the same. Several field glasses were turned on the wreckage and one launch braved the high waves that were rolling on account of the strong wind, and visited the drifting mass.

While the storm was raging Tuesday a large pine tree standing near the Swan Lake school house was blown down and fell across the front of the building. Miss Bussey, the teacher, it seems, had anticipated an accident of this nature and had the scholars remain in the rear of the room while she went outside to see if there was any danger.

She had no more than left the room when the tree came crashing across the building. The roof gave way and the front of the building was shattered. The pupils were in the rear of the building and aside from being frightened no damage was done.

### LANGELL VALLEY

Mr. Alex Anderson and wife, who are employed in Horsefly valley, spent Sunday with friends at Lorella.

Mrs. N. S. Drew, of Yonna valley, spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Campbell of this place.

Farming is well under way in this valley and a much larger acreage will be sown this spring than ever before.

Stock of all kinds have wintered well in this vicinity and are now being turned on the range. There has been no loss to speak of.

F. D. Swingle and son recently purchased a very promising young jack. Together with the two they already owned and with two good horses to head their herd of horses and mules, goes to show that Messrs. Swingle and son are up-to-date western stockmen, and demonstrates that the horse and mule industry is yet in its infancy in this country.

Mr. S. L. Bennett, one of the leading fruit growers and business men of Rogue River valley, who has been visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. F. Swingle, departed last Friday for his home in Medford. Mr. Bennett is very much interested in Klamath County and foresees a great future for this country.

Mr. Orr made a business trip to Klamath Falls Saturday. He is one of the leading business men of this valley and has always been a staunch republican and since Mr. Cowley's name has been withdrawn for the office of County Assessor, Mr. Orr's friends have been urging him to come out for this office. It seems that the country people are not satisfied with Klamath Falls putting out men for every county office, and especially for assessor, which the country people have always had, and should this inducement be strong enough to force Mr. Orr into the field, he will make a good showing before the people and poll a heavy vote.

E. W. Gowan was in the valley last week shaking hands with all his friends. We always figure on meeting Mr. Gowan just before election with a shake of his glad hand.

One of our business men who recently returned from the Falls, stated that the Mayor was the most busily engaged man that he had met. Mr. Bishop has had the lid on Klamath Falls for some time, but we understand that there is a crack here and there in it.

### CITY BRIEFS

F. W. Symes is a recent arrival in the city from Goldfield, Nev.

A. P. Lipp, of Marysville, Calif., is registered at the Lakeside Inn.

W. Bayley, an old time resident, is in the city from Lakeview.

Wm. Beldige and son, of Fruitvale, and C. V. King, of Concord, Cal., are recent arrivals in the city.

Word received from Mrs. L. Jacobs from Michigan, states that her mother is improving, and that Mrs. Jacobs will leave in a few days for home.

Dr. R. E. Hamilton and wife arrived in the city last week from Medford. The Doctor expects to locate here in the practice of his profession.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Shattuck left this morning for Portland, where they go to visit relatives. Mrs. Shattuck will remain for the summer.

B. C. Spink, Indian Trader at Klamath Agency, came down last Thursday with Mr. Swartzlander on a short business trip. Mr. Spink conducts the store at the Agency and his wife has a store at Yainax. Mrs. Spink is the second woman Indian Trader in the service.

Dr. J. B. Hall is visiting in the city from Langell Valley. Dr. Hall is about 80 years of age, and has been a resident of Klamath county for over 30 years, although he spends some of the time with relatives in California. He is as erect and active as a boy, and the years seem to have been kind to him. Although he does not practice his profession now, the old residents of the city have great faith in his skill.

Otto Heidrich and Sam Walker returned Sunday from their trip to Rawhide, Nevada. They say that Klamath Falls is good enough for them for awhile.

J. S. Mills, of Stayton, Oregon, is in the city. Mr. Mills has sold his property near Stayton and has come here to locate. He was here about five years ago, and with a party of others located on timber claims near Swan Lake. He liked the country so well that he decided to sell at the first opportunity and come here to live.

Word was received from San Francisco that Andy Hese, who was a resident of Klamath Falls for some time, was dead. No particulars were given. The communication was sent to Alex. Martin and was from the Public Administrator asking if Hese had any estate here. Mr. Hese was in the wood business and later did building contract work.

E. L. Swartzlander, of the Klamath Indian Agency, in the city Thursday, states that the report of the enormous death of the Indians during the past year is incorrect. He says that since July of last year there has been 33 deaths out of a total of 1050. The death rate has exceeded the birth rate some, but that the Indian population on the reservation is not decreasing as fast as reported by Alex. Davis.

Since February 10, when the tax roll was turned over to the sheriff, there has been paid into the county treasurer for taxes nearly \$100,000. The total taxes are \$148,000, and this leaves only about 30 per cent to be collected before April, when they become delinquent. The city taxes this year amount to nearly \$6000.

Col. W. Holabird arrived in the city Thursday for a short visit. The colonel, as are all other residents of Los Angeles, believes that that section is the one spot in the world worth living in all the year around. He says, however, that his idea of an ideal life would be to be able to spend from June to December in Klamath County and the winter in Los Angeles. If a man did this he would never be satisfied to live anywhere else. Mr. Holabird states that he will have a water works put in at the Pelican Bay Lodge. A pump will probably be used and the water taken from the springs, and stored in the reservoir tanks.

## RAILROAD TERMINAL

### Klamath Fall Should Have Fine Building

#### A STRUCTURE OF STONE

##### Would be Typical of the Greatness of this City and County

The time is not far distant when the Southern Pacific railroad company will begin preparing plans for the erection in this city of terminal facilities for the California Northeastern, if they have not already commenced. This is a question that ought to occupy the minds of the business men of this city, for as everyone knows, a handsome depot is one of the best advertisements a city can have. There is not a person in the city that has not at some time or other been impressed with the fine appearance of a depot and the grounds surrounding it and mentally remarked that the town supporting such an institution must be a good one. The same is true when you step from a train. If the depot is a good one you enter the city with a feeling that it is up-to-date; if it is a mere wooden affair of a shack, you are filled with a feeling of contempt.

What the people of this city want to do is to make a good impression on the traveler and homeseker, and the place to begin is at the depot. Inasmuch as the people of this city and county have been relieved of the payment of the \$100,000 bonus, it would not be amiss to take up with Chief Engineer Hood the matter of a fine depot for this city, and as an inducement to the railroad company to give us something special along this line make an offer of building material or something else equally substantial. This is a matter in which everyone is directly interested. The railroad company can do as much business in a frame and inexpensive building as it can in a substantial stone structure. If the frame building goes up it will remain for years; if a stone structure goes up the grounds surrounding it will take on the same attractive appearance. It is vital that Klamath Falls have a fine depot, and the Republican suggests that the Chamber of Commerce take hold of this matter and do everything within its power to land for this city a depot that will be an ornament and one that will say to the traveler and visitor: "Here is a depot typical of the city wherein it stands. It shows the enterprise that is making this city the gateway to the greatest section on the Pacific Coast."

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### Will Fleet April 6th

The County Court will meet again on April 6th, when one of the most important matters to be considered will be the bridge across Lost River at the upper gap.

### Through Rate Via Bray

John S. Ross, the traveling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who was in the city Tuesday, visited Klamath for the purpose of investigating the route to this city and to determine upon the establishment of through passenger and freight rates via the Bray route.

### A GOOD BUY

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### City Election Next

The approach of the city election is causing a quiet and practically unobserved movement among those interested in the election of a mayor and councilmen. There is no strong issue, except that all property owners and business men realize that an economical and conservative man is needed in the mayors chair. Despite the fact that the time for nomination is near at hand not a single candidate has declared himself for the office. Several enterprising and thoroughly competent men are being urged by their friends to accept a nomination, but all seem reticent about becoming avowed candidates. Frank Ward is being strongly urged to allow his name to appear as an aspirant for the highest office the city can bestow, but so far he has withheld his consent. C. W. White, G. Heitkemper, Jr., Henry Boivin, John Stills, Geo. R. Hurn and Judge Geo. T. Baldwin are all being mentioned in connection with the office, but none is a self arrived candidate. Their friends are doing the talking and boosting.

### Not Insane-Too Much Liquor

Frank Schonewalde, was arrested Thursday on suspicion of insanity. Schonewalde is a butcher and it is stated that he has considerable money and came in for the purpose of buying one of the shops in this city. He had \$200 two days ago but there is nothing left of it, he seems to have thrown it away. He offered a man a ten dollar bill to go get him a bottle of whiskey and told him to keep the change.

### Get Busy

There will be a CANDIDATES BALL at Keno on the evening of April 14. Everyone is cordially invited to attend Tickets, including supper, \$2. 3-19-9

### The Klamath Oil Co.

Owing to numerous inquiries, for information, and a place to purchase stock, have made arrangements to provide such a place at Heitkemper's jewelry store. Stock can be bought and any information regarding the company can be obtained by calling on Mr. Heitkemper at any time.

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