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BODY OF M'LEOD IS FOUND NEAR CABIN

The mystery concerning the death of "Scotty" McLeod has been cleared up. Frank Williams killed him according to his own confession made Friday afternoon.

Buried sixty feet from his house about three feet under ground McLeod's body with the lower right part of the face mashed in and a bullet hole passing through the brain was found Friday morning about 11 o'clock by Homer Depuy while with a number of other farmers he was searching the premises.

The burying place was in a small gully which ran within sixty feet of the house. The place had been neatly covered over with dirt, stones and even grain and weeds which are growing along the gully had been replaced to hide the spot.

This practically establishes the guilt of Williams, who had told the Sheriff Friday morning a few hours before the body was found that he had killed McLeod or at least had hit him with an ax. A plan was being made at the time the body was found to take Williams to the place in the belief that he knew where the dead man was and that his actions would tell when he was on the ground.

The corpse showed upon examination by Dr. Cathey and Coroner Whitlock that the lower jaw and the entire lower part of the face had been crushed in as though with an ax. At the same time it was found that a 22 long bullet had entered the skull on the right side and gone through the brain, coming out on the left side two inches above the ear but did not break the skin. The bullet was found just under the skin.

There were no clothes on the body except an undershirt and an overshirt though Williams said that the man had his shoes on. The theory of the officers is that Williams shot McLeod while in bed and then mashed in his head to make sure of the job.

Williams' story told to the officials Friday morning stated he and McLeod had become entangled in an argument and that in defense of his own person, as McLeod had a shot gun in his hands, Williams hit 'Scotty on the head with the ax.

Williams said that McLeod was sitting on the bed and that he fell forward onto the floor and staggered outside. He then said he heard a shot outside. The next morning he found McLeod's shotgun out by the gate, three or four hundred feet from the house and he thought that McLeod had shot himself and then wandered off. He declared he did not know whether he was dead or not.

It is probable that at the time Dodd and Worden stopped at the ranch about 9 o'clock Sunday night for potatoes, the body of McLeod laid just outside the house.

The work done in hiding the corpse showed careful work and must have taken Williams the remainder of the night after the visitors left to erase the traces of the crime. The corpse was lying on its back in the hole the legs crossed and the arms straightened out along the sides.

Sheriff Low has in his possession now a number of personal papers that were found scattered in a number of different hiding places about the McLeod cabin. These show that McLeod has one living relative in Scotland.

Up until Friday, though a most vigorous search had been made by Sheriff Low and his deputies for three days, nothing had been found which would have given any conclusive clue as to McLeod's relatives and their residence. These were found today hidden in various places about the cabin with the evident intent to hide information about the man and his antecedents.

The entire affair, as committed and covered up without a doubt shows that the crime had been planned and worked out for some time before the deed was done. While some evidence of blood had been found about the cabin and a little on a small hatchet brought in by Sheriff Low Wednesday, nothing outside the cabin, with the exception of the spots on the row of sunflowers

near the door, gave an indication of what had happened after the struggle in the house.

The only indication about the spot where the body lay to show that the dirt had been moved was where small shovelfuls of dirt had been barely skimmed off the top of the ground to help fill up the hole. The neatness of the job and covering up by the slayer of practically all tracks was remarkable especially since most of the work must have been done after nightfall.

It was evidently Williams' intention to settle down on the homestead as last Friday he brought his wife and children out to the place with the expectation of keeping them there. Practically all of McLeod's belongings with the exception of a few unimportant personal and business letters which were found in a box on the wall, had been removed to the barn and packed in boxes.

Abel Ady who had been aiding McLeod in obtaining possession of this property from the government had sent word to Williams to come and see him as soon as he heard that McLeod had sold out. As this land is expected to be released by the government in the future he intended to help Williams if he had purchased the property from McLeod.

Ady said Friday that Williams seemed very nervous and pretended that he wanted to get back to the buggy as he had left his wife there with the team.

He told Ady he had paid McLeod \$200 and was to pay him \$300 more for the place and that McLeod had gone to Portland. He would say team. Mr. Ady said that all the very little about the homestead or about the deal and was continually trying to get away and back to his time Williams was there he did not get a chance to see even the color of his eyes.

Sheriff Low's being congratulated on the work of his office and for the interest that he himself and deputies

have displayed in looking into the affair when at first there seemed to be nothing but Williams' actions to attract attention. For three days and nights Sheriff Low, Deputy Lloyd Low and R. A. Emmitt have worked both in sweating Williams and in visiting the place.

In some effort to clear up the mystery of McLeod's disappearance. The details of Frank Williams' confession made Thursday to officials of the Sheriff's and District Attorney's offices have become known. Williams made a statement that McLeod and E. M. Heppie, who was brought in Thursday by the Sheriff became involved in an argument which resulted in Heppie's shooting McLeod and disposing of the body.

The officials would not discuss the case at all but their actions toward Heppie indicated that they did not suspect Heppie of having any hand in the affair. Heppie made the statement before being brought to this city last night as well as later that he was in the Lava Beds Sunday, August 23 with a party of fourteen people. The officials did not give Williams' story sufficient credit to place Heppie in confinement but allowed him his freedom.

It was learned Thursday that Williams said that he and McLeod were at the McLeod house after returning from Klamath Falls Sunday, August 23. He then said that Heppie came in and wanted to borrow a harrow from McLeod. "Scotty" refused to loan the harrow and Heppie became abusive, the argument resulting in a fight. Williams said he mixed into it and Heppie struck him in the head with the butt of a six shooter practically laying him out, after which Heppie secured a 22 rifle and shot McLeod.

Heppie then removed McLeod's body, according to Williams, and returned to clean up the cabin. Williams said Heppie used kerosene on the floor to cover the blood stains, while Williams laid on the bed partly conscious and in fear of his life.

While he was on the bed and after Heppie had left the cabin to dispose of the body an approaching wagon was heard, he said. Heppie returned to the house and warned Williams to keep still and to tell the callers that McLeod had gone to Drury's to work. Heppie then returned into the darkness. After Worden and Dodd had left Williams stated that he heard Heppie burying the body and told the officers he thought they would find it in the corral. Heppie returned to the house about 12 o'clock where he stayed the remainder of the night, leaving in the morning, said Williams. He also said he had made some search for the body but had not found it.

The row of sunflowers which stood outside the door upon further examination showed that blood was spattered on a number of the leaves in such a manner as to indicate that a staggering man with a flowing wound had stumbled into them or brushed against them.

Since Williams has been placed under arrest in connection with the McLeod affair, other murder suspicions are being laid at his door. It is said that he was known to have been with M. R. Johnson, the missing Upper Lake trapper, and Jack Medill around the time they dropped from sight.

Johnson disappeared from a cabin in the vicinity of Naylox, and his body has never been found. It develops that Williams was in that vicinity at that time.

The circumstances in the Medill

case are more incriminating. Medill and Williams left here some time ago with the former's horses and outfit, and Medill has not been seen since. After that, Williams returned to town with Medill's outfit, and in addition to disposing of the most of the outfit, it is said that he wore clothing belonging to Medill.

It is said he told conflicting stories regarding Medill's whereabouts, as he has in the McLeod case. It is also stated that he threatened the life of Mary Picard, who was with his wife during his absence, because she hinted that the disappearance looked suspicious.

CORONER'S JURY HOLDS WILLIAMS GUILTY OF DEED

We, the jury, impaneled and sworn by Coroner Earl Whitlock, in the above entitled case, find the following as our verdict:

(1st) We find that the person dead is Allen C. McLeod, a white male, of the age of forty-four years, nativity Scotch.

(2nd) That he came to his death on the 23rd day of August, A. D., 1914, at his claim or homestead on Lower Klamath Lake about three miles south of the town of Midland.

(3rd) That he came to his death by means of a bullet wound and a blow struck with a blunt instrument, such as an ax, both being inflicted upon the head of the deceased, and we believe these to have been inflicted the twenty third day of August A. D. 1914, with a gun and a blunt instrument in the hands of Frank Williams whom we believe to be guilty of the crime thereby.

Foreman, W. F. Arant, Jasper Bennett, Fred Noel, C. E. Hoyt, J. C. Jarvis, Geo. L. Humphrey.

The above verdict was handed in at the conclusion of the inquest Saturday.

None of Williams' confession to the authorities was brought out, but witnesses told of the finding of the body, Williams' conflicting stories, etc. Williams asked to be allowed to attend the inquest, but during its progress, he was returned to the jail at his own request. Besides the inquest, there have been no new developments in the case.

NEW SECRETARY CHOSEN TODAY

At a meeting of the directors of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce Saturday morning, Geo. C. Blower was chosen as secretary, to succeed Lewis Wyldie, recently resigned.

Blower arrived last night from Portland. He was recommended by C. C. Chapman of the Portland Commercial Club and a contract is to be drawn up today for a year's engagement.

At this meeting, a letter from E. J. Murray was read, stating that he had no intention of being a candidate for the position.

LOOKS FOR BEST YEAR IN CATTLE

"The outlook in the cattle market was never better than this year," says D. M. McLemore. "I expect to do better this year than last year, when I handled 23,000 head."

McLemore left Sunday morning for Arizona, where he has contracted for several thousand head of Arizona cattle, and will at once start shipping. His first shipment will be to the middle West, after which, he will ship 2,000 head to California buyers.

The cattle in Arizona are in excellent shape this year, as the grass is the best there in ten years.

BELIEVED WEST WILL HESITATE ABOUT PAPERS

SALEM, Sept. 5.—The state canvassing board today found that Circuit Judge Henry L. Benson of Klamath Falls had one more vote than Justice Charles McNary of this city for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Supreme Court.

This decision was reached after Judge Benson refused to agree to a counting of the fifteen ballots illegally thrown out in Sixes Precinct, Curry county, and McNary had balked at a recount of the sixteen precincts stipulated by Benson.

Whether or not Governor West will issue a certificate of nomination to Judge Benson is considered problematical here owing to the extreme closeness of the contest.

Benson and McNary were candidates for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Supreme Court at the party primaries May 15. Ever since that date the question of which was named as the fourth party candidate has been in doubt.

At one stage of the game Benson would have a lead; the next day would reverse this in McNary's favor. Every county tally sheet has been rechecked repeatedly and in several precincts the ballots have been recounted in an effort to break the tie.

HEPPE IRATE AT TREATMENT

"Why was I brought to Klamath Falls and kept here two days, neglecting my work at home? I don't know," says E. M. Heppie, a well known Midland man. After Williams attempted to shift the blame for the killing of McLeod on me, officers came to my place and questioned me, then asked me to go over to the McLeod place with them, which I said I would do if they would bring me back—and they promised to."

"I was questioned a little about the affair, and easily proved that I was in the Lava Beds at the time of the killing. I asked if I was under arrest, and then a warrant was shown me."

"When I was brought to Klamath Falls, I supposed they wished to question me further, or to confront Williams with me. Though I was not locked in jail I was detained, and though I was not questioned by officers since coming here and Williams is said to have made a clean confession, as yet I have not been formally discharged, though Sheriff Low has been interested enough to tell me that I would not be detained here any longer."

Suicide High in German Army.

BERLIN, (By Mail)—Just before the war there were more suicides in the German army among enlisted men than in that of any other country of the world, except Austria-Hungary, according to Herr Plankau, socialist member of the Reichstag, in an article in a Chemnitz paper. He alleges that in the past 40 years 10,315 German soldiers have committed suicide and 2,655 attempted suicide. The recent average has been 160 a year.

Home From Trip.

Miss Pearl Wheeler, Miss Marjorie Weeks, Dr. E. C. Wheeler and Mr. Matthes returned Friday from an auto tour of the Rogue River valley and down the coast to Crescent City.

Accurate information about the Klamath Basin. See Chilcote, 635 Main.

Germany Says the Devastation of Tax Is Not Set Belgium Awful

BERLIN, (via Amsterdam) Sept. 4.—The following statement was made today by the government:

"Naturally, the various cities captured by the German forces must pay a war tax, but the amounts reported levied by sources close to the enemy are untrue."

"The exact figures have not been fixed yet. The governors of the captured territory will fix the tax rate."

Sugar Bowl is Sold.

Late Friday night Claude Coseboom disposed of "The Sugar Bowl," the popular confectionery and ice cream parlor to F. M. Garich, who earlier in the day sold his interest in the Sunset Grocery to Syd and Percy Evans. The new owner will take charge at once, and Coseboom, who disposed of his residence property to Garrett Van Riper yesterday forenoon, is planning on leaving for California later in the year. Mr. and Mrs. Coseboom will be greatly missed by the many patrons of their "coko foundry."

Here From Lava Beds.

Capt. I. D. Applegate has returned from Aspen Lake, where he has been looking after his sheep interests.

ANTWERP, Sept. 5.—Refugees arriving today from the interior say that Belgium is a scene of devastation and waste, where the German army passed through.

The mines are all idle and all industry is paralyzed. There were no wages paid anywhere in August and every able bodied Belgian is at the front, fighting.

AGRICULTURIST COMES TUESDAY

Word has been received that Harold C. Glasyer will arrive Tuesday night, to relieve County Agriculturist M. A. McCall, who has resigned to accept the vice directorship of the dry land demonstration experiment work of the Washington State College.

Mr. Glasyer attended Washington State College and later graduated at the Oregon Agricultural College. Since then he has been instructor in agriculture at the Enterprise High school, and assistant agriculturist of Union county. He is a specialist in semi-arid land matters.

Because of a flood of perpetual motion patent applications the United States patent office has decided to decline to receive all that are unaccompanied by working models.

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