

BODY FOUND IN THE RIVER.

Supposed to be the Man who Jumped from the Bridge March 17th.

A TERRIBLE GASH IN HIS THROAT

Puzzles the Coroner's Jury—The Body Identified as that of Robert R. Jones.

Yesterday afternoon, about 1:30 o'clock, as the little steamer, Topsy, was coming up the river, at the lower end of Chitwood Island, the captain, Charles A. Carey, discovered the body of a man lying entangled in a clump of willows, about twenty yards from the Polk county shore. He ran the boat close up to the body and seeing that it was badly decomposed, left it there and came on to this city and notified acting coroner, J. O'Donald, who immediately summoned a jury, and accompanied by about twenty-five persons, boarded the steamer and went down to rescue the body. The steamer was tied up to the Polk county bank and several men started out in a skiff to drag the body ashore, but owing to the swiftness of the current considerable difficulty was experienced in getting near it, and when a rope had been attached to the body the current was so swift that the men could not pull it to land until they had floated down about a hundred yards. Here the body was carried up on the bank, and after a jury consisting of R. E. Drake, G. T. Wagner, J. A. Rotan, W. A. Benson, A. J. Bissy and Will H. Parry had been sworn, the crew of the boat were examined as to the finding of the body, their testimony being as given above. The body was then examined. The deceased appears to be about 30 years of age, about five feet eight inches in height and well built. His features were so disfigured that they were not recognizable and the hair had entirely slipped off of the top of his head, which was black and blue. His clothing consisted of a cheap jeans suit, red flannel underclothing, woolen hose and laced shoes. His pockets were searched and the following articles were found which furnished

CLUES TO HIS IDENTITY.

A silver case English lever watch was first taken from his person. The hands pointed to 22 minutes to 5 o'clock. When it is remembered that the man who jumped from the bridge on the 17th day of March, made the leap at very near half past four o'clock this fact is significant. Next a pass-book containing charges against R. W. and W. Jones for merchandise, was taken out of the pockets of the deceased. Another small note book had the name of Robert W. Jones written upon it. In this book was found a registry receipt showing that Robert W. Jones had mailed a registered package at the Seattle postoffice addressed to Wm. Jones, Seattle. A limited O. & C. ticket from Portland to San Francisco found in another pocket, had the name of Robert W. Jones as the person to whom it was issued. These papers convinced the jury that the name of the deceased was Robert W. Jones. Thirty-five cents in American coin, three English half-pennies, three collar buttons, a four bladed knife and a medical treatise were also found in the dead man's pockets. The examination was then concluded and the body was placed in a rough coffin, which had been brought along. During this operation a

GASH IN THE DEAD MAN'S THROAT

about four inches long in the right side was first noticed and Coroner O'Donald decided to continue the investigation after returning to Salem. Upon arriving here the body was carried to a shed in the rear of Rotan's undertaking establishment where a number of witnesses were examined. W. H. Matthews, who keeps a boarding house on Liberty street, was called and immediately identified the body as that of a man named Jones, who stopped with him the ten days preceding March 17th. He said that Jones was Welshman by birth and had been in this country four years. He worked at or near Seattle previous to coming to Salem, and that he had started to San Francisco, but stopped off here to look for work. He acted strangely at times and when he found at the bedside, he immediately thought that Jones was the man. Mr. Matthews immediately identified the O. & C. ticket found on the body as one that Jones had shown him and stated that the time for which the

ticket held good, expired on the 4th of March. A. S. Gilbert, the banker, identified the ticket as one shown him by Jones, who asked him if it was good for passage to San Francisco after March 4th. Dr. J. N. Smith examined the gash in the dead man's neck and said that it had been "made by some sharp instrument," but that it was "not necessarily fatal." Wm. Schneider testified that the deceased came into his place about 4 p. m., on the day that the man jumped from the bridge and begged a drink, stating that it would be the

EAST DRINK THAT HE WOULD WANT and that he had never seen him since. The jury then retired and after considering the testimony brought in the following verdict:

We, the jury, empaneled by Justice of the Peace J. O'Donald, acting coroner for Marion County, State of Oregon, to examine into the cause of the death of a person found in the Willamette river at a point 2 1/2 miles north of Salem, on Sunday, April 8, 1888, after having viewed and examined the body, and listened to the testimony of witnesses, find: That the name of the deceased appears from papers found on the body, and from the evidence of witnesses to be Robert W. Jones, aged about 30 years, and that he came to his death by a wound in his throat inflicted with a sharp instrument, or by drowning, but we are unable to state whether he came to his death by his own act or not.

R. E. DRAKE, J. A. ROTAN, W. A. BENSON, G. T. WAGNER, W. H. PARRY, Salem, Ore., April 8, 1888.

A MYSTERY.

The discovery of the gash in the throat of the dead man throws a deeper shade of mystery than ever around the matter. While we have no doubt that the body found in the river is that of the man who jumped from the bridge on March 17th, yet the fact of his throat being cut remains unexplained. Mrs. Matthews states that on the 16th day of March she noticed that he had \$30 in gold and considerable silver. Possibly she might have mistaken the English half-pennies for gold coins, but unless this is the case, it is a plausible theory that he was murdered, robbed, and then thrown in the river. The true facts will probably never be known, but the CAPITAL JOURNAL ventures the opinion that the body found yesterday settles the identity of the suicide and this will be the general opinion unless another body is found. The remains were interred early this morning in the county lot in the Odd Fellows' cemetery, and an effort will be made to find the friends of the deceased to notify them of the sad circumstances.

The Champion Snagged.

The O. R. & N. Company's steamer Champion is tied up at the Salem Flouring Mills Co's wharf today while a hole in her side is being patched up by a carpenter from Oregon City. The Champion was lying at Finley's landing a few miles above Corvallis yesterday morning, when her master, Capt. Miles Bell, who was at breakfast, noticed that she was shudding. He immediately put the pumps to work and commenced looking for the cause of the trouble. The boat sank down to the three foot mark and he decided to run her across the river and beach her. When he had done so he found a hole about two feet long and eight inches wide had been stove into the bottom plank on the left side of the boat about amidships, and the hold was filled with about three feet of water. The hole was boarded over and the pumps soon emptied the hold so that the boat could proceed down to Corvallis, where 800 sacks of grain were put on for this city. The boat arrived here all right and will proceed down the river this evening. The Champion has just come out of the dry dock, but her hull is in such a rotten condition that the least contact with a snag is liable to tear a hole in her. It is not known how this hole came in her side, as it was not noticed until after the boat had settled over two feet.

Death of J. B. Congie.

Hon. John B. Congie the well known harness dealer of Portland, died Saturday night of malarial fever. He was born in Pennsylvania, December 9, 1817. In 1853 he came to Oregon, located at Corvallis and embarked in business, was elected Mayor and afterwards Sheriff of Benton county. He made his home in Portland in 1861. He served several terms in the City Council, was elected to the State Legislature in 1879, and honored his constituents. He had been for years, and was at the time of his death, President of the Mechanics' Fair Association of Portland. Mr. Congie was a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity, was at one time Grand Master of Oregon. The news of Mr. Congie's death will be a sad announcement to his many friends in Salem.

DAMAGING DOCUMENTS

Said to be in the Possession of Citizen W. H. Watkins.

The Portland News says that Citizen W. H. Watkins is, if report is true, kicking up quite a rumpus in the ranks of the democracy. The possession of certain compromising letters, written by parties high in favor in the Bourbon ranks, and his threat to make them public unless Hon. A. Bush resigns the chairmanship of the democratic state central committee is the cause of the agitation. William evidently has some old grudges to settle, and his staying qualities, should the fight open, will insure a lively scrimmage. Report has it that overtures are already being made to him by the party managers to suppress the threatened disclosures. Mr. Watkins' thoughtful habit of preserving letters seems likely to make him an important factor in this year's politics.

Didn't Want to go Under.

Saturday night between nine and ten as Mr. Riggs, who lives between the foundry and the river front, was undressing ready to bounce into his virtuous couch, a terrified yell reached his ears of "help! help! Don't let me drown." Mr. Riggs hastily sprang forth, in dishabille just as he was, snatching his knife from his pocket with which he cut down his clothes line in the yard, and made for the river bank at the O. P. wharf. Just as he arrived there a well dressed young man crawled out of the water, into which he had fallen in the darkness and through the influence of too much "chain lightning." Mr. Riggs questioned him but he would not reveal his identity. He was light complexioned, well built, weighed about 175 pounds, wore good clothes, big white cuffs, a sandy mustache, and a stiff Derby hat. He said he was a good swimmer, but his clothes impeded his progress and he got scared. The question is who was he and what brought him down there at that time of night?

Work on the Saw Mill.

The work on the new saw mill, being built by the Capital Lumbering Co., is nearing completion. The mill is larger and much more commodious than the old one. A new log way with an endless chain attachment is now being put in. Men are at work getting the two 70 foot smoke stacks, which were blown down several weeks ago, in condition for raising. The company intended to build their new boiler and engine house entirely of brick, but were unable to do so on account of the scarcity of brick and are now putting up a temporary frame covering. In a few days the new 75-horse-power engine made at Drake's foundry will be put in to replace the old 60-horse-power. The mill, when it starts up May 1st, will turn out 40 M. per day instead of 35 M. as heretofore.

To Advertise Salem.

In Portland a few days' effort has been successful in procuring pledges for \$10,000 for the first year's work in advertising the city. The parties moving in this propose to raise \$30,000, and with very trifling solicitation this amount is nearly half contributed. In this city the board of trade set \$2,500 as the sum to be expended during the next twelve months in bringing immigration to this valley. A soliciting committee started out on Saturday, and the following is a partial list of the sums subscribed to be paid monthly: T. McF. Patton, Weller Bros., H. W. Cottle, Hendricks & Sautbert, R. S. Wallace, C. B. Moore, J. H. Albert, Oregon Land Co., T. C. Smith, Cronise & Wilson, \$5 per month each.

Multnomah County Republican Ticket.

The following is the republican ticket for Multnomah county: State senators, J. C. Carson, Joseph Simon, J. K. Walt, Donald Mackay; representatives, D. P. Thompson, R. P. Earhart, W. T. Hume, W. B. Gilbert, W. M. Ladd, S. R. Harrington, H. H. Northup, J. J. Fisher, J. A. Strobridge; sheriff, W. R. Sewall; county clerk, E. C. Wheeler; clerk of circuit court, John R. Duff; recorder, W. L. Dudley; Treasurer, Frank Haebene; commissioners, D. M. Dume, Benjamin P. Smith; assessor, George Harold; School Superintendent, W. A. Wetzel; Surveyor, T. M. Harbairt; coroner, A. P. DeLin.

For the Sick.

Paul O. Burns' strawberry brandy, pure and four years old, for medicinal purposes, at H. W. Cox's drug store, 100 State street.

LOCAL NOTES.

Judge P. P. Prim, of Jacksonville, is in the city.

Miss Frankie Jones and her pupils will give a concert early in May.

The state military board is holding a session at the state house to-day.

The Roland-Reed Dramatic Company has engaged Reed's opera house for May 5th.

The largest stock of clothing and gents' furnishing goods in the city at G. W. Johnson's.

A Kansan searching for a home for himself and wife, was in the city yesterday.

Ice cream, soda water, milkshakes, candies, oysters, meals at all hours at A. Strong & Co's.

Will H. Brooks, editor of the Independence West Side, and wife, spent Sunday in town.

An unknown man jumped from the Morrison street bridge, Portland, yesterday and was drowned.

A. N. Moores has bought M. N. Chapman's residence on the corner of Cottage and Ferry streets.

Remember Miss Hally Parrish's concert for the benefit of the Congregational church to-morrow night.

Hon. T. T. Geer, who will be one of Marion county's representatives in the next legislature, was in the city to-day.

Fresh cakes, French bread, milk bread, Boston brown bread, graham bread, hot buns, coffee cake, this morning at A. Strong & Co's.

Mrs. Lewis Pettyjohn, who lives near the Croston ferry, fell and dislocated the bones of her right foot last Saturday.

Miss Helen Morgan, who has been visiting the family of her uncle, R. H. Dearborn, returned to Portland this morning.

Hon. W. H. Byars returned this morning from Oakland, where he went last week to attend the funeral of his step-father, John Mires. Mrs. Byars remained in Southern Oregon to visit friends for a few days.

Superintendent George Downing has bought the Forstner place east of Mill creek on the penitentiary road. The house, which is large and commodious, is being refitted, and Mr. Downing's family has already taken possession.

Bert Hatch, mate of the Wm. M. Hong, who broke his knee-cap nearly five weeks ago, is out today for the first time since the accident. He can get around by the aid of crutches; but it will be several weeks before he is able to walk.

Eola Republicans.

The republicans of Eola precinct, Polk county, met at the Eola hall last Saturday and organized the Eola Young Men's Republican League. Hon. J. C. Allen was elected president and Walter Rabbe, secretary. The league will hold its next meeting on Saturday, April 24, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Prof. M. G. Lane, Hon. George Burnett and several other good speakers have been invited to attend the meeting. The republicans of Polk are wide awake and are organizing for victory in June and November.

Dave Shepherd's Trouble.

Last Saturday night Policeman Barnbrick, deputy U. S. marshal, arrested Dave Shepherd on a charge of selling liquor to Indians. Dave objected to being arrested and ran away. Last night Policeman Lake caught him on the streets and landed him in the cooler; but this morning he was let go for lack of sufficient evidence to convict. David is having considerable trouble with the law.

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Secretary Bellide's Return.

Secretary of State, George W. McBride, returned from California by this morning's train. He is greatly improved in health and thinks that he will continue to gain until he is entirely well. His many friends here devoutly wish that this may be true.

The Whole Vital Rectinery

Depends for the fuel, which is the origin of its propulsive force, upon the stomach. In that hidden alchemic the food undergoes the chemical changes which transmute it into blood, from which the system draws the material that reimburses it for its daily losses of tissue. These, of course, are greatly augmented in disease. If the stomach, therefore, is weakened or disordered, the system is deprived of sustenance. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters can be relied upon to facilitate and renew digestion when that function has been interrupted by weakness of the stomach. Biliousness, or a diversion of the bile from its proper channel, which causes constipation, is also remedied by it. Heartburn, wind on the stomach, sick headache, fur upon the tongue, and other symptoms of stomach and liver disorder, it speedily removes. Malarial complaints of every sort, kidney and bladder troubles, constipation, rheumatism and neuralgia yield when it is used regularly and persistently.

CHEMEKETE HOTEL ARRIVALS.

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1888.

Mrs. Bellion, Miss Bellion, Miss E. Lewiston, Wm. Atkinson, Portland; Harry Young, Agt Oregon Short Line; Louis Cook, J. D. Smith, A. Chase, Baker City; S. D. Hallard, Graham Glass Jr., Dallas; Wm. S. Carpenter, Monmouth; F. W. Kinney, Chicago; Sam M. Briscoe, Jno. Lee, F. M. Woodard, Chemawa; S. P. Umer, New York; W. T. Raleigh, Sheridan; Alfred Bardsley, city; P. P. Prim, Jacksonville; J. T. Bowditch, Ashland.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at H. W. Cox's drug store.

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