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Blaine James G

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James G. Blaine is dangerously ill and death is expected at any moment.

Bollander Chas J

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Murder of Bollander at Demersville One Year Ago Just Brought to Light.

WAS KILLED FOR HIS MONEY.

Found Rolled Up in His Blankets with His Skull Crushed--Coroner's Inquest Held at Demersville.

The residents of Demersville were thrown into a fever of excitement Sunday by the announcement that a dead body had been discovered upon the island just below town. J. A. Billings went across to the island Sunday to fish and while strolling around saw a man lying upon the ground rolled up in a blanket apparently sleeping, but upon drawing nearer he made the startling discovery that the blanket covered a corpse. A crushed skull told a horrible tale. It plainly showed that the unfortunate victim had gone to sleep and that some villainous wretch had slipped up and dealt a death blow. Mr. Billings at once hurried to town and gave the information. Justice McFarren called a jury consisting of Geo. F. Stannard, I. J. Ames, Wm. Boulton, C. C. Ferguson, James Stannard and J. A. Billings who proceeded to the spot where the lifeless body was found just as described by the informant.

The blankets were removed when it was found that the victim had removed his outer clothing, which were rolled up beside his bed, and had rolled himself up in his bedding. The remains were well preserved, the skin drying up on the bones. The jury being unable to learn more had the body taken to town where an inquest was held. The body was identified by a number of citizens as a laboring man who left Demersville about a year ago to go out of the valley. He was known to have something like \$800 in his possession at the time, but not a cent was found among his effects. The crushed skull and the disappearance of money gave rise to the suspicion that he had been murdered. When he left Demersville he was accompanied by another man who has not been seen since, and the conclusion is arrived at that they went over on the island to spend the night, and the companion was tempted to commit the foul and wicked deed that he might possess the coveted wealth. The murdered man's name as shown by papers found in his clothing was Chas. J. Bollander. The deed was committed so long ago it is hardly possible that the person guilty of its commission will ever be apprehended.

Burkhart John

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A Party Leaving Kallepell by Boat Meet Misfortune.

A few weeks ago a party composed of J. A. Caro, John Burkhart, A. L. Thayer and Charles Reinhold, constructed a large row boat and loading it with provisions started down the Flathead river, intending to go to Spokane. A letter received from Caro dated at Notoon, in relation to the Northern Pacific, brings the news that this boat was capsized in the rapids drowning Thayer and Burkhart. Caro and Reinhold reached the shore in safety while their unfortunate companions were carried down by the swift stream to an unknown grave. Caro will be remembered as having built Mayor Hatcher's house.

Campbell John

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Arrests Follow the Inquest Held on the Body of John Campbell.

The Jury Find That Pneumonia Was Induced by Beating Received at the Hands of Hawley and the Wilsons.

John Campbell, the victim of the assault for which James Wilson, Mrs. C. Wilson and John Hawley were fined \$5 and costs each Monday of last week, died at the city jail last Monday morning about 5 o'clock. Campbell complained of being sick and Dr. Ghent was summoned a few days before he died. He pronounced it a case of pneumonia. In view of the fact that Campbell had been violently handled by the Wilson people, it was decided by Judge Exline to hold an inquest. Dr. McDonald, Dr. Cummings and Dr. Sanders were called and a post mortem ordered. A warrant was also issued for the arrest of Hawley who was taken in custody and confined in the city jail during the inquest. Hawley was arrested because it had been shown that he had kicked the deceased during the affair of a week previous.

A corner's jury consisting of Jos. Mardall, Tom McGrade, Ed Hicks, C. R. Griffith, M. Walters and J. H. O'Connell were summoned, and after the autopsy the examination of witnesses began. The doctors were placed on the stand, who each testified that death resulted from pleura pneumonia. Dr. Ghent the attending physician also testified that the deceased died of that disease. Other witnesses were called who testified as to the assault on Campbell.

The inquest developed all the facts in connection with the trouble that occurred in the saloon in which Campbell was so roughly handled. The story was best told by the bartender in the Side-board saloon near the Palace saloon. His evidence was to the effect that Mrs. Wilson and Campbell had a controversy in which Campbell called Mrs. Wilson names which she resented. Mrs. Wilson returned to her saloon, the Palace, and informed Hawley, her bartender, who proceeded to the Side-board to make Campbell apologize, but as Campbell had too many friends he was unsuccessful. James Wilson soon joined Hawley. Wilson brandished a rifle while Hawley knocked Campbell down and kicked him several times. The witness testified that he remonstrated with Hawley and the Wilsons saying that Campbell was too drunk to know what he was doing, and ask-

ed them to wait until he got sober when everything would be straightened up, but they would not listen to his entreaties, but proceeded to assault Campbell. Other witnesses, including Marshal Shelton, testified to Campbell's condition during the week intervening from the time he was assaulted up to his death. Campbell was locked up after the fight in default of paying a fine imposed on him for using vulgar and obscene language in a public place, but was given his liberty as soon as it was learned that his condition was such that confinement would not be best for him, but as he had no money he staid at the jail, where he was kindly treated by the officers.

The examination occupied three days. The jury did not return their verdict until tonight, of which the following is a copy:

STATE OF MONTANA, }
County of Missoula, } ss.
An inquest holden at Kalispell in the county of Missoula, on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1892, before me, Frank Exline, a justice of the peace of said county acting as coroner of said county, the coroner being absent, upon the body of John Campbell then lying dead, by the jurors whose names are herunto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oaths do say that on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1892, the deceased came to his death by acute pleura-pneumonia caused by a severe beating on the 11th day of December, 1892, at the hands of John Hawley assisted by James T. Wilson and Mrs. C. Wilson but whether feloniously or not the jury is in

Johnson John

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Dead.
John Johnson, age 52, who resided at Helena Falls died Thursday morning of consumption leaving a widow. The funeral was held from the residence Sunday, Rev. J. M. Eastland conducting the services. The remains were interred in the old cemetery south of town. Deceased was a good citizen and a kind neighbor and a thorough christian, having joined the Methodist church last spring.

McGillivray Walter

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A Painful Death.
Walter McGillivray, who resided near Holt, met with a painful death while hauling rails on his ranch last Thursday. He was discovered lying on the ground with the load of rails piled upon top of him and it is only a matter of conjecture as to how the accident was caused. The point where he was discovered was on a very steep side hill, and appearances indicate that the wagon broke and scared the team or that the horses started suddenly, upsetting the wagon and throwing the victim in the position in which he was found. There is evidence that he made an heroic struggle to free himself, but death overtook the unfortunate man. He owned a splendid farm near the head of the lake and was a prosperous farmer and a highly esteemed neighbor. His mother and a brother living in the Oklahoma country are the nearest relatives, being a single man. The Masons took charge of the remains holding the funeral at Conrad hall Saturday at 2 p. m. He was buried in the cemetery south of the city.

Scott 3-month old child of Nathen

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The three months old child of Nathen Scott, who lives north of the Fairview school house died last Thursday morning. The funeral was held Friday, Rev. J. M. Eastland conducting the services. The body was interred at the Hilltop cemetery.

Searle

George

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George Searle Shot by His Neighbor Wm. Knox Yesterday Forenoon.

Trouble Arose Over the Title to a Parcel of Land—Particulars of the Affair.

A serious affair occurred near the head of the lake yesterday resulting in the probable death of Geo. Searle, a well known rancher. A neighbor arrived in the city about noon yesterday in quest of a doctor. He knew but little of the particulars except that Searles and a neighbor, name Wm. Knox had quarreled over a forty-acre tract of land, and that Knox shot him, the charge striking him in the abdomen, which will undoubtedly prove fatal. He thinks the shooting was done with a shot gun. Doctor Macdonald left at once for the scene of the shooting accompanied by Constable McArthur, who has a warrant for the arrest of Knox.

It is said by other residents of the neighborhood that these two men have had trouble before over this land and that at one time axes were raised on each other. Both men have families and the quarrel resulting as it does so deeply regretted. Searles is a native of Maine, and lived in Missoula prior to coming to the Flathead.

LATER.

Constable McArthur and Dr. Macdonald returned from the scene of the shooting just at the hour of going to press. They report that the shooting occurred at 7 o'clock in the morning and that the victim only lived a few hours. Knox skipped out as soon as the shooting occurred saying that he was going to Kalispell to give himself up but he took a lot of bread, and supplied himself with matches, indicating that he meant to escape the penalty of the law. It seems that Searles was chopping wood at the time, when Knox ordered him away, and threatened to shoot him if he didn't leave. Searles refused to go away, and Knox put his murderous threat into execution, using a shotgun, standing but six feet away, perpetrating one of the most atrocious crimes ever committed by a white man in the Flathead valley. From all accounts it was a cold blooded murder.

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A post mortem examination and inquest was held on the body of Geo. Searles last Friday by Dr. Ghent and Judge O'Donnell. The verdict being that deceased came to his death as result of gunshot wound inflicted by Wm. Knox. The murderer is now in custody at Missoula, where a preliminary examination will be held on the 25th of this month.

Thayer

A L

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A few weeks ago a party composed of J. A. Curo, John Burkhart, A. L. Thayer and Charles Reinhold, constructed a large row boat and loading it with provisions started down the Flathead river, intending to go to Spokane. A letter received from Curo dated at Nook, a station on the Northern Pacific, brings the news that this boat was capsized in the rapids drowning Thayer and Burkhart. Curo and Reinhold reached the shore in safety while their unfortunate companions were carried down by the swift stream to an unknown grave. Curo will be remembered as having built Mayor Hatcher's house.

Wagner

Mrs

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Mrs. Wagner, who lived about ten miles north of here, died Wednesday of heart disease.