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FOUND IN A FIELD.

The Startling Discovery Made by Boy Hunters.

The End of a Wangerer Whose History is a Mystery.

from the Nevada Mail.

Friday evening Coroner Dr. L. Callaway received a telegram from Schell City asking him to come once to the farm of H. B. Cresap and hold an inquest over the body of a man which had been found on Cresap's farm.

Saturday morning Dr. Callaway left Nevada in compliance with the telegram and found the neighbors regarding the body which was lying in a stalk field. The man had fallen on his face, and it appeared that he had died without a struggle. His hands were under him and his legs were extended in an easy position. The face was partially embedded in the mud and the entire body frozen. He had nibbled off a portion of the ear, but aside from this there was no evidence of disturbance. An overcoat which the man had thrown loosely over his shoulders was lying a few feet behind the body, and had evidently fallen there when the first paroxysm of death was felt. The clothes were very plain, the boots were gum, and the head was still partially covered by a cap.

The coroner summoned a jury and the following facts were elicited:

Two weeks ago last Friday a man stopped at Judge Cresap's farm and asked for his dinner. Col. Nichols was there and they ate together. In the course of conversation the man said his name was James Jackson, and he was formerly a merchant in one of the inland cities of the state of New York. Misfortune overtook him and he left his native state and came to Missouri. For seven or eight years he had been working in Vernon County, doing whatever he could to eke out an existence. He was 65 years old.

Col. Nichols became very much interested in the old man's story, and remembering that a neighbor, Mr. Gordon, wanted a hand, he directed him to the house. After offering to pay for his dinner the old gentleman threw his overcoat over his shoulders and started to Mr. Gordon's. That was the last time he was seen alive.

Last Friday, about noon, two boys who were hunting discovered the body, and without stopping to examine it closely hurried to Judge Cresap's and told of their horrible find.

The body was identified by M. F. Hall the proprietor of the Schell City line kln as that of James Jackson, a man who had been in his employ at various times during the last seven years. He had worked at the kln at Ft. Scott and also at that near Schell City. The Coroner decided it unnecessary to make a post-mortem examination giving it as his opinion that the man had died either from apoplexy or some organic disease of the heart. The body was buried in a grave-yard near the place where it was found.

Those who were acquainted with James Jackson during his residence in Vernon say he has never been communicative about his past life, and rarely ever referred to it. From remarks made at different times, and put together by those who felt some interest in the old man, it is supposed that he was at one time a prosperous merchant, and that he was reduced to poverty by the rascality of his brother-in-law. Some time since he received a letter from his sister in New York requesting him to come back and make her house his home. She stated that she was financially able to provide for all his wants, and advised him to quit work and spend his old age in ease. This

letter was shown to Mr. Hall, and the recipient was urged by him to take advantage of the offer, but he refused to do so, saying that he could not go home and "be the only pauper member of the family."

The dead man was unusually intelligent and had received an excellent education. He said he had been educated for a physician, but never practiced his profession. He was about 5 feet 10 inches in height and very slender. His hair and whiskers were sandy and slightly touched with gray.

A trunk which had belonged to the deceased was left by him with Mr. Hall. The Coroner ordered the letters taken from it and sent to Nevada, and they may throw some light on the sad story of the man who died such a pitiful death. He was known as an honest, temperate and industrious man.

LATER.

The trunk which was left with M. F. Hall, by James Jackson, the man who was found dead on Cresap's farm has been opened, but nothing calculated to throw any light on his former life was found. A thorough search failed to reveal even the scrap of a letter. It is thought that the names of his New York relatives may be obtained from parties at Ft. Scott and the attempt will be made at once.

BUSINESS MEETING.

Held at the City Hall in the Interest of Manufacturers.

A meeting of the business men of the city was held at the city hall Thursday afternoon of last week, to meet and hear a proposition from Messrs. Hicks and Hooper in relation to moving an implement manufactory in which they were interested, from Illinois to this city.

Mayor Brown was chosen chairman and McFarland of the TIMES, secretary. The chairman proceeded to state the object of the meeting and called upon the two gentlemen named above to state their business.

Mr. Hicks arose and stated the location, capital stock and relative business of his Company, adding that the cause for wanting to remove was that they desired to get into a more central location of the field they worked, and then they needed more capital and force to carry on the business. He gave a description of the articles manufactured, which comprise most implements used by farmers, and on which they held patents. His proposition in brief, is, to organize a Company here with a capital stock of \$40,000, of which his Company would subscribe \$15,000.

John Catterlin, W. E. Walton, T. W. Childs, D. V. Brown, A. L. McBride, were appointed a committee to confer with the gentlemen.

W. H. Adams.

The following well deserved compliment to a good man and a good printer is taken from the Rich Hill Enterprise. It is true, every word of it. Mr. Adams was for a long time foreman in the TIMES office, and gave its present publisher his first lessons in journalism:

"Last Saturday we were complimented by a fraternal call from W. H. Adams of Butler. His name having figured conspicuously in history, will interest many. He is the pioneer newspaper man, of now the great state of Kansas. He sailed up the Missouri river to the site where the splendid city of Leavenworth has since been built, unloading his material on the bank of the river where he is sued the Leavenworth Herald. The historian says of this noted follower of Faust "that the primeval type-sticker had a magnificent composing room, its boundaries were the Missouri river, the Gulf of Mexico, the Rocky Mountains, and the British possessions. No smoke dimmed ceiling stretched above him, but he listened to the September breeze as it rattled and rustled the leaves of the great Elm tree, which extended its sheltering branches over the laboring artist of the art preservative." Mr. Adams is a mild mannered man more printer than editor, and has been employed on the local papers of Butler for a number of years.

MORE ABOUT FRUIT CULTURE.

The Adaptability of Fruits to this Climate, by Henry Spear.

EDITOR TIMES: This is a question in which each and every person who plants an orchard in the west is vitally interested. How many are there in Bates county to-day, who would gladly pay large sums of money to have the privilege of changing their varieties (particularly of the apple) to suit the climate; they planted their orchards several years ago, when very few varieties had been tried here, and in a majority of cases they planted largely of such varieties as were known to them and were favorites in some other locality, or they consulted some eastern catalogue and planted according to the recommendations contained therein, only to find after it was too late that a great many of the favorites of the east were comparatively worthless here and it they left the matter of selection to a nurseryman, he ever so honest, they were just as badly off, for they were no better informed on that point than the average planter. Now, there need be none of this difficulty, nearly all of the old and many of the new varieties have been pretty thoroughly tested, and any planter who will take a little pains to inform himself may plant with a great deal of assurance that he will succeed, and amply repay him for his labor and expense, and right here is where a great deal may be done by local Horticultural Societies, as a recommendation of certain varieties by a humble local society is more valuable to a person about to plant trees in that locality, than it would be from the American Pomological Society, or any other, where a different soil or climate is found.

Now the Bates County Horticultural Society though young has taken this matter up, and at its next meeting (the third Saturday in March) will have a paper on this important subject, viz. a list of the best varieties of apples for a family orchard and for commercial orchards, which will no doubt bring out a thorough discussion on the merits and demerits of a great many different varieties. Now to my mind it will certainly pay any one who is going to plant apple trees, if not more than twenty or thirty, to be present at that meeting, and every one who has had experience with the different varieties in this climate is urgently requested to be present and give us the benefit of his experience, and as it costs nothing to become a member I think any one who takes any interest in Horticulture can afford to become a member. There is only two classes who are not wanted in the Society, the first is the man who knows it all and don't want to tell any of it to any one else, and the other, the man who don't know anything and don't want to know. Now my friend if this meets your eye and you belong to either class, please stay away, if you can give us something come, and do so, if we can do you any good we are willing and ready.

H. S.

Flax! Flax!! Flax!!!

Messrs. Carnes & Hall are preparing to make the largest flax loan ever put out in Bates county. They have about three thousand bushels of fine seed selected from last year's crop; those desiring to sow seed this season will save money by calling to see them before making other arrangements. They can furnish either native or Russian seed on the most liberal terms. Having the only flax cleaner in southwest Missouri, outside of Kansas City, thereby insuring their customer's flax seed free from chaff and of the purest kind. This with their liberal dealings and unsurpassed facilities for handling the product, will insure the greatest returns to the farmers for their crops.

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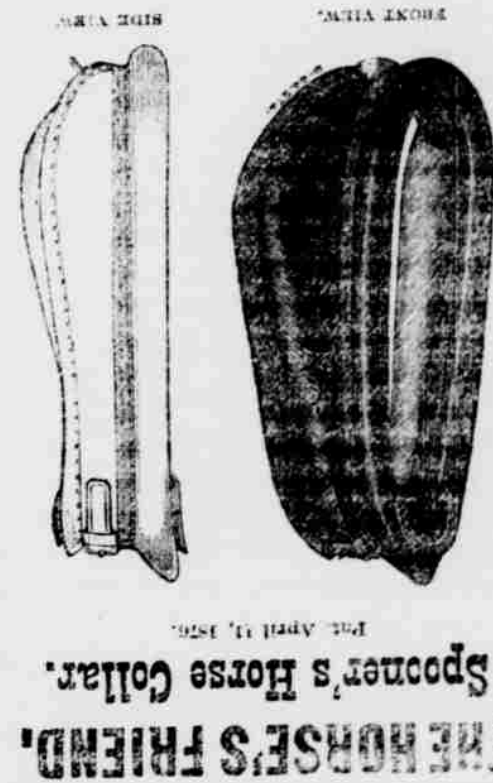
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