

MISER STARVES IN WILDS CABIN WITH \$8500 IN CONRAD BANK AND POSSIBLY BURIED CASH IN HILLS

Riders in Fergus Mountains Stop for Visit and Find Emil Warner Sitting Dead by Bed; Brooded Over Old Murder.

Special to The Tribune.

Hobson, Aug. 31.—With a certificate of deposit on a Great Falls bank for \$8,500 and \$450 in cash on his person, Emil Warner, famous miser of the upper Judith river, was found dead in his cabin Sunday afternoon from semi-starvation. Too miserly to spend his money even for food, Warner had been living for years past on nothing but bread, oatmeal and potatoes, and his body was in a sadly emaciated condition. For years he had lived in a secluded spot in the timber on the south fork of the Judith river, and it was only by accident that Swan and Bell, two employees of the Highland Livestock company of Utica, discovered his body Sunday.

Returning from a horseback ride up the south fork of the Judith, they passed close to his cabin and hollered for Warner. Receiving no answer, one of them got off his horse and pounded on the door. The door was fastened on the inside, and he then went to the window and discovered Warner seated on the floor beside his bed, partly undressed, with his head on one of the blankets. When no attention was paid to raps on the window, the boys broke into the house and found the aged miser, who was about 72 years old, cold and stiff.

They notified Forest Ranger Guy Myers, who phoned to Coroner Thomas at Moccasin. Thomas at once made a trip to Warner's cabin, and on searching his person found a certificate of deposit for \$8,500 on the Conrad Banking company of Great Falls, and \$450 in currency, in a pocket-book in his vest. Coroner Thomas believes Warner had not been dead over 48 hours, and that death resulted from semi-starvation, and possibly also from lack of water.

Believed to Have Gold Cashed.

So miserly was Warner, that he would not even use decent bedding, but was sleeping, winter and summer, in bed clothes composed entirely of gunny sacks. The coroner found good blankets rolled up and carefully put away in a trunk, but it was cheaper to save them and use gunny sacks and this is what Warner had done. Armful after armful of firey butternut galls were carried out doors by the coroner and searched to see if they contained valuables. Nothing was found except in his pocketbook, but the belief prevails that somewhere in the vicinity the aged miser had a considerable stock of gold coin buried away. The cabin is in the center of a vast, deserted wilderness, however, abounding in places for a miser's cache, so that searching for this buried treasure would be like hunting for a needle in a haystack, and it is doubtful if it ever will be found.

Talked of Shooting Neighbors.

The south fork, which flows by his cabin and furnishes it with water, goes dry every summer, and recently Warner had been accusing neighboring ranchers of digging holes in the river bed and letting the water sink away. He had made numerous threats against Harry Prichard, manager of the Middle Fork Cattle company, in the belief that he was doing this, and at one time told Prichard he would kill him if he did not cease stealing the water. Warner was very small in stature, and considered harmless, or Prichard and other neighbors might have taken the threats seriously.

About 30 days ago he made a trip to Lewistown to see Mr. Warren, to whom he sold his homestead, and asked him to buy a pistol for him with which to shoot the people who were stealing the water from south fork. Not finding Mr. Warren at home, he slept all night on the front porch and was there when the family got up in the morning. Mr. Warren talked him out of the pistol notion, and Warner then wanted to know where S. S. Hobson was, who he said he could get a job from. Mr. Warren talked him out of this, and Warner was very angry. Mr. Hobson, now residing in Great Falls, was widowed in his early youth and never had any children, so that it is plain Warner's mind was wandering.

Mr. Warren offered Warner money with which to get his meals, but he refused the offer, saying he had plenty of money. He was allowed to sleep in the Warren garage the following night and next morning took the Great Northern back to Hobson and the stage up to Utica, and then trudged back to his cabin on south fork on foot. So far as is known, this is the last time he was seen prior to his death.

Kept Calendar On Door.

Outside the cabin door was found a piece of cardboard on which the miser had been keeping track of the date. He had written down each day in July, and as far into August as the 22nd. Apparently he got to weak to go outside the cabin after that, and probably had never walked up the two miles to where the South Fork was flowing, to get water. Apparently he lingered along for about four days before death from under-nourishment and lack of water carried him off. He has no known relatives in this country, but last fall received a letter from a brother in Germany. Warner was born in Germany himself, and was naturalized in Lewistown.

Warner's history is a weird one, and he has been a character for years in the Judith basin. Over 30 years ago he took up a homestead on Antelope creek above the home ranch of Fred R. Warren, and near another homestead by the name of George Brat. Brat made a trip to Billings, to make trips to Great Falls to collect his cattle. Warner was born in the same house that was built on Antelope creek about the time he arrived there.

Boys Discover Missing Man Slain.

Shortly after he returned to his homestead, he dropped out of sight. His relatives offered \$200 reward for information as to his whereabouts, and some neighbors boys named Wight discovered his saddle in a clump of bushes far up in the Little Belt mountains, under the Twin Sisters peak. Searching further they found the body of Brat stuck in a crevice in the mountain with a rope tied around his neck and run around a knob of rock and then back to his hand, and a bottle of poison by his side.

Warner was suspected of having murdered him for his money, taken

Cafe Man Falls Dead as He Builds Fire

Special to The Tribune.

Nashua, Aug. 31.—H. H. Priest, proprietor of the Eatmore cafe here, died suddenly Wednesday morning in the kitchen of his cafe from what was presumed to be heart failure. Priest was in the act of building a fire when he dropped over. He was found dead on the floor by members of his family who heard him fall.

Priest was recently operated on and is now at Rochester, Minn. The coroner and an undertaker were summoned from the county seat at Glasgow, where the body was then removed.

MOUNTAIN LIONS IN BLOODFEST NEAR HELMVILLE KILL 17 SHEEP IN NIGHT; RING HERDER IN DARK

Shepherd Kills One Lying in Grass; Posse After Raid Hunt Down Pack of Four and Shoot One; Berry Pickers Fear Attack.

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Butte, Aug. 31.—The shooting of the one mountain lion near Helmville in Powell county, in a drive against a pack of four of the cougars, had about it the thrill of a tale of the wild days now bygone. It followed a raid of the brutes upon a herd of Ellisworth Brothers' sheep and the killing of 17 of the sheep for a bloodfest by the mountain felines. Ed Fitzpatrick, deputy county attorney here, brought the tale of the raid and drive back after a visit to Helmville, where he was called by the death of a sister. The search for a large buckskin for the lions, he said, revealed cases of colts, calves and one yearling heifer which had been killed. Live-stock owners were filled with consternation.

The community of Helmville has been called into a hunt for these animals, and the residents have decided not to relinquish the search until every one of the lions has been killed.

Appeared at Old Picnic Site.

The lions were first seen one night last week close to through the hills berry patch near Helmville where many picnic parties have been staged. People are in constant fear that their children will be attacked by the animals.

The sheep of the Ellisworth brothers had been camped back of Marcum hill near the Erasta creek.

One evening at dusk the sheep-herder, returning to through the hills, entered a large animal lying in the grass nearby watching the sheep and his dog intently. He immediately fired at this object, killing it.

It was then that he discovered the animal was a mountain lion. It was dark and he could scarcely see, but upon looking up the hill he noticed the sheep milling around in a circle, apparently frightened. Upon investigation he saw three other mountain lions after the sheep and evidently preparing to have a feast on fresh mutton.

Fared to Shoot and Draw Attack.

Because of the darkness the sheep-herder feared to attempt to kill the animals, and he did not fire. It is characteristic of these animals that they will not leave each other when one is killed or wounded, and the man was afraid that if he did not kill them in

Trial Policewoman Gets Appointment to Missoula Force

Special to The Tribune.

Missoula, Aug. 31.—Chief of Police Moore announced Tuesday that Mrs. M. H. Hayes would be Missoula's policewoman. She will assume her duties September 1.

Mrs. Hayes was one of a committee of three women to appear before the council several months ago to ask that such an appointment be made. At that time, she was requested to try to perform the duties of the position. This she has done in a manner satisfactory to the council.

One of her principal cares will be the regulation of public dance halls in Missoula. She will take care of juvenile cases that come into the hands of the police.

KEYSTONE OIL CO. SENDS DRILL DOWN THROUGH QUICKSAND

Shipment of Ten Inch Casing Enables Well West of Great Falls to Continue.

Arrival of a shipment of 10-inch casing and a device for combatting quicksand Wednesday morning permitted the resumption of drilling at the well of the Keystone Oil Co., 12 miles west of Great Falls. Drilling had been suspended several days because of the non-arrival of needed casing, and while the works were down a boat was made as a means of guarding against delays resulting from quicksand.

At a depth of 160 feet the drill is now penetrating the second stratum of quicksand encountered in the well, but it is expected that this will be passed within the next day or two. The first bed of quicksand was 30 feet thick and progress was slow while the drill was in this formation.

Oil Thought From Shale.

Before the present bed of quicksand was reached, the baler on every descent into the well brought up small showings of oil, believed to have been shale oil. The water in the casing now shows a scum of oil when not disturbed and it is expected that the former showing will be repeated when the quicksand has been penetrated.

The showing of oil found by the Oregon-Montana Co. in the quadrant sands near Winnett has tended to give a new significance to all operations within the Sweet Grass arch, according to operators and geologists.

In the Muddy Creek field, where the Keystone is operating, it is said the Colorado outcrops at the surface, which permits the drill to start at a much

lower horizon than in certain of the other fields. The result is, geologists say, that two quadrants are reachable here at a much shallower depth than where the Colorado is overlaid with other members of the Montana group.

Quadrant Sands are Objective.

Operations were begun by the Keystone with the quadrant as its definite objective, according to officials of the company, and its situation on the horizon is expected to take the drill to the quadrant at a depth of about 700 feet. The Kootenai will be reached about 300 feet, the Morrison at 400 and the Ellis at 500, it is expected.

The rig is a Keystone No. 4 and is capable of going down 1,000 feet. It is operated by R. H. McCutcheon, who has had extensive experience in other fields. With this well, he has personally supervised the drilling of 107 wells in different states. The well is located 2 1/2 miles north of Vaughn, and obtains its water supply from Muddy creek, which passes the rig at a distance of two rods. The Shelby branch of the Great Northern passes within a quarter of a mile.

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FIRE ENTERS TOWN AND LAYS ONE SIDE IN ASHES; AID SENT

Brush Blaze Responsible for Burning of West End of Heron Along N. P.

Spokane, Aug. 31.—The entire west side of the town of Heron, Mont., 107 miles east of here on the Northern Pacific railway, was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, according to information received here. The loss is estimated at \$40,000 and is partially covered by insurance.

The fire started from a brush fire and was fanned by a high wind. The eastern section of the town was saved by railroad fire apparatus brought from Kootenai, Idaho.

FOREST FIRE NEAR HELENA.

Helena, Aug. 31.—Forest fires are reported near Colorado mountain and near Austin. The former is said to be large. Crews have gone.

WHOLE TIMBER AREAS REDUCED TO ASHES

Lethbridge, Alta., Aug. 31.—With a gale blowing at noon Wednesday, the forest fire west of Crow Nest mountain was out of hand in spite of the efforts of hundreds of fire fighters. Half the timber limits of the McLaren Lumber company, which operates at Blairmore, had been destroyed, and hope for the remainder virtually had been given up. Two more camps are threatened.

The timber on Race Horse creek is all gone and Ellison creek is threatened. The town of Crow Nest, a freight division point on the Canadian Pacific, is in the path of the flames and preparations are being made to save it if possible.

Another fire on Ball River is reported from Fernie to be fairly well in hand.



Blouses Must Be Chosen Together With One's Autumn Tailleur

To have a number of Blouses with which to vary one's suit costume has always been desirable, but this season's creations are so forceful that women will long to possess several just for the beauty of the Blouses. In the loveliest colors, Mohawk, Jade, midnight and Pompeian red of crepes and georgette, dressy modes are partial to over blouse effects and are elaborately embroidered, braided or trimmed with seed and bugle beads in Oriental motifs. Prices—

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Bank Funds Possibly From Cattle

Shortly after this he sold his homestead to Fred R. Warren for \$2,500 and moved to the Sweet Grass hills and went into the cattle business. Later he sold a piece of land which he had taken up there, and came back to the Middle fork of the Judith river and built a cabin. He was a member of the Forest Ranger Guy Myers as a garage. He went into the cattle business here, but kept brooding and worrying about the death of Brat, and appeared at times to be more than half demented. He finally sold out his cattle, having about 100 head, and this money, with what he received from the ranch, he accounted for by having \$9,000 at this time.

After selling his cattle Warner drifted away again and herded sheep in the vicinity of Great Falls, Choteau and Fort Benton. The Judith Basin, where the Brat murder occurred, appeared to have an uncanny attraction for him, however, and he continually drifted back to the scene of the tragedy. His last return was made about six years ago, when he took up his winter residence in the deserted cabin where he was found dead. Twice a year he would make trips to Great Falls to collect the semi-annual interest on his certificate and renew it, and in summer he would sometimes linger for a few months herding sheep in Cascade county. Returning every fall, he would resume his hermit existence and his diet of oatmeal, sour dough bread and potatoes.

B. T. Moore Appointed Asst. Fair Secretary

Helena, Aug. 31.—Chester C. Davis, commissioner of agriculture, has announced the appointment of B. T. Moore, of Brady, to be assistant secretary of the Montana state fair, succeeding Jay Diamond, who has resigned to enter business at Oakland, California. In addition to being assistant secretary of the state fair, Mr. Moore will be office manager of the department of agriculture.

TOURISTS ON WAY BACK; 148 CARS REST AT BILLINGS

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Billings, Aug. 31.—One hundred and forty-eight automobiles, most of them touring eastward, stopped at the Billings tourist park last week. The cars carried an average of three persons each.

BRINGING OCEAN TO DULUTH BEING BACKED BY MONT.

Visit of Tidewater Head Well Chaperoned by State Officials and Leaders.

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Helena, Aug. 31.—Chester C. Davis, commissioner of agriculture, left Wednesday evening for Billings, where he will meet Charles P. Craig, vice president and executive director of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater association, and be present at a meeting to be held in Billings by Mr. Craig.

Charles P. Craig will hold for meetings in Montana which are in the nature of a report of the progress made in the tidewater association. Montana is a member of the association and George L. Ramsey, of Helena, president of the Banking Corporation of Montana and president of the Helena Commercial club, is the Montana member of the council.

During last year the international joint commission held a meeting in Helena to gain information as to the saving in freight in the event of the completion of the lakes-to-ocean project which is the subject of the tidewater association. At the time of the meeting here it was pointed out by a large number of witnesses examined by the commission that Montana would benefit greatly in the event of the project being completed to such an extent that ocean steamships could reach Duluth.

Mr. Lang, traffic manager of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, at the time of the former hearing, gave expert testimony as to the amount of freight saved by the project and the direct benefit to the state of Montana. It was said at the hearing that Montana would be brought at least 2,000 miles nearer the European market by steamship navigation from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic ocean. In addition, Proctor Knott's "Zenith City of the Unsated Seas" would become a seaport city.

Commissioner Davis will accompany Mr. Craig on his entire itinerary in Montana. Following the meeting in Billings Thursday, the party will proceed to Butte and hold a meeting there Friday, September 2. A meeting will be held at the state capital in Helena Saturday, September 3, and in Great Falls on next Tuesday, September 6.

MISSOULA MISSOURIANS CELEBRATE HOME CENTENARY

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Missoula, Aug. 31.—In celebration of the centenary of Missouri's admission to the Union, Missoula Missourians held a picnic in Greenough park. Mrs. W. Galloway, Dr. Asa Willard, Ex-Congressman John M. Evans and Harry H. Parsons were the speakers.

BOZEMAN TAXES JUMP FOUR MILLS ON DOLLAR

Bozeman, Aug. 31.—The tax levy for Gallatin county has been fixed for this year by the county commissioners, and a comparison with last year shows that the tax will be generally larger. Bozeman has an increase of 4 mills on the dollar, due to a levy voted for city library, and bond concerts.

OPERATION FAILS TO SAVE.

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Billings, Aug. 31.—A major operation failed to save Mrs. Bartholomew Sheehan, wife of the vice president of a big hardware company here. She died Tuesday.

FARMER DENBY ON HIS VACATION



Being a good farmer, Secretary of the Navy Denby, as soon as vacation time came around, hustled out to his place at Clint Denby, Michigan, to help get in his crops. The photo shows the "Big Chief," as the home folks know him, standing in his corn patch.



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