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MOST FOULY MURDERED

Fred Nawfal, a Syrian Peddler Killed and Robbed by Parties Unknown.

Hunters Find Body in a Pasture Was Shot Twice in the Head and Skull Crushed by Club.

Ghastly Remains Identified and Inquest Develops Many Facts but No Real Clew To The Murderer.

Coroner's Jury Still Held Awaiting Additional Evidence.

Murder Mystery Deepens with Every Step—The Review's Theory of the Crime.

Fred Nawfal, a Syrian peddler was brutally murdered on Saturday night in a field about four miles north of Denison about a half a mile north of the ridge road. The crime was committed for the purpose of robbery. He was shot twice in the face, once in the right arm and his skull was crushed by a heavy blow from a ball bat. The guilty party, or parties are still at large and as yet no clue has been discovered which would identify anyone as the criminal. A coroner's inquest has been held but no facts have been developed which would establish the identity of the criminal.

History of the Crime.

The body was first seen on Monday by Chas. Webber and his brother while rabbit hunting in a pasture north west of town. They thought it was a dead calf and that perhaps it had been thrown out in the field and covered with poison to kill wolves. For this reason they called their dogs back and returned to Denison. It was then that they heard of the mysterious disappearance of a Syrian peddler whose horse and wagon had been run down by an Illinois Central train on Sunday morning. They at once thought of what they had seen in the pasture and wondered if that could have been the body of a man. They told their story to the officers and on Tuesday morning accompanied a posse to the field where the body corpse was discovered. The body was left just as found, a coroner's jury was sworn in and in the afternoon the surroundings were carefully examined.

Lying in a ravine well screened by hills from the roadways were found the ghastly remains. The body was lying face upward and the head was simply a mass of frozen and clotted blood. Brains, blood, crushed bones were mingled with the thick hair. One hand was clinched above his breast the other was thrown outward. About two feet from his head lay the cap, all filled with frozen blood. Ten or twelve feet from the body were splashes of blood mingled with the dead grass and the hazel brush. In the field the track of two light wagons were distinctly visible. One could see where they had backed and turned. The body lay directly over the wagon tracks which went on beyond for a short distance then returned and made a slight detour about the place where the body lay. Near at hand were found several articles clearly belonging to a peddler's pack. A cheap lead pencil, a cheap new butcher knife, a little piece of wrapping paper, and a pair of socks. Mr. Webber who accompanied the party told that he had been in the same field on Friday while out hunting and showed where his team had been tied. He also told that at the foot of the tree he had noticed a ball bat which was not there on Tuesday. He described the bat as having been painted black. On Wednesday this bat was found by a young son of Charles Evers. It was lying near the bank of the river as if thrown from off the bridge near the Illinois Central depot. The bat was covered with blood. This was more than three miles from the scene of the crime.

Was In Denison Saturday.

It is clearly established that Nawfal was in Denison on Saturday afternoon. We understand that at one of the banks he showed a considerable amount of money in currency, which he placed in his pocket. Later in the afternoon Nawfal drove down by the Illinois Central station and tied his horse to a telephone pole. He inquired of John Wollert as to where he might find a blacksmith shop. Mr. Wollert directed him and cautioned him not to tie his horse in the roadway as he had. Nawfal then tied his horse to the Illinois Central water tank and went up-town. So far as we know this is the last that was seen of him. It would seem however that he must have been seen by others and that his whereabouts and his associates would furnish the best possible clew as to the murderer. Evidence was obtained from Ferris Daniel a wholesale dealer in Fort Dodge who makes a specialty of peddler's outfits that Nawfal had with him goods to the value of about \$200. It was also brought out that he had considerable money. When found it was at once apparent that he had been thoroughly searched by the murderer and all his valuables removed. There was not a scrap of paper left that would identify him. His trousers pockets were turned inside out and his chain from which his watch had evidently hung was broken and the watch gone. Aside from the knife and the pencil no articles were found of all the goods that he had carried. Besides the facts that he was known in the vicinity not only by others of his race but by a few farmers who had seen him at their homes, no further real evidence has been discovered.

Wagon Run Down.

On Sunday morning an east bound freight on the Illinois Central ran down a horse and wagon. The

horse had crossed two railroad bridges and was crossing a third about a mile north of Denison. The wagon was demolished and the horse injured. It was this fact which first started the inquiry as to the missing peddler as the rig was identified as having belonged to him. It was the talk connected with this mysterious accident and when no owner could be found, that led to suspicions of foul play and set the Webber brothers wondering as to what it was they had seen in the pasture.

W. A. Lamborn, E. F. Tucker and J. H. Jones act as the coroner's juror, with W. C. Rollins, clerk. Wm. Byrns coroner, W. J. McAhren constable and P. J. Klinker as attorney.

The Review's Theory of the Crime.

As every man is bound to speculate as to how this awful crime was committed, the Review would submit its theory which time may or may not prove to be correct.

Nawfal came to Denison Saturday afternoon. He left his horse tied to the water tank and went up town. Up-town, being an affable man as the evidence shows he fell in with some companion or companions, who easily induced him to accompany them out into the country. This was easily done as the peddlers spend the most of their time in the country and not in the towns. The companion may have been a man of his own race, who knew something as to what valuables he carried, or it may have been some one who accidentally acquired this knowledge. Under some pretext Nawfal was induced to accompany them into the country. They left Denison after night. The would-be murderers lead the way to the spot. There was no hesitation. They knew the ground and just where they wanted to go. They left the ridge road, went into the pasture and down the hill, Nawfal following them. Finally they had him just where they wanted him. Half a mile from the road and half a mile from any house.

There is a fence at the end of the pasture, they could go no farther and perhaps the victim began to grow suspicious, here it was that they turned and shot him in cold blood. It was dark and they were near him when the shots were fired. Nawfal fell back from his wagon dead. The murderers searched him thoroughly, and removed his goods from his wagon to their own. They were anxious to leave no means by which the remains could be identified and they searched for some club by which he might be bit-tered beyond recognition. Groping in the hazel brush one of the men stumbled across a ball bat. With this a mighty blow crushed the dead man's skull and sent the body flying into the grass. After the goods were secured the body was left and the men drove back to Denison. Crossing the bridge the bloody lat was thrown into the brush along the river bank. It was the first intention to tie the peddler's horse just where it had doubtless been seen before night-fall. But on second thought they felt that it would be a good plan to turn the horse loose on the railroad right of way in the hope, as did actually happen, that it would be run over, and if the wreck was a bad one that all traces of the matter would be destroyed. Then the murderer or murderers drove away, quickly and to some distance in order to make good an alibi.

LATER-EXTRA.

Blood Stained Wagon Found At Kiron.

Points to Peddler's Cousins as Guilty Men.

Joe Hasan Under Arrest and Chas. Rider, Another Syrian, Held as a Witness.

Clever Work of County Attorney Klinker Brings Results.

Officers Still Pursue Sol Hasan.

This afternoon Joe Hasan, a Syrian, who claims to be a cousin to the murdered man was placed under arrest by Constable McAhren at the instance of County Attorney P. J. Klinker. Mr. Klinker was not satisfied with the account Hasan gave of his whereabouts at the time of the murder and he started investigations in the neighborhood of Kiron where Hasan said he had been on the night of the murder. Constable Chas. Dolk was set on the trail and he has evidently done effective work. At the present all that is known is what was received by Dolk by phone. It is found that Joe Hasan and his brother, who is now a fugitive, were not at the farm houses they claimed on Saturday and Sunday nights. It is said that they borrowed a spring wagon of Jos. Johnson of Kiron saying they wished to go to Denison.

They left Saturday night and did not return until Sunday several hours after midnight. It is now found that there are BLOOD STAINS on the wagon which they used and returned to Mr. Johnson. It was on the strength of this information that Mr. Klinker ordered the arrest of Hasan and that Rider should be held as a witness. The arrest was made quietly on Broadway about 1:30 this afternoon. The men were searched at the county jail but nothing of an incriminating nature was found. The men were placed in separated portions of the jail so that they cannot communicate with each other and Mr. Klinker has ordered the wagon brought to Denison together with a number of witnesses who are said to be able to throw additional light on the matter. Hasan has peddled goods about this county and is perfectly familiar with the lay of the land. In appearance he is slight and dark and typically Syrian. At the orders of Mr. Klinker men are already in pursuit of the other brother and it is hoped that he will be arrested before night. Mr. Klinker has hard on this case and is entitled to much credit for clever work which seems to be about to clear the mystery of the fearful tragedy.

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