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Dies Alone in Room in Hotel

BALLS FERRY (Shasta Co.), March 15 - Richard C. WHITLOCK, a respected citizen of Shingletown, was found dead in his bed in the Goodman Hotel at this place at 6 o'clock last evening, when the landlord went to call him to his supper. Rheumatism of the heart was probably the cause of the sudden death. Mr. Whitlock had been suffering several weeks from rheumatism, and had complained during the last few days that it was affecting his heart.

The hour of his death is not known. He was in the hotel office at 11 o'clock in the morning, chatting pleasantly with his friends, but soon retired to his room. He did not come down to dinner, but nothing was thought strange of that fact, for he often omitted the noonday meal. The body was quite cold when it was discovered and he had probably been dead for two or three hours.

The deceased was a teamster and had lived in Shingletown for twenty years. He came to Balls Ferry when last season closed to spend the Winter here in ease. He was aged 68 years and leaves several adult sons. One of them, Wade WHITLOCK, is employed on the Northern California Power Company's pole-line construction near Tehama.

Coroner BASSETT is an extremely busy official. A telephone message was sent to him at Redding last night from here informing him of the death and asking him to come and hold the inquest. Word came back that the Coroner was not at Manton, twenty miles east, holding an inquest on the body of Joe BUSH, the Indian who was shot and killed there the night before by "Firewater" GOULD. This morning word was received from Manton that Coroner Bassett would come on to Balls Ferry as soon as the inquest over Bush was completed.

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