

"Cush" Lewis Tells About Jesse James

Declares He Saw the Man "Howard" Before and After Death, and Knows That it Was Howard That Was Shot

VISITED LEWIS AT HIS HOME

Was in Connection With the Hanging of the Talbott Boys That Cush Saw James

The man claiming to be Jesse James that is getting much publicity in St. Joseph is undoubtedly not the real Jesse James, according to Cush Lewis, who told a member of the Bulletin force Wednesday about meeting James and afterwards viewing his dead body. The meeting of the famous outlaw came about through Cush's interest in the Talbott Boys who were hanged for the killing of their father in 1882. Lewis says he lived neighbors with the Talbott family and knows much of the circumstances and facts surrounding the death and subsequent trial and hanging of the Talbott Boys.

It seems that after the trial, the Talbotts were taken to St. Joseph for safekeeping, according to Lewis, who declared the jail in Maryville was not strong enough to hold anyone. Cush made frequent trips to the jail in St. Joseph to visit his old neighbors.

Met "Poke" Wells

It was on one of these trips to the St. Joseph jail that Lewis met "Poke" Wells, who was in jail for some kind of a crime. "Poke," according to Lewis, was a bad man, ruthless, a killer, and very anxious to get out. "Poke" told Cush that Jesse James was living in St. Joseph under the name of Howard, and that if he could be bailed out of jail, he could get James to take the Talbott boys from the jail and save their lives from the noose.

"I told Wells that I would see Mrs. Talbott about the bail," said Cush, "and if she said so, I would get him out and we would see what could be done. Mrs. Talbott gave her consent to the attempt to get the boys out by force, and authorized me to sell any number of mules necessary to get the money for bail. I sold the mules from

Talbott's rooms which were in the upstairs of the building east of the First National Bank building in Maryville." Lewis didn't say what the conversation was about but he did say that he didn't believe the man claiming to be Jesse James today is the man.

The hanging occurred on July 22, 1881. This is the last time Lewis saw Howard alive. In fact he only saw him two times; once at his home and once in Maryville on the day of the execution.

Viewed Body

But Cush saw the body of the dead Howard and declares that the man he talked with on two occasions was the same man that lay a corpse in St. Joseph. "I don't know whether the man I talked to was Jesse James or not. I only know that he told me he was Jesse James, but I do know that the man I talked to on the two occasions was the dead man," said Cush. "I believe that Uncle Dave McKee is right when he says the man claiming to be Jesse James is his cousin. I know that the man Howard who called on me and the man Howard who was shot in St. Joseph by Bob Ford was the same person, for I was just that curious that I made a trip to St. Joseph to see the body."

"Since this man has sprung up to claim he is the real Jesse James, I have had a number of letters from old friends asking me to come to St. Joseph to see him and try to identify him. I may do it yet if I get to feeling well enough."

Cush Lewis, who will be 76 years old on July 25th, is one of the early settlers here and is widely known over the county. He has been in ill health for a number of years.

PICNIC IS BEING TALKED

The Barnard Picnic is being talked harder than ever at this time. At no time has the idea ever been abandoned, but there has been a certain reluctance on the part of those who have been in charge of the Picnic during the past few years to assume the financial responsibility at this time, without the hearty co-operation of everyone in the community.

Whether we will hold a picnic this year is largely up to the community, according to John Tulloch, who has been one of the officers in charge for many years, but the turnout has been so small that there could be no representative action. A large number of the business men of the town desire a pic-

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Open Air Services for M. E. Church

Christian Church Will Join Them on Sunday Night, July 10 in Union Services

PLANNED FOR SUMMER MONTHS

Meetings Were Announced Saturday Night at the Free Picture Show

The M. E. Church pastor, Rev. H. E. Marshall, announced an open air meeting on each Sunday night he was to preach in Barnard during the summer months. The Christian Church will join them Sunday night in a Union Meeting.

The meetings will be held at the air dome, or the seats that were arranged for the free picture show. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Following is the formal announcement by the M. E. Church pastor:

The evening services will be held down town. The pastor's subject will be: "The Church in a Troubled World"

The Bible School will be held as

DR. TODD AND

Dr. C. D. Todd and Evelyn Culp of Monday evening fishing trip in So first week was a ways than one, acc tor. Highwaters p fishing. But the sec made up for the fai to catch the limit falo River. "In fa tor, "as we came through Market Sq and we were unabl department of the had had our fill of Mrs. Todd, the Stover, Missouri, ei with them.

CONCERTS AND SHOWS

Band concerts o and free picture s nights seem to be p the number of peop on these nights. T crowds are usuall these on Saturday ber attending the ing indeed.

The Saturday ni drawing exception: An objection voice guests of the tow sion when the sh