

EX-CONVICT FEELS ATTEMPT TO KILL

Ex-Convict Attacks Wife, Then With Razor Cuts His Own Throat.

REVENGE CAUSE OF DEED

Widow Wept, Won and Wed in Short Space of Four Days, Although She Knew of Her Sultor's Character.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Myron L. Taft, an ex-convict from the Oregon Penitentiary, today made a murderous attack on his wife, Mrs. Lois Taft, in their Polson-street home in Chehalis, beating the woman over the head with a hammer until he thought her dead, following which he thrust into the house and cut his throat with a razor.

The affair happened in broad daylight, and before Taft had got back into the house, a number of neighbors who heard the woman's screams were hurrying to the scene.

Wife Wept, Won and Wed in 4 Days. Taft came to Chehalis last August from Portland to visit his brother, Joe Taft. Nearby lived a widow, Mrs. Mark Eastman, who had a husband who died in April previous. Taft, who had a reputation for winning the hearts of women, made a quick acquaintance with Mrs. Eastman's daughter, Lois, who was a widow.

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EX-UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM OREGON DIES AT HIS HOME IN THIS CITY.

G. W. FULTON DEAD

Ex-U. S. Senator Passes Away at Portland Home.

WIDOW AND SON SURVIVE

Decceased for Many Years Active Figure in Politics of Oregon and in Later Years of Life Prominent in Affairs of Nation.

At half past 10 o'clock Mrs. Taft, who had arranged to go to Tacoma tomorrow to work, was in the car, accompanied by a neighbor, Mr. Messinger, packed her suitcase and started from the house. She had no sooner got outside than Taft, who had been hiding in the rear of the building in a closet, rushed into the street in his stocking feet and began to beat her head and body with a hammer.

The woman fell, wounded with a dozen blows, and he left her for dead. However, she was not killed, and was returned to her home, where she was taken to the hospital, but she died there.

Taft was a soldier in the Spanish-American War. He was 49 years of age and was born at Portland, Or. He had been a bad man all his life and had twice been sent up to the Oregon Penitentiary. He had been captured this time it would have meant life under the cumulative sentence law. His father-in-law, who was a prominent politician, was a member of the Oregon Penitentiary in 1892, 1893 and 1894.

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NEWS OF DEATH COMES TO POLITICAL FRIENDS AND FOES AS DISTINCT SHOCK.

TRIBUTE PAID TO GENIUS

Ex-United States Senator Eulogized by All as Friend, Neighbor, Attorney and Statesman—Early Life Spent in Iowa.

Announcement of the death of ex-United States Senator Fulton yesterday, although not unexpected, came as a shock to those who knew him as a personal and political friend. His death was deplored with equal feeling by those who, different from him politically, joined with Republicans in paying deserved tribute to Mr. Fulton and eulogizing him as a friend, a neighbor, a lawyer and a statesman.

Dr. Hillis Friend of Mr. Fulton. There can be nothing said of the private virtues and the public character of Mr. Fulton which will not subscribe. He was well born. I mean by that, physically and morally born—the greatest legacy which any human being can inherit. He was born in Lima, Allen County, Ohio, in August, 1852. His early boyhood, from 1865 to 1870, was spent at Magnolia, Ia. Here he was educated in the public schools with Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn—Henry Ward Beecher's old church, which continued through his life and which is terminated only by the Senator's death.

Mr. Fulton came to Astoria in April, 1875, just after his admission to the bar, when he also met and married his wife, Mrs. M. Fulton. He was a public figure in Oregon. He was elected to the Oregon State Senate in 1878, again in 1880, again in '84 and again in 1888. He was twice President of the State Senate—in 1882 and in 1891—and was President of the Oregon State Senate in 1892. He was elected to the United States Senate in February, 1903, and took his seat in that body in December of that year.

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TRUANT TEACHERS FOUND IN PORTLAND

Halsey Schoolmistress Flees Troubles and Comes to City to Take Employment.

SEEMING MYSTERY CLEARS

Mignon Swanson, Finding That Gossip and Minor Friction Is Rule in Country School, Quits Without Notice.

When her troubles as a country schoolmistress became greater than she could bear, Mignon Swanson, 27, teacher of a school near Halsey, Or., came to her employment without notice to directors, friends or family, and came to Portland to study for the civil service.

Work Soon Found. Last night she was located at the Hereford residential hotel, 735 Hoyt street, where she had bravely tackled the problem of a new career by working as a dining-room maid, while attending a business college for the coveted civil service course.

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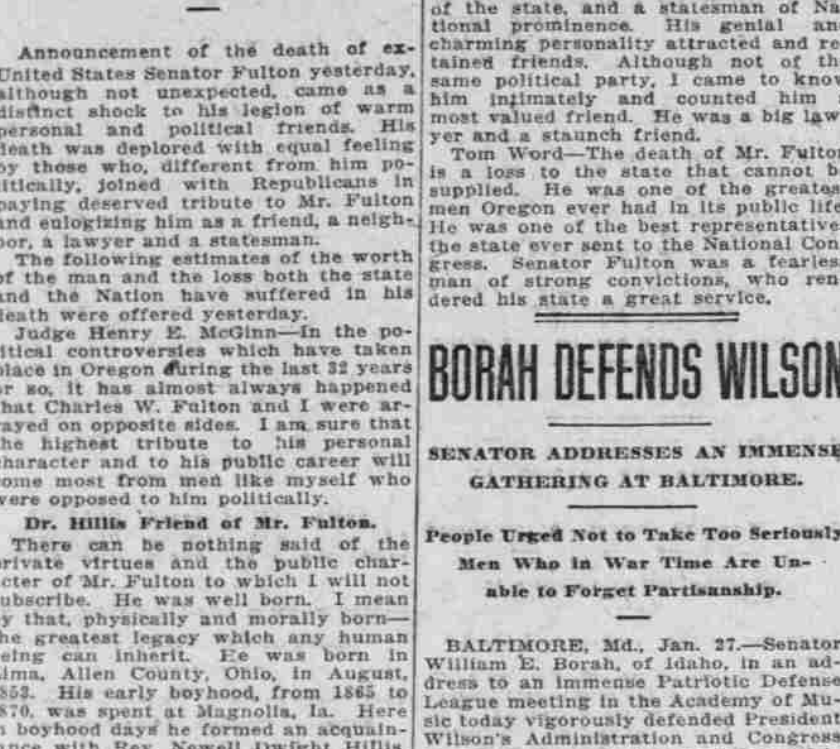
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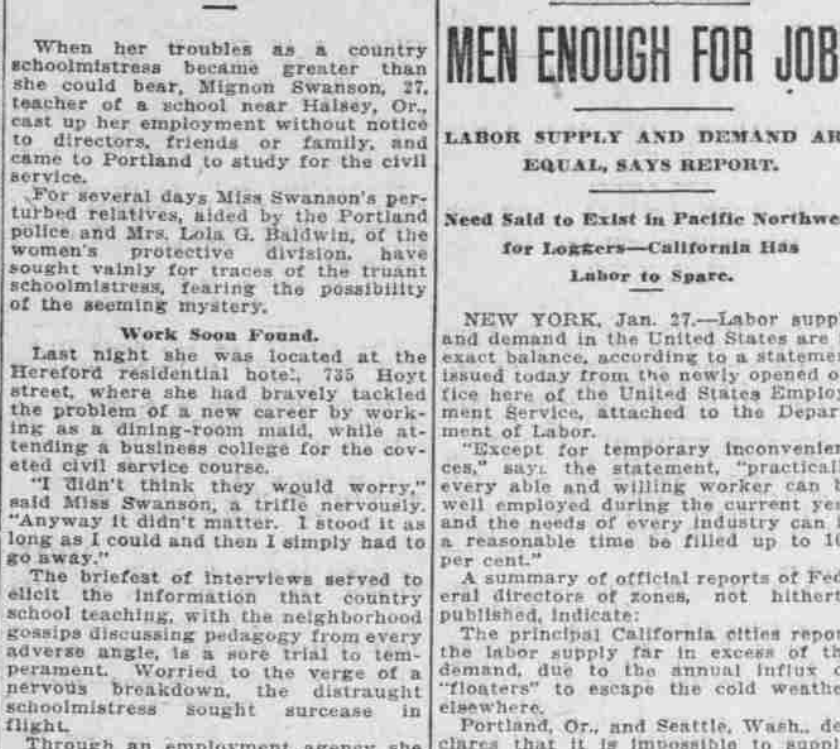
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MEXICANS HOLD UP TRAIN

Passengers Stripped of Valuables and 35 Persons Killed.

NEW YORK NEWSIES STRIKE

Publishers and Dealers Cannot Agree Over Wholesale Price.

WAR ORPHANS ADOPTED

Salina, Kan., Assumes Responsibility for 38 French Children.

OREGON QUOTA IS 3204

Ship Labor Reserve to Be Enrolled by Government.