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HILL ATTEMPTS HARA KARI

North Bend Man Makes Awful Effort at Suicide at Bandon.

WAS DRINKING HEAVILY Was New Comer and Had Recently Taken Charge of Rooming House Was in Bandon Several Days.

(By Associated Press) BANDON, Dec. 31.—J. G. Hill, said to be from North Bend, is in a precarious condition in this city as the result of an attempt to take his own life, at the end of a prolonged drinking bout. The attempt was made in a room which Hill occupied in the Pacific House, the frenzied man trying to cut his abdomen with a sharp knife. Dr. Houston is attending to the victim, who is very weak from loss of blood, and there is some doubt as to his recovery. Hill is said to be from North Bend, where he conducted the Our House restaurant. It is said he left his wife in charge of the place about two weeks ago and disappeared. Since his arrival in Bandon he has been drinking steadily until it is thought his mind became temporarily deranged. Inquiry at North Bend failed to elicit much information concerning Hill. It appears that he is a newcomer there and is not very well known, except that he had recently taken charge of the place known as "Our House," and his wife is still in charge there.

PRICKS LIFE'S EMPTY BUBBLE THOROUGHLY

New York Woman Dies From Effect of 144 Needles Swallowed With Suicidal Intent.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Mollie Desmond, who attempted to commit suicide eighteen months ago by swallowing a package of 144 needles, died today after twenty-five operations had resulted in the removal of all but a dozen needles. An autopsy will be performed to determine whether she died from needles penetrating her heart or peritonitis.

LEASES SHINGLE MILL. A Washington Man Takes Possession Of Coquille Enterprise.

COQUILLE, Dec. 31.—The Sentinel says: J. A. Reeves, of Port Angeles, Wash., has leased the shingle mill of Larson & Co., of this city. He has taken charge and is waiting for high water to subside to begin operations. Considerable repairs will be made to the mill in the way of strengthening the log haul and several of the machines which are too light for the work. It is the intention of Mr. Reeves to pay no attention to the shingle market but to saw and pile up his output until the market takes on a better tone. He informs us that 95 per cent of the shingle mills in the state of Washington are now closed down and that the price of shingles will have to come up in the next few months.

Somebody may be "calling you up" through a want-ad today. —Plumbing and Tinning at reasonable prices at Milner's

LIVES GO OUT WITH THE YEAR

Prominent Methodist Divine and a French Statesman Pass Away.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Bishop Edward G. Andrews, of the Methodist Episcopal church, died at his home in Brooklyn this morning. Aged 82 years.

EX-MAYOR OF TACOMA DEAD

(By Associated Press) SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Dec. 31.—Louis D. Campbell, former mayor of Tacoma, was stricken with a heart failure here Sunday evening and died in a few minutes. Accompanied by his wife and daughter he was about to take a car for the capitol.

LUMBER PRICES TAKE A TUMBLE

Latest Quotations From Minneapolis Mills Indicate Reductions from August List. (By Associated Press) MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Lumber prices are down. Nearly everything in the Northern Pine list is cut. Reductions from the August list range from one to three dollars.

HOQUIAM MILLS TO RESUME OPERATIONS

Will Start Up Immediately After January First to Fill a Flood of Orders.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 31.—One of the best New Year's greetings to reach the people of this city is the news that the mills of this city will resume operations immediately after the first of the year, running full time. Large orders have been placed with different mills of this city, and the manufacturing plants will continue working until spring.

TROOPS STAY IN GOLDFIELD

War Department Announces That Present Force Remain in Nevada.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The war department has decided to retain the present force of troops in Goldfield with the exception of some officers who will be dispensed with by the consolidation of nine companies into two.

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PETTIBONE CASE MAY GO TO JURY FRIDAY

Attorney for Defense Seeks to Submit Case to Jury Without Argument But Senator Borah Objects.

(By Associated Press.) BOISE, Dec. 31.—Pettibone in court today showed so plainly the effect of his illness that Judge Hilton, of the defense, announced that he had gone over all the testimony and as the state failed to connect the defendant with the crime charged in the indictment it had been decided to offer no further testimony and submit the case to the jury without argument. Senator Borah asked for a recess in case the murder proposition of the defense might be considered. Judge Wood granted the request, after a brief conference with state's attorneys. Senator Borah stated that the suggestion of disposing with argument could not be settled until the instructions of the court had been examined. Judge Wood then announced he would have his instructions ready by Friday morning and adjournment was taken until that time. The case now hinges entirely on the nature of the instructions of the court. If the court instructs that proof of conspiracy itself is sufficient, providing the state has presented satisfactory proof that the defendant was a member of the conspiracy and that the killing of Stuenberg was an incident thereto the case will be argued.

\$3,000,000,000 IN OREGON TIMBER

That's What Government Reports Show and Supply Will Last 150 Years.

Standing timber in Oregon amounts to 300,000,000,000 feet according to Charles E. Fields of Portland, who has been consulting United States government reports on the matter. "This timber, at the present rate of consumption, not allowing for the growth it will make, will last 150 years," Mr. Fields says. "Of course, the rate of denuding will increase as the years go by, but even then the value of standing timber in Oregon is so vast that there is not money enough in the whole United States to buy it at present prices, based on \$12 a thousand feet. The timber of the state is worth \$3,000,000,000, or about the sum total of the national debt at the close of our Civil war. Very few of us stop to think about this, and it is only by hunting the government figures that a correct estimate can be made. "But we have other things besides timber that run into dollars pretty fast. There was a time when we thought clover could not be raised in the Willamette valley at all. Last harvest we raised 1,500,000 pounds, which at 11 cents a pound, would run up to \$165,000. Yet clover is only an incidental source of revenue. I am not figuring today on livestock, dairy products, grain or gold."

SUES FOR \$24,000 ON LOGGING CONTRACT

Doerbecher Company Defends Suit for Alleged Breach of Agreement.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Alleging that he has been prevented from filling a big logging contract with the Doerbecher Manufacturing company, A. D. Monroe has begun suit in the circuit court for \$24,000 damages. He claims that through no fault of his own the defendant interfered and took charge of the logging camp he had established, thereby depriving him of the big profits in sight. Monroe says he entered into the contract on September 18, 1906, to furnish 4,000,000 feet of lumber per year for three years. The logs were to be delivered to a boom at the mouth of the Molalla river, thence to be conveyed to the Doerbecher sawmill at Coalea, in Clackamas county. He says he established a logging camp, furnished 1,500,000 feet before February 2, 1907, and had 750,000 ready for delivery, when on February 18, he was stopped by the defendant. Monroe was to have received \$5 per 1,000 feet on the deliveries and he claims his profits would have been \$2 per thousand, a total of \$24,000.

Fresh Oysters. —Received weekly at Gem Restaurant, North Bend. Served any style and open day and night. Also everything else the market affords.

LARGEST BUILDING AND THE LARGEST HOTEL IN WORLD

Tacoma Is to Have the Building and Chicago Will Have the Hotel—They Will be Whales.

New Hotelry Planned for Chicago to Six Million Dollar Structure Will Include Hotel, Stores and Railroad Stations. —Cost \$6,000,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The permit for the new La Salle Hotel, to be erected at La Salle and Madison streets, was taken out recently. It will represent an investment of approximately \$3,500,000, and with the land, which was leased on the basis of \$2,500,000, the total will run up to \$6,000,000. A feature of interest, as showing the sharp decline in the price of building material, is the statement that the present cost is placed at nearly \$500,000 less than would have been the case five or six months ago.

It is expected the work of construction will be begun some time between March 1 and May 1, and that 15 months will be required to complete it. The building will be 22 stories high, with two basements, and it is said, will be the largest hotel building in the world. It will contain 1172 rooms.

MAKES NEW WORLD RECORD

Texas Man Misses Target but Nine Times in 72,500 Shots.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 30.—A Toepperwein recently completed a ten days' shooting series during which he shot at 72,500 targets and missed nine. This breaks the world's record in several different ways, both as to the number of targets shot at and the number missed. Mr. Toepperwein closed the exhibition in a whirlwind fashion, shooting at the final 6500 targets and missing only one. Toepperwein used a 22-caliber automatic rifle and the blocks were two and a half inches thick and were thrown into the air at a distance of 20 feet from the point where the marksman stood.

FEARS SANTA CLAUS CROWDS OUT CHRIST

Tacoma Pastor Asks Brethren to Help Relegate St. Nicholas.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 31.—"Santa Claus is overshadowing Christ in Christmas celebrations, and the idea of a mythical gift-giver is made too prominent in the church in the land," was the remarkable utterance of Rev. C. E. Todd, pastor of St. Paul's church, Tacoma. The reverend gentleman was addressing the Methodist Ministers' Association at Puget Sound University. Considerable discussion followed, and the ministers present agreed that Christ was overshadowed by the mythical friend of youth, and that the church should endeavor to relegate Santa Claus to the background in future celebrations of Christmas day.

\$1,000,000 FOR CITY SCHOOLS DURING 1908

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—One million dollars will be required to conduct the Portland schools in 1908, according to the estimates made by the school board at its last meeting. To meet the expenses the members will recommend to the taxpayers that a bond issue of \$250,000 be authorized as well as a tax levy of 3 mills. Six new school buildings and additions will be constructed next year ranging in price from \$15,000 to \$30,000. Teachers' salaries will approximate \$500,000, and janitor services will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000. Repairs to buildings are estimated at \$18,000 for 1908.

—Call up Corthell the carpenter and have that leak fixed. Phone 561. —High grade sewing machines and needles at Milner's.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 31.—This city, with a population of only 100,000 is to give the world its greatest building. This building will be more than twice as big as the mammoth Grand Central station being built in New York, will stand 24 stories high and cover a total ground area of more than 48 acres.

The Imperial building, as it is to be known, is to have a breadth of 200 feet and a length of 415 feet. It will stand at the edge of a high bluff, overlooking the waters of Puget Sound. A great wing will reach out to the water front. The landward end of the building will be 175 feet below ground, so that only 10-stories will appear above the earth's surface at this end.

The top floor of the Imperial building will be occupied by a hotel; next will come department stores and shops of all kinds; lower down there will be wholesale establishments; still lower manufactories and the lowest level store rooms and freight handling departments.

Four transcontinental railroads enter the building, the Northern Pacific on the sixth floor, the Harriman lines, the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Chicago and Northwest-ern, which is building to the coast will also make passenger terminals in the Imperial building.

Power for factories in the Imperial building will be generated by the Nisqually river near Tacoma. 10,000 horsepower being required to run the building. Street car lines will run through the building on the sixth, eleventh and fourteenth floors by means of arched thoroughfares. The cost is estimated at \$6,000,000.

LOCAL COLOR GETS AUTHOR

Booth Tarkington Landed in Jail For Trying to Exterminate Police Force.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—Booth Tarkington, the author, is pondering today on whether he will "see to a finish," a scheme he has hatched to get "local color" for a new story he is to write.

While celebrating on Christmas eve Tarkington fell into the hands of the police after a hot argument with the bluecoats Tarkington became pugilistic in his desires and a fight ensued. The police won the argument—also the fight. The author was then taken to the station and forced to remain in a cell all night.

When he was called into police court this morning he asked that his case be continued until Saturday. The magistrate granted the request and the author is wondering now whether he ought to fight it to a finish or plead guilty and pay a \$10 fine. He is optimistic, however, and said this morning: "Say, I can write a peach of a story out of this. It will make me famous yet."

BREAKS HIS NECK WHILE PLAYING AT SANTA CLAUS

This Man Has Much Harder Luck Than E W Kammerer While Impersonating Children's Saint.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.—Jackson Stille, 50 years of age, a well-known resident of West Elizabeth, near here, while stealthily trying to escape the eyes of the younger members of the family and hide Christmas presents, fell down a stairway and broke his neck.

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TWO VIEWS OF CANDIDATE BRYAN

Governor Chamberlain Says He Has Grown in Popularity and Will Be Nominated.

PORTLAND, Ore., December 30.—"Bryan is certain to be the Democratic nominee for president." He is the choice of the great body of Democratic voters and in my opinion no other candidate will go into the convention with anything like the strength that Bryan will have," said Governor George E. Chamberlain in a recent interview with a Portland newspaper. "If Bryan is nominated, what do you think of his prospects of election?" "Splendid," replied the governor. "He has grown wonderfully in popularity and in the confidence of the people. Since Roosevelt's refusal to accept a nomination there is no Republican in sight who could beat Bryan unless it should be Hughes. None of the others have any real hold on the people. Hughes is a man who does things. He is quiet and unassuming, but he is a man of strong character and in my judgment would be the strongest candidate the Republicans could put forward."

Tom Watson Once Nebraska's Running Mate Says "Bryan Is Big Laugh."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, once Bryan's running mate, and once the populist candidate for president, lunched at the White House recently. Later, when asked about national politics, Mr. Watson said: "William J. Bryan is one great big laugh." Mr. Watson has made public a voluminous interview giving his idea of the money situation, in which the American banker comes in for many hard knocks. Greenbacks in profusion is the remedy the president heard Mr. Watson prescribe for the currency ills of the nation. —They tell you that "you will be a long time dead," but if you will pay strict attention to the laws of nature and have your prescriptions filled at McArthur's Pharmacy, the chances are that you will live to a ripe old age! Always a competent druggist in charge at McArthur's. Subscribe for The Times.