

WHITSETT DEAD

Roseburg Man Kills Woman at Portland Yesterday.

LATER HE COMMITS SUICIDE

Claude Whitsett Resided in Roseburg For Many Years Prior to Moving to Grants Pass Where He Located.

LIVED IN ROSEBURG.

Claude Whitsett, the principal in the following article, is well known in Roseburg and Douglas county where he resided for a long time prior to four years ago when he left for Grants Pass. During his residence in this vicinity he resided with his parents, who owned a large farm on Roberts Creek. He lived at Grants Pass a year, and later went to Portland. A brother, John Whitsett, left for Portland last night to assume charge of the remaining other than the brother, the deceased is survived by two sisters, one of whom resides at Myrtle Creek and another at Leland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 18.

Because, it is said, she refused to give up her position in a laundry and again go back to live with him after having left him a year ago, Claude Whitsett, aged 30 years, a bartender, last night shot and killed Rosa Orme, aged 35 years, and then shot himself in the temple, dying instantly. Miss Orme died within a few minutes after the shot was fired, and without telling how it happened. The tragedy took place in a rooming house at Second and Madison streets, shortly after 6:30 o'clock.

Friend First at Scene.

Attracted by the shots, W. P. Morrison, an employe of an oil company, and a friend of both victims of the tragedy, ran to the room and found Miss Orme breathing her last. She was unable to speak to him. Morrison said last night that Whitsett lived with the woman after her former husband, Harvey C. Galbraith, of San Francisco, the two passing as man and wife, for some time and that afterwards the girl obtained a position in the Union Laundry on Second street and refused to live longer with the bartender. Two weeks ago, he said, Whitsett went to the lodging house and to the girl's room. With the assistance of the clerk of the place, Whitsett was thrown out and came back with a policeman, to whom he had reported that Miss Orme was his wife. When the policeman found that Whitsett was not the girl's husband, he escorted Whitsett from the place and Whitsett did not return again until last night.

Baby Girl Is Left.

Miss Orme, who took her maiden name after her separation from her husband, who she had married in 1902, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Orme, of Grants Pass and Leland, Ore. In their custody is the 7-year-old child, Grace, who is the daughter of Galbraith. Her father is a partner in a place nine at Leland. Following her separation from Galbraith she lived at several places on the Pacific coast, earning her living as a waitress or as a laundry worker.

Whitsett, who is said by Morrison to have threatened the girl's life two weeks ago when turned out of the house, in the words, "I'll get in some time and I'll show you all about it," was a bartender in the Fargo saloon at 101 Sixth street and was a member of the Bartenders' Union. He had been in Portland for the past seven years.

A sister of the woman slain, Mrs. Cora Alderson, of Leland, Ore., was notified last night by the coroner.

NEED ECONOMY IN THE HOME.

Tendency Is To Live Beyond Means Today.

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 18.

Tonight in addressing the annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association in session here, Dr. James Withycombe, director of experiment stations at the Oregon Agricultural College, blamed the high cost of living upon the universal tendency to live beyond the family means, and to contribute to the abnormal cost of the food. It is popular, in such discussions, to depict the merchant or dealer as the chief transgressor. The trouble is often due to the lack of proper economy in the home, an economy that is in keeping with the family income. There is a strong and almost universal tendency in the flood tide of prosperity to live beyond the family means. Frequently only the choicest and highest priced cuts of meat will suffice for the

table. Delicacies are demanded

which greatly swell the food budget. The telephone also must bear its portion of the blame for the high cost of living. This modern and indispensable instrument for facilitating business and promoting pleasure affords a ready means for ordering articles that otherwise would, perhaps, be left unpurchased.

"Living expenses should be kept within the bounds of propriety at least to fit the financial station in life. This is the common-sense, frugal practice of the housewife in the home canning of the fruits and vegetables is in grave danger of becoming a lost art.

"It is not the consumer who is the greatest sufferer under present economic conditions. It is the producer who is the most grossly wronged. This is the one great reason of the unrest and discontent among farmers and causes many to leave the farm and seek business in other avenues. Recently it was estimated by good authority that the annual value of dairy products in Oregon, from the consumer's standpoint, is \$16,780,000, for which the producer received only \$9,547,000, or a difference of 75 per cent for manufacture and distribution.

"The remedy is a closer co-operation between the dealer and producer. The dealer should manifest a greater interest in the welfare of the producer and thus encourage production. Dealers should take special interest in finding markets for the products of the farm and not be content with simply supplying the local demand, regardless of what may become of any surplus the farmer may happen to have. As the farmer prospers the whole community prospers.

INCIDENTAROUS NATIONALIRE

Matter Will Become Subject Diplomatic Correspondence—Cuban Affair Quieting Down—More Indictments.

(Special to The Evening News.)

PARIS, Jan. 19.—Friendly relations between France and Italy were given a serious shock today when news that Italian torpedo boats had seized the French steamer Manobax on the Mediterranean coast.

U. S. Not Interfere.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Following the receipt of an official statement from Mr. Beaupre, American minister at Havana, which said that all political activity there had ceased on account of the veteran's movement, the state department officially announces today that the United States will not interfere in Cuban affairs at present. No further developments are expected.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 19.

Information that thirty prospective indictments against Union labor leaders have been prepared as a result of the activities of the United States grand jury here, became public today. It is also apparent that the federal probe is nearing an end, as most of the evidence is now in. Witnesses today testified regarding the transportation of dynamite out of the state by the McNamara's.

LOCAL NEWS.

Attorney George Neuner left for Eugene this afternoon where he will act as judge in tonight's debate between the Eugene and Albany high schools.

Mayor Joseph Miceli, Attorney Dexter Rice and James Zuercher went to Riddle this morning where they met the LaGrande business men who arrived here this afternoon from the south.

The members of the Roseburg high school basketball team, composed of Delvin Jewett, George Hammond, Charles Ribble, Cecil Black and Co. Binkley left for Ashland this morning where they will meet the team of that city in two matched games.

Nellie, Bonnie and Joseph Champagne left for Portland this morning where they intend to make their future home. Francis Champagne, who is employed in the local telephone exchange, will remain here for about a month before joining the other members of the family.

A FEW TALKS

Will Enliven Banquet at Hotel This Evening

FOR LAGRANDE EXCURSIONISTS

Event Will Occure At 7:30 O'Clock, Followed By a Reception at The Commercial Club Rooms.

The committee in charge of tonight's festivities at the Roseburg Commercial Club rooms this morning completed all arrangements for the banquet to be held at the McClallen hotel this evening in honor of the LaGrande business men who are at present touring Southern Oregon. The banquet will commence at 7:30 o'clock and will probably consume about an hour. Among the prominent Roseburg business men scheduled to deliver short talks during the banquet hour are Carl D. Shoemaker, L. Wimbler, Hon. Binger Hermann, Hon. J. W. Hamilton, J. W. Perkins, Mayor Joseph Miceli, A. C. Marsters, Dexter Rice, R. E. Smith and W. H. Fisher.

Following the banquet the party will follow to the Roseburg Commercial Club rooms where an informal reception will be held. As stated in yesterday's issue of The Evening News, the ladies are cordially invited to attend this evening and assist in entertaining the LaGrande excursionists.

Owing to the fact that the committee has been unusually busy in arranging for the affair, none of their number will attend the banquet. On the contrary the committee will be represented by the above named citizens, each of whom is capable of exploiting the advantages and opportunities so abundant in this locality.

ROSEBURG CITIZENS

Meet The LaGrande Business Men at This Station.

Train Number 20, which carried on it the thirty-odd business men of LaGrande on their "get-acquainted" trip, arrived here a few minutes late this afternoon and it was not until about one-thirty that the six hundred or more Roseburg people got a glimpse of the boosters from the interior part of the state. The crowd at the station to meet these men who are touring the state was one of the largest gathered there for some time. Although there was a slight rain falling, the ardor of the reception committee was in no way dampened. When the train stopped the throng gathered quickly and met with open arms the visitors. They were easily detected as they wore badges bearing their town name.

After the LaGrande men had all alighted from the coach they stopped and gave three cheers for LaGrande. No college football rosters ever gave a better demonstration of loyalty.

Automobiles were waiting the guests of the city. After a little delay they were whisked to the Commercial Club rooms and introduced to the Roseburg business men, after which they repaired to the McClallen hotel to partake of one of Manager Grovold's famous noonday luncheons.

Mayor Miceli, Dexter Rice and J. D. Zuercher left this morning for Riddle in order that they might meet the visitors at that point and formally escort them to Roseburg.

W. H. Eager, of Oakland, spent the day in Roseburg attending to business matters and incidentally greeting friends.

CAPTURED HERE

Escaped Convict Taken in Custody by Officer.

ESCAPED FROM PENITENTIARY

William Reno Was Sent To Prison From Multnomah County For a Term of 2 1/2 Years.

William Reno, who escaped from

the state penitentiary at Salem on Sunday afternoon was picked up here today by Sheriff George Guine and Deputy Sheriff Fred Stewart. He will be returned to the penitentiary some time tomorrow, or at least, as soon as the penitentiary officers can arrive here in response to a telegram forwarded to them this afternoon.

Reno was working as a trusty at the rock crusher and in company with a companion, left without knowledge of the attendants. Two hours later their absence was discovered and officers were immediately sent in pursuit.

According to the story told by Reno this afternoon, the couple traveled by rail as far as Albany where they separated, Reno continuing his journey south while his partner went in the direction of the coast. Reaching Roseburg this morning, Reno became inquisitive and immediately visited the business district. It was while loitering in the vicinity of the McClallen hotel that he was recognized as the man wanted by the sheriff and his deputy. He admits being no other than Reno, the escaped convict, and says he is willing to return to Salem. He was sent up from Multnomah county for two and one half years, and at the time of his escape had served a trifle

COUNTY COURT ASSEMBLES.

On account of the public insisting on using the Winston bridge, which has been condemned as dangerous, Judge Wonacott will assemble the county court tomorrow to take drastic action in this matter. The bridge must be closed, absolutely, to travel, as it is unsafe.

LEASES STORE ROOM.

Will Engage In The Grocery Business In The New Perkins Block.

L. E. Milledge, for the past few months employed in the "Bee Hive" grocery store, today leased the corner store room, situated in the new Perkins building, and will re-engage in the grocery business in the near future.

Mr. Milledge is well and favorably known in Roseburg and vicinity and will no doubt share liberal patronage. It may be possible that he will form a partnership with Earl Pickens, at present engaged in business at Eugene.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Keany left for Albany this afternoon where she will spend a week or ten days visiting her father.

Mrs. A. D. Hahn and children went to Sutherlin this afternoon to spend a few days visiting with the former's father.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Sioemaker, of Coles Valley, spent yesterday in Roseburg attending to business matters and visiting with friends.

Himes & Oliver, the real estate agents, this morning received their new electric sign which will be installed in front of their offices on Cass street during the next few days. The sign is a beauty and cannot help but attract the attention of persons enroute too and from the depot.

BOILER BURSTS

River Steamer Sarah Dixon Sinks in Columbia.

CAPTAIN AND MATE ARE KILLED

Survivors Reach on Larline—Convicted Banker Morse Pardoned—Condition Critical—Wife Enroute.

(Special to The Evening News.)

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—Last night while the river steamer Sarah Dixon was enroute on her regular trip, and when at a point near Kalama, Washington, on the Columbia river, her boilers exploded and so shattered her hull that she sank in a few minutes. Nine of the survivors of her crew arrived in Portland on the steamer Larline this morning.

All of the men report narrow escapes from death. It is the opinion of the crew who escaped on the Larline that Captain Fred Stinson, First Mate Arthur Monical and Fireman Silas Knowles were killed when the boilers burst. The explosion tore off the superstructure and completely wrecked the vessel. She sank so quickly that those who were injured barely had time to escape in the small boats. There is no reason assigned for the explosion, as the boilers were recently tested and reported as in good condition.

Manchus Delay.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19.—Varying reports of the decision of the Manchus, who met to consider abdication today. Opinions are varying, some say that they will surrender, others that another day of grace will be required. Yuan is quoted as saying that he would resign the premier-ship.

Banker Morse Pardoned, III.

ATLANTA, Jan. 19.—Physicians attending Charles Morse, the convicted New York banker whose sentence was commuted by President Taft yesterday, through efforts of Mrs. Morse, say that the pardoned man will not live to leave Georgia alive.

The war department issued an order today permitting Morse to rejoin the Fort McPherson military hospital until this condition shall improve. Mrs. Morse is enroute from New York to meet her husband here.

CAFETERIA DINNER

Will be served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church in the parlors of the church, on Jackson street, on Saturday afternoon, January 20, from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Menu. Creamed Chicken Hot Biscuits Cold Boiled Ham. Mashed Potatoes. Browned Sweet Potatoes Boston Baked Beans Brown Bread Shrimp Salad Potato Salad Baked Apple With Cream. Apple, Mince and Pumpkin Pie Marshmallow Pudding. Whipped Cream. Cake Coffee 119

SPEND EVENING

Pleasantly at Home of Senator A. Abraham.

TALK ON THE STRIKE SITUATION

Striking Shopmen Royally Entertained—Coffee, Sandwiches and Cigars Passed Out Liberally—Politics Not Discussed.

The home of Senator Albert Abraham last night was filled almost to overflowing with the throng of citizens who are now out on a strike. The early part of the evening was taken up by informal discussions of the strikers' position in their difference with the Southern Pacific Railroad. Later the luncheon was served and was partaken of with much relish by those present.

"I did this," said the senator, "to let the strikers and the people of Roseburg know that I had confidence in them as law-abiding citizens of our city. There were present about fifty of the men and out of this number more than ninety per cent are property-owners and pay taxes into the city and county treasury. I hope that my stand will have the effect of bringing the citizens generally into closer touch with the men and their cause."

"Did politics enter into the discussion?" was asked the senator. "No, we did not mention that subject throughout the evening. In fact, politics had no bearing on the entertainment," was the reply.

Those present were: Dick Trauger, A. A. Jones, R. P. Dees, J. A. Bailey, P. C. Schwartz, Wm. Deuter, Joe Garlin, C. C. Christie, Wm. Abene, E. M. Tennyson, Geo. L. McNally, R. Bond, J. Call, Chas. Christopherson, F. Hansen, Wm. Quinn, James Stephenson, Henry Snyder, W. J. Lester, P. A. Sater, A. Woodin, Arthur Green, J. E. Byres, Chas. Justice, Robert Justice, F. E. Patterson, Luther Starmer, Pluge Siebers, Fred Lane, Harry Pierson, J. C. Mulvey, J. B. McTadyen, Edward Everts, Walter Corley, Wm. Jennings, Walter Christie, Senator Abraham, James Call, Wm. Anderson.

TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE.

is Headed Toward Sutherlin According to Reports.

Case is Filed

Would Enjoin Collection of Taxes in District 38.

ELECTION IS BRANDED ILLEGAL

Alleged That Election Was Held in November and Not in December as Provided by 1909 Laws.

Alleging that the recent road election held in district No. 38, comprising a part of Roseburg and extending as far south as Greens, was held in direct violation of law, Attorney John T. Long, Charles Hamilton and Frank G. Mirell, representing Robert Gies, this afternoon filed legal proceedings in the circuit court in which they ask that the sheriff and clerk of Douglas county be enjoined from collecting said tax or issuing certificates of delinquency against the property involved.

According to the complaint, the attorneys for the plaintiff allege that the said election was held at the city hall, in Roseburg, on November 23, and that a three mill levy for road work was assessed against all taxable property in the district. It is also alleged that resolutions adopted by the improvement committee of South Main street, the sum of Parrott culvert about 60 feet in length, were adopted. The cost of the improvements were estimated at \$4,000.

Contained in the complaint are the following reasons why the injunction should be granted:

"That no notice was given, giving the time, place and object of the said meeting as required under the 1909 laws.

"That no notice of such election was posted at the court house.

"That the notice of election did not contain the signatures of 10 per cent of the tax payers of the district.

"That the said notice of election was not published in a weekly newspaper as required by law.

"That at the time of holding the election there were but 12 votes cast favoring the levy, constituting far less than a majority of the voters of the district.

"That no certificate of the levy has as yet been received by the county clerk.

"That the said election was held in privacy and not openly as provided by law.

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Inasmuch as Judge J. W. Hamilton is disqualified to sit in the case, the proceedings were this afternoon sent to Judge Harris, at Eugene.

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of Tietmoe for the year was unanimously accepted. This document says that action of the prosecution is of a "dastardly character," and alleges that the indictments are a conspiracy against organized labor. Government officials who have led the prosecution are flayed in the report.

LOCAL NEWS.

Edward LaBrie, of Garden Valley, was in the city for a short time today.

Alva Bellows left for Portland this morning where he contemplates consulting a specialist regarding his physical condition.

George Hoover, who has been spending the past few days in Roseburg, left for his home at Portland last evening.

Prayer meeting at the South Methodist church tonight at 7:30. Rev. J. E. Burkhardt, leader. You are cordially invited.

John Alexander, the Glide merchant, spent the day in Roseburg visiting with friends and looking after business matters.

Mrs. Mulkey, of Myrtle Creek, underwent an operation at her home yesterday. Drs. Sether and Seely were the attending surgeons.

Clarence Ruh, a Columbus, Ohio, man who for the past few years has been prospecting in Nevada, Utah and Arizona, and who for about six weeks has been a resident of this city, paid a social call to The News office today. He expects to leave for points in Southern California some time this week.

There will be a dance at the Macabee hall Saturday night, January 20, and the orchestra and president of the Bull Macabee Building Association promise every one attending a delightful time.

The Baptist Young People's Society held a social at the R. E. Crawford home on North Jackson street last night which proved unusually delightful to all the large crowd of young people attending. The entertainment feature was in the form of an in-door athletic meet. Colleges were represented, and many laughable and extremely enjoyable take-offs on college athletic sports were indulged in. All voted the occasion one of rare pleasure.

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LUCH AT GRILL

Seventy Five Oregon Merchants Visit Roseburg.

ENROUTE HOME FROM MEDFORD

Arrive in Roseburg at 1:30 O'Clock and Leave for the North a Half Hour Later—A Jolly Bunch.

Singing a number of stirring airs, including such famous numbers as "How Dry I Am," "Roseburg, How I Love You," and other verses of song especially arranged for the occasion, seventy-five Oregon merchants, enroute home after a few days spent at Medford in attendance at the annual meeting of the Oregon Retail Merchants Association, alighted from northbound passenger train No. 29 this afternoon and partook of luncheon at the Grand Grill.

Apparently a jolly bunch of fellows, they attracted no little attention as they wended their way from the depot to the grill. In fact, the atmosphere seemed alive with song, interspersed with sayings of a humorous and witty nature. Completing the meal, the party hastened back to the train and departed for the north shortly after 2 o'clock.

Speaking for the party, F. E. Nunn, popular Eugene merchant, informed a News representative that the Medford grocery men were a live bunch and allowed no opportunity to pass whereby they might praise the resources and advantages of the Rogue River Valley.

"We are simply delighted with our visit to Medford," continued Mr. Nunn, "and I want to say that the Southern Oregon boys are alert and doing. We were entertained from the hour of our arrival in Medford until the minute we boarded our cars preparatory to departing for home. It was one grand round of pleasure, made so by the efforts of the citizens of Medford in charge of the entertainment."

While unable to spend any time of consequence in Pacific officials, and who were quite surprised at the rapid growth of the business district, and the general appearance of the paved streets.

The opportunity of partaking of luncheon in Roseburg was arranged by the Southern Pacific officials, and was known to the people of Roseburg prior to the arrival of the train.

LA FOLLETTE CLUBS.

Are Being Organized in Every State.

(Special to The Evening News.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—The La Follette headquarters in this city has just mailed thousands of letters to prominent progressive republicans all over the country in response to requests for aid in forming LaFollette clubs. This action is evidence of the growing and nation-wide demand for an organization whose purpose it will be to further the presidential candidacy of the Wisconsin senator.

The system of organization is simple and effective. Voters in a locality may start a LaFollette club, elect officers, and through their connection with the Washington headquarters, organize the progressive sentiment.

The plan will permit of independent organizations, covering any amount of territory, and will allow the affiliation of these independent clubs into larger clubs.

An outline of LaFollette's record during his 20 years struggle for popular government, first as representative in congress, then as governor of Wisconsin, and then as U. S. senator, has been put out by the progressive movement, and is an unusually strong campaign document. This record is in itself a platform.

Accompanying the LaFollette club blanks is a letter of directions of which the following is a part:

"You know that the progressive movement stands for popular government and progressive principles. You also know that opposed to these desirable ends are the special interests seeking special privileges.

"You wish the people to rule and you are willing to help bring it about. The important thing now is the election of the right man for president, and now is the time to organize LaFollette Progressive Republican Clubs.

"A La Follette Club is the most effective means you can employ to arouse interest in your locality; and you will lead others to do likewise elsewhere.

"At any time, not later, however, than thirty days before a primary or convention, you may, if you choose, make your organization permanent, and then 'go to it.' The purpose of the club, remember, is to elect delegates to the national convention who will name LaFollette for president.

The progressive republican managers announce that the organization of LaFollette clubs is a strong feature of the progressive republican campaign.

Arthur Green, who is conducting a boarding house at Leona spent yesterday visiting with friends.

Although Marshal Fenton has exerted every effort in apprehending Edward Grimes, wanted in Roseburg on a charge of larceny in connection with leaving Roseburg with \$25 belonging to a friend, nothing has as yet been learned regarding his whereabouts.

It has been reported that Fenton, but to date, the officers at that city have failed to effect an arrest. Grimes resided in Roseburg for about three weeks, and at the time of his sudden departure from town was landlord of the Central hotel.