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H. C. WEST TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Herman C. West, formerly employed on the Observer and later a clerk at the Sommer House, committed suicide yesterday at Baker City by taking morphine. West went to Baker City Thursday, presumably without telling his wife of his destination. He visited the Baker City Herald on Saturday seeking employment. Being unsuccessful he went to his room at the Crabill hotel, locked his door, and took a large dose of morphine. All day Sunday he lay dead, not being discovered until evening. His wife was notified and she left this city on the nine o'clock train. A coroner's inquest was held today and a verdict of suicide was rendered. The body will probably be brought here for burial.

This attempt was the third and last. About last April, two months before his marriage, West was found in his room at the Sommer house lying in a drunken stupor. By his side was a glass half filled with water in which a large amount of morphine was dissolved. By his side was a letter written to his employers telling him reason for his death and arranging the details of his funeral. He was persuaded that he had better live a while longer and not until August 8th, of last year did he again make an attempt. For several weeks prior to this time he had been drinking heavily. He went to Bolton & Bodmer's warehouse and asked for a piece of paper. It was given him and it was noticed that he mailed it at the depot mail box. As this was somewhat unusual, the postmaster was asked to open the box. It was found that he had written to his wife directing that she seek his dead body above the brick yard where they had walked on a summer's day. A party left the city and just at sundown found him asleep but not under the influence of poison. He was again brought back alive. During the winter he had been much of the time without employment and early in the winter suffered a severe attack on the heart. With these conditions it was noticeable that he was not happily situated.

The dead man leaves a wife, whom he married eight months ago Sunday, the day he died, and a father and sister some where in Kentucky.

At Baker City a note found beside him said that he was better off dead than alive as his wife could collect his insurance. He had a policy in an old line com-

pany to the amount of \$1,000. Mrs. West is prostrated with grief and it is only with great efforts that she can be restrained, such is her state of mind. It cannot be learned from her what disposition she wishes made of the body, but it is likely that she will have the body interred here.

SCHOONER OVERDUE

(Scripps News Association)
San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Fears are entertained as to the safety of the schooner Orient which is 23 days overdue at this port from Willapa harbor heavily laden with lumber and commanded by Captain S. Saunders and manned by a crew of seven. At the office of B. H. Tietjoh, the owner of the Orient, little hopes are expressed of her safety.

A NEW INVESTIGATION

(Scripps News Association)
Seattle, Wash., Feb. 5.—United States Attorney Frey officially announces that there will be an entirely new investigation as to the cause and action of the men connected with the Valencia disaster so it can be ascertained where to place the blame where it belongs.

A meeting of the committee of eight representing local lodges and commercial bodies today formulated a message to the President demanding a new and direct investigation.

GERMANY SAYS WILL BE NO WAR

(Scripps News Association)
Berlin, Feb. 5.—The foreign office today announced the outcome of the Algerian conference can in no case be made a cause of war with France. If the conference matters remain as they were before, it is believed the conference will end by the middle of March.

KAISER PRESENT

(Scripps News Association)
Berlin, Feb. 5.—Emperor William has selected a gold bracelet for his wedding present to Miss Alice Roosevelt.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 5.—Wheat opened at 86½; closed 84½; corn opened at 45, closed 44½; oats opened 30½; closed 30½.

BRISTOL IS UNDER THE BAN

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 5.—United States Senator Charles W. Fulton of Oregon called upon the President this morning to talk over the case of United States District Attorney W. C. Bristol, against whom charges are preferred. After the conference Senator Fulton said that Bristol would have to go.

ANOTHER SHIP LOST

(Scripps News Association)
Seattle, Feb. 5.—The schooner Nellie Coleman, which has now been out 87 days from the Unga island, with a cargo of fish for Seattle, is given up for lost with her crew of seven. Captain Johnson had his bride with him on his wedding trip. The schooner is owned at Seattle by the Alaska Fisheries Company.

INDIANA BANDITS

(Scripps News Association)
El Paso, Tex., Feb. 5.—News has just been received here that the Yakal Indians attacked and killed eight American teamsters, near San Miguel, Sonora, and escaped with the booty.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 5.—The President today nominated his old friend, John Abernathy, the famous wolf hunter and cattleman, to be United States marshal of Oklahoma, and F. L. Bostwick to be postmaster of Laton, California.

WOMAN ACQUITTED

(Scripps News Association)
Denver, Feb. 5.—Helen Schmidlap, tried for the murder of her husband, was acquitted today, having proven that Schmidlap ordered her to go out and "make a living by her face and form."

PREPARING FOR CONFLICT

(Scripps News Association)
Indianapolis, Feb. 5.—The executive board of miners are holding a meeting here today arranging the details for the expected conflict. At the conclusion of this board meeting it is not expected to be necessary to have another meeting until just before the strike begins April 1st.

DOINGS OF TODAY AT CAPITAL

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 5.—Senator Grosvenor will propose an amendment to the Hepburn bill providing that no officer who has been an employee of the railroad shall be interested in the business of furnishing material to the road.

Patterson will introduce a resolution in the Senate providing that a caucus decree shall not bind any senator in consideration of the San Domingo treaty.

The resolution declared that such action as the caucus proposed would be an act of coercion, which if permitted to prevail might deprive the state of its proper representation in congress and would possibly force the senator to violate his oath in support of the constitution. Patterson's democratic colleagues were astonished and indignant. Senator Tillman tried to get recognition but was denied. He refused to be silenced and grasped his pitchfork ready for a fight. With a blood red face he demanded to know the parliamentary status of the question. The vice-president said it was a resolution and Tillman shouted his objection to its consideration. Patterson remained cool and said he did not want immediate consideration and asked that it go over until tomorrow, so ordered and Patterson left the chamber.

The senate has agreed to vote on the ship subsidy bill on the 14th of the month.

CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET

The February term of circuit court convened this morning at the court house with Judge Robert Eakin on the bench. The docket for this term is not as long as usual but there are ample cases to occupy the attention for several days.

The law docket is as follows:

G. W. Biggers versus Laura McClure.
S. S. Booth versus the Farmers and Traders National Bank.

S. S. Booth versus J. W. Scriber.
J. D. Casey versus the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co.

Amalgamated Sugar Company versus Lewis Snyder.
J. H. Childs versus C. and C. G. Coalwell.

R. W. Deal versus T. D. Taylor and H. F. Jacks.

W. H. Ewin versus Samuel McMaisters.
G. W. Biggers versus Charles A. and Hattie McCrary.

M. Schussler & Company versus Thompson & Bramwell.

Bridget Franny versus J. H. Childs.
Elgin Forwarding Company versus Eden & Brown.

George W. Gilbert versus William Dean.
Hooper and Hudson versus Eden & Brown.

William Grant versus H. Harrell.
Hall Brothers versus William Alexander.

Mary F. Carroll versus J. H. Hutchinson.
La Grande National Bank versus Hunt, Hatch & Company.

Grande Ronde Valley Artesian Well Company versus D. M. Hunt.

W. A. Gossett versus the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company.

A. F. Kelly versus Stephen A. Daugherty.

Amanda M. Ringhart versus J. A. Foye.
James McCoy versus W. E. Evans.

William McIlroy versus Duncan McBeth.

G. H. Lindsay versus the Grande Ronde Lumber Company.

George Miller versus Union county.
The Oregon Railway & Navigation Company versus the Wallowa Valley Railroad Company.

Emory Proebstel versus William M. Hughan.

Walter M. Pierce versus Union county.
G. H. Powers versus Levi Rogers.

The Abeline National Bank versus F. L. Richmond and W. T. Wright.

Shaw and Wilson versus the North

Powder Co-Operative Mercantile Company.

Stoddard Lumber Company versus J. L. Pinderton.

Sommer Bros. versus Eden & Brown.
L. A. Stoop versus L. A. Miller.

H. M. Monson versus Teltjen & Pinkerton.

William Shaw versus Giles Hemphill.

The case before the court today is that M. Schussler & Company against Thompson & Bramwell. The case was heard in the June term at which time the jury disagreed. The case arises out of the attempt to collect an amount of money from F. S. Bramwell in the contention that the goods were purchased under the name of Thompson & Bramwell and that Mr. Bramwell is responsible for the goods.

Mr. Bramwell insists that a partnership ever existed. Ramsey & Oliver appear for the plaintiffs and C. H. Finn and F. S. Ivanhoe for the defendants.

A grand jury composed of W. A. Elmer, R. A. Hug, G. E. Corp, S. Coffman, L. C. Groat, G. H. Holmes and H. Lynch are at work on the criminal docket.

RAILROAD MEN KILLED

(Scripps News Association)
Salt Lake, Feb. 5.—Conductor Meyers and brakeman Engles, both of Blackfoot, Utah, were killed in a rear end wreck on the Salt Lake route to Beryl, Utah today. The last section of the freight crashed into the caboose.

CHARGES SUSTAINED

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 5.—Charges have been preferred against W. W. Bristol, United States District Attorney of Oregon and it is understood that he will be relieved by the President.

WILKIE DENIES THE STORY

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 5.—Chief Wilkie, of the secret service declares as absurd the report that he conducted a system of espionage over members of congress. He states that the story is a fabrication and without foundation.

HONOLULU FIRE

(Scripps News Association)
Honolulu, Feb. 5.—The Onemea mills were destroyed by fire last night together with 2000 bags of sugar. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

MORE BODIES

(Scripps News Association)
Victoria, Feb. 5.—Twelve more bodies were brought from the wrecked Valencia to this city this morning by the tug Lorne.

Something to Remember

When you are in need of medicines or sick-room supplies or anything usually found in the stock of a first class drug store please remember that we have the goods and everything is of the best quality.

Special attention is paid to compounding of medicines, especially physicians prescriptions. Only experienced pharmacists are entrusted with this work here.

But the important matter we would like you to remember is that we deliver goods without extra charges. Telephone or drop us a postal stating what you want and we'll send the goods immediately.

You'll find our free delivery service a great convenience in case of sudden illness or accident or when you have nobody to send for some special article you would like at once. We await your orders.

NEWLIN DRUG COMPANY
La Grande, Oregon.

RABBITS DESTROY FORESTS

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 5.—During the winter the damage caused by rabbits to trees set out by the Forest Service on water sheds in reserves in southern California, will be met by the adoption of measures recommended by Dr. Hart Herriam, chief of the Biological Survey. The trees have many hard conditions to contend with. The thin soil and extreme aridity are trying enough, and of late rabbits have been eating off the young trees of certain species. Knobone and Coulter pines are favorites with the rabbits, while incense cedar is not touched. By using large seedlings and making a proper choice of species the injury done by the rabbits is to some extent obviated. But stronger measures are needed. Those to be tried will include steel traps set in the regular runways that the rabbits frequent, poisoned grain, and the wetting with strychnine syrup of the branches of those seedling which the rabbits injure.

AMERICAN MURDERED

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 5.—The secretary of state today received a cablegram from our minister at China that Et T. Morales, an American writer and student who was without a passport, was murdered in the interior.

TWELVE ASSASSINATED

(Scripps News Association)
St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—It is reported that a private house at Silke was destroyed by a bomb. Twelve bodies can be seen in the ruins and it is believed that many others were killed.

ASKED TO RESIGN

(Scripps News Association)
St. Louis, Feb. 6.—The police board this afternoon requested the resignation of Chief Kiely. He refused to resign and demanded that charges be brought against him and that a trial be granted.

PERJURY CASE

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 5.—The preliminary hearing of Col. Mann, who was charged with perjury growing out of the Hagood suit, began this afternoon before Justice McAvoy of the court of special sessions.

PACKER CASE

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 5.—Morrison in the packer's case today charged the officials of the Fairbank's Canning Company of having changed the letters that they gave Commissioner Garfield.

NEW DRESS GOODS

We have just opened a large shipment of novelty dress goods, which includes all the new grays and the seasons first and choicest showings in the most popular shades and patterns. When down town stop in and look them over. We shall be pleased to show you through and assure you, you will not regret the time spent.

Price 50c the yard and up

New Shoes

For Men, Boys, Women, and Children. With a very few exceptions all our spring shoes are here. The styles are snappy, and what is better still, we are able to sell you this shipment at the old prices—You probable know there is a heavy advance in shoe leather, in many instances as much as 50 cents a pair. Remember all new shoes at old prices.

New Shoes

Royal Tailors New Spring Samples are Here

The Fair
ONE TRIAL TO SAVE MONEY