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HILL TO SECURE \$12,000 FOR LAND

BOARD REACHES A DECISION

LESS THAN HILL ASKED FOR

FINAL AGREEMENT FOLLOWS LONG SESSIONS OF STUDY.

PRICE MORE THAN WAS OFFERED

Litigation Dies With Agreement of Arbitration Board Today.

Twelve thousand dollars is the sum allotted to Mr. Hill the owner of 360 acres of land in the Meadowbrook reservoir basin. This figure was agreed upon by the arbitration board early this morning, following a lone night session.

The board returned from its visit to the property last evening, and immediately went into session hoping to reach a speedy settlement. Unanimous agreement was not forth coming, and adjournment was taken until this morning when Messrs McNapp, of Pendleton, W. J. Townley of Union, and Frank Phyll of La Grande, selected \$12,000 as an equitable settlement for the 360 acres.

The decision is decisive and final, and with it dies litigation in this instance. It is a means of hastening the time when the directors can control

all the land in the basin. Hill is to be congratulated for agreeing to compromise by selecting an arbitration board. He did not get all he asked for the land originally, but the chosen figure is more than the board considered equitable, but both parties are really fortunate in coming to an agreement.

FORTIFICATION BE REMARKABLE

PUGET SOUND PROTECTION IS WITHOUT A FLAW.

Splendid Score Made by Batteries in a Test Defense Yesterday.

PORT TOWNSEND, July 24.—Army and navy officers are today discussing the remarkable achievement of the coast artillery at camp Fort Worden yesterday, when with all gun and mortar batteries called into firing service, 48 sub-caliber projectiles were sent through a target nine by twenty feet as it was towed in from the strait of Fuca. The guns of Fort Casey and Fort Flagler have yet to be reckoned with, had the enemy been real, leaving little doubt, but that the enemy would have been sunk if it had attempted to reach Puget Sound fortifications.

Roosevelt no Candidate.

NAIROBI, July 24.—Roosevelt and son Kermit arrived here today from Nalvasha. He asked the United Press correspondent to deny the report of there being a possibility of his becoming a candidate for mayor of New York. He will remain here several days. The rest of the party is at Nalvasha.

PORTLAND DOCTOR KILLED BY HIS WIFE DURING A QUARREL

LIFELess BODY FOUND IN CELLAR OF FAMILY HOME

HAD AGREED TO PART TODAY BUT TRAGEDY INTERVENED

Widow First Denies Connection With Crime But Finally Admits Guilt

PORTLAND, July 24.—Dr. R. A. Miles Collins, a prominent Portland physician was shot and instantly killed early today in the basement of his home. His widow is under arrest and is being closely questioned concerning the death of her husband.

With a bullet through the heart, the body was found by Dr. Frisby who was called in by Mrs. Collins. The revolver with which the physician had been killed was found on the basement floor.

"I may have killed him. I have been taking medicine that made my head reel," she declared to the police.

Collins was 34 years old, and she is 13 years older. They were married a year ago, and spent their honeymoon in Honolulu. After they returned they quarreled frequently on account of another woman whom Mrs. Collins imagined was trying to steal the affections of her husband. They had agreed to part today, and all the household goods were packed when Collins was killed. Admits Her Guilt.

When pressed for answers this afternoon, Mrs. Collins broke down, and confessed she had killed her husband.

"I am guilty," she moaned. "Now how long will it take to end this misery?"

"Where was the revolver?" asked Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Fitzgerald.

"We had two. He always put one under the pillow."

"How many times did you fire?"

"What a question," the woman replied, "I told you I was guilty; does it make any difference how many shots I fired?"

Detectives now report two bullet holes in Collins' chest.

Mrs. Collins told a rambling story to Chief Cox of her domestic troubles in which she often mentioned her husband's first wife who evidently had re-entered his life. She admitted life between her and her husband had become unbearable. She declared she did not want sympathy, but wanted to detail the whole truth of the affair.

The peculiar actions of the woman are almost unaccountable. She at first declared she was the first to shoot, and a moment later said if anybody else did it, she was guilty.

to Prof. and Mrs. Manuel Snider, of this city. Mr. Snider is one of the grade school faculty, being principal of the White school.

The young pedagogues are husky lads and will soon be applying for positions with the school board.

Donlin Joins Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, July 24.—Directors of the Philadelphia National league baseball club announced today they have secured the services of Mike Donlin, the premier slugger of last year's New York Giants.

2369 REGISTER AT MISSOULA

FOREIGNERS IN GREAT NUMBERS WANT FILING RIGHTS.

Applications Denied to Applicants by County Officials.

MISSOULA, July 24.—During the past 20 days a total of 1115 applications were made in the district court for first and second naturalization papers by foreigners, desiring to register for Indian lands. Many were refused because they were from outside of Missoula county.

A Spokane train this morning brought 800 western applicants. There was a total of 2369 registered yesterday.

In Circuit Court.

The findings of the court in the case of Sommer Brothers vs. A. H. Gray were today filed with the county clerk. Plaintiffs gain judgment by default, and are entitled to recover the sum of \$100 with interest with their costs, and disbursements.

In the case of H. E. Cowan vs. A. S. and M. O. McGee, a suit for foreclosure, plaintiff gained judgment for the amount sued for, \$600 with interest, and attorney's fees amounting to \$100.

According to the articles of arbitration signed by Mr. Hill and the Grande Ronde Reservoir company, the findings of the board were today filed with the county clerk.

GRUESOME MURDER AT A-Y-P.

Human Scalp And Mutilated Ear on Show in Government Building.

SEATTLE, July 24.—A human scalp and mutilated human ear are two of the most gruesome of the displays of the Dead Letter Office in the government building of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

These articles went through the United States mail and finally reached the Dead Letter Office in Washington, D. C.

The scalp is apparently that of a woman as the hair is several feet long. A tinge of brown indicates that it is not the scalp of an Indian, but that of some massacred white woman.

It is carefully stretched on a hoop of wood and is well preserved. As no sufficient identification was included in the package in which it was sent, it will always be a mystery. What horrible massacre and murder this package is a relic of, will probably never be known.

The human ear which was sent through the mail, it is believed by the postoffice officials, is a memento of some barbarous lynching. The ear is dried and hardened, but there are still the marks of where it was cut from the head with a dull knife.

It is clearly the ear of a white man. There is little doubt that it is a souvenir of some terrible murder, sent probably, to some interested party.

"Fram" Commander Killed.

CHRISTIANIA, July 24.—Capt'n Englestad, the scientist naval officer, who was to have commanded the ship Fram when it starts for the North pole next summer, was killed by lightning today.

He was taking meteorological observations during a storm when lightning struck the copper wire by which he was trying the kite.

ROAD FRIENDLY TO WAREHOUSE

OBJECTIONS HAVE ALL GONE

ISLAND WAREHOUSE SURE

PRELIMINARIES AS TO BUILDING SETTLED TODAY.

IMPORTANT LOCAL MEETING HERE

Haven't Decided Agency Question at Late Hour This Afternoon.

This afternoon the members of the Farmers union who were in attendance at the meeting of the La Grande local had a long discussion as to the better course to pursue in regard to the establishment of a market agency. The purpose of such an agency would be to secure direct from buyers and to transmit to the different locals the latest prices on grain and other products of the farm as well as to maintain an information bureau regarding markets and prices on fruit, eggs etc.

Such an agency for the grain growers has already been established in Walla Walla, and will furnish direct quotations to all the territory tributary to that point, including Umatilla county. The Union county union is asked to join in the venture, and may do so; but the preponderance of sentiment in the La Grande local seems to be in favor of an agency for the benefit of this county. O. R. & N. Gives In.

The O. R. & N. is not going to stand between the Farmers' Education and Co-operative Union of this county and a grain warehouse at Island City. The railroad company first refused to permit construction of the union warehouse at a point where it was most desired, near the warehouse at Island City. Today however, the company has notified Mr. Norris of the local union, that the construction can proceed at any time.

Will Have Warehouse.

That the farmers will build a warehouse in the vicinity of Island City is certain. The exact location is not yet determined, but it is understood that the grain growers have been offered the home of two sites, one almost equally advantageous as the other. The course to be pursued will probably be determined this afternoon.

Graft in Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Ten indictments were returned by the grand jury against Police Inspector Edward McCann, one of the highest police officials, in a big crusade against graft, started by U. S. Attorney Wayman. McCann is accused of malfeasance in office by accepting bribes.

Roller Rolls Olsen.

SEATTLE, July 24.—After one of the hardest struggles of his career, Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle, won a victory from Charles Olson, of Indianapolis last night. He threw Olson in 42 minutes on a knee and neck hold and again in 26 and a half minutes on a leg hold, with a Half Nelson.

Big Wall of Water.

AUSTIN, Texas, July 24.—A wall of water seven feet high swept the Colorado river last night and was followed by another rise of nine feet. Hundreds of acres of land are inundated.



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MOTHER ANXIOUS TO CLEAR NAME

MRS. SUTTON WILL SPEND LAST CENT IN COURTS.

To Take Case to Criminal Courts if Suicide Theory Lasts.

ANNAPOLIS, July 24.—Evidence introduced at the present court of inquiry into the death of Lieutenant James N. Sutton will be brought into the criminal court if a verdict of suicide is not reversed at this hearing, according to an announcement made today by attorneys representing the dead officer's mother and sister.

Mrs. Sutton is satisfied her son did not commit suicide, and is willing to spend her last cent to establish the belief as a fact.

Mrs. Sutton's Trunk Riddled.

The apartments of Mrs. Sutton, mother of Lieutenant James Sutton, whose death is being investigated, was entered and a trunk riddled of important papers bearing upon the case, according to information received here from Washington. Mrs. Sutton has gone to investigate.

Wheat at \$1.09 1-8.

CHICAGO, July 24.—July wheat closed yesterday at \$1.11 3-4, but touched \$1.09 1-8 during the first hour of trading today. September fell sympathetically. Patten agents are the heavy buyers.

TWINS WERE BORN.

Principal And Mrs. Snider Proud Parents of Twin Boys. Twin boys were this morning born