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.22 RIFLE IS BOY'S DOOM

ELGIN LAD IS FOUND DEAD THIS MORNING NEAR HIS HOME - MORTALLY SHOT

SUICIDE IS POSSIBLE BUT IS NOT THOUGHT LIKELY.

Lad of 20 Years Meets Instant Death After Inspecting Coyote Traps— Found Soon After.

Elgin, Nov. 30.—(Special).—Walter Ohms, aged 20 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ohms, either suicided or was accidentally killed by a .22 rifle carried by himself this morning, on the outskirts of this city. He was found by his brother a few minutes after the discharge of the rifle, but was dead, indicating almost instantaneous death.

With his brother, Walter had gone out to inspect some coyote traps this morning, and the boys were returning when they separated. No one saw the unfortunate lad either just prior to or immediately after the shooting, but he was found dead near the windmill of his father's extensive ranch just north of Elgin. Little credence is given the suicide theory, as the youngster was subject to epileptic fits, and it is possible that during one of these attacks, his own rifle was accidentally discharged.

No known cause is available for the theory of suicide. His family is respectable and the boy himself has always enjoyed a quiet and unostentatious life about the city.

CONFERENCE OF REPUBLICS

MOMENTOUS QUESTIONS WILL BE THRESHED OUT.

Buenos Ayres is Place Set for the Meeting of Many Delegates.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Announcement was made today by the Bureau of American Republics, regarding the plans for the fourth great international conference of the republics of the Western Hemisphere. Buenos Ayres, Argentina, "the Paris of the New World," is the place and July 15 to 30 next the date for the momentous meeting. The conference was originally announced for the 20, 1910 but that a great exposition was to be held in the same capital in that month, which might overshadow the importance of the international conference, led to the postponement of the latter. Moreover, the month of July being in the middle of the Argentine winter, is certain to make the visit to Buenos Ayres more agreeable to the delegates from the north.

The three preceding conferences have moved along the lines of the least resistance; that is to say, the delegates have adopted as a basic principle such propositions as have secured the easy assent of the great majority. But no effort was made to coerce the minority of the states into acceptance of rules which at first presented seemed to be obnoxious to them. Instead when these were of real importance they were thoroughly debated and then remanded for further consideration at the next conference. In this way the conferences so far have been made educational and experience has shown that a sound

proposition has almost become certain to secure assent. So it happens that a tentative program includes some subjects that have already figured in the details of the preceding conferences. Thus, again, will come up the subject of compulsory arbitration, although strongly urging to the states represented the making of special treaties among themselves to carry out this idea. The United States has already done this with eleven of the other American republics, and the subject will come before the fourth conference and receive further consideration.

The Pan-American railway, postal rates and post cards, a uniform system of the collection of census and commercial statistics and a revision of the consular methods are some of the other things to be considered.

Up-to-date subjects are the wireless telegraphy and aerial navigation for it has begun to be realized by the governing board that there soon will be need of regulation by the government of these new modes of communication and transportation. An effort will also be made to arrive at some sound and business like method of foreign immigration and to define neutrality in the time of war.

ELGIN BOOM WELL STARTED

DRUGGIST SELLS OUT TO BUY UP APPLE LAND.

Many Deals in Residence and Realty Property Consummated.

Elgin, Nov. 30 (Special).—Clay E. Rinehart and E. S. Chappel have sold the drug stores at Imbler and here, and Scott Harris is the new proprietor at this place. Mr. Chappel is going into the apple business and Mr. Rinehart has accepted a position as traveling salesman for a Portland firm. Mr. Chappel has bought 80 acres of fine stump land and will move on his place at once, intending to profit by the opportunities existing here.

Mrs. Anna Dunn has purchased the McGee property on Main avenue and will move the present house off and erect a fine new building of the brick variety.

A Real Boom Prevalent.

The Schlough Investment company has been closing up several important deals in realty here this week indicating that Elgin dirt is in great demand. This includes residence property in Elgin and several parcels of land surrounding. With apples to instill action, Elgin is experiencing a genuine boom.

BANDITS LINE VICTIMS UP

COLLINS, MONTANA FLEECED FOR BIG SUM BY BANDITS.

Search Continues for the Six Men who Pulled off the Bold Stunt.

Butte, Mon. Nov. 30.—A search is being conducted today for the six bandits who entered a store at Collins, Mont. this morn. lining up the men in the establishment, both clerks and customers alike and calmly proceeded to take possession of all the valuables in sight.

While four of the robbers guarded the victims, two of them looted the safe and cash register, receiving for their efforts a sum approximating one thousand dollars. They made their escape.

PRIME SHIPS FOR ATTACK

SILENT MESSAGE TO ADMIRAL IS AN ORDER TO MOVE ON TURBULENT STATE

ZELAYA SAID TO HAVE OFFERED HIS SURRENDER

Frenchmen take Hand in Alleged Cruelties in Nicaragua—Send ships There Tomorrow.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—The contents of a Washington cipher message to Admiral Thomas Phelps of the Navy Yards, is believed to contain the orders for dispatching army transports to the coast of Nicaragua. The instructions from Washington are to the effect that the orders are not to be read until the vessels are at sea on Wednesday. It is rumored from the best of authority that tomorrow will see the first play against Zelaya and his government by the United States government.

French Take a Hand.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Nov. 30.—As a result of the many complaints, concerning the reported mistreatment of Frenchmen in Nicaragua, a French warship from Martinique arrived today enroute to the scene of the war in Nicaragua.

Said to Have Surrendered.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Minister Castillo, the diplomatic representative of Nicaraguan provisional government has received a message from Provisional President Estrada, saying that he had received surrender proposals from Senora Calderon, representing Zelaya. Estrada will only accept unconditional surrender.

MASON BACK FROM SOUTH

LOCAL MASON ATTENDED MANY EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE.

Ed Kiddle Home From Long Trip in East and South.

Ed Kiddle, the Island City flouring mill man and a prominent Mason, returned last night on the delayed No. 5, from a month's business visit in the South and East. While in Savannah he attended the meeting of the Grand lodge of the Masonic bodies of Georgia and also attended the dedication of the new Masonic Temple in Baltimore, Md.

The trip has been an interesting one to Mr. Kiddle from a business and lodge standpoint. He came in contact with some of the leading Masons of the country, fraternally, and in a business way had ample time to make a study of the conditions of that country.

BLACKSMITH SELLS OUT.

C. J. Hewett of Joseph, has purchased the Dutch blacksmith shop and will enlarge the building and put in a first class shop. Mr. Hewett went to Joseph four years ago and in despite of discouragements in the way of competition from four shops, he built up a big business. In addition to his work as blacksmithing Mr. Hewett is an enthusiast in fine stock. He has over 600 blooded brood sows. He will move to La Grande in the near future, and incidentally will add to the city's school population as he is the father of twelve children.

WIELD RAZOR ON HIS FAMILY

FURIOUS BRICKLAYER RUNS WILD IN HIS OWN HOME KILLING OFF ENTIRE FAMILY

HIS WIFE'S THROAT THE FIRST TO BE SLASHED.

Domestic Discord at Bottom of Carnival of Crimes by a New York Bricklayer.

New York, Nov. 30.—Angered by domestic discord occasioned by dissipation, Patrick Rafferty, a bricklayer, ran amuck in his home today and with a razor killed his wife, Margaret, fatally wounded his mother, Margaret Kelly, seriously slashed his wife's brother, Frank Ohland and then attempted to commit suicide by slashing his own throat, but it is believed that he will live long enough to be hanged. Shortly after he left his home to go to work, Rafferty returned and found the members of his family gathered about the kitchen fire. Without a word of warning, he drew a razor and in a maniacal frenzy attacked his wife. His wife fell to the floor, dying with terrible gaping wound in her throat from which the blood streamed. The sight of the blood seemed to drive the man entirely mad. With shrieks of maniacal laughter he rushed for his wife's mother, Mrs. Kelly. By this time young Ohland attempted to interfere but was driven into a corner and seriously slashed. Intercepting Mrs. Kelly's attempted flight from the room Rafferty beat her to the floor inflicting probable fatal wounds. When the police arrived Rafferty was crouching beside the lifeless body of his wife, still grasping the gory razor in his hand. He then, as the police entered the awful looking room, slashed his own throat two or three times, but did not have time to inflict fatal wounds.

SHIP'S CREW FOLLOW SHIP

ALL ABOARD JAPANESE BOAT ARE SAID TO HAVE DROWNED.

Boat Wrecked in a Terrific Gale off Coast of Japan.

Tokio, Nov. 30.—The Japanese liner Kisagata Maru was wrecked off the coast of Shimonoshi during a terrific gale that has lasted for several days. It is reported that all on board have been lost.

Twenty-five bodies have already washed on shore along the coast and the government has taken steps for patrolling the coast in the hopes of picking up all of the bodies possible that come on shore.

It was known several days ago that the vessel was encountering the very worst kind of weather and as she approached the islands and the fury of the storm increased the uneasiness of the people became very apparent. It was hoped that the vessel was standing off shore in the hopes of weathering the furious gale but the washing ashore of some of her officers dressed in their uniforms of the unfortunate vessel decided the fate of the ship and all on board.

Tries to Kidnap Rockefeller.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 30.—The police today are seeking for two men who are suspected of being implicated in a scheme to kidnap or assassinate Jno.

D. Rockefeller. Messages have been sent broadcast asking the police to apprehend the suspects. The information of the plot was furnished to the police by Sawyer Smith of Minerva, Ohio who says that he overheard the men talking of the plot Sunday night. He says the plotters discussed elaborate plans to do away with the old oil king. Rockefeller has abandoned his plan to attend the farewell meeting of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church. He is watching his estate closely to prevent the approach of any stranger from any direction.

CASTAWAYS

LAND SAFELY

REFUGEES ON COLUMBIA LIGHT HOUSE AT ASTORIA.

None the Worse For Experience, The Captain and Nine Ashore.

Astoria, Nov. 30.—The lighthouse tender *Mansanilla* arrived in port at noon today with Captain Snyder and nine others of the wrecked steamer *Argo*, who have been marooned at the mouth of the Columbia river since the sinking of the *Argo* on last Saturday morning. The members of the crew stated that the wreck followed the breaking of the starboard propeller.

EXTEND THE CITY MAINS

FIRE PROTECTION GIVEN TO THE ISOLATED SECTION.

Repetition of Former Conditions During Fire Will be Averted.

Under the direction of Water Superintendent Harry Gilman a force of men are putting in the pipes on North Fourth street and the new hydrant which will add five blocks to the scope of the city under water protection.

This area will add to the protected area the block in which the fire occurred on the Fourth of July when a workman's new home was hopelessly burned and could not be reached by the hose.

The new work includes 1,500 feet of water pipes and two new fire hydrants and their connections. About half of the ditch is dug and the system will be completed in a few days.

COMMISSION BACK HOME

AFTER THREE PLEASANT MONTHS HERE, JAPANESE ARE NOW FACING HOME

WARN TELEGRAM SENT TO PRESIDENT TAFT BY LEADER.

Signal Visit of Japanese Merchants End today When Boa Carrying Commission Returns Home.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—After three months spent in touring America the Japanese Commercial Commission, sailed today on the steamer *Chiyo* for Japan.

Baron Shibusawa, head of the commission, sent the following telegram to President Taft:

"On the eve of departure from your hospitable shores permit me to submit to you, in behalf of the honorary commercial commission, our profound gratitude for the courtesy that you as president of the United States has shown us. It gives me particular pleasure to tender you as chief executive of the republic, our warm appreciation of the unfailing hospitality that has been shown us by all classes of your citizens. With best wishes for your prosperity and the prosperity of your great nation,—Baron Shibusawa.

POWELL LOST TO WOLGAST

POWELL CAN'T STAND UP TO LITTLE AL WOLGAST.

Man at Ringside Drops Dead From Excitement of the Mill.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Al Wolgast today is deemed a most formidable opponent that could be pitted against Battling Nelson, after last night's 20 round victory over Lew Powell. Powell had no chance whatever.

During the mill, William Moldrop one of the ringside spectators, dropped dead as a result of the excitement attending the fight. He collapsed in the fourteenth round and died a short time afterwards at the Emergency hospital.

HAND BAGS

New Leather, New Shapes, New Prices

We Have the largest, the best, the most up-to-date line of Ladies Hand Bags and Purses ever shown in La Grande. We have the Alligator, Patent Leather, Real Seal, Walrus and a line of imported leathers that we know are good, and of the latest styles. We are offering these goods at a most reasonable price for this class of goods. Our goods are right and we know the prices are right. Let us show you while our line is complete.

HILL'S DRUG STORE

LA GRANDE, OREGON