

## O'Brien Slaughtered by Giants

### SORE STOMACH LEADS TO SELF DESTRUCTION

#### UNION MAN SUICIDES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

##### DOCTOR CONSULTED JUST PRIOR TO THE SUICIDE

Despondent After Long Illness Man Sits Upon Floor and Drives Bullet Into His Head—Child's Head Shot and Call Assistants Who Find Man Dead in a Pool of His Own Blood.

Union, Oct. 14.—(Special)—Squatted on the floor of a room in his brother's home, and leaning forward more conveniently to get his aim right, James Francis Miller, a single man of respectable family and himself well thought of in the community pulled a trigger of a pistol he obtained for the purpose and drove a load of lead into his brains yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Friends and relatives trace the cause of the suicide to the man's stomach. He has been seriously ill with stomach ailments at times for several years; only recently he was heard to say that another serious attack would tempt him to end it all by suicide.

Yesterday afternoon he had been to consult a doctor and was advised there was little relief in sight. The doctor called and prescribed some medicine but a few minutes after the physician's departure, children in the house heard a shot and called neighbors who investigated and found Miller dead prostrate in the pool of blood. The suicide occurred in the Charles Miller home where he lived and only the Miller children were about the premises at the time.

No inquest was ordered and the funeral will be held tomorrow.

The deceased is survived by several brothers, Charles Miller of Union, Ed. Miller, the well known sheep and cattle man of this county C. S. Miller and a sister, Mrs. Frank Hall, also of this county.

Miller was born at Union February 20, 1864.

### MONSTER SHOW REACHES CITY

#### SEVERAL STREETS ARE USED TO HOLD TENTS.

##### Week's Carnival and Fall Festival Is to Commence Tonight.

Requiring portions of Depot, Fourth, Spring and other streets to give room for equipment, the Parker shows are in La Grande to run for one week under auspices of the La Grande band. Thirty carloads of equipment reached here from Lewiston last night and this morning and by tonight it is hoped to have the entire establishment in running order and commencing tomorrow there will be two performances daily. All that the Parker shows company promised is here and is an enormous proposition. Several blocks are required to handle the equipment.

### City Recorder Resigns; Simultaneously Brace of Candidates Enter Arena

Simultaneous with the pending resignation of City Recorder C. M. Humphreys—prompted by the acceptance of the secretaryship of the La Grande Commercial club—city politics have been fanned into glowing embers, ready to burst out in campaign heat shortly. The opening guns were fired late Saturday evening when friends of C. M. Humphreys, at present city recorder, but whose resignation is to go before the council this week to become effective November 1st, obtained permission to circulate his petition for nomination to the office of councilman from the Second ward. Mr. Humphreys consented to this only after solicitation by prominent and influential citizens who have urged upon him the task of seeking the office. At the same time friends of P. S. Robinson, president of the La Grande Commercial club, are circulating petitions in the Third ward seeking to place the gentleman on the ticket for councilman from the Third ward. Various propositions are rumored in the way of mayoralty candidates and other offices but have taken no concrete form except in the two instances mentioned.

"Unless the unforeseen occurs, I shall tender my resignation to the council this week," said City Recorder Humphreys today. "While I am anxious to sever my connections November 1st, I shall be glad to assist my successor in catching on to the ropes in the office before I cut loose entirely."

The matter of a successor to the intricate job of recording the multiplicity of jobs falling to the recorder, is not discussed much yet, but the office is one that requires much close work and study of the intricate Bancroft act in addition to the routine matters of the council. Extensive municipal improvements have created a mountain of details in the office.

"I understand that I am to have charge of the activities of the club under the direction of the directors when the La Grande Commercial club takes its new post in the fifth floor of the Foley building," said Mr. Humphreys today. "The directors aim to make this club one of the foremost of the state in every phase. The club room fixtures are now here and all members will be at home in the club soon after the first of the month."

### WEST'S "VICE" MAN IS HERE

#### MAKES STRONG CHARGE AGAINST OFFICIALS.

##### "Iowa Has Cleaned House and So Will Oregon," Says McClaren.

When W. G. McClaren, member of the Portland Vice Commission and an official of the Pacific Coast Race and Political Reform association, also a close friend and lieutenant of Governor West, announced in La Grande this morning that boodle tactics were apparent in this city's municipal affairs, he merely opened his general remarks. For, in continuing his talk, he made it plain that he was here to close up all places known as restricted districts and otherwise regulate the moral tone of La Grande.

McClaren says all owners of buildings used for illegitimate purposes will be prosecuted and the fact that owners live out of the state will not be any bar to the proceedings instituted by the governor. He scoffs at the idea of a restricted district being a part of social life for a certain class and wants all traces of anything that does not conform with a strict interpretation of the law abolished. He believes in placing all women who have led a questionable life on a footing where they can "recuperate and obtain an honest living wage."

"Had I time I would stay here and center my fight from the public platform on your chief of police and municipal administration," McClaren said. And to the chief he declared La Grande was one of the worst governed cities in the state. In conversation Mr. McClaren flung broadcast insinuations derogatory to the entire city council and other officers.

It is understood the lieutenant for the governor has been here for several days laying the foundation for his proceedings. When he talked with the chief of police this morning the chief remonstrated with McClaren in the use of the strong language against officials and members of the council. The chief defended the city as it is governed and urged Mr. McClaren to

### WILSON SPENDS MOST FREELY

#### DEFICIT OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND IS NOTED.

##### Chairman of Democratic Committee Opens Expense Accounts.

Washington, Oct. 14.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic national committee, was on the stand in the campaign contributions probe today and testified that he personally contributed \$10,000 to the Wilson fund. The total contributions to the Democratic campaign is \$193,565 to date. McCombs submitted an account of Wilson's entire expenses, aggregating \$208,183 and showing a deficit of \$14,617.

McCombs testified that F. C. Penfield of Philadelphia gave \$12,000; C. R. Crane of Chicago \$10,000; Cleveland Dodge and other Princetonians \$80,000. A. I. Elkins \$12,000; Samuel Untermyer \$7,000 and Henry Morgenthau \$20,000. He said the Dodge fund included \$12,000 from Cyrus McCormick, \$10,000 each from Thomas and David Jones; \$1,000 from Edward Sheldon and \$1,000 from Cleveland Dodge.

#### Alleged Slayer on Trial.

Camden, N. J., Oct. 14.—The case of Chas. Ford, who March 14 shot to death Mrs. Mary Effie Wagner at her home at Laurel Springs, was called for trial here today.

go to the grand jury with his troubles, if he had any. This may be done, as it is claimed two more representatives of the governor will be here this afternoon.

Mr. McClaren insisted he was not here to prosecute women who may follow questionable lives, but that he is here to bring action against owners of property used for illegitimate purposes as the state statute provides. He says Iowa has just had a general cleaning up and Oregon is going to follow. "It is useless for anyone to object," said McClaren in closing his remarks, "for the governor has the forces behind him to do this thing and he is determined to do it."

#### CZAR FERDINAND.

Of Bulgaria; Ambitious to Profit From Balkan Disturbances.



### DEATH CALLS ATTORNEY BAKER

#### STRUGGLE WITH DEATH IS SHORT BUT FATAL.

##### Circuit Court Pays Tribute—Funeral Held Today.

Fighting a hopeless fight from the first since he was stricken down early last week with an acute and complicated attack of appendicitis, ex-City Attorney J. F. Baker, prominent lawyer and citizen of La Grande, died last evening at 11 o'clock. It appears that the malady had its inception some time ago but was not given proper attention, if any. Last week he was taken suddenly ill and, when hurried to the hospital, it was found that the stomach was largely filled with puss, consequence of an aggravated attack of appendicitis. On the moment the operation was performed, it was found that Mr. Baker was hopelessly ill. He sank constantly after the third day and death came last night.

Many Relatives Survive. Mr. Baker's living relatives are many. Among the near relatives are three sons, Joe, aged 33, Harry, aged 29 and Ralph aged 21, all of this city. His brothers are James of Caldwell, Floyd of Welser, Harvey of Emmet, and Sanford of La Grande. Two sisters survive him, being Mrs. Jessie Matott of La Grande and Mrs. Clara Baker of Tacoma.

The deceased was a son of the late Macajah Baker, an early settler of La Grande and the younger Baker emulated his father in no mean way. He has long been in the lawyer's profession and has practiced before the bar of the state for these many years.

As K. of P. Always Prominent. The local lodge of Knights of Pythias knew perhaps no more faithful member than Mr. Baker. He was always a loyal and active member to whom the lodge could point with pride.

#### COURTS PAY RESPECT.

While Funeral Is Under Way, Lawyers Rest and Will Condemn.

Circuit court this afternoon paid its respect to the memory of J. F. Baker when it rested until tomorrow. As president of the Union County Bar association, Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles appointed a committee of attorneys

### NEW YORK BATS IN VICTORY IN FIRST INNING WHEN RED SOX PITCHER IS HIT HARD

#### Boston Scores Only Tallies in Second Inning; Collins Holds Gotham Down

##### O'BRIEN'S BALK HELPS GIANTS TALLY FIVE RUNS

### Double Steal, Bunts, Balks and Two Baggers, Story of Opening Inning at Polo Grounds.

THE SERIES IN EPITOME. Batteries today: Boston—O'Brien, Collins and Cady. New York—Marquard and Meyers. SCORE BY INNINGS:

|         | R. | H. | E. |
|---------|----|----|----|
| Giants  | 5  | 0  | 0  |
| Red Sox | 0  | 2  | 0  |

GAMES WON. Boston three; New York two.

Polo Grounds, New York, Oct. 14.—Falling upon Pitcher O'Brien's offerings like hungry wolves and enacting dazzling stunts on the paths, McGraw's Giants today batted out a safe lead in the first inning of the game which, had Boston won it, would have decided the world's championship. The first inning was terrible. Devore was an easy out, but Doyle beat out a slow grounder and stole second. Murray was safe on an infield single and Doyle went to third. O'Brien in his excitement, balked and Doyle scored. Murray taking second. From there Murray was scored by Merkle's double and Herzog doubled, scoring Merkle. Meyers singled and Herzog scored on a double steal. To end the excitement Fletcher bunted safe and Meyers scored.

Boston started the second inning with a swiftest too, but Marquard stopped the misery soon. Gardner was safe on "Rube's" error and Stahl singled. At this point, O'Brien's place at the bat was taken by Elgie and a two bagger by him scored Gardner and Stahl. Collins went to the hill for Boston and from then on it was a battle royal, neither side scoring again.

today to draft resolutions of condolences and report at a nearby session of the bar association. This committee are F. S. Ivanhoe, George T. Cochran and J. H. Crawford.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock and a large concourse of people paid their last respects. Among the many things that he stood for was clean baseball and that baseball fraternity loses one of its best charter members and fans.

#### COURT ORDERS RECESS.

Clark Case Sent Back to the Grand Jury When State Rests Case.

Sudden halt was called in the Ray Clark perjury case today when Circuit Court Judge Knowles re-submitted the case to the grand jury. This action came when the defense claimed insufficient evidence had been produced.

The matter of detail was all that occupied the circuit court's attention today, the court resting out of respect to the memory of the late J. F. Baker, a practicing attorney before this bar,

Boston's only error came in the sixth when Cady was credited with a muff of Herzog's popup.

#### ZUBER BRICK AFIRE.

Department Stops Blaze That Has a Good Headway in the Noct.

Fire yesterday morning did considerable damage to the Zuber brick tenement house, corner Seventh and Washington. The blaze probably started from a defective flue, and it spread over the roof rapidly. By the time the department reached the scene the blaze was burning briskly but was stopped quickly and further damage prevented. The damage has not been adjusted but is considerable.

### CRIME STORY CORROBORATED

#### "BRIDGET" WEBBER RECITES CARNIVAL FACTS.

Comes to Stand to Prove That "Bald Jack" Told Truth Saturday.

New York, Oct. 14.—Full corroboration of the story told in court Saturday by "Bald Jack" Rose, that Lieutenant Becker wanted Rosenthal killed, "dynamited or croaked," was given today by "Bridget" Webber, when the trial of Becker was resumed. "If Rosenthal sees Whitman, all is off. Why don't you boys have him croaked. I'll take care of you fellows," Webber swore Becker told him Webber said he told Becker he would pull off the "job." Becker made him hurry.

Webber described the meeting of the gunmen July 15th when the shooting arrangements were completed and said he met Vallon, Rose and Sam Schepps a short time before Rosenthal was killed.

Justice Goff told the attorneys that Rosenthal's finger ring was found on the court room Saturday. No one will be admitted hereafter without a card bearing Goff's signature.

Webber stated that Becker gave him \$1,000 to divide among the murderers.

The witness said he had located Rosenthal but was not present at the murder. He saw Becker the next day and the latter was smiling. An attempt is being made to prove that Webber is a dope fend.