



INSANE MAN AT ASHLAND

Commits Suicide in Toilet Room at the Depot--Nearly Two Thousand Found on the Man in Currency and bank Drafts.

Ginseppe Fazio, an Italian, who had a ticket to Sacramento, Cal., committed suicide in the toilet room off the waiting room at the S. P. depot in Ashland, Sunday afternoon at about 2 o'clock. He was about 50 years old and seemed to be in good health.

The train crew noticed his queer actions somewhere near Merlin. When he got off the train at Ashland he asked for the Chief of Police. The chief thought he was recovering from a spree, because he said that he was being pursued by enemies who threatened his life.

The police found \$20.00 in the man's pockets and \$350.00 in a belt around his body and certificates of deposit in a bank at Anaconda, Montana, for \$1500.00, dated December 17, 1908.

HOLIDAY TRADE GOOD EVERYWHERE

(Special Correspondence.)

The greatest holiday trade ever enjoyed by Portland and the other cities and towns of Oregon closed on the evening of December 24th. It was estimated that there were exceeding sixty thousand actual shoppers in the stores and upon the streets of Portland at four o'clock Christmas Eve. The entire downtown district was a mass of moving vehicles and pedestrians and the aisles of the larger retail houses were almost impassable.

1909 will be the travel year for the Pacific Northwest. The most advantageous rates in this direction. All of the great railroads of the country are going to bend their efforts toward presenting the resources of this portion of the United States throughout the East, Canada and Europe. The Portland Rose Show and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition will be two important features and railroad men in all the large centers of population predict an enormous travel.

The Pacific Monthly has organized a Progress Department, to begin with the January number. It is the purpose of this Department to condense original items which will interest prospective homeseekers or investors in Oregon. The editor of this Department has requested your correspondent to say that he would especially appreciate letters direct from producers giving facts which would be of interest to intended homeseekers.

The enterprising people of Gilliam

County will hold a big Progressive Convention under the auspices of the Gilliam County Improvement Association. It is the intention of the people of this county to begin one of the most active advertising campaigns ever carried on by any Oregon county.

Don't forget that it is the duty of every reader of this paper to write to some friend at a distance and tell him of the advantages of Oregon both as to climate and production. Remember that the people of the older states, where the weather is cold, are hovering around the fire and have lots of time to read--get busy.

President Jacob Gould Schurman, of Cornell University, and chairman of the first Philippine Commission, one of America's noted educators, is making a tour of the country, being entertained by the commercial and educational organizations. He was a guest of the Portland Commercial Club at luncheon Saturday and was given a dinner at the University Club Saturday evening.

The Roseburg Commercial Club, after a year of most intense activity, will dedicate their new club rooms on Tuesday, January 12th. There will be representatives present from various sections of the state.

A Great Institution

Winter short courses of study will begin at the Agricultural Colleges, Corvallis, Oregon, on January 5. Men and women, young and old, interested in the farm, the shop, or the home, are cordially invited to attend. By writing at once to the Agricultural College a circular will be sent telling in detail what is proposed to be accomplished by these courses.

A week of lectures on general agricultural topics begins Jan. 5. A special course for creamery operators and managers run from Jan. 5 to 15; a course in dairying from Jan. 18 to Mar. 27. A course in horticulture Jan. 11 to Feb. 20; a course in mechanic arts from Jan. 11 to Feb. 20; a course in road construction from Jan. 11 to Feb. 6; a course in household science and art from Jan. 11 to Feb. 20. Special lectures on business methods on the farm will be given.

The winter courses is a part of a general scheme of agricultural extension which the agricultural college faculty is working for. Traveling agricultural and domestic science schools, farmers' institutes, demonstration trains, free circulating libraries, home reading courses, winter courses, and free bulletins are all features of a comprehensive system of extension work that the agricultural college faculty has recommended to President Roosevelt's uplift commission.

Hon. B. F. Mulkey and daughter Victoria was visiting in Medford Saturday.

ASHLAND LADY REFUSED SHELTER

How a Heartless Wretch Refused to let Mrs. Schofield and Son Enter His Cabin on a Cold Night to Warm.

Mrs. Helen Schofield with her son Lewis, of Ashland, left last Thursday to spend the holidays with her brother Eldon Dennis, who lives on the Summers place, in Klamath county. They went by wagon and reached the DeCarlo place in the afternoon, but thinking that they could reach another ranch house before dark they drove on. It was getting dark when they came to a log across the road and Mrs. Schofield got out of the wagon to find a road around the tree and discovered a cabin. She knocked at the door and a man made his appearance. She asked to be allowed to stay over night, but the man refused. She was nearly overcome with the cold and the ground was covered with snow, and she begged to be allowed to come in and warm but this privilege was denied.

She went back to the wagon and tried to unhitch the horses but her hands were so cold that she was unable to do anything, so returned to the cabin and asked permission to stay in the barn but the man ordered them to leave the place. She returned to the wagon and managed to unhitch the team and she and the boy mounted the horses and started back to the DeCarlo place, a distance of five miles. After traveling through the heavy snow until a late hour they finally reached the ranch. The next day it was found that her feet and arms were frozen and that she was in a bad condition.

TIRED OF LIFE'S DREARY WAY

Joseph Plummer who is well known in Jackson county committed suicide Tuesday, December 22 by hanging himself, on Dry Creek east of Talent. He made his home with A. P. Weiss. The family noticed nothing unusual in his condition and when he disappeared on Tuesday morning they thought that he had gone for his daily walk. When he did not return a search was made and the body was found hanging in the barn shed.

MARRIED

TERRILL-HECKATHORN—At the court house in Jacksonville, Monday December, 28, 1908, Judge J. R. Neil officiating, Herman Terrill of Beagle and Anna Heckathorn of Butte Falls.

COUNTY COURT MEETS WEDNESDAY

Much Business of Importance to Come Before the Board Aside from The Regular Grist of Bills Road Supervisors Appointed.

There will be an extra long session of the county court next week. All road supervisors are to be appointed and the reports and statements from the several officers will be examined. Joseph H. Wilson has signed a contract to examine the county books for \$1300, this will have to be considered at some length.

The grand jury suggested several improvements in their report and the court may consider some of the most needed. The painting of the court house has been before the grand jury several times.

COUNTY BOOKS TO BE EXPERTED

Joseph H. Wilson who has been engaged in experting books in several counties in the state has made an agreement to work on the Jackson county books. No contract has been signed but he has verbally agreed to expert the books for \$1300.00.

Mr. Wilson agrees to go over the books for the past ten years and audit every bill and check up the warrants to see that they have not been raised. He will take the books of one official for a period of two years and then check up the other books for the same period.

The business of the county has increased greatly in the past five years and Mr. Wilson will earn his money. He believes that he will complete the work in about one year but it is very doubtful whether he can finish the work in two years. He must go over every warrant and every bill and the sheriff's office handles the taxes on nearly \$30,000,000 besides other moneys received and handled through this and other offices.

There is but one set of books in the court house and that is in the treasurer's office. The other books in the court house are only blanks in accordance with the state law and will not require much work.

Mr. Wilson at first thought that he could commence work on the books about February 1, 1909 but he will not be able to finish his work in Idaho by that time, the only question now is whether the county court will extend the time. There is a very grave doubt whether he can do the work for \$1300.00 and in order to come out even he might slight the work and in this case his work would be worthless.

Judge J. R. Neil said that if the work was slighted in the least he would put a tracer after him.

WEST DEFEATED YOUNG SCHOLTES

W. H. West, on Christmas afternoon defeated William Scholtes, of the Dalles in a lively wrestling match. West had a slight advantage in weight about 25 pounds.

West won the first fall in 10 minutes and 40 seconds. The second fall went to Scholtes in 4 minutes and 25 seconds. The third fall went to West in 17 minutes and 21 seconds. Judge E. E. Kelley was chosen referee. The go was lively from the start and both men were in good form.

KENTNER-KENNEY

One of the events of the season in society circles was the wedding of Walter Tracy Kentner and Miss Emma M. Kenney at the home of the bride's parents in this city Monday, December 28, 1908.

The rooms were tastefully and appropriately decorated with holly and red berries and chrysanthemums.

The bride robed in a beautiful gown of pongee silk entered the parlor on the arm of her father, T. J. Kenney and with a slight blush on her face took her position under a large arch of evergreens in the doorway between the parlors. The bride carried a bouquet of pink carnations and fern. Miss Bess Kentner acted as maid of honor, and Mr. Sam Richardson acted as best man.

Right Reverend Charles Scadding performed the ceremony. Rev. Mr. Scadding is the Episcopal bishop of Oregon whose residence is in Portland.

Mr. Kentner is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Kentner of Medford, and is

ITALY SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE

Nearly 100,000 Lives Lost and Much Damage to Property-- Battleships Being Hurried to Sicily to Aid in Relief Work.

The greatest catastrophe in the history of the world happened Monday in Italy when a heavy earthquake destroyed several large cities. Fire did as much damage as the quake although the exact amount of damage will never be known.

At Catania the people, fearing new shocks refused to go into their houses and are camping on the squares. A tidal wave sank 500 boats and did considerable damage to other boats. The water inundated the streets of Messina covering them with a thin layer of mud which made it very difficult to care for the injured.

Reports from Catania, Sicily, say that signs of volcanic activity are noticed at Mt. Aetna, and it is feared that an eruption will occur at any moment. Gas explosions added greatly to the horrors of the scene.

Battleships hurried to Sicily to render what aid they could in the way of medicine and care for the wounded. Financial aid is being sent to Italy from all parts of the globe.

JOHNSON IS NOW WORLD'S CHAMPION

For the first time in the history of pugilism a negro is champion of all champions in the fistie arena. Jack Johnson won the heavy weight belt from Tommy Burns at Sydney, Australia, Saturday, December 26, and the only man who can dispute his title is James J. Jeffries, who has retired from the ring.

CHESTER B. ALLEN ELECTROCUTED

Chester B. Allen, aged 22 years, and a son of James Allen, who is an old timer in the valley met with a serious accident Tuesday afternoon while engaged at stringing an electric power line between Phoenix and Talent. He threw a wire over a pole which crossed with a power wire carrying 20,000 volts of electricity and death was almost instantaneous.

The ground where Allen was standing was wet which rendered escape from death impossible. Two physicians were called, one from Medford and another from Ashland but the man was beyond all medical skill and nothing could be done although the body was warm when the doctors arrived. Two other linemen had just dropped the wire an instant before and no doubt they would have been electrocuted only for the fact that they noticed an electric spark in a small puddle of water and stepped to one side. Allen gave the wire a flip and sank to his knees, the linemen asked if he was hurt and he said "yes" and fell to the ground dead.

Allen had been warned by the foreman the day before when he attempted to "flip" the wire over a tree.

FAIR NOTES

Construction is underway on eleven miles of paved paths and driveways at the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

Oregon will be the first state to install its exhibits at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

The first Alaska exhibit for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition arrived from the north October 25. The exhibit consists of a number of curios and furs.

The Pacific fleet of the United States Navy will be stationed at Seattle during the greater part of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition next year.

Hawaii will have a novel exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. It is planned to show the islands in their relative size and direction from each other.

Cameras will be admitted to the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. The size limit has been fixed at 4x5 or 3 1/2 x 5 1/2. Permits must be secured from the manager of concessions, but no cost will be attached.

CITY DADS WILL MEET TUESDAY

Next Tuesday at the town hall the city dads will hold their regular monthly meeting. There are several matters of importance to come before this body but it is very doubtful whether anything will be done.

The charter is very defective and should be changed at this meeting so that it could come properly before the people at the next city election. The new charter should be published so that the people will know what it is.

The matter of repairing the streets should have some attention as well as sidewalks. The streets have been ordered repaired but nothing has been done and some are almost impassable.

MARRIED

JOHNSON-EADS—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eads, in Medford, Thursday, December 24, 1908, Arthur Johnson and Miss Elma Eads, Rev. W. E. Goode officiating.

HOUSEHOLD CARES

Tax the Women of Jacksonville the Same as Elsewhere

Hard to attend to household duties with a constantly aching back. A woman should not have a bad back and she wouldn't if the kidneys were well.

Doan's Kidney Pills make well Kidneys.

Mrs. J. H. Baussum, living Cor. Twelfth & C. Sts., Medford, Ore., says: "I suffered so severely from kidney trouble that I was unable to do my household work. My kidneys were very irregular in action. My back pained me severely when stooping or lifting and sharp twinges would shoot through my loins. I ran down in health and at times felt very miserable. Doan's Kidney Pills were finally brought to my attention, and I procured a box. They helped me from the first, I continued taking them and was entirely cured. I have often recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to other sufferers."

Plenty more proof like this from Jacksonville people. Call at the City drug store and ask what customers report.

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For That Dull Feeling After Eating.

I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating—DAVID FREEMAN, Kempt, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. Get a free sample at Robinson's City drug store and see what a splendid medicine it is.

Nuts, candy, fruit and vegetables at the Boss.

New Year's Greetings

We trust you have had a Merry Christmas and we sincerely wish you a Happy New Year. We thank you for your patronage for the past year and will endeavor to serve you in the same straight forward manner during the ensuing year as we have in the past.

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