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BRIDE'S ASSAILANT COMMITS SUICIDE

Evan B. Kemp Leaves Letters to Public and Mother, Expressing Remorse.

Portland, Oregon, Jan. 1916.—With a bullet in the right temple and brutally attacked Mrs. Mabel Myers in his lonely cabin near Gresham 1 1/2 miles Tuesday afternoon, was found near Stanley station yesterday afternoon by Garfield Haynes, 529 Churchill street. On the body Sheriff Hurlburt and Deputy Sheriff Phillips at 3 o'clock found a note confessing the crime and also a letter to Mrs. Hannah P. Kemp, mother of the dead man.

Kemp killed himself shortly after 6 o'clock Wednesday night, according to the note to his mother, dated 6 o'clock. Hunted, cold and penniless, Kemp left the home of Mrs. Elva C. Dallam, at Errol heights, a mile and a half from Stanley station, after 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. He told Mrs. Dallam he was going through the woods to Oregon City.

Mrs. Dallam did not know she had fed the criminal until an hour and a half later. She at one notified Sheriff Hurlburt. While the sheriff and a squad of 17 deputies were scouring the woods near her home Kemp killed himself. The next morning Deputy Sheriffs Phillips and George Hurlburt passed within one hundred feet of the blind road on which the body lay.

With two of the six shots fired, the .32 caliber revolver with which Kemp shot himself and the girl was found near the body. The body is now at the morgue. Mrs. Kemp is said to be too poor to care for it. It probably will be given county burial in a pauper's plot.

Peppermint Growers of Valley are Organized.

Albany, Or., Jan. 6.—Peppermint growers of this section of the valley were in session at the Commercial club rooms yesterday, and formed a temporary organization with I. B. Copeland, chairman, and A. O. Condit, a Salem attorney, as secretary. Steps will be taken immediately to incorporate the association and put it on a sound operating basis. There will be about 200 more acres of mint put out the coming season.

VOLUNTEER OFFICERS FOR ARMY AVAILABLE.

War Department Compiles List of Men Who Have Had Military Training.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The number of young men available for service as junior officers in the volunteer army was disclosed in a recent war department report. Already the department has the names of nearly 7000 men possibly available for this purpose. Of that number, 37 have been duly examined and certificates issued to them. Fourteen were former enlisted men in the regular army.

Recommendations for certification have been received in regard to 1400 others, students at schools where military training is given, and additional applications for appointment have reached a total of 5000.

During the school year of 1915 there were 32,313 students in the schools with military courses and in the preceding 10 years 39,430 had been graduated, all of whom would be still available in time of need.

Coxey of Idle Army Fame is in Politics.

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—"General Jacob S. Coxey, wealthy manufacturer of Massillon, O., who led the "Army of the Commonwealth" to Washington in 1894, outlined to lay plans for his campaign as an independent candidate for United States Senator from Ohio to succeed Senator Pomerehne next year. He said he would run on a platform demanding that congress authorize issue of \$1,000,000,000 legal tender currency half of which is to be used in creating a merchant marine and half for naval equipment or coast defenses.

Husband and Wife Die Inside of 24 Hours.

Scappoose, Or., Jan. 3.—Samuel Adams, aged 76, and Julia, his wife, aged 75, both died of pneumonia within 24 hours. They came to Scappoose about 30 years ago and took up a homestead in the timber west of town, and by hard work and industry had accumulated a valuable property. They leave a family of 10 grown children and numerous grandchildren. The funeral and interment will be held in Fairview cemetery this afternoon.

BRAKEMAN LOSES ARM IN COLLISION.

Misreading of Meet Order Is Claimed Responsible For Wreck Near Roseburg.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 3.—Train service was resumed yesterday afternoon on the Southern Pacific after a 20 hours' blockade caused by a head-on collision of two freight trains at Winchester Saturday evening at 6:40. Engineer Henry Ryan and Conductor Howard Weichlein misread their orders to meet freight No. 221 at Winchester siding, it is claimed, and after having passed the station met the other freight near the end of the trestle over the North Umpqua bridge less than a quarter of a mile from the siding.

Glen Patrick, fireman of train 229, lost his left arm when he was thrown under a telescoping box car. Horror was added to the situation by a car loaded with matches which took fire and a car loaded with tobacco which was soon destroyed. Two cars of stock were barely saved from the fire and a part of the trestle was also burned.

EXCHANGE ON GERMANY FALLS; BRITISH GAINS

German Money Reaches Low Value Record in New York Market.

New York, Jan. 4.—Exchange on Germany today fell to 75 1/2, the lowest quotation since the outbreak of the war and probably without precedent in the financial relations between this center and Berlin.

The unit of exchange on Germany is four marks, so that today's quotations implies a value of only about 18 1/2 cents for marks, as against the normal value of about 23 1/4 cents.

On the other hand, remittances to London attained their highest rates in months, demand sterling being quoted at 4.74 1/2.

Aberdeen Has Heavy Snow

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 3.—The freezing of last week was followed last night and today by a heavy fall of snow. It was over six inches on the level at noon today.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Girl Struck by Jitney is Dead

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 3.—Miss Helen Robertson died yesterday as the result of an accident two months ago, when she was struck by an unknown jitney and thrown to the pavement. At the time of the accident she managed to save and protect a baby she was carrying. She was 35 years of age, and is survived by a sister and two brothers.

State Banking Department Needs no Appropriation.

Salem, Or., Jan. 3.—Statement of the receipts and disbursements for 1915 of the state banking department, issued by S. J. Sargent, superintendent of banks, gives the department a balance of \$115 over the amount paid out, and shows that none of the \$15,000 appropriated by the legislature for maintaining the office for two years, has been expended. This is the first time the department has made such a record. The diversion of the annual license fee paid by the banks of the state, from the corporation department to the state banking department, enabled the office to leave untouched its appropriations.

The department collected \$10,591.58 for making 318 examinations of banks during the 12 months.

Gopher and Mole Scalps Redeemed at Court House.

Salem, Or., Jan. 4.—Yesterday, the first legal day of the New Year upon which gopher and mole scalps could be redeemed under the (Tom) Brown scalp bounty act of 1915, County Clerk Gehlhar and his force of clerks were kept busy taking in scalps and issuing warrants. Over 20,000 scalps, of both species of rodents, were redeemed, at 10 cents each, and it is believed that the total appropriation for the year, \$4300, will have been exhausted within the next few days. Claude Harris, a 14-year-old boy of this city, turned in 1456 scalps and received \$145.60 in county.

Astoria Council Says Punchboards Must Go.

Astoria, Or., Jan. 4.—Punch boards, dice and other forms of gambling for cigars or candy must go, under an edict issued to the chief of police at last night's session of the council. Games are operating in violation of the state law, it is claimed. Councilman Ksath declared it the duty of the chief of police to act, since the sheriff has not done so. E. M. Houghton has been re-appointed chief of police by Mayor Johnson.

News Dealers Obey Law

Eugene, Or., Jan. 4.—News dealers of Eugene are complying with the prohibition law in regard to advertisements in magazines and newspapers published outside of Oregon, and yesterday began to tear out the advertisements of liquor in periodicals kept in stock and each month they will go through them as they arrive.

Work on Valley & Siletz Road is to be Resumed.

Independence, Or., Jan. 3.—A large number of men have been ordered to report for work on the Valley & Siletz railroad, at Hoskins this week. The men are to complete an unfinished part of the work on the south end, then be transferred to the north end to construct the railroad into this city.

Pendleton Mayor and Friend are Injured.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 1.—Mayor-elect James H. Best and Dave Graybas, an insurance agent, were injured yesterday near Holdman when their automobile struck an obstacle, overturned and rolled into the ditch. Dr. Best was unconscious for several hours, and Graybas had two ribs broken, and it is ed there are other internal injuries. It is not thought that Best is seriously injured.

ALASKA'S BEST YEAR

Advance Statement of Mineral Production for 1915 by United States Geological Survey

The Alaska mining industry as a whole was more prosperous in 1915 than in any previous year. This is indicated by the value of the total mineral output, which is estimated to have been \$32,000,000, compared with \$19,064,963 for 1914. The highest value for any previous year was in 1905, when Alaska produced \$23,378,428 worth of minerals, but this was at a time when the bonanza placers of Fairbanks and Nome were yielding their greatest returns.

The high value of the mineral output in 1915 was due in large measure to the extraordinary amount of copper that was mined. Preliminary estimates indicate this to be \$3,850,000 pounds valued at \$14,400,000. In 1914, 21,450,628 pounds of copper were mined, valued at \$2,852,934. The gold production also increased in 1915, when the value was about \$16,900,000, against \$15,625,813, for the output of 1914. This is the largest gold production since 1912, when the output was valued at \$17,145,951. As the production of silver is incidental to gold and copper mining, this also increased. It is estimated that \$400,000 worth of silver was mined in 1915, as compared with \$218,327 worth in 1914. The output of other minerals, including tin, antimony, marble, gypsum, coal, and petroleum, in 1915 had a value of about \$900,000 compared with \$222,832 in 1914.

The developments made during the year give assurance of continued large operations in both copper and gold lode mining. Placer mining has been less prosperous, for this industry has not yet reacted to the stimulus of the Government railway, which will make available for profitable exploitation large bodies of low grade gravels. The same is true of the coal-mining industry, which also must await railway transportation.

The annual report on mineral resources and production in Alaska for 1915 is now in preparation under the direction of Alfred H. Brooks of the United States Geological Survey.

The first gold mining in Alaska was done in 1880, and since that time gold to the value of about \$291,050,000 has been produced. Of this about \$185,290,000 has been won from the gold placers. Copper mining began in 1901, and the total copper output of Alaska is now about 217,250,000 pounds, valued at \$34,150,000. The value of the total silver production to date is about \$2,650,000. Coal, petroleum, tin, lead, quicksilver, antimony, marble, gypsum and other minerals have been produced to the value of about \$2,150,000. Therefore, the value of the total mineral production during 35 years of mining in Alaska has been \$300,000,000.

Grazing Homestead Bill to Provide For Roads.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Following a conference between Representative N. J. Sinnott of Oregon and Chief Forester Graves, the forestry bureau is recommending an amendment to the grazing homestead bill provisions for the protection of roads and trails so that stockmen may have access to the national forests for their livestock. Mr. Sinnott believes the enactment of the grazing homestead law will practically absorb the remaining public lands.

Over Million and Half in Treasury of Oregon.

Salem, Or., Jan. 5.—According to a report issued today by State Treasurer Kay, for the three months ending December 31, there was a balance of \$1,527,569.79 in all funds at the end of the period. The balance in the general fund was \$1,197,419.95. Disbursements for the period totaled \$1,558,482.29, the receipts \$2,251,642.54, and there was a balance of \$534,409.41 on hand at the beginning of the period.

Mulkey's Successor Named.

Medford, Or., Jan. 5.—At a special meeting of the Medford school board last evening J. W. Herrian was elected a member of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Attorney B. F. Mulkey, who has removed to Portland.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon

Washington County pruned \$13,500 from 1917 budget.

Redmond raises water rate from \$1.75 for 500 feet to \$2 for 300 feet.

Banks Herald has made a hard fight for tax reduction.

Railroads placing big orders sends up price of lumber and shingles.

Rogue River Courier—Too much red tape is finding its way into public affairs, and regulation and control from an authority "higher up" is impairing rather than increasing efficiency in many lines.

The Coos Bay Harbor sensibly says a small factory that runs all the time and makes a steady employer and nets a return to the owner is better than a big concern idle a large part of the year.

Congressman Hawley promises the people of Crescent City a breakwater and jetty.

North Bend—Archie Cruse putting in a box factory plant here.

Port of Portland will have 2500 horse power dredge finished by Jan 10.

Kruse & Banks, North Bend have contract to build 220 foot vessel for San Francisco.

Public utility assessments in Josephine County are reduced \$43,823.23.

Coos Bay is cooperating with the S. P. Co. in developing that section.

Home contractors to be preferred on new Baker \$125,000 schoolhouse.

Pittsburg capital developing Roseburg and Iowa capital developing Sutherlin. Portland capital has not even opened an Oregon stone quarry. The new First National Bank building is built of eastern stone.

Reedsport—Railroad men putting in 250,000 fishing and cold storage plant.

Oregon wheat, corn, oats, barley, potatoes, rye and hay net \$28,050,000 in 1915.

Roseburg—With new machinery Douglas County flour mill starts Feb. 1.

Roseburg Sand & Gravel Co. will enlarge plant at once.

Work is being rushed on Oswego, Dallas & Roseburg Ry. to furnish material for factory at Oswego by March 15 if possible, 50 men at work.

Machinery purchased for Carby cheese factory.

Coast guard station to be built near mouth of Siuslaw.

New shingle mill to be built at Acme at once.

Hanser is new town on railroad in Coos County.

County has installed gravel plant at Albany.

Southern Douglas Co. is witnessing considerable mining activity.

Newport is to have up-to-date hospital.

Roseburg is to have new fireproof concrete warehouse.

Lakeview—Nitrate deposits 25 per cent pure discovered in Goose Lake valley.

Work is progressing rapidly on Pendleton's new library.

\$25,000 hotel planned for Woodburn.

The Dallas—Diamond Flour mills making extensive improvements. Mill is now running night and day.

Reports say Bandon mills will soon start.

The Dallas—Work on new evaporator for Dri-Fresh Co. progressing rapidly.

Roseburg—Drager Fruit Co. may enlarge packing plant next year.

Yoncalla, Or., Jan. 3.—Yoncalla had the first fall of snow on Saturday when four inches fell—the heaviest snowfall in four or five years. The thermometer dropped to freezing on Friday night this being the hint of winter weather for this season.

Early Hop Grower Dies

Dallas, Or., Jan. 1.—Lyeurgus C. Hill who passed away in this city yesterday was one of the early hop growers of Polk county, settling in Dallas and planting his first yard near this city in 1884. Mr. Hill was born near Knoxville Tenn., May 23, 1833. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. I. F. Yonk and Mrs. Scott Campbell, both of this city.

**Start the
New Year right
by giving us a share of
your business.
We will appreciate it very
much and try our best to
please you.**

Lewis Ulrich
The Pioneer Store Jacksonville, Ore.

Oregon Historical Society
City Hall