

SUICIDE FOUND THROAT CUT

Card in Pocket Only Evidence to Clear Mystery

NO TRACE OF INSTRUMENT

Body Found by H. Rodecker Saturday Near Milwaukie Sanitarium

While looking along the beach at the open air sanitarium near Milwaukie last Saturday afternoon, Henry Rodecker, the gardener of that institution, discovered the body of a man whose throat had been cut with a razor or other sharp instrument. In the pockets of the man were found several small articles, none of which would in any way help to establish his identity with the exception of a card on which was written the name of Robert McVickor, and it is more than probable that this was the name of the dead man. On the other side of the card was written "I am better off dead. Am only a nuisance to everybody." From this it is the general opinion that the man died by his own hand. He was a middle aged man of slight build, and weighed probably 140 pounds.

No trace of the instrument with which the deed was committed could be found, so it is supposed that after slashing his throat McVickor threw the razor in the river. Coroner Holman of this city was notified, and accompanied by Sheriff R. B. Beattie, he went to Milwaukie and returned with the body. Monday a coroner's inquest was held, and the jury, composed of the following: Tom P. Randall, C. C. Babcock, Dr. L. G. Lee, Tom J. Myers and M. A. Magone, decided that McVickor had died by his own hand. The remains will be kept in the morgue for a while in the hopes of identification.

Woman's Club Meets.

The Woman's Club of this city held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jennie B. Harding, at which a large number were present and an unusually interesting meeting was held. Miss Mary Barlow was the business and discussed at considerable length the subject of psychology, which has been a most interesting topic among the Woman's Clubs of the country recently. Miss Barlow handled her subject with true knowledge of this branch of metaphysics, which showed a good understanding of the nature, properties, and operations of the human soul. Her discussion was followed by very timely remarks by Rev. T. F. Bowen, who was a guest at the meeting. Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Wye, as well as others, were present and the meeting throughout was considered one of the most interesting that the Woman's Club has held in some time. The discussion of such deep subjects is surely for the good of those interested, and for their

associates as well. The next meeting of the Club will be held at the home of Mrs.

Those present at the Wednesday afternoon meeting were: Mrs. W. S. U'Ren, Mrs. V. Harris, Mrs. C. Ganong, Mrs. Louis A. Morris, Mrs. M. M. Charman, Mrs. H. Sallsbury, Mrs. Adam Cheney, Mrs. Thos. Ryan, Mrs. E. T. Wilson, Mrs. F. Greenman, Mrs. E. W. Scott, Mrs. W. A. White, Mrs. H. P. Brightbill, Mrs. F. E. Beard, Mrs. F. Forsberg, Mrs. Edward Fields, Mrs. D. Caulfield, Mrs. R. F. Goodfellow, Mrs. T. F. Bowen, Mrs. B. Zumwalt, Mrs. Thos. Warner, Mrs. W. R. Ellis, Mrs. R. Fouts, Mrs. Jennie B. Harding, Mrs. George C. Brownell, Mrs. Eugene Hedges, Miss Mary Barlow, Mrs. A. B. Pratt, Miss Myrtle Stevens, Mrs. Evan E. Dye, Rev. T. F. Bowen, Mr. H. L. Kelly, Mrs. H. L. Kelly, Miss Mina Kelly, Mrs. Anna Hays.

Fair and Market a Success.

The annual fair and bazaar given by the Woman's Guild and the Daughters of the King of St. Paul's Church on Saturday was a very successful venture, in fact, the most successful the parish has ever enjoyed, if judged by the interest taken in it and the financial results secured. There was a choice and varied display of articles designed for use and ornament that found ready purchasers. The "market" tables offered some tempting eatables for sale, for which there was great demand. The candy booths and grab bag were centers of keen interest. The booth presided over by Mrs. W. A. Shewman, Jr., and Mrs. Theodore Osmond was especially noticeable for its artistic arrangement in lavender and yellow. There was a large attendance at the supper served in connection with the bazaar, a thing which was very gratifying to the women of the parish, this being their first attempt to combine bazaar and supper in one event.

Stafford Man Dies in Portland.

Frer Koellmerer, for many years a leading citizen of Stafford, died suddenly at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland Saturday night. Mr. Koellmerer has been in poor health of late, and went to the hospital to recuperate. Deceased was a native of Germany, being born there on July 18, 1849, but has lived in this country for a great many years. His stock farm at Stafford is considered one of the best in the county. The funeral was held from the family residence Monday, interment being in the Stafford cemetery.

The regular annual meeting of Division No. 9 Telephone Company will be held some time in the coming week. Please everybody be present and look pleasant.

RAINFALL

Rainfall for September .25 of an inch.
For October, 6.55 of an inch.
For November, 4.40 of an inch.
O. A. CHENEY

OLD SOLDIERS HOLD REUNION

Boys Who Fought in '61 Hold Rousing Meeting

NEW OFFICIALS SELECTED

Meade Post G.A.R. and Women's Relief Corps Hold Reception for Visitors

Last Friday was pension day, and as a large number of old soldiers and soldiers' widows from all parts of the county were in this city to have their vouchers certified by County Clerk Greenman, the members of Meade Post Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps extended a reception to the visiting veterans and their wives in Willamette Hall at noon.

Commander Enos Cahill of the local post had the visitors welcome in a well delivered address, and shortly af- terwards all were seated at the tables where a bounteous repast was served.

Then J. A. Tufts was appointed toast-
master, and many an eloquent word
the responses. During the reception,
the memories of those present were
brought back to the days of '61 by the
stirring music played by the life and
drum corps of Meade Post.

Those who were present at the reunion
were as follows:

V. L. Clyde, 8th Ia. Inf.; W. W. Wattenbaugh, 36 Ill. Inf.; C. E. Powell, marine corps; Dan Sullivan, U. S. N.; Henry Morgan, 6th Penn. Separate Battery; George Barford, 1st U. S. Egers; Enos Cahill, 80th Ohio Inf.; J. F. Griggs, 35th N. Y. Inf.; D. A. James, 1st Wis. Cav.; P. W. Dempsey, 1st N. H. Cav.; Edward Johnson, 88th N. Y. Inf.; Joseph Robbins, 16th Ill. Inf.; F. L. Bowles, 1st Del. Inf.; G. C. Colson, 1st W. Va. Cav.; G. A. Harding, 1st Oregon Inf.; C. A. Williams, 9th Va. Inf.; W. C. Williams, 18th Mich. Inf.; A. L. Williams, 4th Ohio Cav.; Michael Higgins, 1st Conn. Cav.; L. Y. Case, 1st Mich. Inf.; Israel Pearson, 1st W. Va. Art.; J. M. Kilty, 1st Tenn. Cav.; J. H. Jones, 60th N. Y. Inf.; Thos. E. Fitzgerald, 38th Wis. Inf.; Harry L'Amie, 40th Ohio Inf.; M. J. Underwood, 16th Mo. Cav.; Patrick Berry, 18th Ill. Inf.; John M. O'Dea, 1st N. Y. Egers; Andrew Walker, 10th Ill. Cav.; P. S. Arnold, 101 Ill. Inf.; M. C. Sweezy, 7th Ill. Inf.; John Crawford, 1st Ia. Cav.; E. Blankenship, 14th Ky. Inf.; J. L. Shemp, Pa. Inf.; A. J. Hobbie, 1st Mo. Cav.; Michael Casey, 12th N. Y. Inf.; John McFarland, 8th Ind. Cav.; J. O. Padlock, 21st Mo. Inf.; Peter Fraley, 2nd Colo. Cav.; E. B. Grant, 143d N. Y. Inf.; M. J. Johnson, U. S. N.; John Kelly, 4th U. S. Inf.; John O'Brien, 7th Ill. Inf.; Wm. Fitzpatrick, 11th Mas. Inf.; John Cannon, 3d U. S. Artillery; O. W. Rivers, 1st U. S. Artillery; M. H. Donnelly, U. S. Marine Corps; Simon Daley, 1st N. Y. Artillery; Dan McArthur, 19th Ill. Inf.; James Stuart, 7th Ia.

Cav.; Dan Clary, 3d N. J. Inf.; Patrick Coleman, 47th U. S. Cav.; J. M. Bolton, 1st Cal. Cav.; Robt. Campbell, 1st Wis. Art.; J. T. Riggs, 25th N. Y. Inf.; R. M. Cooper, 18th Pa. Inf.; W. K. Gorbett, 1st Ia. Inf.; W. H. McLellan, 142d Wis. Inf.; J. O. Sawyer, 14th Va. Inf.; Thos. Heerth, 1st Wis. Inf.; J. Doramus, 27th N. J. Inf.; E. A. James, 1st Wis. Inf.; Dan Slover, 1st Oreg. Inf.; G. W. Dory, U. S. N.; O. M. Wheeler, 7th Ind. Mech. Inf.

Officers Meade Post G. A. R., elected December 4—Commander, O. L. Clyde; senior vice commander, J. A. Tufts; junior vice commander, Geo. Horton; officer of the day, A. J. Hobbie; officer of the guard, Dan Hasbrouck; quartermaster, G. A. Harding; surgeon, Tom Fitzgerald; chaplain, L. P. Horton; delegates to department convention, J. A. Taylor, P. G. Wells, A. Maatz, J. Gorbett, J. C. Padlock, J. A. Tufts; Alternates, D. K. Bill, Edward Johnson, T. Fitzgerald, W. W. Wattenbaugh; Dan Hasbrouck.

Eagles Elect Officers.

Oregon City aerie No. 302, Fraternal Order of Eagles met in Knapp's hall Friday night, and after the routine business of the order was transacted, the following officers were elected: Worthy president, P. S. Fineman; worthy vice president, Thomas E. Searless; secretary, A. M. Sinnott; treasurer, A. Knapp; conductor, J. R. Butler; chaplain, Chas. E. Burns, Jr.; physician, Dr. O. A. Stuart; inside guard, O. A. Fromong; outside guard, A. Hitchman; trustees, W. E. Miller, Lake May, A. Nauman; wescian, W. E. Langford. These officers will be installed at the first meeting of the order in January.



W. E. CARLL,
SECOND TERM—MAYOR

GOOD AVERAGES FOR SCHOOLS

Fifty-three in County Reach 95 or Better

FALLS VIEW IS PERFECT

Country Schools Average Better Than the City Schools in Attendance

County School Superintendent Gary has figured the percentage of attendance of the various school districts for the month of November, and it will be very interesting to many to know that the smaller country districts, where children are compelled to go a great distance to the schoolhouses, have the highest percentage. The Falls View district enjoyed perfect attendance, and the percentage of the Frog Pond school is 99 per cent.

School districts of Clackamas county that made the highest per cent. of attendance for the month of November:

Dist. No. 1	Milwaukie	.98
" No. 2	Elliott Prairie	.96
" No. 3	Canevash	.97
" No. 4	Lower Logan	.97
" No. 7	Curtinville	.95
" No. 8	Logan	.96
" No. 10	Engles	.96
" No. 14	Viola	.97
" No. 15	Beaver Creek	.95
" No. 16	Marquam	.97
" No. 17	Eagle Creek	.97
" No. 18	Mundorf	.98
" No. 20	Mackeburg	.96
" No. 27	Maple Lane	.96
" No. 30	Stone	.95
" No. 34	West Oregon City	.96
" No. 35	Molalla	.96
" No. 38	Marks Prairie	.96
" No. 42	Cherryville	.95

CITY POUND DISAPPEARS

Municipal Building is Among the Missing

CHIEF BURNS IS PUZZLED

Shed Built by City at Four- teen h and Washington Sts. Vanishes

Lost, the city pound, under plea return to Chief of Police Burns or genial chief of police of this city read the account of the robbery of the East Side Bank in Portland in the morning paper at breakfast time, and while putting away contentedly on a Havana on his way to town, he began to ruminate over the possible fate of the trio who perpetrated the affair, should they fall into his hands. Thinking thus, the Chief turned down fourteenth street to see if any stray animals had fallen into the hands of poundmaster Susan over night, but upon arriving at the place where the pound should have been, the Chief suddenly came to the conclusion that the local force were up against a mystery that placed the East Side affair in the shade. Although the chief is a man who has very regular habits, he could not help stopping to think whether or not he had been out "among 'em" on the previous night, for wonder of wonders, the city pound had disappeared! Disappeared, yes, that's the word—vanished, as if it had suddenly become imbued with life and went for a jaunt, forgetting to return. The city pound is, or rather was, located on the corner of Fourteenth and Washington streets, and in order to protect the impounded beasts from the rain and cold, the city erected a substantial shed, and it is this identical shed that is now missing. Anybody knowing of the whereabouts of the missing edifice will confer a favor on the police force and city council by informing them when and where the pound was last seen, and in what direction it was traveling.

Engineering Hall, the new university building ordered erected by the board of regents, has been completed and will be occupied by the department of civil engineering during the Christmas holidays. The building is large and commodious and is situated directly across from Mechanical Hall on the east side of University avenue, at the University of Oregon, Eugene. It contains about a dozen large rooms, two of which are drafting and computing rooms, 30x40 feet in size, and is built on most approved plans for the purposes desired. The addition of these rooms will relieve in a measure the crowded condition of the other buildings.

It has been definitely decided that some time during the spring the University of Oregon will celebrate "Commonwealth Day." Thousands of invitations will be sent to all parts of the state and the most prominent speakers of Oregon will be on the program. It is hoped to make this an annual day for the state. A committee is already working on the program and the plans for the day "Commonwealth Day" will be held at a time when the University is in session in order to give a large number of people a chance to see the university as it actually is.

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DOWN THE LINE

JENNINGS LO GE.

A number of improvements have been added to this place since our last news letter went to press. Among them is the new Evangelical chapel which is nicely under way. It will be a neat little building, 24x40 and will cost about \$1000. It is being built on the lots on Blanton Ave. which formerly belonged to J. J. Morris and Frank Selung of Portland. Great credit is due the building committee, which is composed of Rev. Shaver of Portland, Rev. Shupp of Milwaukie, and F. Russell and G. D. Boardman of this place, for the active part they have taken in the work. It is thought that the chapel will be ready for services by the latter part of December.

Mr. Rice and family have moved to their new building and are getting nicely settled and will have their stock of goods in this week. Mr. Rice is making a number of improvements on the place. A new chicken house has been built for him by our well-known carpenter L. Wilcox, and well is being drilled for an addition to the store. We are sure Mr. Rice and family will receive a warm welcome in the neighborhood.

Mrs. H. H. Emmons is having an artistic little cobblestone house built on her property on the river.

Walter Becker has the framework of his bungalow about completed.

Albion Brown has a fine new picket fence built around his property, which adds to the appearance very much.

William Spaulding has his yard graded and fences built and the addition to his house is completed.

George Morse is having his house tinted and varnished throughout. Mr. Hart is doing the work.

H. C. Panton is building a woodshed on his property.

John Jennings is busy clearing his beautiful tract of land on Jennings avenue.

The members of the L. I. Club have been very busy during the past week getting ready for their bazaar and old-fashioned school, which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morse on December 13 from 6 p. m. All are most cordially invited to attend this old-fashioned school. Please don't play "hooky," but come dressed as an old-fashioned boy or girl, and girls please bring lunch for two. The proceeds of the sale of the lunch boxes will be added to the piano fund. Mrs. Pratt will entertain the members of the club on Wednesday, December 9, to make further plans for the bazaar.

Little Jennie Pratt celebrated her fifth birthday on December 4, and in honor of the occasion the following little girls were invited to her home: Misses Bessie Roberts, Dora Roethe, Naomi Wilcox, Doris Paulson, Esther Reeves, Grace Ross and Sybil Brown.

C. F. Morse, Harry Panton and Hugh Roberts visited at St. Johns on Sunday.

Prayer meeting was held Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Socum, and was quite largely attended. It will be held in the schoolhouse this week on Thursday and Mrs.

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PARKPLACE SCHOOL NOTES

One of the most interesting debates ever heard in Parkplace was held at the regular meeting last Friday afternoon. The subject, Resolved, that the United States should permanently retain the Philippines, was supported on the affirmative by Pearl Jones, Fay French and Ernest Paulson, and on the negative by Ethel Hart, Olga Hanson and Edna Clarke. The negative won, after a heated discussion which showed that both sides had thoroughly studied the question. At the next meeting an election of officers will be held.

Mrs. A. L. Hanks, Miss Anna Rimeason and Miss Katie Brunner were visitors in the high school room Friday afternoon.

At a meeting of the student body called Monday noon by President McAnally, a yell leader was elected and a committee to collect yells was appointed. The president appointed also a committee to find out what chances there were for organizing a basketball team.

The high school boys and girls are having some penants made, and are also practicing their "yells," preparatory to infusing some life into their contests with other schools.

The Educational Club met at the school house December 3. The visiting committee for the past month reported that the school was running as smoothly as could be expected. After appointing a new committee the club adjourned.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ward Dead.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ward of St. Johns, formerly a resident of this city, died at 10 o'clock Monday night at the Good Samaritan hospital. She had undergone a severe operation and, as she was unable to stand the shock, her demise followed. Mrs. Ward was 60 years of age and resided in this city on the corner of Fourteenth and Washington streets till about two years ago, when she moved with her family to St. Johns.

She is survived by her husband, Gilbert L. Ward, and five children: Raymond and Ward Lee of St. Johns; Mrs. A. G. Glover of Oualia, N. B.; Mrs. Agnes Leand of St. Johns, and Mrs. W. M. Lee of Elsie, N. B.; one brother, James A. Tufts of Gladstone; two sisters, Miss James McFarland of this city, and J. Niles of Clackamas Heights. The funeral was held at 11 o'clock Thursday morning and the remains were interred in the Oswego cemetery.

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CITY ELECTION GOES QUIETLY

No Opposition for Mayor and City Treasurer

LIGHT VOTE IS RECORDED

Mayor's Second Term—Third for Treasurer.—Four Councilmen Elected

Oregon City held an election Monday, it was its annual City Election and as there was no opposition for the offices of Mayor and City Treasurer, and but one contest for Councilman the election went off very dry as to the number of polls.

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Four councilmen were elected, and only in the first ward was there any contention as to whom should go in. Two good men were on the ticket, Mr. William Andersen and Mr. Geo. Secrest, the former being elected for the three year term. J. J. Cooke was elected for the two year term in the same ward. In the third ward Jacob Michels was the three year man who had no opposition, and Dr. M. C. Strickland takes the three year term as one of the city fathers in ward two.

Grocers' Association Meets.

The Oregon City Retail Grocers' Association held a meeting in the office of O. D. Eby Monday night, and considerable business was transacted. After the question had been thoroughly discussed, the members decided to close their stores all day Christmas, and at noon on New Year's day. The question of charging the customers for delivery was not settled, and will be brought up for further action at a later meeting of the association.

Former Clackamas County Man Dies

David C. Hatch, for many years a resident of this county, died Saturday in Stevenson, Wash. Mr. Hatch was one of the early settlers of this county and was a prominent member of the State Pioneers' Association. Deceased was born in the Sandwich Islands sixty years ago, and came to this country with his parents before

he was a year old.

For some time the family resided in Vancouver, and then moved to Oregon City. He is survived by the following: Two daughters, Misses W. D. Martin and E. E. Taylor of Sellwood; a son, Ernest S.; three brothers, Edward of Washington, George of Salem and Herbert of California; two sisters, Mrs. Abbie Farrar of Portland and Alice Manning of San Francisco.

The remains arrived in this city Monday night, and the funeral services were held at 2 o'clock the following afternoon and was attended by many of the old-time friends of the deceased. The pall bearers were A. H. Finegan, A. Plummer, T. M. Long, W. A. Redges, A. F. Stokes and William Finley. The remains were interred in Canemah cemetery.

Parkplace Church Completed.

The Congregational Church of Parkplace was finished this week. The cost of all improvements was about twelve hundred dollars. The building was moved, remodeled, and added to until the whole building is practically new. There are three large triple windows of amber-colored cathedral glass, the center one coming to a point twenty inches above the side ones, and having small panes of the same glass all around the large center glass. They give a soft, pleasant, mellow light and as the woodwork and pews are finished in oak the effect is beautiful.

The Ladies' Aid Society has purchased new carpet for the restroom, which was raised and enlarged so as to give more room for the choir. The main part will seat about one hundred and fifty people and the class room about one hundred. The two rooms can be thrown together by eight folding doors, making room for two hundred and fifty people.

The new bell arrived last Saturday and was hoisted in the belfry the same day. The total weight of the bell complete was six hundred pounds. Everyone is anxious for Sunday to come to hear it ring out a summons for the people to come to worship.

Rev. G. W. Riggs, the pastor, and the people of Parkplace, feel well paid for their energy and untiring efforts.

There will be services at 10:30 Sunday morning by Rev. E. C. Oakley, of Oregon City, at 11 o'clock, and dedication services in the evening by Rev. Fulson, of Forest Grove, who is State Superintendent of the Home Missionary Society of the Congregational Church.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend both services.

To Whom It May Concern.

Having notified the Grocers of Oregon City not to sell scale-infested or wormy fruit, and having received their promise of hearty co-operation, I would warn the grower that any attempt to dispose of fruit by peddling or otherwise, that has been rejected by the grocers, will be looked after and the offender prosecuted.

A. J. LEWIS,
Fruit Inspector, Clackamas County, Oregon.