

DEAD MAN FOUND

BODY OF JAMES PHEGLEY DISCOVERED BY SEARCHERS NEAR AURORA.

CLEAR CASE OF SUICIDE

Two Serious Wounds From Use of a Knife—Friends Satisfied Cuts Were Made By Victim Himself.

Thursday the body of James Phegley, the missing Canby man, was found a mile and a half west of Aurora. A dispatch from that place says: Animals had eaten away a portion of the face. Mr. Phegley had apparently killed himself, a cut in his throat, which had pierced the jugular vein, and a jagged wound in the breast, where the weapon had entered almost to the heart, showing the method.

No knife was found, however, and searchers set out shortly after noon to try to find one. The investigation so far indicates that Mr. Phegley first stabbed his throat, then carefully bared his side for the second and fatal blow. There was no cut in his underclothes.

At first it was thought the method of supposed suicide was by poison, a bottle of medicine he used for eczema of the hands being found ten feet from the body with a couple of teaspoonfuls gone. The cuts were not discovered until examination at Aurora.

Two letters were taken from Mr. Phegley's pockets. One, addressed to the nursery company in Portland for which he worked, said he had had some trouble and that it was "time to get out." The other left all his property to his relatives. He had been tormented by imaginary troubles, too, for some weeks, and acquaintances had grown to think him slightly deranged.

Seven dollars was found in the clothes, and in a satchel in the Phegley buggy was \$2 more. It was discovery of this buggy that resulted in the final and successful search for the body. Mr. Phegley had unhitched his horse near the Seeley place, west of Aurora, turned the animal loose, drawn the buggy into the underbrush and placed a note on the buggy seat, saying: "This buggy belongs at Canby." Sons recognized the writing as that of their father. A searching party was made up here to go to the place where the buggy was found and scour the country around that vicinity. Parties from Hubbard and Woodburn would have joined in a thorough search, but about 300 yards from where the buggy had been drawn the discovery that ended the search was made.

Deputy Coroner Henry Snider took charge of the case and the body is on its way to Canby where interment will be made.

James Phegley was 62 years old, and had been living in and around Canby for 20 years. He moved to Oregon from Missouri in 1887. He was a farmer and hogrower until recently when he went selling nursery stock, which he found more suited to his advanced age.

The dead man leaves a widow and five grown children. His sons are Grant and Fred Phegley, of this city; Sam Phegley, of Canby, who works for the Southern Pacific. Mr. Phegley lived with his daughter, Mrs. John Rydman, of Canby. Mrs. Phegley lives at Woodburn, where her daughter, Mrs. Cooke, has her home.

CANBY CITIZEN

DROPS FROM SIGHT

FRIENDS FEAR HE HAS BEEN ROBBED AND KILLED IN WOODS.

Friends of James Phegley, of Canby, are exercised over his disappearance. He has not been heard from for ten days, and as there is no cause for his mysterious disappearance the question is being asked, "What has become of him?" Mr. Phegley is a well-known citizen of Canby, where he resided with his daughter, Mrs. John Rydman, and his present whereabouts are shrouded in mystery. It is feared that he has been foully dealt with. His son, Grant Phegley, manager of the Columbia Woolen Mills, of Portland, was in Oregon City Saturday afternoon to consult Sheriff Beattie regarding the affair. Mr. Phegley is 62 years of age and represents the Russellville Nursery.

Tuesday, December 17, he left Canby for a business trip to Wilsonville, Butteville and St. Paul, driving a black horse with a white stripe on the forehead, attached to a top buggy. After finishing his errand Mr. Phegley went to Champeog, where he stayed over night and the next morning about 6 o'clock he departed, stating that he was going to Canby. Since that time he has not been heard from, and his family is greatly worried over the matter.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FIGHT

There seems to be little now in the District Attorneyship, to which our townsman, Chris Schuebel, aspires. Mr. Schuebel says nothing for publication, and from indications he is simply like Brer Rabbit, "lying low." Of course, there are stories afloat in the city papers, sometimes under the date line of Washington and at others with the birthmark of Portland. We print the more interesting portions of these dispatches below:

Washington, Dec. 26.—Senator Fulton and Congressman Ellis and Hawley held a meeting today and agreed to join in the recommendation of a candidate for District Attorney to succeed W. C. Bristol. Before sending a recommendation to the President an effort will be made to have Senator Bourne join them, although it is believed this will not meet with success. Senator Bourne did not attend the meeting today because he is committed to the candidacy of Schuebel, and probably will stand by him to the end, recommending to the President that Schuebel be appointed. None of the members at today's meeting would give the name of the candidate united upon. Senator Fulton left for Oregon immediately after the meeting.

HOP GROWERS MEET AT AURORA

Aurora, Or., Dec. 30.—At an enthusiastic meeting of the hogrowers from the Aurora, Butteville, Barlow and Needy districts in this city Sunday forenoon, to consider the advisability of joining the Pacific Coast Hogrowers' Union, those in attendance were practically unanimous in favor of the movement and pledged support. The meeting was called to order by M. H. Durst. A. D. Yergen was made chairman and H. L. Bents secretary. Mr. Durst outlined the principles of the union, and was followed by Captain Pope, of Elliott Prairie, Francis Feller, H. L. Bents, George Oglesby and other speakers in touch with the organization.

These principles were so thoroughly explained and the interest of the growers present so great that when joining the organization was put to a vote every grower in the hall, with the exception of one or two, voted yes. From the unanimous expression of the growers at the Sunday meeting, there is no reason to doubt that at least 95 per cent of the growers in the above districts will sign up the by-laws.

A meeting of the growers has been called in the above districts for Saturday, January 4, at Aurora, to elect one director to the Pacific Coast Hogrowers' Union. At this meeting it is expected that a large number of growers who were not present at the Sunday meeting will be present and join.

AMERICAN FLEET AT PORT OF SPAIN

PREPARATIONS FOR ENTERTAINING OFFICERS AT RIO DE JANEIRO PROGRESSING.

The American fleet, which made its first stop at Port of Spain, sailed for Rio Janeiro at an early hour Sunday morning. The battleships have been cleaned up and given final preparation for the long voyage and are now looking spick and span. The engines, the boilers and the machinery have been overhauled and everything is in first-class condition for the trip.

Rear-Admiral Evans, on his flagship, Connecticut, accompanied by the Alabama, the flagship of Rear-Admiral Sperry, the Illinois, the Kearazee and the Kentucky, steamed out into the Gulf Sunday morning to adjust compass.

As the day for the arrival at Rio de Janeiro of the American battleships under Rear-Admiral Evans approaches, interest in the festivities that will be given in honor of the American officers increases. The preparations are now almost entirely completed.

President Penna will entertain all the American Admirals, a number of the officers and Irving B. Dudley, the American Ambassador, at a dinner to be given at the Presidential Palace in Petropolis. The Minister of Marine will invite the Admirals, the commanders and other officers to a "promenade lunch" on Corcovado, two miles from Rio, and the Naval Club will offer a similar entertainment at the Tijuca Park.

On January 31 Mr. Dudley will give a reception in honor of the American officers at his residence in Petropolis.

Administratrix Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Honorable County Court of Clackamas County, State of Oregon, administratrix of the estate of Merrill Ball, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate shall present the same, duly verified, to the said administratrix at her residence at Cottrell, said County (Orient P. O., Route No. 1), within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated December 28th, 1907.

HARRIET BALL, Administratrix of the Estate of Merrill Ball, Deceased.

T. G. Jones, Attorney for Administratrix.

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COUNTRY'S MONEY AND WHERE KEPT

COMPARISON BETWEEN CONDITIONS IN 1870 AND NOW.

GOLD WE HOLD.

The wealth per capita of citizens of the United States, based upon estimates, has increased from \$779.83 in 1870 to \$1,310.11 in 1907, which makes the United States, with its enormous population, the richest country in the world.

The money in circulation has increased four-fold. The total in 1870 was \$675,212, 794, while on January 30, 1907, it was \$2,914,342,256. The circulation per capita has almost doubled, notwithstanding the present money famine, and has increased from \$17.50 to \$32.85 during the last 42 years.

In 1870 we had only \$25,000,000 in gold; today we have \$756,665,869 in gold.

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NO SCALP TAKEN BY FULTON YET

OREGON SENATOR MADE LOUD PROTESTS, BUT TAKES MEDICINE WHEN GIVEN.

Some months ago, the story goes, when men were tarred with the land fraud stick, Senator Fulton rose on his longest legs and said that if any man dare connect his name with the land frauds he would prosecute him to "Hellfax," or some other seaport.

Later, Lincoln Steffen, in a magazine article, not only "connected" but made broad charges, which have not been followed with prosecution, so far as we have been informed. But the latest is from Heney, who knows considerable of the inside workings of the land frauds and methods, and he is credited with talking out plain in New York. Here is the telegraphic story from the metropolis:

"According to published interviews in New York newspapers, Francis J.

Heney was less reticent in that city about his recent mission in Washington than while here. He denied that he had reported having another big fish in the dragnet which he had cast for Oregon land grafters, but defended his support of Bristol's appointment as follows:

"President Roosevelt made that appointment about two years ago and has renewed the appointment at the beginning of each session. The appointment was referred, of course, to the judiciary committee of the Senate and especially considered by the subcommittee, consisting of Senators Foraker, Kittredge and Culberson. Attorney Bristol's confirmation was opposed before this subcommittee by Senator Fulton, who, I understand, brought a charge against Bristol, which I found to be baseless and have explained to the subcommittee. However, that subcommittee has never favorably reported Bristol's name.

"I say now that all of the important persons who have been implicated in the organized land frauds are the friends of Senator Fulton; therefore, it appears whimsical to me that Senator Fulton should, through the power of Senatorial courtesy be able to defeat the nomination of Mr. Bristol, who is capable of making it unpleasant for the yet undicted land thieves of Oregon."

ODD FELLOWS EFFECT ORGANIZATION

Canby Encampment, No. 66, I. O. O. F., was instituted Saturday night by Past Grand Patriarch Thomas F. Ryan, of Oregon City, who had been appointed a special deputy to perfect the organization, and was assisted by a number of patriarchs from Ellison and Golden Rule Encampments of Portland; Falls Encampment, No. 4, Oregon City; Willamette, No. 2, of Salem; and Armtstrong, No. 27, of Woodburn.

The encampment was instituted with five members, when the principal officers were filled and a class of 11 subordinate lodge members was introduced and the work of conferring the patriarchal degrees on them took up the greater part of the night.

Following are the officers: A. H. Knight, chief patriarch; W. H. Bair, senior warden; R. C. Knight, high priest; H. H. Eccles, scribe; T. B. Killen, treasurer; J. L. Eckerson, junior warden; W. H. Lucke, outside sentinel; George Penman, inside sentinel; F. A. Weed, guide; H. A. Dedman, first watch; G. A. Meeks, second watch; George W. Hoyt, third watch; L. A. Bair, fourth watch; Adam Killen, first guard of tent; J. G. Noe, second guard of tent.

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HAWLEY SECURES PENSIONS FOR SOLDIERS

CONGRESSMAN HAWLEY GAVE THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PENSIONS GRANTED TO RESIDENTS OF THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF OREGON:

Name, residence and amount of pension per month.
Henry H. Davies, Forest Grove, \$12.
William H. Guile, Oregon City, \$12.
Wm. F. Smith, Boring, \$12.
John H. Benson, Oregon City, \$15.
James H. Beymer, Hubbard, \$12.
Enoch W. Midlam, Oregon City, \$15.
Chauncey Hoffman, Sandy, \$12.
Hiram C. Stoddard, Hubbard, \$12.
Alexander Raymond, Forest Grove, \$12.
Peter Bott, Oregon City, \$12.
Michael Pen-leton, Mullino, \$15.
Whipple Nash, Eagle Creek, \$15.
I. P. Putnam, Oregon City, \$15.
J. W. Baker, Sherwood, \$15.
N. H. Darnall, Liberal, \$12.
H. W. Shaw, Mullino, \$12.
J. W. Bowdhan, Estacada, \$12.
G. W. Lockerby, Estacada, \$12.
William Worthington, Oswego, \$12.
George Hobbs, Willamette, \$12.
P. S. Geshields, Clackamas, \$12.

New officers of Eagle Creek Grange are: Worthy master, Homer Glover; overseer, Herman Daus; lecturer, Lydia Steinman; steward, Earl McConnell; assistant steward, Gifford McConnell; chaplain, Mrs. D. M. Connell; Marshall; treasurer, Mrs. Hoffmeister; secretary, Fred Bates; gate-keeper, Ernest Daus; Ceres, Maggie Smith; Pomona, Lilas Scott; Flora, Minnie Steinman; lady assistant steward, Freda Daus; organist, Martha Zeck. These new officers will be duly installed by Deputy Chittwood on January 18. The meeting will be an open one until after the lecture, our.

STATE TAXATION

COUNTIES MUST RAISE OVER MILLION DOLLARS FOR STATE PURPOSES.

MORE FUNDS NEEDED

For Year 1908—Clackamas County's Share—How the Forest Reserve Fund Will Be Divided.

The amount of money to be raised by the several counties for State purposes in 1908 is \$1,150,000. This is shown by the annual estimate of expenditures completed by the State Board of Levy Wednesday. This is \$125,000 more than the amount raised by the counties in 1907, and \$525,000 more than was raised in 1906. The total expense of the State for 1908 is estimated at \$1,851,750.14, of which amount \$489,350.14 will be raised by indirect taxes or is covered by levies already made, but not expended. This leaves the balance of \$1,150,000 to be raised by the several counties by direct taxation this year.

County Courts have been anxiously awaiting the announcement of the apportionment of taxes so that they may be able to determine the amounts of their own levies. As will be seen by the following comparative table, Clackamas county must this year raise \$28,525 for State taxes, as compared with \$34,337.50 in 1907, and \$20,937.50 in 1906. The 1906 levy was exceptionally low for an even-numbered year, for the reason that one of the large appropriation bills had been held up under the referendum, and the money was to be expended. Those appropriations became effective in 1907, making the levy for that year unusually high for an odd-numbered year.

The levy for 1908 is high, because this year the unexpected appropriations of the Legislature of 1907 must be met. As the levy in 1907 was made before the Legislature convened, the levy for that year did not cover the special appropriations of that session.

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DR. CARLL TAKES OFFICE AS MAYOR

ANNOUNCES A FULL CORPS OF CITY OFFICIALS, TO DELIGHT OF SUCCESSFUL ONES.

Dr. W. E. Carll, who was chosen Mayor by a large majority at the recent election, was inducted into office Wednesday and named his corps of officials at that time. The names of the successful ones follow:

City Attorney—J. U. Campbell.
City Engineer—Don Meldrum.
Superintendent of Streets—John Green.
Chief of Police—Charles E. Burns.
Night Police Officers—E. L. Shaw, Henry Cooke.

These officials were reappointed, with the exception of Mr. Green, who succeeds John C. Bradley and Jack Meldrum, who is the new City Engineer in the place of Wilfred White. The Council committees are: Finance—Andresen, Meyer, Frederichs.
Streets and Public Property—Knapp, Sheahan, Jack.
Health and Police—Betzel, Logus, Pope.
Fire and Water—Pope, Logus, Sheahan.
Cemetery—Frederichs, Jack, Betzel.