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## MONITOR GIRL OF 16 YEARS KILLS SELF WITH RIFLE

BOTH PARENTS AND OFFICIALS UNABLE TO FIND CAUSE FOR ACTION.

## MOTHER ALONE IN HOME WHEN DAUGHTER PUTS GUN TO HEART

Examination of Body by Dr. Hempstead, Search for Farewell Note and Study of Actions Last Few Weeks Do Not Show Cause.

Why Pearl June Pederson, aged 16 years, took her own life at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pederson, of Monitor, is a complete mystery.

An examination of her body, a careful search for a farewell note, a study of her actions during the last two weeks and questioning of her parents failed to reveal the slightest cause for the act. She was healthy, active and apparently contented.

Friday night she attended a school entertainment and took a part in the program. Saturday morning she played the piano and sang. Shortly before noon she went up stairs to her bedroom and half an hour later her mother called her received no answer and upon opening the door to the girl's room found her stretched dead upon her bed.

She had taken a 22 calibre rifle, placed it to her heart and pulled the trigger. Death came instantly. The shot was heard by none.

Luke L. Gribble, an Aurora hop buyer, was at the Pederson home when the body was found, but the mother was alone in the home when the girl took her life.

Coroner Hempstead and John N. Sievers, acting as assistant to the coroner, arrived at Monitor late in the afternoon and conducted a complete investigation of the case. An inquest was not considered necessary.

The girl had been popular with other young people of the district and was a leader in the school she attended. She complained of nothing to her parents and acted as usual the morning before she killed herself.

Coroner Hempstead said that he was completely bewildered by the case. "I confess that I am totally unable to see the slightest reason why she killed herself," he declared late Saturday night upon his return to the county seat. She was healthy, and from all I can learn contented. She played at the piano and sang Saturday morning and Friday night took a leading part in a school social.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pederson, are well known through the southern part of Clackamas county and at Monitor which is across Butte creek and in Marion county. Their home is near the county line.

## FORD PLAN NOT WISE DECLARES C. DARROW

THEN ATTORNEY ADDS "I STILL HOPE I AM WRONG"—HAS NO FEARS FOR SHIP.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—On the ground that it is "either wise or right for us to interfere" in the European war at this time, Attorney Clarence S. Darrow today declined Henry Ford's invitation to accompany the Ford peace ship to the Ford peace congress abroad.

"I still hope that I am wrong, however," he added, "and I hope that good will come out of it."

Some fear has been felt for the safety of the Scandinavian liner Oscar, the peace ship, but line officials gave assurances today that the ship will carry no munitions.

Ford headquarters announced that Russell Peterson of Seattle and Monroe Smoock of New Plymouth, Idaho, had accepted invitations to take the trip.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore., Nov. 30.—Lamar O. Toose of Salem, president of the student body, was selected by President P. L. Campbell late this afternoon to accompany Henry Ford on his peace pilgrimage to Europe.

## OAK GROVE MAN HELD ON FORGERY CHARGE

Ralph Brandt, of Oak Grove, was arrested at Cathlamet, Wash., Friday and taken to Portland to face a charge of forgery.

Brandt is alleged to have forged a check given in payment for a Ford car. He took the automobile home, removed the body of the machine and put on a home-made affair. Friday morning he left Oak Grove with his wife, evidently planning a long trip in the car.

## RAILWAY OFFERS TO SETTLE GRANT CASE

SOUTHERN PACIFIC ATTORNEYS AT SALEM SAY THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN POWER.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 1.—With the announcement that he was prepared to consider any plan for a compromise which might be presented, D. W. Campbell, assistant general manager of the Southern Pacific company, met with the conference committee today in a conference called to try to agree on a plan of settling the Oregon and California railroad land grant problem.

The conference after a brief session adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, and in the meantime the committee will endeavor to formulate a plan to present to the railroad for disposal of the grant lands. It will then be for the company to define its attitude.

Appearance of Mr. Campbell accompanied by Ralph Moody, of Portland, Southern Pacific attorney, and H. A. McAllister of Portland, tax expert for the company, was unexpected, as no formal notice that the railway intended to be represented today had been received. In consequence W. I. Vawter, of Medford; L. E. Bean, of Eugene, and C. E. Spence, of Oregon City, members of the committee, were not present. They have been notified to be here tomorrow to aid in drawing up a proposal to present to the railway's representatives. The committee is scheduled to convene tomorrow morning.

## DELAYED EXPLOSION DYNAMITE CAUSE OF AUSTRIAN'S DEATH

MATT LIVARICH INVESTIGATED CHARGE IN STUMP WHICH DID NOT GO OFF.

Curiosity combined with a stick of dynamite led to the death Tuesday of Matt Livarich, an Austrian, who wanted to find out why all of a charge he had placed in a stump had not exploded.

With a number of other Austrians, Livarich was engaged in clearing land on the farm of Joseph Solite. Nine sticks were placed in the stump and then men heard eight explode. Livarich went to investigate when the ninth stick exploded. Death came half an hour later.

The accident at Canby Tuesday in the third case Coroner Hempstead has had in four days in the southern part of the county. Saturday Pearl June Pederson of Monitor, aged 16 years, killed herself, and Monday, Mrs. Corda Klar of Reams station was hit and instantly killed by a Southern Pacific train.

Livarich was 26 years old and born in Dalmacia, the district of Torotaki, Austria, and came to Clackamas county only five weeks ago to meet his friend, Lukas Skaka, a schoolmate in Austria. The body will be taken to Portland where the funeral services will be held. Skaka will take charge of his friend's body. Coroner Hempstead did not consider an inquest necessary.

## TIMBER TAX CASE UP AGAIN

Circuit Judge Campbell Tuesday signed an order on the motion of District Attorney Hedges giving the county until January 1, 1916, to file a bill of exceptions and notice of appeal in the Weyerhaeuser Land company assessment dispute. The circuit court recently authorized a reduction in the assessment of a part of the company's holdings in this county.

## OPEN RIVER SOUTH TO EUGENE SOUGHT

OREGON CITY TRANSPORTATION COMPANY ASKS FOR MORE WORK ON WILLAMETTE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Colonel Taylor, acting chief of engineers, today advised Senator Chamberlain that the improvement of the Willamette river from Harrisburg to Eugene could not be undertaken without a congressional appropriation. The funds available for the Willamette improvement above Portland are not applicable beyond Harrisburg.

The Oregon City Transportation company is planning to extend its river service through to Eugene. Captain A. B. Graham, one of the head officials of the company, says that he has been aware that no improvements could be made to the channel until an appropriation for that stretch of the river could be made by congress. Just now there is a fine stage of water to the head of navigation, but the boats will be unable to get through to Eugene until the Oregon Electric company arranges so that a draw or lift of a bridge is spanning the upper Willamette can be operated so as to permit the craft to get through.

## KERN IS ELECTED SENATE LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATS

MAKEUP OF COMMITTEES IN THE HOUSE PUZZLES AS CONGRESS ORGANIZES.

## REPUBLICANS WITH ADDED POWER DEMAND THEY BE GIVEN PLACES

Increased Minority Membership Likely to Be Recognized by Adding One More Republican to Committees.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Democrats of both houses of congress today got their work of organization for the coming session well under way. The senate conference unanimously re-elected Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana, as chairman and floor leader, and the house ways and means committee began the puzzling task of assigning members to committees.

After choosing the party leaders, the senators adjourned until Wednesday when they will hear the report of the special committee on revision of the rules.

Opposition has developed to the re-election of Senator Clark, of Arkansas, as president pro tempore, because of his fight against the ship purchase bill at the last session. The house ways and means committee, with Representative Kitchin in the chair, received a petition from Minority Leader Mann for larger Republican representation on all committees in view of the increased minority membership. A tentative plan was agreed upon by which one additional Republican would be added to the ways and means committee, appropriations, military, naval and judiciary committees. No final decision was reached, however, and it probably will be several days before the assignments can be worked out.

## 2 ROADS WILL SOON EXCHANGE TRANSFERS

CONTRACT APPROVED BY STATE COMMISSION AND TICKETS NOW AWAITED.

As soon as the necessary transfer tickets are printed, the Portland Railway Light & Power company and the Willamette Valley Southern will begin to exchange transfers for all passengers traveling between stations on the Willamette Valley Southern and the Portland Railway Light & Power company south of Fourteenth street.

The contract between the two companies has been approved by the state railroad commission.

An exchange of transfers was secured largely through the efforts of Mayor Jones and the council. Both companies promised to make the exchange more than a month ago.

## AMENDMENT KILLED IN CIRCUIT COURT

RECORDER PORTER OF WEST LINN PREVENTED FROM PUTTING MEASURE ON BALLOT.

Circuit Judge Campbell Monday morning issued a permanent injunction restraining City Recorder Porter of West Linn from placing on the ballot at the city election the title of an amendment governing the expenditure of the road funds.

The suit for the injunction was filed on the relation of the state of Oregon, and Clarence L. Eaton appeared as counsel. B. N. Hicks represented West Linn.

The amendment to the charter of West Linn, provided that no part of the road fund could be expended on any road until two-thirds of the property along the road was owned by individuals. This amendment would have meant that the Bolton and Willamette roads, the city's principal thoroughfares running north and south, could not have been touched as more than one-third of the property along these roads is owned by corporations.

Suit was instituted to keep the amendment of the ballot, on the ground that the initiative had not been complied with, as the petitions for the amendment had not been filed in the office of City Recorder Porter 30 days before the date of the city election.

## 15 TAXPAYERS WILL CHECK OVER COUNTY COURT'S ESTIMATES

COMMITTEE NAMED WEDNESDAY TO MEET IN COUNTY SEAT DECEMBER 8.

A committee of 15 representative taxpayers was named Wednesday by the county court to examine the county budget. Letters will be sent to each member, calling a meeting of the committee for next Wednesday at the courthouse when the committee will organize and its task of going over the budget item by item will begin.

The committee is composed of Harvey E. Cross, Oregon City; W. P. Kirchem, Redlands; C. E. Spence, Beaver Creek; J. L. Kruse, Sherwood; Frank Jagger, Carus; C. H. Dye, Oregon City; T. W. Sullivan, Oregon City; John Riley, Riley station; E. G. Canfield, Oregon City; John R. Cole, Molalla; George H. Brown, New Era; John Ely, Estacada; W. A. Proctor, Sandy; C. N. Waite, Canby, and A. D. Gribble, Aurora.

The duty of the committee is to study the estimates of the county expenses as prepared by the county court and submit recommendations at the annual taxpayers' meeting December 14.

## C. E. SPENCE WELL PLEASSED BY EXHIBIT

STATE GRANGE MASTER BACK TO OREGON CITY FROM SAN FRANCISCO MEETING.

Charles E. Spence, of Oregon City master of the Oregon State Grange, went to attend the sessions of the National Grange, and has returned to Oregon enthusiastic over the work accomplished.

While woman suffrage was defeated by the National Grange last year by a vote of 26 to 24, the women won out this year by a vote of 29 to 25. Mr. Spence considers the change of front remarkable and the endorsement of woman's suffrage as a great step forward.

Last year, prohibition was treated in a rather indefinite way, while this year the National Grange was practically a unit in endorsing national prohibition. The present conservation policy of the forestry department came in for endorsement, and very progressive ideas on rural credits were adopted as the policy of the National Grange.

It was decided to demand that the government provide for rural credit purpose some circulating medium as in the case of the regional banks.

The Grange arrayed itself against bonding for road construction, largely on the idea that road building is still in its experimental stage. It also declared in favor of building market roads first.

There was practically unanimous opposition to the proposed increase of army, navy and armament. The National Grange insists on raising the standard of citizenship rather than large sums of money for destructive purpose. Strong peace resolutions were adopted.

It was also agreed that there should be a uniformity of tax laws as affecting states, this to prevent the tax dodging that has become so flagrant on the part of wealthy citizens owning property in many states.

The National Grange is composed of the master and matron of the state Granges of the nation, and at this time 57 were present, representing practically all of the states of the Union. Mr. Spence spent considerable time at the Oregon building and on the exposition grounds and expressed the confidence that Oregon has made a wonderfully effective showing at San Francisco, one from which the state is certain to derive great benefit.

## HAZELL'S CONCERN SUED TWICE IN DAY

MAX GLUTSCH, MOLALLA, WANTS RECEIVER NAMED FOR NORTH-WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

The Northwestern association was made defendant Saturday in two suits filed in the circuit court. Jesse Hazell, who recently filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court in Portland, is the president and manager of the association.

Max Glutsch, of Molalla, who is a contract holder in the association, filed a suit asking that the court appoint a receiver for the company. Dimick & Dimick, Will Mulvey and W. O. Eastham are his attorneys.

## WOMAN WHO WAS DEAF AND DUMB KILLED BY TRAIN

MRS. CORDA KLAR DIES INSTANTLY WHEN HIT BY SOUTHERN PACIFIC LOCOMOTIVE.

## DEATH BELIEVED DUE TO FACT SHE COULD NOT HEAR ENGINE

Inquest Will Be Held 10:30 A. M. Today at Scene of Tragedy—Farmer Killed Self Month Before 100 Feet from Place.

Mrs. Corda Klar, aged 37 years, the wife of Ernest E. Klar, was hit by a Southern Pacific train near Reams station between Molalla and Canby at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning and was instantly killed. She was deaf and dumb and her death, it is believed, was due largely to the fact that she could not hear the approaching train.

The accident occurred within 100 feet of the place where John St. George, a cook, committed suicide a month ago by lighting a package of dynamite caps which had placed within his shirt. St. George was an employee of Klar.

The Southern Pacific right-of-way runs through the Klar farm and Mrs. Klar was walking on the track, unaware of the approaching train when she was hit. Death was due to a fractured skull. L. P. Howard was the engineer and W. W. Knight the fireman on the engine which hit Mrs. Klar. Mrs. Klar was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wallace, of the Mulino district. She is survived by her widower, parents and two daughters, Hazel, age 14 years, and Rossa, aged 15 years.

Coroner Hempstead and Charles T. Sievers, assistant to the coroner, investigated the case Monday afternoon. An inquest will be held 10:30 o'clock this morning.

## CREW IS EXONERATED FOR WOMAN'S DEATH

INQUEST IS HELD OVER BODY OF MRS. CORDA KLAR—DR. DEDMAN AIDS CORONER.

A coroner's jury Tuesday exonerated the train crew from all blame for death of Mrs. Corda Klar, the deaf and dumb woman who was hit by a Southern Pacific train between Molalla and Canby Monday morning.

Testimony showed that Engineer L. P. Howard did not see the woman in time, although he attempted to stop, while Mrs. Klar was deaf and unable to hear the approaching engine. Coroner Hempstead, assisted by Dr. H. A. Dedman, of Canby, conducted the inquest.

The coroner's jury was composed of J. E. Wells, Charles Morris, S. P. Klingler, N. H. Baumer, Cicero Grimm and Millard Adams.

## STANLEY M'KAY WILL BE TRIED HERE FRIDAY

TRIAL IS SET FOR AUTO DRIVER ALLEGED TO HAVE INJURED TWO IN BUGGY.

Stanley McKay, the St. Paul farmer and hog grower, who is alleged to have been the automobile driver who hit a buggy on the Twilight road October 23 and seriously injured Miss Marie Harvey and her brother, B. L. Harvey, will be tried before Justice of the Peace Sievers Friday.

Although the two victims of the accident were seriously hurt, under the Oregon statute McKay can be tried only for refusing to give half the road to a passing vehicle, which is punishable only by a \$50 fine. McKay's car, with several parts broken, was located in a Portland garage the day after the collision by Sheriff Wilson. McKay is alleged to have been drunk at the time he ran into the Harvey buggy.

The McKay case is the first of several criminal cases. Those to be tried in the circuit court in the near future are: Dick Jones, charge assault with a dangerous weapon, December 6; Johnson, Wall and Bolstrom, charge giving liquor to a minor, December 8; and Fritz Boysen, charge, selling liquor to minors, December 9. The trial of Sam Case, who was indicted for the murder of his brother and died in the Oregon City hospital, was set for next Tuesday.

## GRANTS ARE DIVORCED

Circuit Judge Campbell Tuesday signed a decree divorcing J. D. Grant from Fanny M. Grant.

## 1916 REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN JAN. 4

VOTER WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER ONLY ONCE EXCEPT WHEN ADDRESS CHANGED.

Registration for the 1916 election will open January 4, 1916, at the office of Iva Harrington, county clerk.

Under the new registration law, a voter is required to register but once unless he changes his precinct or fails to vote within two years after registering.

In county seats voters must register with the county clerk, while in outside precincts, special registration clerks are appointed. Under the new law the card system is used, and the voter will sign his name only once instead of two or three times as under previous laws. On one side of the card are blanks for the following: Male or female; party affiliation; surname; given name; precinct; postoffice address; residence (section, township and house number or room if in a city); parents' full name (if elector is native born); elector born where. If the elector is foreign born there are blanks to show when and where he was naturalized and second and final paper must be exhibited.

On the opposite side of the card is registration blank "A" for use before election boards only in case the elector has not been registered. Registration blank "B" is also provided in case of re-registering.

## 11 CANDIDATES AND THREE MEASURES UP TO VOTERS MONDAY

INTEREST LAX ALTHOUGH ELECTION ONLY WEEK AWAY—NOMINATIONS CLOSE TOMORROW.

Eleven candidates have been nominated and three proposed amendments to the city charter initiated for the city election which will be held one week from yesterday.

Interest is unusually quiet and it is only around the charter amendment, under the terms of which the city would issue \$275,000 in bonds to take up outstanding warrants, the members of the council would be held individually responsible for carrying out the budget, and tax levy would be raised from 10 to 14 mills, is much of a campaign being waged. This amendment, declare its supporters, would act much as a curtail for the city financial ills, preventing further indebtedness. The amendment was prepared by the council and a committee of nine taxpayers.

Two men, both councilmen, have been nominated for mayor. They are E. C. Hackett and William A. Long. Both approve the financial amendment to the charter and each is conducting a quiet campaign.

The other two amendments would make the offices of recorder and city attorney elective instead of appointive and would give the right of a trial by jury in the recorder's court.

Nominations for the council follow: Ward No. 1, J. H. Mattley and F. A. Metner; ward No. 2, A. B. Buckles and Jack M. Trimble, and ward No. 3, G. W. Hall, E. L. Moore, Frank Alldredge and W. B. Stafford.

Nominating petitions must be in the hands of Recorder Loder by Wednesday night.

## ALBANY MAN TO WED HERE

Ala Pierce and Widdie Jennings, of Albany, secured a marriage license here Wednesday.

## COUNTY IS ASKED TO BUY FAIR GROUNDS

PROPOSAL WILL REST WITH TAXPAYERS AT BUDGET MEETING ON DECEMBER 12.

Among the many things which the county court has determined to leave to the judgment of the taxpayer at the annual budget meeting in the court house December 12 is the purchase of the county fair grounds at Canby.

The Clackamas County Fair association has offered to turn over to the county title to the land at Canby if the mortgages against the property alone are paid. These mortgages total \$7500 and an item covering this is included in the budget framed by the county court.

## MANY ALREADY IN FIELD FOR STATE AND COUNTY JOBS

BROWNELL, SCHUEBEL AND E. D. OLDS MENTIONED AS CANDIDATES FOR HOUSE.

## WILSON, CALAVAN, HARRINGTON, DUNN, HEMPSTEAD, IN RACE

Pretty Fight for District Attorney With G. L. Hedges Out for Re-election Expected—J. E. Jack Is Not Candidate.

The old-time political pot that has been rusting away for the last year, has been brought out, burnished up and placed on the fire. It has already begun to boil. Favorite sons for various offices are beginning to appear in the open, backed in some instances by a well defined public sentiment.

The county ticket next year will be headed by candidates for the legislature. Senator Walter A. Dimick is a holdover, but Clackamas will choose three representatives in the lower house, and the men who have been mentioned in connection with this office are George C. Brownell, Christian Schuebel and E. D. Olds.

Mr. Brownell served three terms in the state senate, where he was president during one session, and he was generally recognized as an active factor in legislative matters. He is an orator and it is generally accepted that he gets closer to the wants of the people than the average man.

Mr. Schuebel has served two terms in the house, and has made a record that he is willing to stand upon. He is a fighter and makes enemies, but he likewise makes many strong friends.

It is said that Representative Guy T. Hunt, of Estacada, does not want to return to Salem in 1917, and the friends of E. D. Olds, of Oak Grove, are feeling out sentiment in regard to his candidacy. He has been talked of in connection with the position of county commissioner, but political wise men say he would probably make a stronger run for the legislature. Olds is forceful by nature and usually gets what he goes after. He has some very pronounced views about road legislation.

W. A. Proctor, of Sandy, has strong backing for county commissioner. He comes from Sandy, where he is well known and highly respected, and the feeling is very general that he would be a formidable candidate.

Sheriff Wilson, Treasurer Dunn, Clerk Harrington, School Superintendent Calavan, Coroner Hempstead and Surveyor Johnson will unquestionably be candidates for the offices they now hold. Assessor Jack will not run for re-election.

One of the hottest and prettiest fights promised in connection with the campaign next year is that over the office of district attorney to succeed Gilbert L. Hedges, who is a democrat, appointed by Governor West and a candidate to succeed himself. Chief among his contenders will be William M. Stone, who has been conducting a quiet canvass for several months. The names of Attorneys William Hammond and John N. Sievers are also mentioned for the place. Mr. Schuebel was urged by some of his well-meaning friends to go after this job, which pays a salary of \$2100, but he has about concluded to run for the legislature and devote his legal talents to his own private practice.

Democrats are talking of Charles W. Riley for county commissioner. He was in the legislature last session. Dudley Boyles, chief deputy county recorder under E. P. Dedman, is expected to run for the Republican nomination for recorder. One prominent Democrat said Friday that there would be but little use to put up a candidate against a man such as he—a man who belonged to the Republican party, who was well known throughout the county and who, it was generally known, would make an efficient official.

## WHEN VICTIM RUNS, HOLD-UP MAN FIRES

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 27.—T. W. Schultz was shot by a highwayman at 6:30 o'clock tonight in a sensational attempt at a holdup at Sixth and Columbia streets, just outside the business district and one block from the University club. The robber fled after the shooting and snapped his revolver as a pedestrian who attempted to stop him. The cartridge failed to explode and the amateur thief-catcher escaped unhurt.

Mr. Schultz is 52 years old and is not seriously hurt. He was on his way home when the robber accosted him, instead of throwing up his hands at the man's order, Schultz wheeled and ran.

Circuit Judge Campbell has signed a decree divorcing Catherine Crouchley from Earl Crouchley. The plaintiff is allowed to resume her maiden name, Catherine Adams.