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HEMPSTEADSUMS UP YEAR'S WORK AS THE CORONER

DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO LIQUOR, HE SAYS.

WHISKEY INDIRECTLY CAUSE OF

Nine Persons Committed Suicide During Year Just Closed in Clackamas County and 17 Met Death By Ascident.

(By Coroner W. E. Hempstead.) in submitting statistics of the tragedies in our own county during the past year, I do not expect them to be of more than casual interest to others. but I can assure you some of the scenes witnessed made it unpleasant even for the coroner. Scenes that are not recommended as a prescription for producing peaceful slumbers, Naturally there are very many unpleasant features and none pleasant in perform

ing the duties of this office. As illustrative of this, in two in stances I was obliged to notify the family of their dead; a difficult thing for any one to do, especially so when emexpected, as all of these cases are, the election and the other in advertis-One of these cases was a prosperous ing the results, the merger vote in isbury, an Adventist missionary from middle-aged contractor found dead on a tonely road, death being due to apoplexy. The other, a young man of 18, death due to accidental gun shot Willamette a second time, probably

Parent Censors Coroner.

er furthermore watched men troil the ter. river for five consecutive days before. The other error is in advertising the. The account of Lord Montagu was caps, the other by shot gun-every lished and posted, but it was only post-place of furniture and the walls of the cd. room were literally covered with blood as a result of the explosion.

father, who, out of morbid curiosity, went into a local undertaking parlor to look at a body that we had found the recognized it as that of his son who had left the home only the night be fore. Two cases I found were children that had been burned to death, both due to the carelessness of adults and venturesomness of children.

11 Deaths Due to Liquor. Some of the cases of accidental death in adults could have been provented by ordinary safety-first precau-

In some of the cases of suicide we were absolutely unable to discover any motive whatever for the acts. In eleven cases death was directly attributable to liquor; in another whiskey was an indirect factor, as an au-

The majority of these cases were common drunks; one was a man of a great railroad corporation, and son and Earl King, charged with as board, nice fellows they seemed. while intoxicated his clothing had be- sault on Joe Stiffner. come saturated with alcohol and caught on fire while lighting a cigarette and he burned to death alone by the read side. Another instance was that of a drunken citizen, while walking along a railroad track and hearing the warning signals given of the approaching train in his drunken delirium motioned for the engineer to come on. He did.

Whiskey-Insanity Evil Combination. In four of the cases of suicide whiskey and insanity were combined as factors in creating melancholia.

In offering this article I have simply endeavored to present a few of the this case is the first brought under the facts as gathered by observation as opportunity offered, on this phase of hu-times on account of the Illness of man weakness, and having for obvious George C. Brownell, attorney for the reasons made no personal references. defendants, and District Attorney Gil-The references were chosen at random bert L. Hedges. as illustrative of the many of like nature that are observed by the coroner.

gruesome. You may designate them as grizzly but they are all reality.

41 Coroner Calls in Year. There were during the year 41 calls for the coroner of Clackamas county. There were nine cases of suicide, divided as follows: Carbolic acid, 1; hanging, 2; self-inflicted gunshot

There was one murder during the natural causes were 8, and people year of work. One of the largest mem- Glutsch, R. E. Andrews, Stefanno Manfound dead of various age, all natural berships is recorded and, only for the nos and Charles Hohne.

WYANDOTTE PULLET AMBITIOUS.

An egg. 6% inches in circumference was laid by a white Wyandotte pullet will be put in soon. amas county farmers for many months, of which has not been set.

IF YOU WANT A JOB, SEE COUNTY CLERK

The redivision of election precincts n Oregon City is causing County Berk Harrington trouble, for it is her duty to select clerk and judges of election boards. The new division is so ELEVEN DEATHS REPORTED ARE much different from the old that she cannot use the registration books in se'ecting the names. There are 11 precincts under the new division of the city.

Clerk Harrington has been working on the matter in her spare time for several days, and as a last resort has ACT IN OTHER OF THE 41 CASES asked that all who desire to be placed on election boards communicate with her. In this way, she believes, is found the solution of her trouble.

The other divisions of the county have caused her little trouble, as the changes were not so many as in the

WEST LINN TO VOTE ON MERGER A SECOND TIME; FLAW IS FOUND

VOTE EARLY IN DECEMBER NOT VALID - DATE OF SECOND ELECTION NEXT MONTH.

Because of two errors, one in calling West Linn is not valid and the fown on the west bank of the river will be who perished when the vessel went forced to pass apon the annexation of down. This makes three Americans about the middle of February.

The flaws in the proceedings were In this latter instance i was cea- discovered Tuesday. The city charter sured serevely by the father of the boy provides that the notice of election koma Park, Washington, D. C. He for having notified the family in the shall be signed by the recorder, while a recently enacted state law makes it In one case a mother stood on the necessary for the council to sign the river bank and watched her only son, notice. Hecorder L. L. Porter, acting & Oriental Steamship company cona young man of 18, drown, unable to under the charter, signed the notice, firms the report that Rev. Mr. Salisrender him any assistance. This moth- unaware of the state law in the mat- bury embarked on the vessel at Mar-

the body of her boy was found. In two results of the election. The result of ctabled to the Dally News from Malta cases of suicide—one by dynamite the vote should have been both pub as follows:

Williamette voted for the merger in a few minutes. All our passengers Another instance was that of a the voters of West Linn early in De-plosion occurred on our port side,

TWO ARE BOUND OVER TO GRAND ter reached the fires. JURY: TWO ENTER PLEAS OF NOT GUILTY.

Monday was a busy day for John N. Sievers.

As recorder of Gladstone, he tried W. diseased as a result of excessive drink-Smith, charged with assault, and Ed- ter great difficulty by the Alfred Holt ward Kundig, charged with threaten- liner Ningschow and proceeded to Majing to commit a felony, and received to soon after daylight. pleas of not guilty from Carl P. Nel-

> Smith took part in a fight at Cottrell saved. Our chances of being picked Christmas day, and his hearing was up on a dark night from a piece of postponed until the extent of the in- wreckage appeared extremely doubtful juries of the man he is alleged to have There appears to have been little panassaulted was learned. He was un- ic and the Lascars acted well." able to raise \$500 ball and is now in the county jail.

George Brown and Alex Douthit, charged with violating the Gill act, which prohibits net fishing above the suspension bridge, will be tried before Justice Slevers today. The Gill bill was passed by the 1915 legislature and

A report of the year's work was read | Several who now have suits pending wounds, 3; drowning, 1; dynamite, 2. at a meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Civic against the association or Hazeil are Accidental deaths numbered 17, as Improvement club Tuesday evening in also named as defendants and the follows: Struck by railroad or electibe club rooms. This was the first complete list follows: Jesse Hazell, tric train, 4; drowning, 4; gunshot meeting of 1916 and was well attended. Mrs. Edith Hazeli, the Northwestern wounds, 3; dynamite, 1; accidental The report read showed that the association, Joseph Gysler, E. C. Lai- when it defeated the fast Brown elevfall, 1; burned to death, 3; child pol- work accomplished last year exceeded ourette, R. L. Hutchins, George 8.

any of the previous eight years. fact there is no postoffice at Mt. Pleas- Hohne, who is named as a defend ant, this club could affiliate with the ant, took his own life last week after

state organization. The plano has been paid for and a tion. the smaller way and 81/4 the other, has side-walk has been built to meet the brought to the county seat by Gus one recently laid by Oregon City with signed March 29, 1911, which expired

ONPERSIA GROWS

MISSIGNARY ADDED TO THOSE LOST; LORD MONTAGU SAYS THERE WERE "SEVERAL"

VESSEL SINKS RAPIDLY AFTER SHE WAS HIT, SAYS SURVIVOR

One Passenger Landed at Maita Says All Officers Perished and That American Consul Is Known to Have Drowned.

the steamer Persia has arrived at Malta, according to a dispatch from that place to the Daily Mail, received through its Milan correspondent. The survivors believed that a sixth boat succeeded in getting away. LONDON, Jan. 5 .- The statement

LONDON, Jan. 5 .- A fifth boat from

that there were several Americans on board the steamship Persia is credited to Lord Montagu today by the Evening News. Lord Montagu is one of the 11 survivors from the Persia who were landed at Malta. The American embassy also received

today a report that Rev. Homer R. Sal lost, and Churles Grant, of Boston, who council. was saved.

Rev. Mr. Salisbury's home was at Taboarded the steamship Persia at Marseilles, going to join his wife, who is a missionary in India. The Peninsular

"Our ship was struck without any warning at about 1:10 p. m. and sank

Monday night by a large majority and were enjoying tiffin when a big exabreast of the forward engine room. "Boats were lowered rapidly and

the passengers rushed to get lifeboats. but three boats were smashed while they were being lowered. Many persons were thrown into the sea. "The Persia then keeled over so

possible to stand. She then turned GRANT INJUNCTION AGAINST over and sank, stern first, many severe explosions taking place when the wa-"I was swept off the deck and suck-

ed down. When I came to the surface I found myself surrounded by human beings battling for life. "We say three boats, bottom up-

of any wreckage floating about. "After we had been in the water sev-

. There were several Americans on

"I am extremely lucky to have been

Kundig was released under \$100 bail. He appeared by his attorney, Chris AGAINST JESSE HAZELL

WALTER GRUEL HOLDS \$3000 MORTGAGE ON PROPERTY OF ORCHARDS COMPANY.

using the mails to defraud and who Mr. Meilike is naturally carrying on an ern association now in the hands of a state authorities for analysis. receiver, which was headed by Hazell, on a mortgage on the Redland prop- cows,-Estacada Progress, erty filed by Walter Gruel and Lewis

Smith, Carl A. Olsen, P. Brown, D. C.

sinking all his money in the associa-

Gottberg, a Colton farmer The egg the exception of a crosswalk, which in 1914. Only \$748 has been paid on the note, leaving \$2976.85 outstanding against Elizabeth Mathis in a divorce

JOHN F. ALBRICHT IS **CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF**

OREGON CITY COUNCILMAN EN TERS RACE FOR NOMINATION AT REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

John F. Albright, for the last four years a member of the Oregon City comeil, Baturday announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for sheriff. He fan at the Republican



John F. Albright.

primaries two years ago but was de. the east Wednesday, feated by William J. Wilson.

Mr. Albright plans to conduct an active campaign for the office. At presknown to have been on board. The ent he is chairman of the health and ed. others were Consul McNeely, who was police committee of the Oregon City

Sheriff Wilson, who will run for reelection, will probably be Mr. Albright's only opponent for the Republihave been mentioned as possible Republican candidates.

Ex-Sheriff E. T. Mass and Henry at the fall election by Sheriff Wilson, will probably seek the Democratic ment has been made.

SUNDAY CLOSING IS UPHELD BY JUDGE OF THE FEDERAL COURT

much to the port side that it was im. JUDGE WOLVERTON REFUSES TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

Wolverton in federal court this morning sustained the Oregon Sunday closing law as in acord with both federal wards, and each struggled to get hold and state constitutions. His ruling came with a denial of the application of the Bruswick-Balke-Collendar com-McGill on a charge of drunkeness eral hours, many having died in the pany for an injunction against District will start construction immediately on

interpretation must be had by a con- be enlarged to provide raw product for interpretation must be and by the enlarged to prove sideration of the act itself." This the new paper mill. was in reference to the contention that the law is in contravention of religious liberty.

been little enforced require its nullification now," say the decision.

Points of the decision are that the law does not violate the fourteenth amendment of the federal constitution. or the twentieth amendment to the state constitution.

INVESTIGATING DEATH OF COW.

A fine cow belonging to J. Meilike of Elwood, died suddenly last week JAMES WEST ALLEGES \$810 DUE as they conflict herewith. and an analysis of the stomach showed the presence of a quantity of pickled cucumbers. Inasmuch as the animal had not been out of the family pasture, Jesse Hazell, who faces a charge of where no suh food could be obtained, If foul play is found in this case, Mr.

court Wednesday in a suit to foreclose prit, if it costs the price of a herd of Rands and J. O. Staats, the directors, COAST IS VINDICATED.

Dietz and his Washington State eleven 24 he was notified that he had not qualmore than vindicated the class of west- ified and the board cancelled his conern football Saturday at Pasadena, tract. en, 14 to 0,

The club is one of the oldest in the Latourette, the First National Bank of that Washington state, playing on a the understanding that he would seyear. Elderly people found dead by state and is now beginning its 10th Oregon City, Bertha H. Smith, Max gridiron as foreign to it as it was to cure certificates. If West had taught, banks, each operating in a separate Brown, and on a muddy field, made a members of the board say, the local banks, each operating in a separate better score than any of the big eastern high school could not have met the teams which won from the Brown requirements of a standard school as \$506,000, which would be taken by the

WIFE CHARGED WITH DESERTION

E. W. Mathis charges desertion and is one of the largest of all the big At Tuesday's meeting plans were in principal and interest. A. M. Cra- complaint filed in the circuit court hotel, Portland, and Miss Maxine and Eda Kessier and Harry Peters, of and is one of the largest of all the ord, so complaint filed in the circuit court notes, rortland, and all of the circuit court notes, rortland, and ror son, Kan., in February, 1909.

PLAN ANNOUNCED FOR NEW HAWLEY PAPER MILL HERE

DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE EXPENDI-TURE OF THREE-QUARTERS OF MILLION DOLLARS.

WORK ON BIG ADDITION TO LOCAL PLANT WILL BEGIN IN STORT TIME

Paper Company Will Buy All Ground Between Main and Southern Pacific Tracks and as Far North as Fourth Street.

The Hawley Pulp & Paper company will spend three-quarters of a million dollars in Oregon City this year, ac cording to a definite announcement made Wednesday night by W. P. Hawley, president and general manager of the company, following a meeting of the directors of the company in Portland that afternoon. All of the plans for the enormous extension of the mill recommended by Mr. Hawley were approved by the directors.

Options that have been secured on property within the last 60 days will be aken up without delay, and some of the steel for the new structure that is to be erected was ordered by wire from

Mr. Hawley said that there had been a heavy advance in the price of steel, but that his concern had been protect-

company include the site of the pumping and filter plants of the city water commission, the city reserving its water rights and the paper company can nomination, for no other names agreeing not to disturb the pumps. The water commission will remove the filters to a site near the present reservoir, or will construct a new reservoir Kohler, of Oswege, who was defeated with the funds derived from the sale of its Main street property. The purchase price is \$20,000.

nomination, sithough no announce ley interests will give the company Other property secured by the Hawwith the exception of a small tract on morning. McGill pleaded he was not he ended his life the corner of Main and Fourth. The a drinking man and went to Portland deal is closed the paper company will side of Main street as far north as the north line of the Armory site, with the side of Main street as far north as the exception of the freight station of the Portland Railway, Light & Power com-PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.-Judge pany, in the rear of which a right of

On the West side of Main street Mr. Hawley has obtained the Oregon City PAPERS FOR INITIATIVE MEASlaundry site and the Charman property just north of Third street. He expects to move his office building to this site.

The Hawley Pulp & Paper company enforcing the law.

"That the law is sometimes called a Sunday law," says Judge Wolverton, does not alter the question, and the called the law is sometimes called a Sunday law," says Judge Wolverton, and the called the law is sometimes called a Sunday law," says Judge Wolverton, and the called the law is sometimes called a sunday law, have been circulating on third street 90 feet to the Southern Pacific tracks. The pulp mill will in Portland for three or four weeks.

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The improvement will mean that 200 more men will be added to Oregon City's payroll as soon as the new struc-"Nor does the fact that the law has ture is completed and the machinery

SUED BY TEACHER

HIM AS RESULT OF CAN-CELLED CONTRACT.

James West, an instructor, filed a has filed a petition for bankruptcy in investigation and has sent samples of suit for \$810, salary alleged to be due the federal court, and the Northwest- the pickled cucumbers to the proper as result of a cancelled contract Friday against the Oregon City school district. J. E. Hedges, George A were made defendants in the circuit Mellike is going to ferret out the cul- Harding, Oscar D. Eby, Harold A. are named as defendants.

May 1, 1915, West applied for reelection and later his contract was signed by the school board to teach PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3 .- Coach through the year at \$90 a month. May

Members of the board contend that West lacked the proper certificates A comparison of these scores shows and that he was given a contract with of five appointed by the president for defined by the state department of government if not privately subscribed. public instruction.

PORTLANDERS GETS LICENSE.

cense from County Clerk Harrington, here Wednesday,

CLACKAMAS COWS ARE E. B. KEMP TAKES SENT TO CORVALLIS

bers of the Clackassas County Cow Testing association, are taking a keep interest in farmers' week at the Oregon Agriculture college and a large! number of cows from the local associa- GUN USED IN ATTACK ON MRS. tion have been sent to Corvallia.

Representative cows have been sent from the following herds: A. I. and J. Hughes, of Redland; N. H. Smith, of Rediand; Campbell & Forsberg, of Beaver Creek; Charles H. Rider, of Central Point; M. Thiessen & Bons, of SCENE OF SUICIDE WITHIN ONE Concord: R. R. Seely, of Wilsonville, and Levy Erb, of Hubbard Ernest Werner, of Needy, has sent three pure bred Holstein cows which hold rec ords of between 19 and 24 pounds butter-fat production in seven days.

N. L. Jamison, official tester of the association, was in Oregon City Saturday on his way from Hubbard to Os-

PROHIBITION BRINGS FIRST LIQUOR ARREST

RECORDER SIEVERS GIVES AU- Portland late Friday afternoon. RORA MAN FREEDOM, THEN DONATES SO CENTS.

Saturday was the first day the town easily found. spent under statewide prohibition and Saturday saw the first arrest on a charge of drunkeness. W. L. McGill. of Aurora, spent New Year's eve in Portland and started home Saturday morning on the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, intending to transfer here to the Southern Pacific car and Deputy Sheriff Victor Gault

arrested him. He was taken before City Recorder

fer of the site of the Cataract Hose story and instead of fining him, gave 1 will die by my own hand. I will not company fire house, on the basis of a him 50 cents, as during McGill's visit go to prison for life, I will die in the trade of another site for the fire star.

BLUE LAW ARE SIGNED

URES BEING CREULATED IN PORTLAND.

The initiators of the measure are Dan Kellaher, Ben A. Bellamy, S. S. I told her to do. I never had a ham-Rich, C. E. Munro and Leo R. Merrick, mer in my hands once. It was the members of the recently organized In- gun. I would not hit her with the pisdependent Retailers association of tol. I would tie a rag gently over her Portland, which was formed about two mouth, but I did not. I will die for months ago.

"This act is in all respects self-ex-

ecuting and immediately operative." The initiators say they have ob tained many signatures, and will soon send petitions to all counties in the

RURAL CREDIT BILL IS BEFORE CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The administration rural credits bill was introduced in the house today. It will be introduced in the senate tomorrow.

Government control of the system would be in a federal farm loan board

TWO LICENSES ISSUED.

Myrtle Bearinger and Lynn B. Goell-Howard R. Fevert, of the Sargent hur, 529 Montgomery street, Portland,

FOUND ON ROAD

MYERS IS TURNED ON SELF BY ASSAILANT.

HUNDRED FEET OF COUNTY LINE

Man, Realizing That Escape Was Impossible, Fires Shot Thruogh Temple. Probably Some Time Friday Afternoon.

The body of E. H. Kemp, the man who attacked and seriously injured Mrs. Mabel Myers, of Gresham, was found near Stanley station at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. He had fireda shot through his temple.

Kemp took his own life sometime Friday afternoon for several had walked past the spot Friday morning. one man going past it as late as soon of that day. The body was taken to

The same gun which Kemp is believed to have used in his attack on Mrs. Myers, a 22-calibre revolver, was used in taking his own life.

Kemp killed himself within about The city of Gladstone was incorpo 100 feet of the Clackamas-Multnomah rated in 1919. For five years, during county line. The spot is near Stanley a time when the state was wet, there station on the Estacuda line of the were no arrests for drunkeness and a Portland Railway, Light & Power comtotal of only three arrests of any na- pany. He selected a place on an old logging road where his body could be

Sheriff Wilson and Coroner Hempstend went to the scene of Kemp's suicide, leaving Oregon City a few minutes after news of the finding of the body reached Oregon City.

Officials of both counties believe that Kemp took his own life after be-At Gladstone he was thrown off the ing convinced that he could not escape the efforts being made to eatch bim. They are convinced that he spent all the time after his assault on Mrs. My-Main street frontage to Fourth street. John N. Sievers, of Gladstone, Monday ers in the woods near the spot where

"Dear Mother-I am going to the company has obtained the land on to visit relatives. Friday night, he world beyond," read Kemp's letter to which stand the Woodbine hotel, the wild be called on several friends in Mrs. Hannah Kemp, sent through the Cliff House, and the Clark property including the old Armory site, and negotiations are pending for the transfer of the site of the site of the clark property in their rooms and he awoke in the Clark mail and dated 6 p. m., December 29, Recorder Sievers believed the second will mail and dated 6 p. m., December 29, it continued: "You did lot for me. I trade of another site for the fire sta-tion, Mr. Hawley agreeing to move the building and renovate it. When this am going. I die so quick, I know nothing. My love to Paul and you, God forgive me for my sins. I will meet Paul and you in heaven, and Mrs. My-

The confession, found on Kemp, addressed to "Portland People," follows: Here is my story. True to my last words. They won't get me alive. My revolver is cocked and full of bullets for my own brain. I spoke to Mrs. Myers and I would not hurt her if she did what I told her. She said no, so five minutes after I nulled by gun on her I aimed at her right edge of her breast, Attorney Evans and other Oregon district attorneys to prevent them from north of the present sulphite mill, extraction in the present sulphite mill, extraction

> I would not hurt her if she did what that girl by my own hand.

The proposed measure provides: "1 | 1 put her head in the water for three -That section 2125 of title 19 of Lord's times (two or three minutes each Oregon laws (as compiled and anno-time). I then carried her to the tated by William Paine Lord), be and house where I tried to help her. I the same is hereby repealed and abol- came in to Portland fast, and sent the special letter to the sheriff so that-"2-That all acts or parts of acts in they could help her. I put my loaded conflict with this act are hereby abro- pistol in her hand and told her to kill gated, repealed and abolished insofar me. I had remorse for my act God forgive me.

BAYOCEAN COMPANY IS SUED.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.-Suit to foreclose a \$200,000 mortgage on the Bayocean Park beach resort property was instituted this morning by W. C. Bristol, attorney for Mrs. Frances L. Potter. The mortgage was on the unsold property, but the suit includes some of the lots that have been sold on contract.

The defendants include the Potter-Chapin Realty company, original promoters of Bayocean; the T. R. Potter Realty company, successor thereto, and some of the property owners or contract holders.

SUE TO CANCEL PATENTS.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.-Asserting that the patents to 43 timber claims in Baker county were secured irregularly, the government this morning began suit in federal court for the cancellation of the patents and for damages for timber cut from the land.

The suit is against the Oregon Lum-

ber company, which is represented by Wallace McCamant, Zera Snow and Wirt Minor of Portland, and J L. Rand

Roseturg - With new machinery