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PLIED TEN DAYS BEFORE FROM CLEVELAND, O.

Result of Bad Business Ventures— Tried to Conceal His Identity.

SEATTLE, May 8.—A man believed to be R. N. Pollock, the missing bank president from Cleveland, O., ended his life here today, in the Hotel York, by sending a bullet through his brain. A razor, a two-ounce box of rough-on-rats and a pill containing 100 tablets of acetic acid were found at hand. All papers belonging to the man had been burned before the police arrived. The man had broken into a room in a declining position was found the body. The coroner was at once called in. The deceased had not apparently stirred after firing the fatal shot. No clue was obtained in the room, but the name of R. N. Pollock was found sewed on the inside of his coat, placed there by a Cleveland, O., tailor. Pollock was 37 years of age, had \$30 in his pocket. He appeared to have been about 30 years of age, had a light complexion and wore a small brown mustache.

MAILS IN THE FAR EAST

POSTAL SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Satisfactory Condition Due to the Personal Efforts of F. W. Valle, Formerly of Portland.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Mr. F. W. Valle, formerly of Portland, and recently Director of Posts at Manila, is now on temporary duty in the East, being assigned first to one place and then another, on special duty. It is probable that he will remain in this section for some time, having made such a request of the Postmaster General. Valle's personal efforts in organizing the postal system of the Philippine Islands, and his determination to favor him in the future, he has been assigned to Philadelphia. Mr. Valle talked very entertainingly with the Oregonian correspondent the other day about the postal service in the islands, and about conditions there generally. As far as the postal frauds were concerned, he said the accounts of that office balanced to a cent when he left the islands, and he had a personal concern but when they had been kept in as good condition since. Any discrepancies, or apparent discrepancies, arose from the failure of the auditor to file all his papers to the department, and from the fact that certain receipts which he should have had. Since his talk with the Postmaster General, Mr. Valle has been assured by private advices from Manila, that there are no scandals in the postal service, and that everything in that line is running smoothly and perfectly. While Mr. Valle did not mention the fact, it is generally known through the Department that the Philippines are in a highly pleased with the postal service in the Philippines, and attributes its efficiency to the personal efforts of the former Portlandian. Asked if the office of Director of Posts for the Philippines was a pleasant office to fill, Mr. Valle replied: "It is a pleasant position in some ways, but it is a very exacting position, which you will realize when I tell you that I accepted my first dinner invitation but a few weeks since. I have had to give up many pleasures and am constantly being kept busy with my duties for any sort of a social function. There is, of course, much interest attached to a position where one can watch the progress of evolution in a smooth-working postal system, such as we have there now. We started in with nothing, and now pride ourselves on having a pretty good system in the more important islands in particular. "The question of employing the natives is one which demands a vast amount of careful study. I am firmly convinced that we must enroll them in the service, commencing at the bottom, and advancing them as they become proficient. There is nothing else to do. The natives, moreover, as carriers they are practically worthless at this time, because they cannot read English addresses. To offset this, however, they have been taught to throw open to adults last September, with a view to making them acquainted with the English language, and as they acquire that tongue many of them will watch the mails with the greatest interest, while a native in the islands is practically useless as a letter-carrier in Manila and other large cities. "But the greatest argument in favor of employing the natives is because of the vast amount of clerical work which must be done, and which we must allow Americans. Under the present system there is a vast amount of dissatisfaction. An American postman in the Philippines while a native is permitted the same service, at an adjoining desk, draws one-quarter that amount. The latter naturally feels disgruntled, although in fact he lives as well on the islands as the American does on four times the amount. At the rate we are paying Americans, postal employees in the Philippines receive better salaries than native employees in the States. That is an unnecessary expense, and should be curtailed. That is the reason we are replacing Americans with natives, at less wages. If all the clerks were natives, paid the accustomed rates prevailing in the islands, there would be no dissatisfaction, and we would get just as good service at from one-third to one-half the present cost. I believe that a sufficient number of qualified natives can be found, the American postal employees, except a few in authority, will be replaced, and the service will be generally benefited. All of this is in view of the fact that the employment of natives in the Government service tends to spread a feeling of confidence among them, and make them realize the good will of the United States toward them. "But," he continued, "the natives can never be placed in charge of stations, or in positions of any considerable trust and responsibility. They are a peculiar people. You cannot understand them. Whatever else they may be, they are uneducated. They are ignorant of facts. While in Manila I talked with large numbers of men at the head of various commercial interests that have been installed in that city since the war. Many of them had outlying depots throughout the islands, but I noticed they all had their own representative in charge, even though the depots were very small, and every one of those men informed me, when questioned, that they could not afford to place natives in charge of any branch of their business, because they were unreliable. Some natives, they say, will work for one firm for ten and even fifteen years, and give perfectly satisfactory service, but when they are offered a better position, they jump at it. When a good opportunity offers, will ruin their good reputation, and get mixed up in some sort of fraud or unlawful dealing. These men are with many powerful influences that there is not a male native in the islands that can be trusted. "In contrast to this, the native women are trusted to the last degree, and are found to be generally honest. Many of these women, whose husbands would not be trusted with a cent of a foreign company's money, are obtaining credit for thousands of dollars, and their credit has always been good. This difference between the men and the women have never been heard of. Just before I left Manila the other day, a native above all others in whom I had placed such reliance, and to whom I looked to for the most reliable of any native, was sentenced to the penitentiary for stealing a package from the distributing table in the Manila office. So, as I say, you cannot trust natives, particularly as to the employment of other natives, was sentenced to the penitentiary for stealing a package from the distributing table in the Manila office. 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THE BANK AT CLEVELAND

Was Wrecked by Unfortunate Investments.

CLEVELAND, O., May 8.—R. N. Pollock, who is reported to have killed himself in Seattle today, was president of the Cuyahoga Savings & Banking Company, of this city. He was 38 years of age, married and had three children. He was the promoter of the bank which closed its doors last Monday. Pollock disappeared 30 days ago, and had not been definitely placed until the news of his reported self-destruction reached this city. The condition of the bank is as yet a matter of conjecture, the books being in the hands of a receiver who is making an examination and whose report is expected in a day or two. The bank had deposits to the extent of \$240,000. This sum of money was not in the bank's possession at the time of the suspension. When rumors of its weakness were heard, to avoid the inevitable outcome of a large amount of money, the directors decided to suspend business and a receiver was appointed. Other Cleveland bankers, it is said, would not have taken part in the city's financial institutions, being located in the remote district and its deposits being of small sum. The receiver of the bank stated tonight that Pollock did not take the money that was in the bank at the time of his leaving the city, and he believed that Pollock was near Pollock sought safety in flight. Pollock is said to have been the banker with the bank's money of one or more criminal concerns which were not successful. Not Seriously Involved. CLEVELAND, O., May 8.—The United States Circuit Court, which went into the hands of a receiver on account of the failure of the bank, is said to be not seriously involved and is expected to resume operations soon. COURTHOUSE SITE. Thurston County Board Has Purchased Property. OLYMPIA, Wash., May 8.—After a canvass of a number of propositions for the past two months, the Board of Commissioners of Thurston County today decided to purchase what is known as the Dolan property, 120 by 55 feet, at the corner of Washington streets, in this city, for a courthouse site. The actual cash to be paid for the property is \$300, and the county is to cancel back taxes owed by Mr. Dolan to the amount of \$454. It is the intention of the commission ultimately to join with the city in the erection of a building on the property purchased and a fractional lot adjoining owned by the city. The new building will cost over \$200,000. This purchase is necessary because of the fact that Thurston County must shortly vacate the Courthouse, which becomes state property on May 15. For the next six months at least the county will have its quarters in the McKenny block, now occupied by the state officials. LOST HIS SUIT. Henry Luelsch Sought \$5000 From Sheriff of Clark County. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 8.—After being out less than 15 minutes in the suit of Henry Luelsch for \$5000 against John L. Marsh, Sheriff of Clark County, returned a verdict for the defendant. The plaintiff sought money for damages alleged to have been received while he was an inmate of the county jail one year ago. The plaintiff alleged that insufficient food and bed clothing were supplied him and that the jail was insufficiently heated. All this was refuted by the defendant's witnesses. Plaintiff Luelsch was led to admit on the witness stand that he has been drawing a pension from the Government for several years for lumbago and rheumatism, and that the money disbursed to him by the Government is not being used for his maintenance. Plaintiff Luelsch said that he had been contracted for Sheriff Marsh's treatment. The case attracted considerable interest here. REPORT IS FINISHED. Statement of Finances of Vancouver Bank Sent to Washington. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 8.—Bank Examiner J. W. Maxwell, now temporary receiver of the defunct First National Bank of Vancouver, mailed his report on the condition of the bank to the Controller of the Currency today. The work of checking the accounts and investigating the books of the bank occupied Mr. Maxwell and two assistants 10 or 12 hours a day for nearly three weeks. The report as mailed made a good-sized roll. So well has Receiver Maxwell followed instructions of the department that no inkling of the actual condition of the bank's affairs or of the nature of his report reached the ears of the public. It is now generally believed here that Mr. Maxwell will be installed as permanent receiver. Mr. Maxwell says the work of proving claims by depositors will be commenced in a few days. DISASTROUS FIRE. Property Worth \$50,000 Was Consumed—Insurance Covers Loss. SEATTLE, Wash., May 8.—A disastrous fire, involving a loss of about \$50,000, broke out shortly before noon today in the Walker Block on First avenue. The fire originated in the basement of Mitchell, Lewis & Staver, Company's building, where a large quantity of lubricating oil was stored. The flames soon spread throughout the building and to the Marshall block adjoining, which is occupied by the Globe Hotel, and to the Leland block, occupied as a saloon and lodging-house. The fire department, after several hours of hard work, succeeded in getting the flames under control. One person, C. E. Sterns, was severely burned. The loss is nearly \$50,000, covered by insurance. Will Visit Vancouver. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 8.—State Senator E. M. Rands today received a telegram from Hon. Theodore E. Burton, chairman of the Congressional river and harbor committee, which said that the committee expects to extend its trip to Vancouver and the Columbia River on

MR. HOADLEY'S REPLY.

He Answers Questions Put by a Correspondent.

PORTLAND, May 8.—(To the Editor.)—A number of questions are sent to me through the Oregonian, and it is hoped that I am able to answer them. First—No; my belief is not the final state of the religious question. A man's belief is his own, and it is his duty to believe all that he believes. Surely all the sun does not come into his house. While the books of the Bible and while Nature do not change our interpretation of them, they are still as true as ever. The high-water marks of human inquiry. Second—I am not discouraged by the variety in the notions of Christendom. What a world this would be if the earth produced only one flower! Episcopians emphasize the historic, Baptists the sacraments, Congregationalists the worth of the individual, Presbyterians obedience, Methodists enthusiasm, and so on to the end. However, the former of church government among Christians can be reduced to three, viz., Episcopal, Independent and Presbyterian, and Christian doctrine puts each of the God idea or the man idea in the front. Third—I believe that if a witness of a gospel miracle, being put to death, had any doubt, he would be apt to express it. A witness who does not believe all that he is equally important. Christianity presents facts—what facts are like them and truth underlying those facts and what truth is equal to it? Jesus revealed to man the Kingdom of Heaven, and it is his duty to find a bugbear in the relativity of knowledge. All knowledge is absolute, while the object known is, of course, relative. We may know God not in the different manifestations of himself in mind and matter—pantheism not in the God, but in the something but matter—materialism, and as the don't know God—agnosticism, the greatest coward of all among tramp philistines is the man who is afraid to get distinct from mind and matter, distinct from each other in all, and above all. Such a God Jesus announced, and the knowledge of the last thing the Emperor of Germany, and the knowledge of the modern rulers, has done is not as sacred to me as this revelation of God. Sixth—I do believe the Bible is the word of God, and that it is a text-book in salvation. Seventh—the world has never been without a revelation from God. So during the 4000 years, after the fall of Adam and Eve, the promise of a Savior was present in the hearts of the Jews. "The Scripture"—the old writings, to find him. Eighth—That so many disagree as to the Bible's teaching is an evidence not of the infidelity of the Bible, but of their own infidelity. Ninth—the Old Testament canon, consisting of "the law," "the prophets," and the writings, was established in the time of Ezra, and as such has come down to our day. The canon of the New Testament is not difficult to state. In II Peter, iii:16, we have a notice of the epistles of Paul. At the time of Hegesippus, who died, A. D. 180, the apostolic writings were collected and circulated in a separate form. At the persecution of Diocletian, A. D. 303, the sacred writings were separated from ecclesiastical literature. The Council of Carthage, A. D. 397, catalogued the books of Scripture. Tenth—the accounts of Constantine relative to his character are various and contradictory, but granting only a nominal stroke in his conversion, the results of that conversion were far-reaching. Eleventh—No council was inspired. Twelfth—the question of the deity of Jesus was settled long before Constantine's dismissal of bishops. It was settled for all time when Jesus rose from the dead. Fourteenth—A majority of one, especially if it be right, is enough. Fifteenth—Man needs an infallible guide in religion; not so in farming, which he can learn and carry on for himself. Sixteenth—I care more about how to part company with my depravity than how I can pay it. Not because I am damned, but because I am a sinner, I need a savior. Seventeenth—you cannot prove by me the truthfulness of the statement implied in that question. In conclusion, let me say that the Jews had and have a pure monotheism, that the Hebrew writings point to a Messiah, that Jesus declared himself as such, and that his teachings and acts were powerfully influenced by the Christian religion. The Roman Empire accepted Christianity and today a third of the world's population are adherents to it. The advantage of Christianity is the advantage of history. Christianity does not put God away from the world, nor make him a part of it, but recognizes his immanence in the world. It does not confound moral and physical evil. All true disciples are nourished by the Spirit, and live not by rules, but by principles. While free from the defects of other religions, Christianity supplements them. It brings help to every man and puts men into a sublime brotherhood. It has made international law a science, and makes obedience to the ruler as to the minister of God. It alone has brought love to a world of hate. If a perfected humanity is to come, the Messiah of many Hebrew prophets, it will be like him who has come. If Christians walk unworthy of Christianity, we judge Christians by Christianity, and not Christianity by Christians. Must continue to believe in the letters by the Christian calendar; so I date this letter to The Oregonian, A. D. 1901. B. J. HOADLEY.

DIDN'T KNOW THE OLD MAN.

Found Out His Father Was a Game Sport After All.

Chicago Chronicle. "Wabs" was a white bull terrier that Rab, the fraternal dog, with him because there was no place for the latter in the little college town when all the "frat" boys were away. Rab was a white bull terrier that thought it was his inalienable right to destroy the peace and happiness of other dogs. If he could not fight he was an unhappy and his face bore the scars of numerous encounters. He had licked every dog in his college town, and he had not been in Chicago long before all the neighbors who owned dogs were threatening to kill him on sight. "Wabs" father did not take kindly to the dog. He was a man of peaceful disposition and wanted to remain on good terms with his neighbors. He gave orders that Rab was to be kept chained in the cellar and he told "Wabs" that he would let him out if he caught him eating anything. "But "Wabs" used to spirit Rab out into the suburbs, where he would match him against his kind. He took good care to keep the ferret out of the sight of the "governor" after such encounters, for Rab's appearance would be a giveaway. One Sunday morning "Wabs" was standing in front of the house holding Rab by the chain. A tough sport came swaggering down the street leading a big black dog with a savage eye. The sport accosted "Wabs": "I'll bet my dawg can eat that cur of yours up inside of 10 minutes." "Wabs" was afraid his father would hear, and he tried to quiet the "rent." "Ah, you're afraid," came from the owner of the black dog. "I'll bet five Ripper can lick him in eight minutes." "I'll bet you \$50 that he can't lick him in an hour," yelled "Wabs" father from an upstairs window, and as the tough one sneaked away the "governor" came out of the house and told "Wabs" that while he did not approve of dog fighting, he would never to allow any bluffs to go so long as the money held out.

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