

WIFE SCULDS; MAN LEAPS TO DEATH

Newlywed Husband Bids Farewell and Jumps From Hawthorne Bridge.

IS SEVENTH TO TAKE LIFE

Following Quarrel With Spouse Grover Townsend, 23, Commits Suicide, Adding to Total of Six Such Deaths in Week.

SEVEN SUICIDES IS THE RECORD FOR SEVEN DAYS IN PORTLAND.

Tuesday, Jan. 17.—John Christianson, janitor, shoots self with revolver in drug store at 119 Sixth street.

Tuesday, Jan. 17.—Unidentified man found in yard at Twenty-second and Nicolai streets, with gun in hand and bullet in head.

Wednesday, Jan. 18.—William Cramer found dead in bed at Compton Hotel, with revolver in hand and bullet in head.

Thursday, Jan. 19.—Man leaps from Steel bridge and, refusing all offers of help, is swept away by current.

Friday, Jan. 21.—James A. Brown, insurance agent, takes cyanide of potassium in presence of wife, at Buckingham Hotel.

Sunday, Jan. 22.—Unknown man or woman jumps from Steel bridge and is drowned.

Tuesday, Jan. 24.—Grover Townsend, aged 23, jumps to death from Hawthorne Avenue bridge in presence of his wife. Body has not been recovered.

Kissing his wife farewell, Grover Townsend, who lived at 1770 East Fifteenth street, Sellwood, jumped from the Hawthorne Avenue bridge yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and was drowned before assistance could be given.

When he and Mrs. Townsend were approaching the bridge from the West Side the husband handed his wife his watch and \$6 in money. Thinking Townsend was taking precaution against highwaymen while crossing the structure, Mrs. Townsend accepted the articles and did not suspect any act of violence.

When the middle of the draw had been reached Townsend suddenly embraced his wife and shouted "Good-bye" and leaped to the railing. He first pushed his wife's umbrella into her face, evidently to conceal from her eyes his deed.

for the past few years is again before the city authorities to be solved.

The accumulation of sewage endangers the health of the city of Eugene. It is believed this alone has caused the typhoid epidemic in that city.

There are three systems proposed. The first is to tunnel through Emerald Heights and empty the sewers at the northern corner of the city.

8-HOUR BILL IS FOUGHT

PAPER MILL EMPLOYEES SEE DANGER IN MEASURE.

Meeting to Be Held in Oregon City to Discuss Phases of Proposed Law by Senator Dimick.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—The eight-hour labor bill introduced in the State Senate by Senator Dimick promises to provoke an interesting discussion in this city tomorrow night, at a public meeting to be held at the Commercial Club at 7:30 o'clock.

The measure provides that no employee of a concern operating 22 hours a day or more shall work more than eight hours in any one day of 24 hours, and it is generally considered to be aimed at the paper mill industry.

Officials of the paper mills here say the bill is pure class legislation, that it is strongly intimated that if the paper mills should not be singled out for attack, and that the bill would not be constitutional.

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Senator Dimick has been invited to the meeting and present his arguments for the enactment of the proposed law. Paper mill representatives will also be there.

GRANTS PASS WIDE AWAKE

Active Publicity Campaign Launched at Rousing Meeting.

C. C. Chapman, manager of the Commercial Club promotion committee, who went to Grants Pass yesterday to attend a big Commercial Club rally, telegraphed his office last night that the gathering developed such an outpouring of public spirit as seldom has been equalled in any part of the Pacific Northwest.

A "Red Letter" luncheon was given by the Grants Pass Commercial Club and was marked by a large attendance. Although the banquet hall seated 400 members and guests had to be seated in parlors.

In a state bordering on nervous collapse Mrs. Townsend shouted for help and was found by Policeman Hill, who escorted her to police headquarters, where she told her story. In a semi-hysterical condition Mrs. Townsend, who is only 24 years old and who had been married to Townsend but three months, apprised Sergeant Goltz of the circumstances of the tragedy.

Quarrel Is Over Money.

"Grover and I had quarreled last Saturday over a piece of money, which he had had lost," said Mrs. Townsend, "and he left home. Being gone for three days, I went to his place of employment and asked him to go home with me. He agreed and we were walking across the bridge to catch a car when he jumped."

The suicide was 23 years of age and was employed by Foster & Mills, contractors, at Twenty-first and Union streets. His parents live on a farm near Holbrook, Or. On his arrival in Portland several years ago he first met Mrs. Townsend, who was then Anne Pearson, a Philadelphia girl. They were married here recently and have resided with Mrs. Townsend's parents in Sellwood, since.

Portland is apparently in the throes of a suicidal mania; for seven persons have taken their lives in seven days. Three of these chose the river as the method of self-destruction. Two persons, unidentified, leaped from the Steel bridge and their bodies have not been recovered. Although the harbor patrol boat 2240 searched the river's surface after each suicide no trace of any of the bodies could be found.

Charles Peters, accused of the same offense, was arrested recently and lodged in the County Jail. Minnie Hill, the girl, was sent to the Insane Asylum, and Dr. R. E. Joseph, who examined her, said her nerves were in bad condition. He thought a few weeks of good care and treatment might result in betterment of her physical condition.

SEWAGE CAUSE OF FEVER

Springfield Sewers Emptying Into Willamette Endanger Eugene.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—A question of engineering in regard to the city sewer outlet that has been bothering the City of Springfield

APPLE MEN SEEK COMBINE SCHEME

Union Favored but Method Lacking and Pool Plan Brings Protest.

SELLING SYSTEM OBSTACLE

Delegates From Three States Name Committee to Draft Plan—Hood River Editor Opposes Combination for Distribution.

(Continued From First Page.)

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"I am told that the railways figure that the wheat acre is worth \$14 an acre for tonnage purposes; lumber is worth \$25 per acre and when the acre is cleared its productive power is gone. Orchard land is worth \$25 per acre and good for all time. It would seem from this argument that the railways should do everything they can to encourage the industry from a tonnage basis. Now I lost, during this past year, from \$500 to \$1000, due to delays in handling the produce, delays which were absolutely unnecessary. This I cannot afford. Nor can any producer, for it will soon put him out of business. I remember reading that a railroad president, when cross-examined in a hearing before a commission, stated that it was absolutely impossible for the railroad to avoid giving the Standard Oil Company the best of service, for they had men at every division point tracing their own cars."

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This is not correct. The business men of Newberg are not in favor of a bridge of the river at Butteville, but are in favor of and are working hard for a bridge across the Willamette River at Newberg.

Through various representations and persuasions the shrewd Mr. Purdy, a fellow townsman, procured Newberg names to the little membership card to his Tri-County Push Club, and is now using the names before the Legislature and County Court without leave or license and contrary to our wishes and desires and for the purpose of defeating the bridge at Newberg, because two bridges cannot be built so close together.

That a bridge should be built across the Willamette River at a point between Salem and Oregon City that will accommodate all is certain. The county will not join in the erection of a bridge at the advantage of either of the other counties to build there, for the location is at the extreme end of each county.

So all that has been favorably said for the Newberg location may be said for Newberg, and much more, viz: The bridge, when built, should be erected at such a point as will accommodate the greatest number of people. Newberg being the largest city along the river between Salem and Oregon City, a city of some 2500 people, good stores, schools, including complete high school and college, and shipping facilities and other conveniences, makes the location one far superior for the accommodation of a greater number of people; the distance being about equal between Salem and Oregon City, and good roads leading in all directions to Newberg and good roads in Marion County leading to within a short distance of Newberg, are other great advantages. As stated, the roads on each side of the river, lead directly to Newberg, as there is already a ferry about two miles below and another ferry about the same distance above, and the travel which is already large through these ferries, can and will be accommodated at Newberg bridge.

Already the people on the west side of the river at Newberg do most of their business at Newberg and need no bridge, while those at Butteville have good roads to Newberg's location and can be accommodated at that site. At the west side of the Butteville site the Chehalis Mountains come near the river, making the roads either mountainous or, if following the river, the roads are ravines to cross, and poor roads the greater portion of the year.

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MARRIAGE HIS ONE MANIA

Young Man, Otherwise Sane, Violent in Proposing to Girl.

Unbalanced on the subject of marriage, Thomas J. Murray, a pressman living at 410 Going street, went to the reception hall of the Young Woman's Christian Association building early yesterday afternoon called for Miss Annie Houser, an employe of the place, and became violent and was overpowered by half a dozen young women and matrons.

"Christ has given you to me for a bride—we are to be married tonight," Murray informed the startled girl as he dropped on his knees to propose. Her cries of alarm brought others into the room and Murray was pounced upon as he was seeking to get hold of Miss Houser. He struggled desperately but the women proved more than a match for the madman and clung pluckily to him until two officers arrived from the Sheriff's office. The officers had a tussle before they got Murray out of the building.

Murray's case proved an unusual one for when he was later examined by Dr. Williamson, the prisoner was rational on every subject excepting that of marriage. His memory was excellent and all his faculties seemed clear until the topic of wedding bells was brought up. Then he would sobriety insist that Miss Houser had been assigned to him for marriage.

He had met the young woman only once and that was at a dance. She said she danced with him twice and then forgot about him until she appeared yesterday with his proposal to propose. Murray had only \$25 and no job, but said he thought money was of no consideration in affairs of the heart. He is 24 years old, and came here from Denver five months ago. His father is Thomas F. Murray, a Denver financier.

OFFICER IS FOUND GUILTY

Second Lieutenant Norton Shown to Have Been Drunk.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Augustus Norton, Second Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps, has been court martialled and convicted of being drunk and other offenses, and sentenced to be confined to the limits of the post for three months and to pay a fine of \$150.

SNAPSHOT OF APPLE-GROWERS' CONVENTION, WHICH PLANS TO FORM CO-OPERATIVE COMBINE



PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN WITHIN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE Y. M. C. A. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WHERE OVER ONE HUNDRED APPLE-GROWERS WERE GATHERED.

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