

# HUSBAND'S SUICIDE BEWINDERS WIDOW

### Mrs. Cook Blames Temporary Derangement for Ford-Street Bridge Tragedy.

### CHEERY LETTER RECEIVED

### Bereaved Woman Here From San Francisco Scouts Business-Failure Theory—Funeral Set for Today Without Inquest.

"There was no reason why Charlie should have wished to end his life—positively and absolutely none. I can't understand it—I can't."

Thus spoke Mrs. A. C. Cook, who arrived in Portland yesterday afternoon from San Francisco after being called to this city by the death of her husband, whose body was found beneath the Ford-street bridge New Year's morning.

Mrs. Cook declares she finds it difficult to realize that her husband, who had written her an optimistic and tender letter two days before his death, whose business had been successful and whose income was assured, had ended his life.

"He must have been temporarily deranged," said Mrs. Cook. "He was not a drinking man, and I know of no reason why he should have done this. I expected to come to Portland this week. I would have come with Charlie before, but thought I would keep our apartment in San Francisco until the end of the month and join him here when he was settled."

### Widow to Go to Scotland.

The funeral, to be held this morning from Dunning & McInnes's chapel, will be private. Interment will be in Riverview cemetery. Mrs. Cook will leave tonight for San Francisco, where she left her 2-year-old daughter in the care of friends. As soon as arrangements can be made, Mrs. Cook intends to depart for the home of her family in the north of Scotland.

Mrs. Cook was met at the Union Depot by Dr. and Mrs. George Parrish, friends of the Cooks during their residence in Portland some years ago. She was taken in the Parrish automobile to the undertakers, and then to the Hill, where her husband had lived, to see Mrs. Popok, Baumgartner, with whom Mrs. Cook was acquainted when she had made her home at the Hill. Mrs. Cook registered at the Multnomah Hotel, desiring to be near the funeral parlors.

Mr. Cook was engaged in a work in Portland, asserted Mrs. Cook, similar to that in which he had been successful in Los Angeles and San Francisco. It was the publication of a biographical history of the bench and bar in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Cook had intended to make their home in this city.

### Cheery Letter Written.

Mrs. Cook said her husband had written her a most cheerful letter recently and that a communication similar in optimistic tone had been received by a business associate in San Francisco. Had her husband met with financial reverses in Portland, a message to England would have assured sufficient funds being placed at his disposal, said Mrs. Cook. She stated that there had been any domestic trouble. The police say they have found no motive for the suicide of Mr. Cook. They are at present conducting an investigation of the case on the theory that the evidence points clearly to an intentional death. No inquest will be held.

### BRIDGE MEET CALLED OFF

### Lack of Expected Reports Relays Commissioner's Session.

Because three reports expected to be ready to present to the Interstate Bridge Commission this afternoon will not be prepared, the scheduled meeting has been postponed until later in the week. The exact date is yet to be announced. The bridge engineers, Harrington, Howcock, Ash, will make a report to the commission. Materials will be furnished by the State Railroad Commission as to the rail traffic the bridge will be required to carry to enable the commission to fix tolls for the operation and maintenance of the bridge.

The committee composed of District Attorney Evans, Fred Larson and E. E. Howard to arrange rights of way matters also will have a report to make and Chairman Rufus C. Holman, of the commission, will call a meeting just as soon as all these reports are prepared. It is expected that at the coming meeting definite steps will be taken toward advertising for bids for the materials and work of erecting the bridge.

### OFFICER'S GUN STOPS FIVE

### Men Accused of Insult to Woman Keep Hands Up Waiting Wagon.

Forcing five men to stand with their hands up while the emergency squad came from the police station. Patrolman Hunt succeeded in capturing some of those he says had insulted a woman and attacked her escort at First and Montgomery streets early yesterday morning.

There were eight or ten men in the crowd, Hunt reported. The man promptly knocked one of the alleged rowdies to the street. The fellow's companions came to his aid, Hunt says, and the woman's escort was fighting against heavy odds when the patrolman arrived.

The men arrested were: Fred Hegge, Adolph Ingelbrihtsen, John Barset, Ingvald Ingelbrihtsen and John Olsen. They were charged with disorderly conduct.

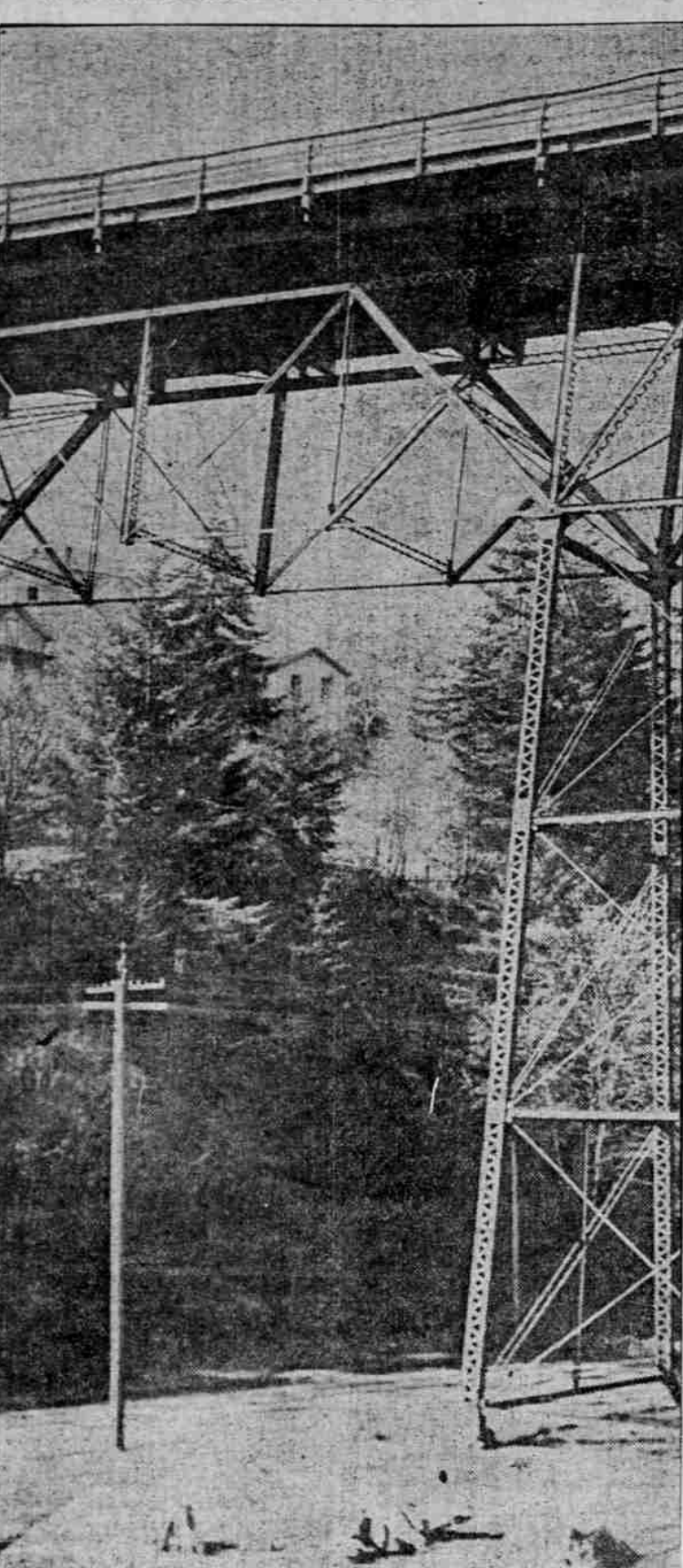
### EDUCATIONAL TALKS SET

### Dr. A. E. Winship to Make Addresses in Schools This Week.

Dr. A. E. Winship will deliver a lecture tonight in the Creighton school along educational lines. All parents and teachers in the district contribute to the Franklin and Washington High Schools are invited to attend. Music will be an added feature. Dr. Winship will speak in Woodlawn school Tuesday night for all parents and teachers of the Jefferson High School district. He will give an address at Ladd School Wednesday night when all parent-teachers in the district contribute to Lincoln High School are invited.

Dr. Winship is recognized as one of the leading educators of the United States. He will speak in the Library for the Portland Parent-Teacher Association council Thursday afternoon.

### SECTION OF FORD STREET BRIDGE SHOWING DISTANCE A. C. COOK DROPPED TO HIS DEATH NEW YEAR'S EVE.



The Relative Height of the Span May Be Seen From the Telegraph Pole Shown. It is a Distance of Approximately 125 Feet From the Center of the Span to the Ground.

### FILMS ARE GLEEFUL

### "Cinderella" (Mary Pickford) Is People's Big Feature.

### SUNSET PLAY POWERFUL

### Star Has Great Comedy, Famous Olga Petrova at National, Majestic Keeps Comical Tiltle and Columbia Has Gem.

All the magic witchery of fairyland and the exquisite artistry of modern drama are combined to make "Cinderella," at the Peoples Theater, one of the most beautiful productions ever shown on a local screen. Mary Pickford, the most attractive star in film-dom, is featured in the play. The fairy godmother, the jeweled coach, the prince, the cruel stepmother and ugly step-sisters are all there to present a beautiful interpretation of this most wonderful fairy tale.

### MAJESTIC KEEPS FUNMAKER

### "Tillie's Punctured Romance" Is Held for Another Week of Laughs.

Tillie and her romance are still holding sway at the Majestic Theater, where the great favorite will remain for the rest of the week. For the first time one picture is being shown two weeks in succession in this city. Fully 50,000 persons have seen this picture since it came to the Majestic a week ago. It is the most hilarious piece of comedy ever seen here. A long line of lucky blues and kills dull care. It makes the child and the man happy to the same degree—all leave chuckling and congratulating themselves over being so lucky enough to get seats, for "Tillie's Punctured Romance" has been playing to more than capacity houses. Every night last week a long line of fansuekers stood on the pavements awaiting their turn to get in. "It was worth it" is the verdict of every mother's son of them—and daughter, too.

### POWERFUL PLAY AT SUNSET

### "Vengeance Is Mine" Depicts Reconciling Love of Child.

Miss Billie West and W. E. Lawrence in "Vengeance Is Mine" are the fea-

tures at the Sunset Theater. The title is obtained from a Biblical quotation and the plot is above the ordinary in meaning and action. Miss West is provided with a vehicle in which she displays to advantage her great knowledge of pantomime. In the story revenge plays a prominent part, but the love of a child smooths the way to a reconciliation just at the right time. "Vengeance Is Mine" perhaps is the most powerful drama of its kind offered by the Sunset Theater for many weeks.

### FAMOUS WOMAN AT NATIONAL

### Olga Petrova Enchants in "The Tigress," Gripping Photoplay.

Just how wild and animal-like a woman may become when her child is taken from her is shown in one of the most fascinating picture plays Portland has ever seen, "The Tigress." Olga Petrova, the great Russian actress, began a four-day engagement at the National Theater yesterday in this great five-part production. Not only is it a great story interpreted by a great artist and a splendid cast, but the mechanics, the photography, the lighting

### PROMINENT ABERDEEN MATRON VISITS MOTHER HERE.



Mrs. Harley Emmons, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. E. Huston, and her sister, Mrs. W. J. Hopkins, has been entertained at numerous informal social gatherings. Mrs. Emmons is one of the social leaders of Aberdeen, Wash., and is active in Parent-Teacher work. She is accompanied by her little sons, Dick and Harry.

### STAR HAS LAUGH FEAST

### "The Million" Is Rollicking Comedy Featuring Edward Abeles.

If laughter is truly wealth, then the photoplay at the State Theater must be exceptionally well named. "The Million" is a comedy with as many laughs as Abeles, one of the foremost comedians on the screen, tries himself to see how funny he can be. To those who had the pleasure of seeing him in "Brewster's Millions" this latest effort will not be a disappointment.

### HEARTFELT APPLAUSE WON

### Drama Requiring Delicate, Artistic Handling Is Presented With Finest Stage Strengthens Book's Life Problem.

"The Blindness of Virtue" proved something of a sensation at the Baker Theater yesterday afternoon. The stage production goes the book one better, and, with an array of talent in the cast, this dramatized version of one of the big real problems of the day was greeted with a demonstration that could mean only the deepest appreciation. To only four players is the tre-

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### GUARD SEEKS ATHLETES

### WEAK NOT TO BE ADMITTED TO OREGON TROOPS HEREAFTER.

### Colonel Bowman Orders Doctors to Make Physical Test Severe on All Candidates for Militia.

Hereafter none but athletes, or young men who have the "makings" of athletes, will be recruited for service in the Oregon National Guard. Colonel D. E. Bowman, in charge of the recruiting office at the Armory, has issued orders to this effect to all connected with the recruiting service, especially the examining physicians.

The best soldiers in the world are athletes, and only an athlete can be a good soldier, Colonel Bowman says. Only a man of great stamina and strength will agree to a long and permanent bar to all would-be soldiers whose physical test is poor, and will give a course of special training to those already in the ranks.

The value of an exceptional constitution to a soldier hardly has yet been realized," said Colonel Bowman. "It takes an athlete, a man of stamina and strength, and grit, to endure the conditions the soldier meets in actual warfare. The other type is bound to succumb before the hardships he encounters and to be of no practical value to the army. I am trying to make this organization thoroughly athletic, to make it one better than the rest, and one who can serve the country with distinction in case of necessity."

Expressing the hope that all state military organizations eventually would see the worth of athletics to the Army, Captain Frank P. Tibbets said: "As the United States Government will agree to a large and strong Army, we always will have to depend on the National Guard as our chief protective body. It is not quantity, but quality that counts. Give me a company of athletes and I can promise to whip a battalion of 'spinsters.'"

Every possible is being done by the officers to encourage the members of the various companies to participate in several meets now being arranged. Company officers for a long time had a privilege of being in the "athletic" company of the organization, but the officers hope for considerable improvements in the other squad.

The method of the British in driving the Germans out of Varenton is shown by diagrams. The battery, he says, was stationed to the south of the city and kept dumping big shells into the German trenches with remarkable accuracy. Yet, the Germans could not detect any observers.

In his own account of fact, the observations were being taken almost in back of them and the range signaled around to the English battery in front of the city in which the line of observers worked. One of the English officers with a telephone wire would crawl to a slight rise in front of the battery.

According to the letter, this officer's directions and signals were transmitted to others in the clump of trees from behind which the line of observers sent the messages to an observer in the thatch of a cattle shed to the left of the battery. This position, it is reported, was held for four days with disastrous results to the German force.

### MOUNT HOOD TRIP TAKEN

### Two Youths of 20 Reach Government Camp January 2.

William W. Evans and Frederick J. Neidmeyer, of Portland, each 20 years old, were the first to reach Mount Hood in 1915. They arrived at Government Camp, 4000 feet altitude, late on January 2.

They left Portland at 4 A. M. Friday, going to Pleasant Home by rail. From there they traveled on foot 23 miles to Rhododendron, arriving at 5:30 P. M., and remaining overnight.

Their feet were so swollen Saturday morning that they took horses and rode nine miles to Government Camp, and after skilling and showboating they returned to Rhododendron. They remained overnight again at Rhododendron and yesterday morning walked 21 miles to Bull Run, where they boarded a train for Portland, arriving last night.

They found 19 inches of snow at Government Camp and 28 inches in the timbered district before they got to the camp. They traveled 65 miles by foot and 18 on horseback.

### NEW CODE NEARLY DONE

### Proposed Building Regulations Likely to Be Ready Wednesday.

The revised "housing code," aimed to regulate the construction of tenements and cheap rooming-houses, will probably be taken up for reconsideration by the City Commission at its next regular session Wednesday morning.

The measure was introduced by City Commissioner Dieck about six months ago, and after a first reading was referred to the Housing Committee. Commissioner Dieck says he "is working like a Trojan," aided by Building Inspector Plummer, to finish the work in time for Wednesday's meeting.

Captain Daniel Powers, of Marryville, Pa., is said to have made 2000 voyages in the Susquehanna river as a raftman.

### PLAY IS SENSATION

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Naptha soap, Victor brand, 25c	Banner Lye per 7 1/2c	Kitchen Brooms, 35c
25c Gold Dust or Citrus for 20c		

### MORAL WELFARE PUZZLE

#### STAGE LIFE OF CHILDREN IS TOPIC OF LEAGUE.

Public Opinion on Vital Question Sought by Organization Which Set Jan. 12 For Meeting.

Whether or not it is for the moral welfare of children under the age of 14 to be permitted to appear on the stage after 6 o'clock at night is a question to be discussed at a meeting scheduled to be held in Room A, of the Central Library, Tuesday night, January 13, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Portland Consumers' League.

All fathers and mothers, all teachers and everyone who goes to the theater and everyone who doesn't, ought to be interested in this open-discussion, think the Consumers' League members. The purpose of the meeting is to bring out the public opinion on the subject of this nature scheduled.

Numerous protests against the appearance of child actors on the public stage at late hours have lately been voiced by leading citizens and clubs engaged in social and child welfare work. The league, under impression that the popular sentiment is against it, suggests legislation as a remedy against this declared evil, first aiming to secure the public support in its endeavor to enforce a law barring children off the stage at night.

Among those who will speak at this meeting are Miss Josephine Hammond, of Reed College; Miss Gertrude Talbot, teacher of the Montessori system at Catlin's school; and D. S. Morrison, editorial writer.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

C. J. Besell, of Bend, is at the Perkins.  
T. B. Reed, of Olympia, is at the Imperial.  
C. L. Monson, of Albany, is at the Oregon.  
C. W. Allebaugh, of Boise, is at the Oregon.  
C. G. Coker, of Seattle, is at the Seward.  
A. L. Mitchell, of Centralia, is at the Carlton.  
T. P. Stevens, of Albany, is at the Seward.  
F. D. Small and F. R. Beals, of Tillamook, were at the Imperial yesterday.  
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C. B. Sloan, of Seattle, is at the Nortonia.  
J. A. Davis, of Baker, is at the Imperial.  
J. D. Walter, of Prescott, is at the Cornelia.  
F. N. Tate, of San Francisco, is at the Nortonia.  
M. B. Gilles, of Hood River, is at the Carlton.  
H. W. Maynard, of Forest Grove, is at the Perkins.  
L. A. Davis, of San Francisco, is at the Multnomah.  
E. H. Savage, of Vancouver, B. C., is at the Multnomah.  
Miss Mary Mitchell, of The Dalles, is at the Nortonia.  
L. C. Parker is registered at the Oregon from Salem.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Joy, of Medford, are at the Nortonia.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Farman, of Condon, are at the Seward.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Smith, of Prineville, are at the Cornelia.  
Miss M. E. Wheeler, of Webster Acres, is at the Cornelia.  
D. L. Webster registered yesterday at the Oregon from Alpine.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Peters, of Pendleton, are at the Cornelia.  
R. M. Richardson, of Klamath Falls, is registered at the Carlton.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Russell, of Eugene, are at the Multnomah.  
J. H. Smith, of Goldendale, Wash., registered yesterday at the Carlton.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ross and Miss Nina Ross registered yesterday at the Imperial from Walla Walla.  
Robert G. McCracken, who formerly lived in Portland, is registered at the Multnomah from San Francisco.