

HOOD RIVER DOCTOR DIES BY OWN HAND

Dr. E. E. Ferguson Is Found in Tree-House—Note Beside Body Explains Deed.

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS UPSET

Dead Man Believed to Have Brooded Over Impending Divorce—Couple Had Remarried Last Winter and Again Separated.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Dr. E. E. Ferguson, formerly a prominent surgeon of The Dalles, committed suicide this afternoon by shooting himself through the heart. The body was found about 5 o'clock, apparently about two hours after the wound was inflicted. In the "bird's nest" a peculiar sleeping house occupied by the dead surgeon in the branches of a tall forest tree in a park on his local country estate. The wound was made with a revolver, which was found beside the dead man. Dr. Ferguson was fully dressed and had apparently fallen back on his bed after shooting himself. He left a note giving reasons for taking his own life. The note was turned over to Dr. V. H. Abraham, coroner, who refused to divulge its contents until after consultation with Dr. Ferguson's attorney, Judge R. H. Butler, of The Dalles. Dr. Abraham, however, confirmed the theory of local friends of Dr. Ferguson insofar as to state that brooding over domestic affairs was the main reason for the deed.

Dr. Ferguson's wife, a former practicing physician at The Dalles herself, who for many years had maintained a professional partnership with her husband, recently left for Portland, where their only child, Ruth, is attending school. It was stated that divorce proceedings had arisen between the two, that they had separated and that divorce proceedings were imminent. They had been divorced on a former occasion, and were remarried last winter. They came here this spring to make their home on a West Side place, one of the best places in Hood River. The treehouse, in which Dr. Ferguson chose to end his life, is a unique log structure, and has been visited by many sightseers to the valley. The residence of the country place, with its contents of handsome furnishings, was destroyed by fire the week before last, and since that time Dr. Ferguson had been sleeping in the treehouse. It was stated by friends of Dr. Ferguson that he had also been worried recently over financial troubles. Neighbors of the dead man were recently told by him that he was planning on spending the winter taking special work at a Chicago medical school, and that next year he expected again to begin active practice. Dr. Ferguson was about 49 years of age.

THE DALLES IS SHOCKED

Dr. E. E. Ferguson's Friends Unable to Explain Suicide.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—The Dalles was shocked this evening by the death of Dr. E. E. Ferguson, of Hood River, formerly of The Dalles. The physician was exceedingly popular here and his friends do not understand why he took his life. Until February 22, 1912, Dr. Ferguson was head of The Dalles Hospital, being associated with his wife, Dr. Belle C. Ferguson, and another physician, Dr. J. A. Reuter. The Ferguson family disposed of their hospital interests and practice here on that date to Dr. Reuter and Dr. Thompson. Dr. Ferguson came here as a young physician and married Belle Cooper Rhinehart, widow of Dr. Rhinehart, who was then an older man than Dr. Ferguson. The Ferguson were divorced in Portland less than a year after they left The Dalles, he receiving the decree by mutual agreement. The divorce rights were settled out of court, the wife getting \$25,000. The couple were remarried in Portland the day after last Thanksgiving. It had been rumored here for several days that Dr. Ferguson had retained an attorney to institute divorce proceedings against his wife for the second time. His friends say he had brooded deeply since his second marriage.

"SIN" CONVEYS LESSON

RUN OF FEATURE FILMS DRAWS PORTLAND THEATER CROWDS.

"Damaged Goods," Chaplin Comedy, and German War Pictures Keep Show Houses Filled.

The Vampire woman, she of the wicked eyes and snakey charm has all week vied with Chaplin, drawing hosts of people to the Majestic Theater to see "Sin" and "Shanghai'd." The bill is a happy mixture of a sad fascinating play, which is followed by the merriest of Chaplin comedies. Theda Bara, as the young Italian girl whose very personality is danger and who unwittingly leads a faithful but unloved sweetheart to destruction, scores the highest mark of her unusual and artistic career. Perhaps aside from the drama itself, the most tense interest lies in watching Theda Bara, a siren-like lure her victim to his doom. As in the old Greek dramas, the victims of "Sin" are carried swiftly, surely and pitilessly to a tragic end. Like all the plays featuring Theda Bara, there is an ever present Nemesis and a lesson of the damning consequences of sin. Chaplin's new comedy is by far his funniest.

"DAMAGED GOODS" HAS APPEAL

Moral Drama Is Keeping National Theater Crowded Daily.

Since the first day that "Damaged Goods" appeared at the National Theater, no performance after 12 o'clock has failed to pack the house. The keen character interpretation combined with the strong moral appeal of Eugene O'Neill's drama is not only making an unusual impression on the public but it is receiving strong commendation from prominent physicians, social workers, moralists and club women. The plot of the story is definitely outlined and delicately handled. No part of the production is either repulsive or crude, although all parts of it are extremely frank. Richard Bennett, as the young man of excellent home training, whose life is wrecked by a girl of the streets and who in turn victimizes through ignorance his girl wife, is a high type of the American motion picture tragedian. The hospital scenes and the exposure

of "quackery" are two of the most potent elements in the whole stirring production. "Damaged Goods" does not fail to instruct and interest, and carries a strong human appeal. It will play at the National Theater all week.

GERMAN WAR FILMS ATTRACT

Pictured Events of Great Struggle Draw Crowds at Hellig.

Thrilling German war pictures are being shown to great audiences at the Hellig Theater this week. The films depict the conflict in Germany and some of the films were taken in Belgium and France. An interesting episode was the capture of a number of the films from French operations. Perhaps the most stirring event pictured in the film is the burning of Antwerp after the siege. In this picture an unusual insight into army life and maneuvers is given and a remarkable

CHARACTER ACTRESS WHO STARS IN "A SWEDISH FLIRTATION" AT THE EMPRESS.



Emily Greene, a talented actress, stars in "A Swedish Flirtation," an excellent piece of character work. Pretty girls, good singing and dancing and much comedy will be some of the features of the professional "tryout" acts to appear at the Empress Theater tonight. Including the big Empress bill, there will be 12 acts in all on the second show. Howard Martyn, the artistic comedian who appears in a clever comedy and singing act with Mary Valerie, will introduce the "tryout" acts. Along with the pictures Fred Topkan gives a lecture, in which he brings out the most potent parts of the films and gives a clearer idea of each incident. The war pictures are an attractive to the audiences now as at their first display here last spring.

BRIDGE FETE OPENS TODAY

Good Roads Convention and Carnival On at North Bend.

NORTH BEND, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—The bridge carnival, celebrating the completion of the Willamette-Pacific bridge across Coos Bay, commences here tomorrow. A good roads convention and a fraternal parade will occupy the day and dancing, wrestling and other amusements will be held at night. W. C. Hawley, Representative in Congress, and a number of state and government good roads engineers will be here. C. J. Mills, of the Southern Pacific headquarters in San Francisco, has arrived for the carnival.

RIFLEMEN REACH RANGE

Oregon Guard and Naval Team Is Practicing for National Match.

Adjutant-General George A. White, of the Oregon National Guard, yesterday selected a team of riflemen to represent the Oregon National Guard and Naval Militia had arrived at the range at Jacksonville, Fla., and were engaged in practice preliminary to the national match, October 15. The men in the merry party chosen as a result of the state matches held at Clackamas range early in September.

FORESTRY CABIN FINISHED

Fire-Finding Station on Hood May Be Followed by Others.

The cabin on the summit of Mount Hood that will next year house the fire-finding apparatus used in the forest service, is about finished. The roof was put on Sunday. The severe storms of the coming winter do not destroy the work of Elijah Coalman, who is building the cabin, similar buildings will be placed on the summits of Mount Adams, Mount St. Helens and Adams next season. That is the plan of A. E. Cohoon, supervisor of the Columbia National forest.

Norwegian Steamer Pursued.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—The Norwegian steamer Drammensfjord arrived today from Sandefjord, Norway, and reported having been chased by a German submarine in the North Sea between Bergen and Kirkwall. Captain Stenmark said he escaped by driving his vessel at full speed and at the same time sending wireless calls which brought British patrols. The submarine then gave up the chase.

Corpse Found at Coyote.

IONE, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—An unidentified man has been found dead near Coyote. Sheriff M. C. Coffey, coroner and Coroner Chick, of Ione, have gone there to hold an inquest.

W. C. T. U. RE-ELECTS

Convention at Newberg Again Names List of Officers.

KANSAS ACT IS EXPLAINED

Mrs. Mitchner Declares Law Has Proved Workable in Her State. While Dr. Anderson Defends Oregon Measure—Aid Asked.

NEWBERG, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—The election today at the State W. C. T. U. convention resulted in the reelection of the officers as follows: President, Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp, of Portland; vice-president-at-large, Henrietta Brown, of Albany; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Russell, of Portland; recording secretary, Mrs. Madge J. Means, of Shedd; and treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Houston, of Portland. All were elected by a unanimous vote. Mrs. Lillian Mitchner, state president of the W. C. T. U. of Kansas, spoke briefly at the morning session. She said the Kansas law is the best prohibitory law in the world and that it had prevented drinking. She received a huge sheaf of suffrages, the members of the state. Mrs. Mitchner was one of the speakers tonight, her subject being the results of the enforcement of the prohibition law in Kansas. Mrs. Lucia F. Addison, of Lents, state lecturer, said there should be a new ballot of the members organized to develop true statehood. Mrs. Mattie M. Sleeth, of Portland, called attention to the importance of the active support of the W. C. T. U. in the enforcement of the prohibition law. Much enthusiasm was aroused by the remarks of Rev. Henry Mills, 86 years of age, who said that he was one of three who voted for prohibition many years ago in Vermilion County, Illinois. Rev. Alice Hanson, of Portland, said it is the duty of the W. C. T. U. to aid in increasing the sentiment in favor of law enforcement. Dr. J. E. Anderson, of The Dalles, author of the prohibition law of Oregon, spoke at length tonight in explanation of the act. He combated the statement sometimes advanced to the effect that it is not a workable law. This afternoon the delegates were entertained at a reception by the Woman's Civic Improvement Club. On the opening day of the session the Telegrams Club tendered the delegates the use of its rooms. Telegrams have been coming in to the convention from all over the United States and the proceedings of the sessions are evidently being watched with interest. The meetings have been well attended by citizens of Newberg. The convention closes its work tomorrow night.

SKAMOKAWA FAIR OPENS

BIG DISPLAYS OF PRODUCE AND STOCK ARE SHOWN.

School Exhibits Also Noteworthy, and Canning Demonstrations Prove Most Interesting. CATHLAMET, Wash., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—The Wahkiakum County fair, which opened today at Skamokawa, is without question the best on the lower river. Though this is the smallest county, it produces some of the biggest vegetables in the state. The rich tideland of which this county has thousands of acres, produces wonderful vegetables, the cabbage and root crops being magnificent. Two 18-foot stalks of corn, raised on this land, are attracting much attention. Some 12-foot corn and a cabbage 20 inches in diameter were raised on logged-off hill land with no irrigation and without special culture. A general farm exhibit from the progressive farming community of Grays River contains 33 different varieties of grain, vegetables and fruit. Some of the best vegetables were planted the first of June and some as late as August 1. The stock exhibit, while not extensive, contains some fine animals. Noteworthy is the herd of sires, and Mrs. Timothy Richards, of Skamokawa, has an exhibit of house plants that is one of the leading displays. It contains immense specimens of Oriental begonias, seven-foot geraniums, and many beautiful potted plants. The florile exhibitors are better than ever and show that the schools are strictly up to date with their extensive displays of sewing and domestic science. The three canning clubs have large displays of fruits, fish and vegetables which they canned this afternoon. The Skamokawa Club gave an interesting demonstration on apple-canning. Tomorrow will be Astoria and Cathlamet day and with the proper weather, the attendance will be a record breaker. Lectures and dances each evening are the amusements.

JOY CAR CRUSHES GIRL

FIVE-YEAR-OLD VICTIM OF WILD RIDE IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Feeling High at Seaside Over Release of Astoria Fisherman on Deposit of Only \$200 as Bail.

SEASIDE, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Little Vivian Larsen, 5-year-old daughter of Hans Larsen, a prominent Seaside business man, is in a critical condition, not expected to recover, as a result of being run down here today on the main street by Frank Trossen, an old friend, all foreigners, enjoyed a wild ride in Trossen's new automobile. Trossen was arrested and charged with reckless driving, and his friends were allowed to go free. All returned tonight to Astoria after Trossen had raised the \$200 bond required. The men made merry in the late afternoon traveling up and down Seaside streets and running into a bridge, tearing off the fender and otherwise damaging the car, and then making a wild tear on Main street, the accident occurring near the Seaside Livery & Garage Company's stables, of which Mr. Larsen is part owner. The accident occurred about 4 o'clock and, after the condition of the Larsen girl was learned, feeling ran high when it became known that Trossen had been released on only \$200 bail.

Negro Fighter Guilty of Robbery.

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High Serbian Officers in Rome. ROME, via Paris, Oct. 6.—Five Serbian Army officers of high rank have arrived in Rome. Their presence has attracted much attention, as it is reported they are to accompany an Italian expedition to the Balkans.

County Clerk Coffee Injured. County Clerk John B. Coffee is confined to his home for a short while, because of an injury received at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday. A blood vessel was ruptured when he was struck on the leg with a medicine ball.

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