

RIVER LEAP IS FATAL

Mrs. Bessie A. Mead Ends Mental Unrest by Suicide.

BODY SOON RECOVERED

Farwell Note to Children Found in Pocket—Husband Says Derangement Followed Birth of Baby Two Months Ago.

With her faith in her religion unwavering, but her mental unrest too great to bear, Mrs. Bessie A. Mead, of 125 East Forty-third street, sprang into the river at an unknown hour yesterday afternoon and committed suicide by drowning. The body was recovered shortly afterward, at 11:20.

None saw the act, but the floating body was first located by Captain Earl Hackett, of the steamer Pomona, as his boat was putting out into the river, off the foot of Washington street. As Captain Hackett spied the body he called to Hugh Brady, municipal grappleman, who was on shore, telling him that a "floater" was going down the channel.

Mr. Brady, following Captain Hackett's instructions, rowed out and brought the body to shore. Mrs. Mead was an extremely heavy woman, and Mr. Brady experienced considerable difficulty in getting the body into the boat. Detective Tom Swennes joined him as the woman was brought ashore.

The fact that the body was still warm gave them hope, and for some time efforts were made to resuscitate her, but without any indications of success. She was fully clad, wearing a heavy coat over her outer garments, but with no clue to her identity save a farwell note found in one of the pockets. This spoke of her children, urged that they continue the practice of Christian faith, that they be good to one another and pure and kind.

Identification Made Later.
From the position of the body in the river, Mr. Brady believes that she sprang to the water from the dock, on the east bank, near the foot of Belmont street. Her fleshy build had brought her to the surface almost immediately after drowning.

The body was taken to the public morgue, but identification was not made until R. A. Martin, of 1112 East Eighteenth street North, called at the police station at 1 o'clock, to notify the police that Mrs. Mead was missing. As he gave the description of the missing woman, Police Captain Moore halted him, recognizing that it tallied with that of the suicide. The names mentioned in the note completed the identification, and the husband, Fred A. Mead, a clerk in the employ of Swift & Co., was notified.

Mrs. Mead had not been in good health since the birth of their baby, two months ago. Mr. Mead stated yesterday afternoon. She had shown evidence of being slightly unbalanced mentally, and had been taking the Christian Science treatment. In order that this might be facilitated, Mrs. Mead had gone, after the birth of the child, to the home of Mr. Martin, 1112 East Eighteenth street North, where she could be given regular treatment by a Christian Science practitioner.

Visit to Church Announced.
Yesterday morning she expressed a desire to attend church, and she intended to pay her family a visit after the service. Word of her coming was accordingly telephoned to the husband. When ample time had elapsed for the service, and she did not appear, he communicated with Mr. Martin and the search began.

The two older children, both of whom are mentioned in the note, are Helen, 15 years of age, and Marion, eight years of age. The note was written with lead pencil on the reverse side of a campaign card.

Mrs. Mead, who was 35 years of age, spent her girlhood in Illinois, where she was married. The couple made their home in Spokane for several years, coming to this city four years ago. A sister, Mrs. L. Vore, of Seattle, is now at the Mead home, where she has been visiting for some time.

Funeral services will be held at the Sellwood Crematorium chapel, on Wednesday afternoon. The Christian Science service will be used. Arrangements are being made by J. P. Finley & Son.

FRED COWGILL ENDS LIFE
Investigation Reveals No Cause or Clew as to Motive.

Fred Cowgill, 32 years old, committed suicide some time early yesterday morning, in his room at 314 Third street, by connecting a tube with the gas jet and inhaling the gas. Because he did not arise, and repeated summons failed to bring an answer, the door to his room was broken down.

Cowgill's body was in bed, dressed in pajamas, and the room reeked with poisonous fumes.

Intent upon his design to take his own life, the young man had closely stopped the keyhole, the window-casings and all openings from whence gas might escape. He had then affixed the rubber tube, placed it in his mouth, and, with the gas jet wide open, laid down to die.

No cause can be found for the act, said Deputy Coroner Smith, who investigated the case and took charge of the body. Cowgill left no note or private papers that afford a clew. It was learned that he has relatives in Idaho, and the body will remain at the public morgue until these are heard from.

Little is known of Cowgill in this city. For several weeks recently he worked for the Vaughan Motor Works, where he appeared to be in good spirits, although of a quiet and reserved disposition. Three or four days ago he resigned, telling his employers that he had secured a position as telegrapher, his former employment, in Southern California.

The evidence of deliberate suicide is so apparent that no inquest is considered necessary, Deputy Coroner Smith said.

Coffee Exchange Seat Costs \$5000.
NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—The highest price ever recorded for a membership on the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange was paid recently when a seat was sold for \$5000, an advance of \$500 over the last previous sale.

Reduction of Sugar in Diabetes

To demonstrate to Physicians and Patients that sugar and symptoms can be reduced in many cases of Diabetes we will donate the Compound to deserving patients (age 40 or over) having a definite showing of 5 per cent of sugar or more with the expectation that it will in many cases show a reduction of 50 per cent in 30 days.

We only ask in return that urinalysis be made by a competent analytical chemist and mailed to us every 15 days. All names with-hold. Fulton's Diabetes Compound (Fulton's Compound No. 2) is the agent. Druggists supplied by nearest wholesaler. For reports on 50 cases write John Fulton, Inc., San Francisco. No further notice for 30 days.

HEAD OF NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM WILL BE PORTLAND VISITOR THIS WEEK.



STEPHEN T. MATHER.
Stephen T. Mather, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, in charge of National parks, will discuss with Portland business men the subject of the future of the Columbia Gorge, part of which is now in a National reserve. Wednesday noon, at the Chamber of Commerce, where he will speak at a luncheon given in his honor. He will arrive in the city Wednesday morning. He will be taken for a trip over the Columbia River Highway through the gorge on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Mather was graduated from the University of California and was at one time on the staff of the New York Sun. Later he became connected with the manufacture of chemicals, a business which he followed until his appointment as assistant to the Secretary of the Interior January 22, 1915.

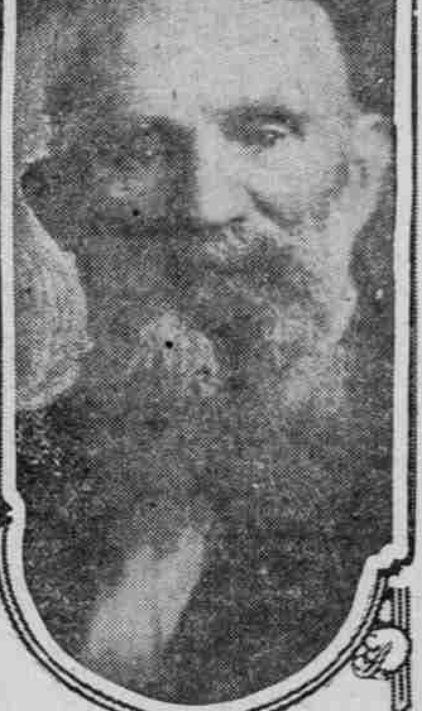
A. B. STUART FAILING
Elderly Pioneer Reported Resting Comfortably.

LIFE IN WEST DATES TO '49

Career Linked With Deeds of Daring.
Commencing With Period of Service at Sea and Later as Express Messenger.

A. B. Stuart, for many years bailiff for the Grand Jury, and senior of court attaché, was reported yesterday to be resting more comfortably than for some time past, although but little hope is entertained for his recovery. For several weeks he has been ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Stuart Boyd, 72 Hawthorne avenue.

The son made a runaway of A. B. Stuart when he was a boy of 13, and for some time he followed the life of a sailor. His boyhood home was in



A. B. Stuart, Elderly Pioneer, Whose Illness Is Expected to Have Fatal Termination.

Newark, N. J. In 1849, as a strapping youth, he left the salt water and settled in Portland. The gold rush to California claimed him for a time, but before the close of 1850 he returned to this city.

In 1851 he wedded Johanna Ross, daughter of a Maine ship captain. Since that time, with the exception of a brief residence at Olympia, Wash., his home has been in Portland, where hundreds of friends hold him in high esteem as a splendid type of the pioneer.

In the early days, to hold the post of express messenger was proof of keen ability and physical courage. During the '60s Mr. Stuart was messenger for the Adams Express Company, riding through the wilderness from Olympia, Wash., to San Francisco, and creditably acquitting himself in the face of Indian uprisings, highwaymen and all the similar adventurous incidents of the task.

Of recent years he has been a court attaché, serving as bailiff under Judge Shattuck and Judge Morrow, before becoming bailiff for the Grand Jury. It is feared that the illness, which attacked him three weeks ago, will terminate fatally.

A son, R. M. Stuart, is a patrolman of the Portland Police Bureau.

SHERMAN RAPS EDITOR
Senator Gives His Idea of How Solomon Would Appear as News.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 12.—"I'd rather have Satan edit my manuscript

than the modern newspaper editor in a hurry," United States Senator Sherman told a large audience of Epworth Leaguers here tonight.

Senator Sherman was speaking on the subject, "Our Daily Reading Matter." He criticized sensationalism and declared that the larger the city the greater became the evil of the publication of what he termed "garbled news matter," and details unfit for the younger generation to read.

"Why, believe me, people," he said, "if the modern newspapers existed in the time of Solomon they would use type eight inches high to print the fact that Solomon had 700 wives."

2 NEVADA WOMEN ELECTED
Both Are Widows and Both Win Office of Auditor and Recorder.

RENO, Nev., Nov. 12.—Returns received here today regarding the county tickets elected in Nevada indicate that two women were successful in their quest for public office.

In Nye County, Mrs. Jennie Curiaux, candidate on the Democratic ticket for the office of Auditor and Recorder, defeated two men opponents, receiving a plurality of several hundred votes.

In Mineral County, Mrs. Rita Miller was also elected to the same office. Both are widows. Women candidates were on the ticket in practically every county in the state.

MRS. BOISSEVAIN RESTS
Suffragist's Chances for Recovery Are Brighter.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 12.—Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain, of New York, who is critically ill at a hospital here, has had a fairly comfortable night and was resting easily late today, according to an announcement by attending physicians. Her chances for recovery seem brighter.

Mrs. Boissevain collapsed while on a tour delivering a suffrage address.

Europe Fails to Get Cars.
PARIS, Nov. 12.—Failure of manufacturers in the United States and Spain to deliver freight cars ordered by France was criticized in the Chamber of Deputies by Deputy Louis Dubois. He said that out of 35,000 cars contracted for only 3,000 or 4,000 had been delivered, and that the terms of the agreement made had not been carried out.

Light Service Restored.
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HIPPODROME

Formerly the Orpheum — Broadway at Yamhill

Offers for the delectation of Portland film fans today, tomorrow and Wednesday only, the splendid five-reel Gold Rooster Pathe Super-Feature

"THE FUGITIVE"

A Detective Story Supreme—A Celluloid Attraction Par Excellence

Two persons confess a murder, which neither of them committed—one, a girl, seeks to save her sister, the other, a man, desires to shield the woman he loves—The result is a compelling series of situations that rivet the attention on the screen until the very final scene.

See beautiful Florence La Badie in the role of the star, who, in order to save her sister from prison, takes upon herself suspicion for a crime committed by the other in defense of her honor. The relentless strength of the long arm of the law is shown when luck plays into the hands of the police inspector after a number of years. Does she escape? If so, how does she do it? These are questions the audiences will ask up to the last few moments.

REMEMBER—This is in addition to six great vaudeville acts, with no advance in prices—all seats 10 and 15c. Continuous performances every day—1:15 to 11 P. M.

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