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## H. H. PROUTY SUICIDE, SON SAYS IN SUIT

### Action Filed to Break Late Mazama's Will.

## INSANE DELUSIONS CHARGED

### Dr. R. S. Fisher Says Patient Took Mercurial Poison.

## RECORDS NAME DISEASE

### Physician Affirms Gastritis Caused Death, but That Attempted Self-Destruction Brought on Fatal Illness.

H. H. Prouty, famed Mazama, who supposedly died of stomach trouble last September, is said to be a suicide, and that the will disposing of his \$52,000 estate was not the product of a sound mind, is charged in a petition filed in the County Court yesterday, as the first step in the effort of an only son, Carl Reginald Prouty, to break his father's will.

Chief beneficiary under the will was the Salvation Army, to which was left between \$25,000 and \$30,000, Carl Prouty, who is a reporter on the Kansas City Star, was bequeathed \$10,000, to be held in trust until he arrived at the age of 35 years. He is now about 28.

## Suicide Not Recorded.

No suicide report ever reached the county authorities. Deputy Coroner Lowe yesterday examined the record of suicides and reported that no such case had come to the attention of the coroner. Mr. Prouty died September 12, last. The fatal illness was due to "mercurial poisoning, self-administered with suicidal intent" reads the petition, indicating that Mr. Prouty had swallowed bichloride of mercury tablets.

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## INJUNCTION ISSUED IN DIVISION CONTEST

### SPLIT PRECINCT CAUSES SUIT TO OBTAIN RECOUNT.

### Proposal to Form Deschutes County Apparently Wins, but Court Stops Certification of Returns.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—The division of Crook County, which yesterday was reported to have been defeated, now seems to have carried. Before the question can be determined, litigation will be necessary, as the law requires that the proposition to divide must be carried by 65 per cent of the voters in the part wishing to withdraw, and by 25 per cent in the portion remaining. Suit was started today.

The division line cut the precinct of Five in two, leaving five voters in the proposed Deschutes County and 35 in Crook. At the election 24 votes were cast against Deschutes and 6 for it. The judge of election counted all votes cast as a part of the proposed Deschutes County. This made the number voting in favor of division in the proposed county less than the required per cent.

To prevent the County Clerk from certifying the results of the election as counted to the Secretary of State, suit was filed today by Clyde M. McKay, of Bend, and the Circuit Court issued an injunction restraining the County Clerk from certifying the results until a correct count of the votes of Five precinct can be made.

## UMATILLA WHEAT SELLS

### At \$1.50. Transactions 250,000 Bushels and Residue Small.

PENDLETON, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Approximately 250,000 bushels of club wheat were sold by Umatilla county farmers today to Pendleton grain dealers at \$1.50 a bushel. It is reported that mills offered \$1.52 for first-class milling wheat.

## SMOKING IS PROTESTED

### Council Asked to Prohibit Use of Tobacco in Jitney.

"In your plan to regulate the jitney," says L. Merthwell in a letter addressed to the City Council, "be sure to include a provision to the effect that no person in a front seat shall chew tobacco or smoke."

"I have been a patron of jitneys on several occasions and twice I have seen women showered with tobacco juice or cigar or cigarette ashes. It ought to be prohibited. Wouldn't prohibiting smoking or chewing tobacco in a front seat cover it?"

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## SPY ARRESTED AS BLACKMAIL AGENT

### Countess Bernstorff Intended Victim.

## \$3000 PAYMENT DEMANDED

### Letters, Some in Code, Said to Have Come on Oscar II.

## ENDEARING WORDS USED

### German Embassy Pretends to Yield, Then Orders Arrest—Notes Said to Be From Cousin of Am- bassador Bernstorff.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Karl Armsgaard Graves, a self-styled international spy and magazine writer, was arrested here today by agents of the Department of Justice and charged with attempting to extort \$3000 from Countess von Bernstorff, wife of the German Ambassador, by threatening to publish letters "alleged to contain matter showing her infirmities and failings."

Officials of the Embassy also alleged that Graves had in his possession what apparently were confidential, coded diplomatic dispatches from the German government to Count von Bernstorff.

Letters brought on Oscar II.

The prisoner told the Federal agents he obtained all the documents from persons who smuggled them past the British censors on the steamship Oscar II. The warrant upon which he was arrested tonight and held on \$2000 bail for a further hearing Wednesday charges him also with bringing into the District of Columbia letters stolen in Hoboken, N.J., where the Oscar II docked.

A statement after his arraignment, at which he entered a plea of not guilty, Graves asserted that he had no intention of blackmailing the Countess, that he objected to the word blackmail, and that the papers he has in his possession were "purely diplomatic" in character.

Censorship Being Avoided.

Much interest was aroused in official quarters at the indirect exposure of the manner in which persons and officials in Germany apparently are avoiding the British censorship in communicating with the German embassy here.

The arrest of Graves furnished a dramatic conclusion to negotiations which had been in progress for a week between him and Prince Hatzfeldt, counselor of the German embassy. Graves was said to have come to Washington last week and called at the ambassador's office, where he was known there as the man who had published widely what he alleged to be important secrets of the German war office and the Hohenzollerns. He also was known as a man who previously had described himself as a member of the German secret service, and later as an employe in foreign fields of the British foreign office. "The master spy," he called himself.

Other Letters Said to Be Held.

Officials allege that upon entering the office of Prince Hatzfeldt he made it known that he had in his possession the papers which brought about his arrest today. One letter which he exhibited was to Countess von Bernstorff from her son, an officer in the German army. He said, according to statements made by Federal officials tonight, that he had other letters that would prove "embarrassing" for the Countess should they be published.

The official dispatches were said to be useless to him for the reason that

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STOGIES TO BE SMALLER  
Inch to Be Cut Off and Price Put  
Up to 5 for 10 Cents.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 11.—Beginning December 1 all stogies will be cut one inch in length to six inches and will be increased in price from three for 5 cents to five for 10 cents. Higher tobacco cost, it is said, has to be met.

Ohio factories are expected to adopt the same system.

## SOUTHERN OREGON SEES SUGAR MADE

### Grants Pass Is Host to Beet Growers.

## FARMER TELLS OF RETURNS

### John Mills, of Talent, Reports on Big Yield and Profit.

## MORE ACREAGE ASSURED

### Special Trains Bear Crowds From Many Points to Celebration and Fares Are Refunded on Registration at Plant.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—John Mills, of Talent, won the title of the "banner sugar beet grower" at the beet growers' celebration held in Grants Pass today. He reported a crop of 28 tons per acre, yielding a gross return of \$154 per acre, the cash outlay being only \$29.79 per acre.

Mr. Mills' experience was one of those related at the big meeting held in the tabernacle as a feature of the sugar day celebration.

Beet growers and prospective beet growers from all of Southern Oregon gathered in Grants Pass as the guests of the city today, 600 farmers and their wives coming by the special trains from as far north as Oakland and from Ashland on the south.

Farmers Travel Free.

The special train from the south was provided by the citizens of Grants Pass, and return tickets were supplied free of charge to every farmer who wished to come. From the north special rates were made upon the regular trains and the fares paid were refunded by the people of this city.

The visitors were met upon the arrival of the trains by citizens with automobiles and all went directly to the sugar factory in South Grants Pass, where they were escorted through the million-dollar establishment and watched the process of converting sugar beets into sugar.

Plant Observed in Operation.

Including the local people 2000 men and women today got their first view of the inside of the factory, through which they were piloted by the officials of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company. The factory was in full operation and was slicing beets at the rate of 500 tons per day. While a sack of sugar was being put into the warehouse every 40 seconds.

Upon the factory grounds the visitors were escorted through the feeding pens where steers were being fattened upon pulp while farmers were seen loading tons of the pulp to be hauled to their farms for feeding to fattening stock and to milk cows.

Crowds Are Fed by City.

At noon, after inspection of the factory, the visitors were guests of the city at dinner, the hundreds being fed at the Commercial Club and by various church societies in church dining-rooms.

The programme of the afternoon was held at the Tabernacle building, which seats 2000. Acting Mayor Demaray, chairman of the committee in charge of the celebration, presided, and an address of welcome upon the part of the city was delivered by Rev. L. M. Booser. The response was by Alex. Nibley, manager of the sugar factory, who was followed by H. T. Dyer, of the Dyer Construction Company, which had the contract for the erecting of the sugar plant.

Frank Bramwell told of the value of the beet sugar industry to a community, and Paul Kirker, of the sugar

## BOY, 7, IS SAVED FROM HOTEL FIRE

### FIREMEN BRAVE SMOKE TO RESCUE UNCONSCIOUS LAD.

### Three Women Also Are Taken Out of Smoke-Filled Building and Others Flee to Safety.

Merle Bruce, 7-year-old son of Mrs. J. J. Bruce, caught in the Barton Hotel, Thirteenth and Alder streets, when that hostelry was aflame last night at 8 o'clock, was finally rescued by Jack Lyons and Roy Crandall, of Engine Company No. 3, when they invaded the room and felt around in the dense smoke for the lad, who was weakened and almost unconscious.

After three women had been carried to safety by the firemen, the child was discovered screaming at the window. In a second he fell back from the window, and Lyons and Crandall hurried into the room. They were forced to grope their way around before finding the limp body. They hurried the boy to the window and down the fire escape.

The fire was discovered shortly before 5 o'clock and because of its location a general alarm was sent in, and apparatus from all parts of the close-in section was hurried to the scene.

The hotel was filled with smoke and it was with difficulty that some of the occupants got to the street. The stairway was choked and ladders were called into play at once to effect rescue.

Quick work on the part of the department saved the building. The loss will not exceed \$50, it is thought.

## PACKERS FINED \$171,000

### Swift & Co. and Railroads Penalized on Rebating Charges.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—A fine totaling more than \$171,000 was assessed by Federal Judge Landis today against Swift & Co. packers, and a number of railroads convicted of violating the interstate commerce act.

In most of the cases the charges were rebating or in shipping less than carload shipments at carload rates.

## MRS. PANKHURST SILENCED

### Police Prevent Suffragette Demon- stration in London.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—A demonstration arranged for this afternoon at Trafalgar Square by the Women's Social and Political Society, the organization of the militant suffragists, was prevented by the police.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was to have been the principal speaker.

## BILLINGS HAS ZERO DAY

### First Intense Cold Snap of Season Envelops Montana.

BILLINGS, Mont., Nov. 11.—A cold wave enveloped Montana yesterday, and this morning zero weather was experienced for the first time this fall, the mercury standing at 2 below at 6 A. M. A light snow covered the ground.

## LOSER OF BET ARRESTED

### Wheelbarrow Pusher Is Accused of Operating Without License.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—In paying an election bet Frank Denning wheeled D. A. Jones along Front street, while the crowd offered suggestions.

Denning was arrested by Chief of Police Carter for propelling a vehicle without a license.

## Gardner Apparently Elected.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 11.—With returns in from all but four scattering precincts in Missouri, the plurality of Gardner for Governor was reduced to 1670. The total vote stood: Gardner (Dem.) 378,464; Lamm (Rep.) 376,794.

## OREGON WINS, 12-3, AGAINST PULLMAN

### Pacific Coast Title Is Decided by Elevens.

## CROWD OF 6000 SEES BATTLE

### Washington State Ties Score by 26-Yard Dropkick.

## LAST PERIOD TURNS TIDE

### Perfect Football Machine Emerges From Slump and Turns Hard Contest Into Runt in Final Outburst of Speed.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Emerging from their slump with a whoop and a hurrah, the University of Oregon, football huskies surprised everybody yesterday by defeating Washington State College and doing it to a queen's taste. The score was 12 to 3.

With perfect football weather on the tapis, close to 6000 enthusiasts jammed into Multnomah Field for the Coast championship clash, and they were well repaid for their financial outlay.

The afternoon furnished enough thrills and sufficient variety for a good melodrama. Although on the short end of the betting, Oregon showed its power and punch at the very outset and only once or twice, about midway, were the lemon-yellow colors in any danger.

Washington State Outplayed.

Oregon outplayed the visitors from every angle, rushing, passing, kicking. The Eugene lads simply were too stout for Washington State. Although the break did not come until late in the third quarter, once Hugo Besdek's athletes did begin to work on the Washington States they left them a thoroughly renovated football team.

Oregon scored three points within two minutes of play on the first of two placekicks by Shy Huntington.

Bartlett started the crowd by running the kickoff back 33 yards to Washington State's 30-yard line. Huntington booted the ball over the bar from the 23-yard mark.

Score Is Tied in Third.

Three-to-nothing the score remained until the third quarter when Bangs recovered a blocked dropkick on the 26-yard line and gave Durham another crack at it. This time the Spokane toe artist succeeded and tied the score, 3 to 3.

Up to this there had been little "edge" either way. Then came the break. With only a few seconds to play in the third quarter, Shy Huntington suddenly shot around right end behind splendid interference for a 24-yard gain. This unexpected onslaught put the ball on Washington State's 31-yard line.

Parsons sallied around the other end for nine yards on the next signal before the demoralized States found themselves. Here the red-jerseyed visitors rallied and threw Shy Huntington back for a clear five-yard loss.

Penalty of 15 Yards Inflicted.

Possibly they might have stemmed the rout were it not for a 15-yard penalty for roughing or holding, we know not which. This penalty, however, gave Oregon the ball on Washington State's 13-yard line for first down as the quarter ended and the Jig was up.

A touchdown followed on three scrimmages when play was resumed in the fourth and final 15-minute period.

After a one-yard gain on right by Shy Huntington Oregon threw a forward pass to Mitchell on the two-yard line. Mitchell was forced out of bounds.

SIDELIGHTS ON SOME EVENTS OF THE WEEK BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS.

