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C. W. COLBY KILLS WIFE, THEN SUICIDES

Beaverton Tract Owner Completes a Double Tragedy

MILE EAST OF BEAVERTON

Man Nearly 70 Ends Two Lives With Automatic

Charles W. Colby, 68 years old, early Saturday morning shot his wife in the head while she was sleeping in their home, 11 miles east of this city, on the Pacific Highway, and then took his own life, shooting himself in the head, using an automatic revolver. Colby's wife was 33 years old, and they were married in 1909, at Oakland, Cal.

Mrs. Colby was an ambitious and prepossessing woman, and for some months had been trying to help pay the mortgage on their 20-acre tract by cooking at a logging camp near St. Helens. She procured another position the other day, stayed Thursday night with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Dant, at 344 1/2 Montgomery St., Portland, and came home Friday morning.

Sheriff Alexander found the bodies at 11 o'clock Saturday night, and an inquest was held Monday morning. His suspicions were aroused when A. M. Kennedy, a rural mail carrier, telephoned from Beaverton, saying he had received a note in the Colby mail box Saturday, asking him to telephone to the sheriff to take charge of the Colby place. Knowing the place was mortgaged, he thought the message was one of Colby's vagaries and was late delivering the message. Thinking of a possible tragedy, the sheriff reached the place late Saturday night and found man and wife dead, both on the bed. In a sealed note to J. Frank Stroud, of Beaverton, written at 2:15 Saturday morning, Colby said that he had killed three men in his life, but that he was about to do required much more nerve. He also said he wished to God he had been drafted so he could have killed some Huns. Colby had been ill several months, and it is thought brooding over the difference in their ages, and his mortgage, mentally unbalanced him.

Colby came here a few years ago from Prineville, where he was arrested for killing "Shorty" Davis. He was never tried, the state having sufficient evidence, and Mr. Stroud, who knew him there, says he was doubtless innocent of the crime.

Mrs. Colby was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Miner, of Richmond, Cal., where she has five brothers and two sisters, besides the sister in Portland. Colby was the son of Captain Colby, master of a Sacramento river steamer during the days of the gold rush in California. The Colbys were childless. After the inquest the body of the wife will be shipped to Richmond, Cal., for interment.

Mrs. Dant went to Beaverton to see her sister's body, and says she does not think that jealousy prompted the deed, but that Colby was discouraged and contemplated suicide, and could not tolerate leaving his young wife behind. In Colby's last letter to Stroud he said he worshipped his wife. They had a beautiful bungalow, and the interior gave evidence of well ordered lives.

Charles W. Colby's letter to J. Frank Stroud, in full, follows:

HOW WE STOOD

Washington County contributed \$607,900 to the grand total of \$38,362,550 of the Fourth Liberty Loan in Oregon. The number of subscribers in the county was 4,838. The oversubscription was 16.51 per cent. These figures have just been received from State Headquarters. The official compilations do not show the quota of non-banking centers.

In the newspapers outside of Portland 87,831 column inches of space was used in paid and free publicity in aid of the Loan.

Following is the statement of the committees of this county:

City	Quota	Sub. No.	Subs
Hillsboro	246,330	218,950	1573
Banks	22,820	58,900	614
Beaverton	22,050	70,650	702
Gaston	20,510	22,000	260
F. Grove	148,400	159,550	941
Cornelius	22,540	34,400	168
Sherwood	25,270	34,200	379
N. Plains	13,860	19,300	202

F. Borkman, of Aloha, was a city caller Tuesday.

G. W. Moore, of North Plains, was an Argus caller Monday.

Shoes for the whole family, including maiden ladies and bachelors, at the C. C. Store. 45-6

Albert Spierings, of above Banks, was down to the county seat the first of the week.

For Sale—Thoroughbred Holstein bull, 2 years old.—C. Schuchbacher, Sherwood, R. 4; 3 miles south of Reedville. 45-7

Wm. J. Miller, for many years a resident of Centerville, died at the Multnomah Hospital, near Troutdale, the last of the week. He was aged 71 years. In early life he was a sailor, and came to this country in 1880, arriving in the sailing vessel, Empire, out of Boston. For many years he engaged in painting in North Washington County, and was known far and wide as a good workman. He has painted hundreds of homes and farm buildings in his day of residence here. He was a sailing companion of John Vanderwal, the well-known insurance agent, of Hillsboro.

"My dear Frank: This will undoubtedly shock you to the limit of your foundation. I only too well know the magnitude of the action, and it is with great reluctance that I am saying anything at all, but, my dear boy, there is no way you can understand. I have killed three men in my time and thought no more of it than killing a coyote (one of the most disreputable animals alive) when the cause justifies, but when it comes to killing a woman, one that I not only loved but worshipped, that takes the nerve of an iron man. I only wish that I could have been drafted. My God, if I hadn't got many a German it wouldn't have been that I was a poor shot. Telegraph Mrs. Clara Miner, 606 Main St., Richmond, Cal. Good-bye Frank, and may God bless you.

Charles W. Colby."

Mrs. Colby's maiden name was Cora Miner, and she was born in Salem, Missouri, in September, 1885. Besides her parents she is survived by the following brothers and sisters—

Frank, Harry, Homer, Dorman and Norman Miner; Mrs. Clara Wilson and Miss Georgia Miner, Richmond, Cal., and Mrs. C. E. Dant, of Portland.

Sheriff Alexander conferred with Coroner Lamber and the latter official had Undertaker W. E. Pegge, of Beaverton, take the bodies to his place. The Coroner went to Beaverton Monday morning and held an inquest.

MONEY RECEIVED AND DISBURSED

Clerk Kuratli Makes Semi-Annual Report, 1918

ABOUT \$250,000 INVOLVED

Last Six Months Transactions Tabulated for Public

County Clerk Henry A. Kuratli renders the following semi-annual report for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1918:

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

of Receipts and Disbursements by County Clerk for period beginning July 1, 1918, and ending December 31, 1918:

Total bal. on hand July 1, 1918. \$258,021.57

Receipts—

Taxes and penalties \$242,728.40

County Clerk Fees—

Circuit court \$787.50

Probate court 295.00

County court 25.00

Marriage lic. 219.00

Fines 1100.50

Miscellaneous 102.81

Recorder's fees. 2,529.81

Sheriff's fees. 4.00

Sales, rock, gravel etc 1,394.46

Justice court fines. 1,272.40

Sales—miscellaneous material 60.24

Donations 4,303.78

Refunds 539.99

Freight 1,688.50

Drainage Dist. No. 7 913.46

Interest on deposits. 1,752.30

State School Tax. 14,936.46

Sales—County Poor Farm 606.90

Insurance, Co. Farm. 3,500.00

Sale, Cattle, Co. Poor Farm 125.00

Total receipts \$278,132.62

Total Receipts and Balance \$536,154.19

Disbursements—General Fund

Collection of Taxes. \$1,612.05

Roads and highways 8,210.78

Registration and election 2,806.49

Cattle Indemnity 417.50

Court house expense 1,874.92

Circuit court 2,728.82

Commissioners' court 1,233.65

Justice court 32.20

County Clerk 2,451.49

Co. Treasurer 698.07

Co. Sheriff 1,800.00

Co. Recorder 1,551.82

Co. Assessor 2,627.72

Co. Surveyor 64.52

Co. School Supt. 1,369.12

Co. Coroner 314.56

Co. Attorney 192.53

Co. Sealer 130.50

Insane 86.69

Health officer 288.70

Fruit Inspector 6.40

Indigent soldier, relief 205.00

Widows' pensions 1,527.50

Care of Poor 4,072.44

Juvenile court 346.40

Jail 181.00

Bounty 2,072.00

War registration 1,633.29

Tax Refunds 210.20

Traffic officer 31.82

Miscellaneous disb., including printing budget, com. court proceedings, and exp. 3,661.84

Patriotic League 61.98

Refunds, cities and school districts 5.66

Refunds, High School 1,428.77

County Fair Fund—

Road Funds—

Roads and highways \$128,501.08

Bridges 6,123.48

Miscellaneous Disbursements by County Treasurer and School Superintendent—

School Dists. 40,053.18

County and State School 54,797.21

High School 5,731.55

Cities and Towns 17,205.98

County Fund (State Tax) 42,238.90

Road Dists. 6,532.54

Institute 15.00

Fire Patrol 1,054.01

Game Fund 50.00

Library Fund 802.63

Total disbursements \$349,041.98

Total balance on hand Dec. 31, 1918 \$187,112.21

Total disb. and bal. \$536,154.19

Outstanding warrants Dec. 31, 1918. 3,676.12

H. A. Kuratli, County Clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meurer Jr., of below Oreoc, were callers in Hillsboro Monday.

Born in Hillsboro, Jan. 15, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Altman, of Oreoc, a son.

Don't beat the band how Buster Brown Blue Ribbon shoes wear? I got mine at The C. C. Store 45-6

INCOME TAX RETURNS

Collector of Internal Revenue, Milton A. Miller, is receiving many inquiries concerning the provisions of the new Revenue Bill providing for Income and other taxes, and numerous requests are being made for forms on which to make returns.

Collector Miller says that no definite information can be given, or forms furnished, until the bill has finally passed Congress and becomes a law. It will then take some little time to have forms printed and ready for distribution. He has made arrangements to send out a general notification from his office so that all taxpayers may be informed promptly of the provisions of the proposed law. The organization of his field force will be such as to render every possible assistance to taxpayers throughout the State of Oregon, and deputies will be located at many advantageous points so that information may be secured direct to guide them in making returns when the proper time arrives.

The basic principles of the old Income Tax Law will no doubt be applied to the provisions of the new law, and it would be well for every individual and corporation to prepare figures and ascertain the exact amount of income so as to be ready to make return with as little delay as possible.

Try the Argus, \$1.50 a year.

D. H. Willers, of Oak Park, was in town Saturday.

G. J. Schwanke, of Shefflin, was in the city Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Robb, of Shefflin, were Hillsboro visitors Monday.

Flowers for funerals and other occasions.—Bergen Floral Co., Hillsboro. 32-4f

J. W. Jackson, of North Plains, was transacting legal business in the city the first of the week.

For Sale—Grade Holstein bull, 15 months old. A good individual.—W. W. Mellar, Reedville, Ore. 45-7

Wm. Schendel, of Oak Park, was greeting friends in town Saturday. He expects soon to move to town, as he has leased his farm.

For Sale—A few good cockerels from fine Winter-laying strain S. C. White Leghorns; \$3.00 each right now.—D. C. Jolly, Hillsboro, R. 4. 45-7

Mrs. T. E. Cornelius, of Portland, was a Hillsboro visitor the last of the week, coming to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Susan Essner. She returned home Saturday.

Christian Science Society—Sunday services at 11 o'clock; Sunday school at 10:15 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings, at 7:30. Vita Hall, 1228 Washington St. 45-7

Eugene Essner, who came up from San Francisco to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Susan Essner, departed Friday for the Golden Gate City, where he is foreman in one of the big Iron Works.

E. I. Kuratli has his office in the Hillsboro National Bank Building, upstairs, Main St. entrance. Real estate, loans, insurance, insurance of autos, etc., conveyancing. Notary Public. Hillsboro, Ore. 30-1f

Albert Linder, aged 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Linder, of Bethany, died Jan. 15, 1919, from an attack of the influenza. His remains were brought from a Portland hospital, where he passed, and the funeral took place last Saturday. Besides his parents he leaves the following sisters and brothers—Freda, Zelma, Bertha, John, Albert, Michael and Herbert. Clerk Kuratli went out to attend the last rites.

The case of Emma Allen versus J. W. Jackson, filed in circuit court for an alleged damage sustained in Yamhill County, October, 1916, has been dismissed by Judge Geo. R. Bagley. Mrs. Allen alleged she was struck by an automobile driven by Mr. Jackson at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, on the bridge across Cozins Creek, this side of McMinnville. The case was to have gone to trial here in July, but was postponed. Senator Vinton, of McMinnville, signed a stipulation to have the case dismissed, and the Court signed it with the words "with prejudice" inserted, so that the case cannot again be filed on the original grounds, or any other, for damage, in this or any other county. As the case now stands it has cost Mr. Jackson some money for costs which he probably will not get return on. The woman sued for \$6,025.

NEW CAR LINE IS FINISHED IN PORTLAND

Walnut Industry in Oregon Has Promise of Rivaling California

A \$1,000,000 DRY DOCK

Mills Starting up Over State and Future Promise Big

North Portland—New streetcar line which has been under construction into Peninsula Industrial District, completed and ready for service. New line enters district by way of paved Derby St. approach to the Interstate bridge and passes along North Portland harbor line connecting with old line near Live Stock Bank. Ninety-lb steel has been used to meet heavy demand of this rapidly growing manufacturing center.

By raising motor-car license fees fifty per cent Oregon would be able to spend \$11,000,000 in 1920 on hard-surfaced roads.

Salem to have \$100,000 meat packing plant of capacity of 100 hogs per day.

Oregon mineral products 1918—Gold, \$1,270,300, (decreases \$221,500); silver, \$143,500, (increase \$40,000); copper, \$675,535, (increase \$50,100).

Work started on 7-mile railroad, Klamath Falls to Bonanza. Gold Hill district votes on \$15,000 irrigation bonds Feb. 11.

St. Johns—Public Docks Commission to build \$1,000,000 dry-dock.

Portland—American Marine Iron Works to build \$50,000 repair shop.

Seaside making an effort to get a \$500,000 breakwater. A fish hatchery is wanted on the Minam river near Elgin.

Oregon City to have a sawmill making railroad ties only. Paying of half of Salem-Dallas highway assured in 1919.

Elmira mill resumes operations. When Oregon's young walnut groves are in full bearing will rival California's \$3,000,000 crop. Largest grove in Oregon covers about 2000 acres.

The Dalles—Eleven miles between Seuferts and Deschutes river to be built at cost of \$150,000. New \$80,000 to \$100,000 bridge for Deschutes also.

Reedsport now has three mills; 200 men employed; city growing.

Portland—Oregon annual road program drafted; \$3,525,000 to be expended.

Rivers and harbors bill will include Oregon projects calling for \$1,250,000.

Collage Grove—Assessed valuation of property in Lane county is \$25,088,616, as compared with \$34,800,517 for last year.

The Farmers' Non-Partisan League refuses to be put out of business in spite of much adverse criticism. The League declares that what it is after primarily is the betterment of farmers, and even though some of the leaders go too far in working in selfish politics the members generally are in league with good intentions.—Pueblo Indicator. Any organization that tries to hitch up the farmer with international socialism on one hand and radical laborism on the other is not doing much to better conditions for the farmers. As for the league having "good intentions," that is said to be the material the road to hell is paved with.

ANNIVERSARY

A number of Portland friends and their neighbors at Aloha met last Sunday and surprised Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bockmann, of near Aloha, the occasion being their forty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bockmann were married at Hull, England, in 1874, and came to America shortly after, taking up their residence in Portland in 1880. The party assembled at the Bockmann home after the 11 o'clock S. P. train arrived, and remained until evening. A delightful lunch and dinner were served, and there was music, vocal and instrumental, and exchanges of reminiscences. All departed wishing bride and groom many more anniversaries.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks for the kind assistance and sympathy of friends during our bereavement, the death and obsequies of the late Mrs. Amelia Schwanke, wife of R. J. Schwanke.

R. J. Schwanke, Mr. and Mrs. E. Seehafer, Cornelius, Ore., R. 1.

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