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TENIE WILLIAMSON DIES BY POISON

Pendleton Girl Drinks Acid Solution and Dies Horrible Death.

LEFT A BITTER NOTE TO HER FORMER LOVER.

Was the Daughter of William P. Williamson, a Well Known Farmer and Laborer—Was 17 Years Old and Had Kept Company With Charles Wall, to Whom She Addressed a Note and Letter, One Telling of Her Great Love for Him and the Other Pronouncing a Curse on Him.

"When I am dead, send this letter to Charley Wall with my curse and hate for him, who has made me what I am. Good-bye for the last time. Tenie."

Tenie Viola Williamson, the 17-year-old daughter of W. P. Williamson, of South Star street, committed suicide this morning by taking a full bottle of bichloride tablets.

She mixed the tablets, 100 in number, in a glass of water and drank the mixture, but the pain from the burning corrosive substance was so great that the girl immediately began screaming and when her parents rushed into the room she was writing on the bed in mortal agony. Drs. Cole and Garfield were summoned and did all in their power, but with no avail as the corrosive liquid and so burned the lining of the throat that the membrane sloughed off and choked her, and she died in great agony a short time after the doctors reached the house.

Before dying, the girl stated to the doctors that she had tired of life, and wished to end it. She stated that she had taken a whole bottle of the tablets.

The short note quoted above was in an envelope and addressed to Charley Wall and was found on the table in the room occupied by the girl when she took the poison. Another letter was found in the room, which had been written on Friday, February 25 and which had been addressed to "Dear Sweetheart."

It stated that when the letter reached the one for whom it was intended that she would be far away and would never be heard of again. It related the love she bore for the one to whom the letter was addressed and told him that she was about to go away for good and would be missed.

It said, "O, kid, you will never know how much I love you. I can hardly see to write for the tears, but I am doing this for the best and I hope that some time you will find some good, pure girl who will make you happy. God help me for no one else can. Mamma thinks I am going Aberdeen, but I guess it is best. No one will ever know where I am. Oh, how I wish I could see you now. Good-bye for the last time for I will never see you again. Tenie."

It seems that the girl left her home shortly after that though the note was not sent. She was found and brought back home by her parents last night, but ended it all this morning at 10 o'clock.

The dead girl is a light-haired lit girl of 17 years, and has been working at various places around the city for some time. From reports she has been keeping company with Wall for some time, but had trouble with him and in a fit of despondency took the poison.

Her father is a farmer and laborer, and well known in the city where he has lived for some time. No inquest will be held, as the cause of death is patent and there are no circumstances which would require such a proceeding. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.

Just Returned From Missouri. From Marshall Carney it is learned that the young man in company with Bert Montgomery, a grain handler who has been in the city for some time, and Ollie Maurer, the girl who had her father, Ed Maurer, arrested some months ago for assaulting his wife, went three weeks ago to Sumpter, Weiser and Missoula. From the latter place a telegram was received by the marshal a week ago, stating that the two girls were in Missoula and stranded, and that the Williamson girl admitted having taken \$5 from her father in this city.

Carney went to the father, who was willing to send for the girl and offered to telegraph her a ticket, but she refused to return unless a ticket was sent for the Maurer girl as well. Williamson refused to do this, stating that as the Maurer girl was the cause of her trouble she could leave her behind or stay with her. His daughter then consented to come home, and the ticket was sent. She arrived last night on the Hunt train. The Maurer girl, it appears, is still in Missouri.

It is stated that the girl left a letter for Bert Montgomery, in which she accused him of wrecking her life and cursed him for his share in her trouble.

CRUISER BAYAN WAS DESTROYED

Blown Up by a Floating Mine That Was Derelict in Port Arthur Harbor.

THE SEVEN HUNDRED MEN ABOARD WERE DROWNED.

Korea Undertakes to Keep Yongampo Open to the Commerce of the World—Firemen Are Being Shipped Into Port Arthur From Odessa to Fight Fires Resulting From Bombardments—Captain Ivkoff Accused of Selling Secrets to Japanese.

Berlin, March 24.—The Schlesische Zeitung announces that it was not the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Skori that was blown up by a floating torpedo in Port Arthur harbor March 16, but the armored cruiser Bayan. Almost the entire crew of 700 was killed.

Firemen to Port Arthur. Odessa, March 24.—Twenty firemen have been dispatched to Port Arthur to help with fires started by the Japanese bombardments.

Russians Not Defeated. St. Petersburg, March 24.—General Plung telegraphs from Mukden today stating that there is no truth in the report that Japanese have crossed Taiping So sea pass, or had any engagement with the Russians.

The same applies to an alleged engagement at Port Arthur March 19, in which 600 Russians are alleged to have been killed and wounded.

A Lio Yang dispatch states that Karapkin is welcomed to the trans-Baikal territory by Linewitch, in a telegram saying the troops are thirsting for revenge.

Southern Manchuria and Southern Korea are reported quiet.

Will Be Court-martialed. St. Petersburg, March 24.—It is officially denied that Captain Ivkoff, commissaire of the department and accused of being a Japanese spy, was shot as stated. He has been removed from the service and is now under arrest, awaiting court-martial for selling information.

The work of rushing troops to the frontier proceeds regularly. The last of the railway equipment for the lines of Manchuria passed Lake Baikal today.

Port Yongampo Opened. Washington, March 24.—Minister Allen, at Seoul, cables that Port Yongampo will be opened to the trade of the world by the Korean government. Thousands of Russians have moved south to the Anju river, but floating ice makes crossing difficult. There have been a few encounters but with slight casualties.

Attack on Port Arthur. Tokio, March 24.—Admiral Togo's report of the Port Arthur attack of the 22d has been received. He says the combined fleet acted according to plan, with the destroyers under fire, but sustained no damage. The battleships Fuji and Yamashiro were directed to make an indirect bombardment against the inner side of the port. During this the enemy's fleet came out to draw us nearer their forts. Many of their shells fell near the Fuji, but the ships sustained no damage.

MAIL CARRIER'S THEFTS. Walls Wails Boy Confesses to Keeping Money Entrusted to Him. Walls Wails, March 24.—On a charge of failing to turn over post-office funds entrusted to his care, Ray York, mail carrier on rural route No. 5, was arraigned late yesterday afternoon by Postoffice Inspector Clark. The arrest was the outcome of an investigation made by Inspector Clark on reports from patrons of route No. 5 that money entrusted to young York's care had never reached their proper destination. The young man was called into Postmaster Branton's private office yesterday afternoon, after he had come off his route, and confronted with a mass of evidence accumulated.

Instead of denying that anything was wrong the young man immediately owned up that he had taken money entrusted to him and made a complete confession. When informed that he must be turned over to the United States authorities for trial, York nearly collapsed. Late last evening he was taken before Commissioner Strong and bound over to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of \$500. The amount taken will not exceed \$40.

No Sunday Closing. Walls Wails, March 24.—The city council has passed up the Sunday closing question presented by a list of petitioners last week, as not having sufficient backing to warrant action.

\$38,397.50 for a Leg. Los Angeles, March 24.—Anita Kelly, a New York society girl, was awarded \$38,397.50 damages against the Hotel Potter company at Santa Barbara, for the loss of a leg in an elevator accident.

Concussion of the Brain. Kansas City, March 24.—A. V. Merrill, a spectator, may die from concussion of the brain as a result of a stream of water striking him that was intended for a fire.

LADY MACCABEES.

State Convention of the Order at Everett, Wash.

Waste of Gas.

Matter of Great Concern to People of West Virginia.

Spokane Home Ransacked of Over \$500 in Money and Jewelry.

Robber's Rich Haunt.

Hung Himself.

Son of Prominent Politician Was Under Sentence of Death.

Sumpter Tires of Brazen Vice.

Citizens Have Petitioned for Close of Games.

Mountain Town Now Flooded With the Worst Class of Timbers Ever Seen.

FOR FRATERNAL BUILDING.

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Central Texas Floods.

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PHILIPPINE AND PANAMA AFFAIRS

Complete Transfer of the Canal Zone Will Be Effected Without a Hitch.

FIRST SESSION OF THE PANAMA COMMISSION.

Commissioners Sail for Isthmus on March 29—Major General Davis Will Be the Resident Governor of the Canal Zone—Secretary Taft Urges Government Aid for Capital, Else It Will Not Invest in the Philippines.

Washington, March 23.—Attorney General Knox announced after the cabinet meeting this afternoon that there will be no hitch in the progress of arrangement for the transfer of the Panama property to the United States; that Assistant Attorney-General Jay J. Russell will leave for Paris tomorrow to complete the details.

The newly organized Panama commission met last evening for the first time, all the members being present. After a business session, at which was only a general discussion of plans, the commissioners adjourned to the White House, where they were entertained by the president at luncheon. They sail for the Isthmus March 29.

Resident Governor on Strip. Washington, March 23.—Major-General Davis was today selected by the president to be resident governor on the canal strip.

Government Aid for Capital. Washington, March 23.—Secretary Taft is before the house committee on insular affairs, discussing the proper method of authorizing the Philippine commissioners to issue bonds for improvements. Unless there be some government aid, capital will not go into the islands for the construction of railroads.

He concurred in the view that electric roads should be included and all built by native laborers. This will be the policy of the commission, he said, and would not call for payment of a guaranty.

Kill and Capture Insurgents. Manila, March 23.—Mascato Sakay, president of the Filipino republic, with 15 followers, were killed and the remainder of the band captured by Captain Dewitt's constabulary and Lieutenant Pitney's scouts. No casualties to the Americans.

FOR FRATERNAL BUILDING. Portland, March 23.—The most important business transaction by the state convention of the Maccabees yesterday, was the adoption of the plan of Oregon fraternal societies to build a fraternal hall for the Lewis and Clark fair.

Sumpter, March 23.—The citizens of this city, tired of the terrible increase of crime and immorality, have petitioned the district attorney to suppress gambling and close the dens of vice now running openly and brazenly on some of the business streets.

Since the closing of gambling joints in Washington towns and Pendleton this city has been flooded with the worst class of timbers ever seen here. Puppets, attempted holdups and open gambling in ever saloons, and other forms of immorality have increased fifty-fold within the past three months, and the law-abiding citizens are weary of the sight.

District Attorney Sam White of Baker City, is now in conference with Mayor McCullough, with a view to closing all the gambling houses and making a raid on the underbelly district, in hopes of ridding the town of the worst element at least.

The strike of the E. & E. mine has brought over hundreds of miners to the city, and for the past 10 days the city has been on a rampage of drinking and gambling.

Deny Having Yellow Fever. Austin, Texas, March 24.—The health officers have received from the governor of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, a denial of the report that yellow fever exists there.

Chicago Grain. Chicago, March 24.—May wheat opened 83 and closed 84; July opened 87 and closed 88; new opened 86 and closed 87. Old corn opened 49 1/2, closed 49 1/2.

Will Buy New Fire Engine. Walls Wails, March 24.—The city council last night decided to purchase a new chemical fire engine at a cost of \$1,550 and 1,000 feet of new hose.

Thirteen Men Killed. Berlin, March 24.—The Flora variety theater, being demolished, collapsed today and 13 workmen were killed.

Thrilling Debates in Grand Ronde. The Chronicle of last Saturday, in reporting the Grand Hall literary contest that Mr. W. F. Grider was forced to pay a fine of 15 cents for going to sleep while acting as judge at one of the debates.

Mr. Grider wishes us to state that he is not guilty of the misdemeanor, but that Mr. George Robison, another judge went to sleep, having previously made the request that Grider wake him up when John McAllister had finished speaking. All of which proves that "music hath charms to soothe the savage ear."—La Grande Chronicle.

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Proposal to Authorize Them to Do Business for the Newspapers.

PRESIDENT ADVISES PINE RIDGE INDIANS.

Continued Hearings in the Postal Frauds Cases, Before the House Committee—General Tendency to Whitewash Members of Congress is Noted—Senator Gibson Introduces a Bill to Repeal the Desert Land Act.

Washington, March 23.—Newspaper publishers appeared before the senate committee on postoffice this morning to urge that rural free delivery carriers be permitted by law to act as agents for newspapers and periodicals in the collection of subscriptions, the newspapers to pay the carriers for such services.

Although no vote was taken, it was made evident that the committee will favor the proposition. The newspapers delegation had previously elected M. A. McKim as chairman, and delegated him to make the principal address.

Roosevelt Advises the Indians. President Roosevelt preached a homely sermon to a delegation of Indians from Pine Ridge this morning, urging them to sell half their ponies and get more cattle. "The government will help you all it can, but it cannot help men who can work and won't." The bucks noted their approval.

Postal Frauds Hearing. Washington, March 23.—The house postal irregularities committee this morning heard First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne.

The first knowledge of the discomfiture of Wynne was that he had come to the house postoffice committee through Waters, January 11. He said Waters was addressing the committee on the appropriations bill.

The next he heard was when the outstomper-general handed him, January 15, a letter from Chairman Overstreet, asking for that list. He went for Waters and directed him to bring it. He recalled attention to the fact that it contained names of members of congress. He said the outstomper-general agreed the names ought not to be coupled with Beavers and Marchen because they had done nothing wrong.

More indictments. Secretary Hitchcock received word today that seven more indictments in land fraud cases have been returned in Oregon. He said the indictments were returned by the grand jury at the house of Representatives.

To Repeal Desert Land Act. In the senate Gibson introduced a bill providing for the repeal of the desert land act and gave notice that he would address the senate tomorrow.

CHAUNCEY DEWEY ACQUITTED. End of a Desperate Cattleman's Feud in Western Kansas.

Norton, Kan., March 23.—Chauncey Dewey and his two cowboys, Clyde Wilson and William J. McBride were acquitted tonight of the charge of murdering Burchard Berry by a jury which had considered the case 28 hours.

Chauncey Dewey, a young millionaire ranchman, went to Cherokee county Kansas, early in 1900, to manage the Dewey ranch. He became involved in trouble with the Berry family, who were also prominent cattlemen. The trivial misunderstandings grew into serious differences, which culminated in the killing of Burchard Berry in June, 1903 at the home of Alpheus Berry during a fight in which Dewey and 10 of his cowboys were pitted against all of the Berry's.

Dewey and his cowboys went to the Berry ranch to get a tank that Dewey had bought in at sheriff's sale. When the Deweys started to take the tank away the Berry boys rode up and a battle took place between the two factions, in which Burchard, Daniel and Alpheus Berry were killed.

EASTERN EARTHQUAKES. Felt From Massachusetts into Canadian Provinces.

Bancor, Me., March 23.—Professor Knight, the widely known scientist, says there were nine distinct shocks of earthquake this morning, covering a period of two hours. The severest lasted 25 seconds.

Seasick From Earthquake. South Farmington, Mass., March 23.—The feature of this morning's earthquake shock was the seasickness felt by nearly every one who felt the tremors had passed.

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