

FEAR, NOT POISON MAY HAVE CAUSED HER DEATH

Strange and Startling Theory Evolved to Account for the Death of Mrs. Stanford--No Poison Found in Stomach.

San Francisco, March 4.—There is nothing new of importance in the Stanford poisoning case today. Harry Reynolds, of the city detective force, left for Honolulu today. All rumors are met by prompt denials. The police say no poison was found in the Stanford residence. The parties concerned here also deny having any information of poison being found in Mrs. Stanford's stomach. Miss Berner's admission that she purchased bi-carbonate of soda here after the first poisoning case and that it was packed away untouched until Mrs. Stanford arrived in Honolulu is considered fatal to her. Her many misstatements look as if she was trying to shield someone.

No Poison in Stomach.

Honolulu, March 4.—The high sheriff announced this afternoon that he had just interviewed the chemists who have been for two days analyzing the contents of Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford's stomach and that they had found no trace of strychnine. The high sheriff is believed to be keeping Chief of Police Spillane informed of the progress of the investigation. This negative information deepens the mystery of Mrs. Stanford's death.

SUICIDE AT COTTAGE GROVE

Eva Davenport Dies Under Peculiar Circumstances--Some Rumor of Foul Play.

Cottage Grove, March 3.—About three o'clock this morning Lee Minard, who had just arrived on the train from Eugene, stepped to the rear of his saloon and heard groans. Upon investigation he discovered they issued from the house occupied by Eva Davenport, a woman of the town. Finding the door locked he threw his weight against it and broke the lock. The woman was lying on the floor and in a spasm. He asked her what was the matter and she replied that she was dying and requested him to send her remains to Fisher, Ming, her former home. Help was summoned and Dr. Kime called, but she soon died without further statements.

She had, in company with another inmate of a house nearby, attended the theater last night and seemed in unusually good spirits. No one was known to have been at the house after one o'clock until Minard arrived.

CORONER'S JURY INVESTIGATION.

A coroner's jury was summoned this morning and has been investigating the affair all day.

From the doctors' and other testimony it would seem to be a case of suicide, but some have doubts about it.

The woman was well-to-do financially, having money in the bank and was said to have owned the house in which she lived.

The record at the Modern Pharmacy shows that last evening at about eight o'clock she purchased a dram of strychnine for the purpose, she said, of poisoning rats.

The jury will probably render its verdict some time this afternoon. There was no money found in the house, but it could not be learned that she had any in her possession just prior to her death.

There were six witnesses examined and their testimony agreed throughout. The woman had lived here some years. The request that her body be sent to her former home will likely be complied with.

CONFERENCE CUTS APPROPRIATIONS

Washington, March 3.—The conference committee on rivers and harbors cut Fulton's amendment giving an increase of \$1,500,000 for the month of the Columbia river improvement to \$100,000. As finally settled in conference and as the bill will stand if passed the Oregon items are:

Tillamook bay, \$10,000; Coquille river \$45,000; Columbia at Cascade, \$50,000; Willamette above Portland, \$50,000; improvements to lower Willamette, \$100,000; the mouth of the Columbia, \$400,000; Cascades, \$300,000; continuing The Dalles and Celilo, \$50,000 cash and \$250,000 continuing.

CONDUCTOR VEATCH INJURED IN COLLISION

Barlow, Ore., March 2.—Three people were bruised and others shaken in a head-on collision at 9 o'clock this morning between the Albany local and a south bound freight standing on a switch at the depot here. The two engines were considerably smashed, and the mailcar on the local was somewhat damaged. The injured are, J. G. Douglas, an employe on the Mt. Scott carline in Portland; the conductor of the Albany local, and a little girl.

The collision was caused by an open switch, which the engineer of the local did not see, and which caused that train to take the side track. A transfer train from Portland took all the passengers on at 11:20.

Portland, March 2.—Drawn by a special engine, the Albany local reached the Union Depot at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Conductor Veatch, one of the oldest employes on the road, was worst injured of all those on board. He was suffering from a broken rib, but was up and on duty when the train arrived.

Several of the passengers were somewhat shaken up, but none were so badly injured as to require the aid of a stretcher in leaving the train. One of the mailcars of the colliding train was piled up on the disabled locomotive of the passenger.

OREGON SAILS SOUTH TO SAN FRANCISCO

Eureka, March 3.—The steamer Oregon sailed for San Francisco at 11 o'clock. The wreck report filed by Captain Warner of the Oregon and Captain Pillsbury of the marine underwriters with the collector of customs this morning show the damage to the vessel is \$40,000 and the damage to the cargo \$25,000.



President Theodore Roosevelt.

POMP AND CEREMONY ATTEND INAUGURATION

Most Brilliant in History was Induction into Office of the Nation's Youngest President.

Washington, March 4.—Theodore Roosevelt was today transformed from president by chance to president by choice; from president through an assassin's bullet into president through the ballots of the people.

Under the shadow of the gray-domed capital, gazing into the placid marble features of Greenough's statue of the first president, the twenty-sixth president of the United States swore faithfully to execute the laws and to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution.

A slight rain was falling at day-break, but it cleared away and at ten o'clock the air was clear and balmy, with the temperature at 50 degrees.

A mighty wave of cheers swept along the avenues as the president's carriage came in sight. Throughout the whole route the president, with hat in hand, kept bowing in acknowledgment of the greetings. On his arrival at the capitol he was conducted to the president's room, in the rear of the senate chamber, where he began at once the signing of belated bills. At noon he entered the abode of the senate to witness the installation of Senator Fairbanks as vice president. This ceremony concluded, he proceeded to the stand on the east front of the capitol to receive the oath from Chief Justice Fuller and to deliver his inaugural address. Immediately upon its conclusion the president was escorted back to the White House where, after lunching with the officials of the inaugural committee, he took his position on the stand in front to review the informal inaugural parade.

The quadrennial national fete day was concluded with a general illumination of the city and fireworks on the Washington monument grounds, followed by the great inaugural ball in the pension building, at which President and Mrs. Roosevelt were the guests of honor.

The inauguration cost about \$65,000, which it is believed has been fully repaid in the sale of grand stand and ball tickets. The guaranty fund subscribed by Washington merchants and business men will thus be returned.

The parade

With standards waving, guidons whipping in the breeze and regimental colors flaunting, infantry, cavalry and artillery tramped, pranced and rumbled this afternoon through historic Pennsylvania avenue.

Every window on the avenue rented for the day at prices ranging from \$10 to \$100 apiece.

There were 200,000 visitors in Washington and the parade was seen by nearly half a million people.

Experienced observers say that the procession beat all its predecessors, even that of McKinley's second inauguration.

RAILROAD MEN GO TO SIUSLAW

G. B. Hengen, A. B. Wood and H. C. Diers Left on Mysterious Trip to Coos Bay.

Eugene, March 3.—G. B. Hengen, president, and A. W. Wood, secretary of the Oregon & Southeastern Railway Co., operating the line from Cottage Grove toward the Bohemia mines, accompanied by H. C. Diers, chief engineer of the Willamette Valley Electric Railroad Co., left this morning for the mouth of the Siuslaw river and from there will go down the coast as far as Coos Bay.

The object of their trip is kept a secret, but those on the inside state that it is possible something good may be given out for publication in the not far distant future.

Mr. Hengen represents large capital interests in New York City, and it is possible this trip may be in the interests of something else.

It is stated at Cottage Grove that Mr. Hengen is seeking the most practical and feasible route for a railroad from the coast over the Cascade mountains, the selection of which means the beginning of actual construction work at an early date.

The party is expected to return from Coos Bay by way of the Middle Fork of the Coquille railway survey to Roseburg, which they will find, as many others have, the shortest and most practical route from Coos Bay over the Cascade range of mountains to the Umpqua and Willamette valleys.

INDICTED ON CHARGE DESTROYING RECORDS

Washington, March 3.—Binger Hermann, Congressman from the First Oregon District, and former Commissioner of the General Land Office, was today indicted by the Federal Grand Jury here, on the charge of destroying public records, the express accusation being that he made way with 35 letter-press copy-books, which constituted a part of the records of the General Land Office.

The crime is alleged to have been committed just previous to Hermann's retirement from office.

A number of witnesses testified in the case before the Grand Jury, among whom were William Burns, the Secret Service official whose services in Oregon have been most important in working up the land-raid cases; Elliot P. Hough, a clerk in the General Land Office, who was for some years private secretary to Congressman Hermann, when the latter was Commissioner of the General Land Office; Harry S. Reger, who has been in the office of the Commissioner of the General Land Office some time, and other employes of the Land Office.

Mr. Hermann's attorney appeared in court immediately after the indictment had been found, and on half of his client waived the exemption due a member of Congress, and asked that bail be fixed. District Attorney Beach suggested \$5000, while Mr. Hermann's counsel named \$250, the latter figure being set by the court.

Mr. Hermann still maintains that the letter files he destroyed was a large accumulation of his own personal correspondence which he did not care to preserve nor leave among the land office records.

SHOT AT A DEER AND KILLED UNCLE

Eugene, Ore., March 2.—James Savage, who lives at Summit, but who has been staying with his brother on the Mohawk, 15 miles northeast of Eugene, was accidentally shot and killed last evening about dusk by his nephew, Sidney Savage. They had been hunting and were on their way home when a deer jumped up near Sidney, who fired quickly. The bullet struck the boy's uncle in the breast. He sank to the ground exclaiming, "Sidney, you have killed me."

The boy ran to his home, a mile distant, for help, but when the party returned the uncle was dead. He had not moved from where he fell, and no doubt expired a few minutes after he was shot. Coroner Day was telephoned particulars of the shooting, but concluded that an inquest was unnecessary. Savage was aged about 45, and single.

GOVERNMENT WILL TEST BLACK SAND

A telegram received this morning from Washington, D. C., announces that Senator Fulton had procured an amendment to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$25,000 to be expended under direction of the Geological Survey at the examination of the black sand of the Pacific Coast to ascertain the amount of gold and sand platinum it contains.

The official of the Lewis and Clark Exposition are much elated over the appropriation. It will make possible many important and valuable scientific experiments and demonstrations concerning the black sands.

Colonel David Day will conduct the experiments before the convention of mining and scientific men, which will meet during the Exposition.

If you wish to have your health restored, see the Osteopathic physician.

ANOTHER GREAT VICTORY FOR THE JAPANESE ARMY

Kuropatkin Seems to Have Met with Great Disaster and Ultimate Defeat on the Hun River in Manchuria.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—General Kuropatkin reports the Russians have been compelled to evacuate Jachtoolin. Six attempts to storm the Russian center were repelled with great loss.

General Oku has captured nine miles of the Russian positions on the right bank of the Hun river. The battle today is continuing along the whole front.

It was announced today that the Japanese armies fighting on the right center and left are making steady gains. The Japanese defeated the Russians at Sim Min Tin.

A St. Petersburg dispatch asserts that General Kuropatkin has wired as follows: "Two hundred and sixty thousand Japanese have broken through the left wing, which cuts us off from the main army and the Japanese are marching on Mukden. My position is extremely dangerous." It is reported that General Kuropatkin stated his losses were 30,000 killed and the Japanese losses are 50,000 killed.

In government circles here today there is a conviction that Kuropatkin has been fully beaten, and that part of his army has been dispersed and that the railroad north of Mukden is held by the enemy.

W. A. FRATER BEFORE JUDGE BELLINGER

There are some sad things occurring in life, and this from the Portland Journal is not one of the least of them:

William A. Frater, the veteran postmaster for years at Roseburg, was before Judge Bellinger this morning to plead. He was indicted for embezzling \$500 of public funds while holding the office. His bondsmen made up the amount reported short, and it was generally understood that Frater would plead guilty this morning, but when he faced the court he hesitated to admit that he was a defaulter and began arguing the matter with the judge. As his purpose seemed in doubt, he at last entered a plea of not guilty and bonds were fixed at \$1000. The court permitted the old soldier to go on his own recognizance until the bond is given, and it is understood that a plea of guilty will be entered soon.

STRUCK FINE LEDGE IN BOHEMIA MINES

A. L. Churchill who has been for some time past at work upon his big 4 group in Bohemia, came to the city last week, says the Cottage Grove Nugget. He recently found while prospecting about in a deep gulch, a ledge of which he had no previous knowledge and with a little work learned that it was at least twelve feet in width. An assay from the first ore found on the ledge proved it carried nearly five dollars in gold. Recent work shows much better looking ore. Owing to the altitude of the mountain through which the vein trends, by driving a tunnel along its course a depth of at least 2000 feet can be gained. Mr. Churchill has returned to resume work on this promising find.

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TO TAP THE CASCADE FOREST RESERVE BELT

Will Extend the Railroad Line From Cottage Grove to the Bohemia Mining District this Season.

The Oregon & Southern Railroad company was incorporated by Gustave B. Hengen, O. E. Paxton and Nathan D. Simon, of Oregon. This corporation is allied to the Oregon Securities company, formed several days ago in this state, and which was incorporated in Oregon because of the law adopted this year enabling foreign mining companies to organize here and have a majority of their directors resident elsewhere, as well as to hold meetings in other states. Most of the directors of the Oregon Securities company reside in the east.

The officers and directors of the railway company incorporated today will be citizens of Oregon. The new law, Senate bill No. 244, which affects the mining corporations, does not refer to other corporations, although efforts were made to induce the legislature to broaden its scope and make it applicable to all corporations.

In the articles filed today provision is made for the issuance of \$1,000,000 capital stock, and Gustave B. Hengen is authorized to open books for subscription of stock. One half the stock is to be preferred which will carry an annual dividend of 7 per cent guaranteed, and, if the profits from operation do not yield

that percentage in any year, the deficiency is to be paid the following year before any dividend is paid on the common stock, making the preferred stock virtually a mortgage on the property.

Cottage Grove and the Champion quartz mill are named as the termini of the main line, which is to be 34 miles long, 18 miles of it having been already built. The road enters the Cascade forest reserve 26.6 miles from Cottage Grove, and for the remainder of the distance runs through it.

Mr. Hengen, who was president of the company under its New Jersey incorporation, and will be president hereafter when the Oregon corporation shall have been completed, announces that construction will begin on the extension within a few weeks, and that work will be continuous until trains are running into the Champion basin, where the 30-stamp mill of the Oregon Securities company is located.

The lumber industry already established is extensive along the line of our road, said Mr. Hengen, "and the immense body of timber in that region promises the development of large tonnage for the road's haulage."