

KILLED ON WEDDING DAY BY A FORMER SWEETHEART

Belle Stroup Kills Thadius Ross and Then Shoots Herself---Both Members of Prominent Eastern Families

Oil City, Ohio, April 24.—Thadus C. Ross of this city was shot three times and instantly killed today by Miss Belle Stroup. The woman then shot herself through the heart. The tragedy occurred in the office of Dr. George W. Magee, while the physician was at lunch. Both of the victims are members of prominent families. Ross was to have been married tonight at 9 o'clock to Miss Drusilla Sampson of this city. There were no witnesses to the shooting. The murderer and suicide was a former sweetheart of the dead man. Ross was dining at home with his family discussing the ceremony when the telephone rang. His father answered the call, and a woman's voice inquired for "Thad." The young man, after answering, informed the family that he was going to the doctor's office and would return as soon as he could.

TO WELCOME ORVIL DODGE

Progressive Club of Coquille Prepare to Give Him a Big Banquet.

HE IS EXPECTED SOON

Entertainment to Be Given to Show Appreciation of Work Done at Washington.

(Times Special Service.) Coquille, Ore., April 24.—Orvil Dodge, when he returns home soon from Washington, will be given a warm reception. He has been in Washington as a representative of the Coquille river interests, and as an appreciation of his work it was decided by the Progressive club to give Mr. Dodge a banquet. Tomorrow night the members of the club will hold a meeting at the home of William Candlin to discuss the arrangements.

Next Saturday Mr. Ellingsen, proprietor of the Coquille furniture store, will give ten per cent of his receipts to the club. Several members will be present at the store to assist in making sales. The money will be used in the club work of improving and beautifying the city.

AT WORK ON HOTEL.

Grading Being Done for Structure in Plat B.

There is quite a large force of men and teams busily engaged at Plat B on the new hotel site. The active work on the hotel will be started in a few days.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The weather forecast for today follows: Oregon, Washington and Idaho, fair.

LOCAL WEATHER.

The local weather for yesterday, as reported by Dr. Mingus, of the Marshfield observer, follows:

Highest 63 degrees
Lowest 33 degrees
6 p. m. 57 degrees
Wind in northwest. Clear.

COOS AT THE EXPOSITION

Miss Way Will Take Descriptive Reading Matter Pertaining to County.

LEAVES ON MAY 20

Successful Contestants Will Meet at Portland to Board Special Train.

Miss Lillie Way, of Myrtle Point, winner in the Telegram Jamestown exposition contest, and the only representative that Coos county will have at the fair, expects to leave for Portland in a few weeks to join the other successful contestants from Washington, Oregon and California. The special train is expected to leave Portland May 20.

Miss Way will send letters to the Times while en route, and also descriptions of the exposition. It is the intention to take advertising matter relative to Coos county, and this will be distributed in prominent places on the grounds.

SIGN A TREATY.

San Salvador and Nicaragua Have Come to Terms.

San Salvador, April 24.—A treaty of peace between San Salvador and Nicaragua was signed last night by ministers representing each country, at Amalpa. The terms are honorable to both countries.

BANK EXAMINER HERE.

Makes Semi-Annual Visit to the Local National Bank. Eugene T. Wilson, a national bank examiner, was in the city yesterday looking over the books of the local Coos Bay National Bank. Mr. Wilson makes an examination of the local bank twice a year.

House Nearly Finished.

J. G. Horn, who has the contract for two eight-room houses in the Porter addition for L. J. Simpson, has the carpenter work nearly finished, and they will be rushed through to completion in a short time.

Noticed.

All members of Blanco Lodge are requested to meet at the temple at 1 p. m. Friday to attend funeral of Brother D. Holland. By order W. M.

BASEBALL SCORES. Pacific Coast League. Oakland, April 24.—Oakland, 5; San Francisco, 3. Los Angeles, April 24.—Los Angeles, 6; Portland, 0. Northwest League. Spokane, Wash., April 24.—Spokane, 2; Tacoma, 1. Seattle, April 24.—Seattle, 1; Butte, 5. Washington State League. Vancouver, B. C., April 24.—Vancouver, 4; Aberdeen, 8; ten innings. College. West Point, April 24.—Army, 5; Yale, 4.

D. HOLLAND PASSES AWAY

Old and Well Known Resident of Marshfield Dies at His Home.

BORN IN SCOTLAND

Came to Coos County in 1859, and Has Lived Here Ever Since.

David Holland died at his home on Front street yesterday after a prolonged illness. Mr. Holland was a well known man in this county, having lived here for a number of years, during which time he was actively engaged in business until the last few years of his life. Mr. Holland's body will be buried Friday afternoon in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. The funeral will take place from the Masonic Temple at 2 o'clock. The Masons will have charge of the burial ceremonies.

David Holland was born in Kilmornac, Ayrshire, Scotland, August 2, 1830. He married Miss Sarah Skidmore September 25, 1850, and came to this county nine years later, where he has lived ever since until his death. Mr. Holland was engaged in the hotel and saloon business since his arrival in Coos county. He leaves five children. They are: Mrs. W. R. Simpson, Mrs. William Ross, Thomas Holland, William W. Holland and Parker B. Holland.

"SUNSET" BOOSTS COOS BAY COUNTRY

Sends Representative to Gather Data For Series of Special Articles.

E. R. Carey, special representative for the Sunset Magazine, has arrived on Coos Bay for a several weeks' stay. He will gather data for a series of articles, the first of which will appear in the June number. The magazine intends to push the development of the Coos Bay country, and it is thought Mr. Carey will meet with the most hearty co-operation.

SIX INCHES OF SNOW.

Green Bay, Wisconsin, Visited by a Severe Storm. Green Bay, Wis., April 24.—Six inches of snow fell here today, and a storm is still in progress tonight. Traffic is delayed.

Cold in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., April 24.—The mercury fell here from 72 at 2 p. m. to 45 at 5 p. m., and 40 degrees at 9 o'clock, with the mercury falling slowly. A special from Norfolk, Nebraska, says a blizzard struck the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota. A snow storm is raging and the temperature is 30 degrees at Rapid City.

TAFT WILL MAKE TRIP

Expects to Leave for The Philippines About The First of September.

CONTEST IN OHIO

He Will Not Talk About on Grounds That He Is Not Informed.

Washington, April 24.—Secretary Taft has resumed his routine duties at the White House. It is doubtful if in his Washington experience the secretary has had to deal with more newspaper men than he saw today. They were mainly desirous to learn



WILLIAM H. TAFT.

Just what the secretary intended to do in answer to a challenge which Foraker has issued in regard to the contest in Ohio.

Taft frankly told the newspaper men he had been away for so long a time that he had scanty news of the political events during his absence and he did not think this a proper time for him to make any kind of a statement of his opinions and plans. One point was developed in the course of the talk with the newspaper men that may be regarded as significant. In view of the fact that it has been reported that he intended to cancel his proposed Philippine trip in order to go on the stump in Ohio, replying to direct inquiry Taft said he intended to sail for the Philippines about September 1.

STILL TAKE EVIDENCE.

San Francisco, April 24.—Captain of Police Mooney, commanding the Bush street station, was the principal witness before the grand jury which is investigating alleged graft in the police department in connection with disorderly resorts. An adjournment was taken until Friday. Ruef's trial also adjourned until Friday when the task of completing the jury will be renewed.

WAVES POUNDING HOLES IN CHINOOK

Part of Dynamite Cargo Has Been Washed Overboard on the Sands.

The barge Chinook is daily approaching complete destruction in the little cove where it was driven on the night when it was wrecked. Gaping holes have been pounded in the vessel's bottom and much of the dynamite has been washed away and at low tide is on the sands. All of the ship's rigging has been removed, and also a large part of the whiskey cargo.

LIKES COOS BAY.

Portland Man Is Pleased With Local Situation.

John A. Peters, who has been in this vicinity for several weeks representing John E. Davis, special agent for the Diebold Safe and Lock Company at Portland, will leave overland in a few days for Drain. Among those who have purchased Diebold safes are T. Howard, the jeweler, and the W. R. Haines music house. Mr. Peters is well pleased with Coos Bay and the country in general, and states that he will return here in a short time.

SMITH COMPANY OFFICE WILL BE A FINE ONE

Three Stories High and Provided With Hotel Accomodations, Recreation Halls and all Modern Conveniences for Office Men and Guests

The C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing company is busy now with the many improvements which are being made, one of the most important of which is the fine three-story office building which will be erected on lots in the Bunker Hill addition on the front near the new mill site. The office will be 80x44 feet in size. The plans were drawn by Architect Himebaugh. The structure will be erected on a concrete foundation, with a large basement, all concreted. In the basement will be rooms for the storage of files and papers belonging to the company. There will also be a fine bowling alley for the use of the office force during hours of recreation. This will give the men an opportunity for exercise at meal hours and when they are at leisure.

All Accommodations. In fact all the plans for the office are designed with a view of the pleasure and comfort of the men, as well as for business. The building will not only be an office, but as well will practically be a hotel, restaurant, place of entertainment for business visitors and recreation hall for employees. The place is on a broader plan than anything ever before known on Coos Bay. In fact there are few large concerns anywhere who have provided so well for the office men.

On the first floor there is to be one main office and connecting with this room will be five private offices for the different officials. A large fire-proof vault will be in the building. It will be two stories high, one story in the basement and the other on the first floor. The vault will provide a place for keeping in safety all the books and valuable papers belonging to the company.

Will Serve Meals. On the second floor will be the office of the draftsman, two parlors,

two bed rooms and a kitchen and dining room. A family will live in the office building and have charge of the kitchen and dining room. Here lunches will be served for the office men at noon and at other times when they do not want to leave the place for meals. The fact that the plant and office is some distance from the city makes these provisions a great convenience.

For Visitors. The two bedrooms on the second floor will be nicely fitted, and will be used as a guest chamber when visitors come to the company's office. Out of town business men will be given at the office the same accommodations as at a first class hotel. The company made this arrangement because of the lack of hotel accommodations in Marshfield.

On the third floor of the building will be a billiard and smoking room, a parlor and bed room for the family in charge of the building, and a number of bedrooms for the use of the office force when it is desired to remain at the office all night. Some of the office employes may live there all the time. On both the second and third floors there will be fully equipped bath rooms.

Complete Arrangement. Work on the new office will begin in about a week, and the work will be pushed with all rapidity. The office alone, while not a part of the big plant, will be a structure in itself.

Provide for Workmen. The company is providing houses for the mill workmen. The contract has been let for the construction of two double houses, each with six rooms. The company has also started to build three of the same kind, and will soon build half a dozen more. They will all be at Bay City in the neighborhood of the old mill.

FIRST MILKING MACHINE COMES

Will Be Introduced by a Dairy Woman, Mrs. S. A. Yoakum.

Mrs. S. A. Yoakum has purchased through the Pioneer Hardware store of this city the first milking machine to be used in this county. Mrs. Yoakum has a ranch on which she handles several cows and does quite an extensive dairy business, and having heard a great deal about the milking machines but never having seen one at work, she made a trip to California, where the machines are used extensively.

Mrs. Yoakum has decided that the machines are not only a success, but are much cheaper to operate than the old way of milking, where a great many cows are to be handled. Mrs. Yoakum is more enterprising than a great many of her competitors of the stronger sex, and there is no doubt she is an up-to-date dairy woman. The milking machine is expected on the next trip of the Alliance. In connection with the machine a four-horse-power Fairbanks-Morse engine was sold by the Pioneer Hardware company through A. J. Daily.

TRAIN IS WRECKED.

Several Persons Injured on the B. & O. Railroad.

Pittsburg, April 24.—The Chicago express on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, which left here at 10:45 tonight, was wrecked near Bennett shortly after 11 p. m. by crashing into a Pennsylvania railroad freight train. Several persons were injured.

CONDITION IS EXTREMELY CRITICAL

Assaulted Watchman of Barge Chinook May Be Taken to Hospital.

Watchman McKenzie, who was assaulted last Saturday while guarding the dynamite barge Chinook, lies in a critical condition in a house on the beach near the wrecked vessel. It is probable that he will be removed to the Mercy hospital if there is no improvement.

According to the story which McKenzie is reported to have told the skipper of the Chinook, he was assaulted and robbed of \$28, and also relieved of his gun, which was later returned to him. He was on the beach near the vessel Saturday evening when he was, it is claimed, struck suddenly on the head. The assailants then secured his money and left.

ON THE BREAKWATER.

(Times Special Service.) San Francisco, April 24.—The following passengers left for Coos Bay on the Breakwater: Dr. E. E. Straw and wife, Captain C. Curtis, Miss L. Curtis, Captain L. Snyder, Miss A. Hutcheson, Mrs. E. Lewelly, Mrs. M. Melby, Mrs. E. F. Stutsman, H. P. Edin, F. Hague, J. Sannon, Sig. Hanson, G. L. Hickey, Margaret Johnson, Mrs. S. L. Gilroy, G. S. Small, J. Young, E. A. Gundelfinger, R. E. Lewis, Jennie Lewis, E. F. Mast.