

**LIFE HAD NO MORE CHARMS**

**S. Richmond, Late of Falke, California, Takes His Own Life.**

**HEAD TORN IN SHREDS**

**Suicide Used Shotgun For Deed—Family Troubles Said To Be Responsible.**

A gunshot! A groan, and another life passed to the unknown yesterday afternoon shortly after five o'clock. Death was instantaneous, and a soul heavy with sorrows and care found release. The body fell to the floor in a room in the Central Hotel and was still there at 8:30, three hours afterwards, the floor covered with blood, the eyes still open, and the gaping wound and morbid scene a free show for the curious.

It was suicide. S. Richmond, of Falke, California, came to Marshfield and took a room at the Central Hotel on the 16th of September. He drove up the coast in company with James T. Lane, a friend of some years' standing. Mr. Lane afterwards parted company with him and went back to Port Orford where his parents reside.

E. A. Lindberg, now a resident of Marshfield and a half brother of Lane, was well acquainted with Richmond, and his knowledge of the deceased and his troubles were told to a Times representative.

Richmond was a man something over 50 years of age, probably 51 or 52, and had been a resident of Falke for nine years, so far as Lindberg is informed. He had been married in early life and had a family. His wife had died, and eight years ago he married a woman at Falke. This marriage for a time was happy, but Richmond's habits finally caused an estrangement and the wife went to her home in Eureka. He had been a periodical drinker before the desertion, and afterwards seemed to care nothing for what the world offered and drank from time to time to excess. Since coming to Marshfield, where he believed he could get away from the companions and surroundings of his old home, and with a hope of quitting drink, he failed and had been drinking heavily. He was a carpenter and had tools with him, but had not done a day's work since he came. He was well supplied with money on reaching here, and Lindberg knew of his having nearly five hundred dollars. Of this the officers found over a hundred, so it is not believed the suicide resulted from and feeling of poverty, but rather from brooding over his family troubles and his inability to bring about a reconciliation.

Richmond had often talked to Lane and to Lindberg as well, respecting his home troubles, and Lindberg says he was always sorrowing because he could not live the life that would please his wife. At one time he told Lindberg he would some day end it all, and yesterday's event shows he had contemplated the act.

There was nobody with him when the shooting occurred, and the exact manner of his taking off cannot be told. There were several persons in the lobby and hotel hallway, but the gunshot came as a surprise. The arm with which the deceased killed himself was a shotgun. It appears from the condition of the wound that the gun was in close proximity to his face, since there are powder burns. But the result was so ghastly that little of the left side of the face was left and therefore the powder burns are scarcely noticeable. The charge tore the entire left side of the face away, and the blood from the wound covered the floor.

Physicians were summoned immediately, but there was no need for their services, since the life had gone out in a moment.

The deceased leaves a son, William Richmond, at Eureka. This son is about 30 years of age. Mr. Lindberg has communicated with him and he will likely make arrangements for disposal of the body.

Coroner Mingus impanelled a jury and a verdict of suicide was returned. The body was taken to the Johnson undertaking rooms.

—Buy your groceries at Sacchi's.

**EAST AND WEST TRYING TO AGREE**

St. Paul, Sept. 28.—C. J. Lawrence, a member of the Washington railroad commission, is in St. Paul arranging for a conference of the state railroad commissioners along the lines of the Hill and Hariman roads for the purpose of arriving at a uniform schedule of railroad rates. A call for such a meeting is being sent out, but just what the call will embrace is not known.

**FIRE ORDINANCE WIDELY DISCUSSED**

**Interested Parties Protest Against Erection of More Frame Buildings Within Limit.**

The talk on the street in regard to the fire ordinance which the city council passed Wednesday evening was all in favor of the ordinance yesterday and it was frequently remarked that the wisdom of Mr. C. A. Smith was much appreciated and that his speech at the Chamber tended to reassure the doubting ones and to make them feel that the progress of the city was substantial. Still there was rather adverse criticism passed on the persistency of those who are interested in the frame building which is going up on the corner of Broadway and C streets, next to the proposed hotel. One of the principal members of the hotel committee said to a representative of The Times as follows: "Nobody doubts that gentleman is entitled to ask a good price for his lot next to the hotel and across the street from the bank. The committee have offered him \$12,000 for his 50 feet by 100 which is the highest price so far offered for any real estate in Marshfield. He and his brother bought the same property two or three years ago for \$2,000, and he has recently given his brother \$5,000 for the brother's interest. So it can not be considered that he is either poor or is being badly treated. This is plain enough when you consider what made his 50 foot lot valuable. It wouldn't be worth \$12,000 if the bank building and the hotel weren't going to be built there. Now the bank building and the hotel will be endangered by the frame building, and we have offered a good price for the lot, and when we couldn't buy at that price we offered to build a fireproof party wall if he would participate in the expense. This was refused. We have also offered to pay him what he has paid out on plans and construction thus far and to buy his material. This he refuses. We think the city council should attach an emergency clause to the fire ordinance and make it effective at once. Nobody is trying to injure the gentleman, and although our action, not his, made his property valuable, we are not sorry to see him make a fair advance."

**GEORGE W. WILLIAMS LOCATES IN PORTLAND**

George Wallace Williams writes The Times from his office in the Marquam building, Portland, requesting copies of papers containing articles contributed lately by him to this paper. It was quite surprising to The Times people to receive this word from Mr. Williams, coming from Portland, when as a matter of fact, it was presumed he was still under the care of the superintendent of the insane asylum at Salem. It will be recalled that Williams was committed in the county court not three months ago and ordered to the asylum. But he protested against the proceedings as railroading him and made a strenuous plea, all to no avail, however. There was little doubt, though, that he was unbalanced to a startling degree when before the county court. He has opened a law office and in connection is promoting in real estate and mining. Those who knew him in Marshfield and on the bay will be pleased to learn that he has gained his equilibrium and will hope his troubles will not recur.

**M. E. Conference's Big Fund.** Portland, Sept. 28.—The Oregon Methodist conference tonight by a popular subscription raised an endowment fund of \$80,975 for the Willamette university. Five subscriptions of \$10,000 each and large numbers of small contributions helped to create the fund.

**COOS BAY NOW C. & N. W. GOAL**

**Practical Assurance Northwestern Is Headed for Coos Bay.**

**THROUGH CENTRAL OREGON**

**Surveying Parties Thick in Idaho To the Coast as Fast as Possible.**

(Oregon Journal.) High officials of the Chicago & Northwestern railway are credited with the statement that construction will be immediately pushed westward from Shoshone, Wyoming, and continued across the Bitter Root divide to St. Anthony. This is confirmation of the statement published months ago when the Northwestern's surveyors were rushing lines through the lowest passes in that region. That the road will be surveyed through central Oregon, and touch tidewater at both Coos Bay and Portland, is now regarded as certain. Several years will be required to work out the Northwestern's problem of reaching the coast from central Wyoming. The distance to be traversed is about 1,000 miles. The work has thus far proceeded slowly on account of the Northwestern's well known close traffic affiliation with the Union Pacific system.

Railroad relationships have been changing rapidly in the last year or two, and the far-seeing railroad men foresee that before long other transcontinental lines must push through to the coast in order to keep within hailing distance of the growing traffic. The coming in of the Milwaukee, another close friend of the Harriman roads, will further change traffic conditions that have for so long been nicely balanced to suit existing combinations.

**REPORT CONFIRMED.**

**Great Activity Shown at Northwestern's Headquarters in Idaho.**

Boise, Ida., Sept. 28.—Report that the Chicago & Northwestern railway company, which has for some time been making surveys in southern Idaho and western Wyoming, is soon to push on to the coast, seems well founded, judging from activities of representatives of the company in the sections mentioned.

The Northwestern has for some time had surveying corps in the vicinity of Boise and St. Anthony. Recently a representative was sent from this city to investigate conditions and report thereon, which he did and on the strength of his report the company's surveyors commenced to run a route between Boise and Nampa, evidently the link in the proposed route from Lander or Shoshone, Wyoming, to the coast.

In this connection it is possible that the Northwestern will take over that portion of the San Francisco, Idaho & Montana railroad now building from Caldwell to Snake river on the west. At any rate there has been some talk of such a transaction. A dispatch from Shoshone says the Northwestern will build west from that place instead of Lander, the present terminus of the road, as originally intended.

One report is in circulation to the effect that the line will be extended from Lander to Coos Bay via St. Anthony and Boise. Another report is to the effect that Northwestern surveyors are working south of Yellowstone park and that the company has invested extensively in real estate at St. Anthony.

The company has options on some valuable property in Boise and has opened an office here. It is said that land which it proposes to purchase here will be used for shops, depot, etc. This route is practically assured if indications count for anything.

**Got in Wrong House.**

North Yakima, Sept. 28.—E. Hornbeck, a young man of good family from New York, was shot last night at Toppenish by Eugene Winklerstein. Hornbeck entered the Winklerstein home surreptitiously. The men had been friends. Hornbeck's visit was of a questionable purpose.

**COOS BAY WILL BE DREDGED**

**\$75,000 Corporation Will Be Organized for Building and Operating Dredger.**

**PRIVATE AND PUBLIC WORK**

**Stock Will Be Sold to Any Who Desire It—\$25,000 On Hand.**

The Coos Bay Dredging Committee held a meeting on the evening of the 27th for the purpose of outlining a plan to take up immediately the work of both public and private dredging on the bay. Mr. C. A. Smith, J. E. Oren, E. O'Connell, Dr. Mingus, James H. Flanagan, Henry Sengstacken, and W. U. Douglas were present. The matter has been under discussion in its various phases for the last two years but owing to the bigness of the enterprise a definite plan has not heretofore been worked out.

At this period in the history of Coos Bay, when each individual is trying to discover some avenue or pursuit which he may engage in with profit, it would appear that the business of dredging has been entirely overlooked. It is well known that one of the important requirements of Coos Bay has been for a number of years, and is now more so than ever, the deepening, widening and rearranging of the various channels within the bay to meet the demands of constantly increasing shipping. All of these different matters were discussed by the committee and it was the unanimous conclusion of all present that a private dredging enterprise for this purpose would be the quickest method of dealing with the question. It was, therefore, decided to proceed at once and organize a private corporation with a capitalization of \$75,000.00, with 7,500 shares at \$10.00 each. The idea of placing the par value of the stock at \$10.00 being to allow even the smallest property holder on Coos Bay and people interested in its development to have a share in this enterprise. It is not the intention that the enterprise shall be foisted on the public as a charitable institution. With all the millions of yards of dirt to be moved and hauled, it will undoubtedly occupy a great many years, there would seem to be no question that this would be an enterprise in which there are big profits in store for the stockholders.

About \$25,000.00 at the present time has been pledged and it is presumed that some person understanding this particular line of business will desire to take a large portion of the stock and devote his whole time to the managing and conducting the affairs of the proposed company, and that it will be necessary to ask the people of Coos Bay to subscribe an additional \$25,000.00 or \$30,000.00 to the amount already pledged. In order to complete the organization and present it in its proper form to the public, the committee will meet Monday night and complete its arrangements.

There is a great deal of private work to be done immediately and it is the purpose of the committee to assist in bringing about the creation of a Harbor Commission, with taxing powers, so that the work of deepening and widening the various channels and inlets of Coos Bay will be kept up continuously and in a businesslike manner. With this Commission created it will be necessary to have a dredge on Coos Bay all of the time, and it is believed that a dredging company organized among the local people, providing the work for the Commission if done as cheaply and as well as an outside concern, would naturally have the preference.

**HIGH SCHOOL BOYS PRACTICE FOOTBALL**

The high school boys were out for practice yesterday afternoon. It was real football weather and though there was little except light work, the boys' clothing bore evidence of their earnestness in the game. Bert Dimmick is acting as coach for the team, and says he can round out a good aggregation before it is time for the first game.

**FIFTEEN KILLED IN WRECK**

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 28.—Fifteen persons were killed this afternoon when a Chicago & Wheeling express on the Baltimore & Ohio ran into a freight train in the yards at Bellaire, Ohio.

**AUTOS WILL SOON FRIGHTEN SEALS**

**First Car for Coos Bay—Florence Run Leaves Portland—Quick Time.**

Weary and travel-sore pilgrims to the Coos Bay country, prick up your ears!

The day of jumping, jolting journeys by stage over corauroy roads, or no roads at all, is over. Sofa pillows can now be safely left at home. The automobile stage has invaded the district, and, commencing this week, daily and possibly more frequent trips will be made quickly and comfortably along 40 miles of hard beach road between Florence and the Coos Bay district.

Three Portland men—Thomas Wolf, W. A. Andrews and D. M. Kemp—left yesterday afternoon with a big seven passenger Buick car, which will be installed on the Florence-Coos run immediately. Next month a larger car built especially for the line will be operated and later a third car will be put on, so that Newport and the Yaquina district will be added to the daily route of the automobile stages.

No schedule of departure and arrival has been adopted yet, as the trips will necessarily depend somewhat upon the tide. It is planned to run the stages along the beach at low tide, taking advantage of a natural road as fine as any race track in the country and equal to the famous Palm Beach racing course along the Florida shore.

The roads into the Coos Bay country have long been a source of horror to travelers, and it was only those who preferred the jolting and the possible danger of being mired for a week or so who went that way. The Southern Pacific is building into the territory, but will not reach there for two years, and the great strides that the district has made in development the past year have necessitated more speedy and modern forms of conveyance than the old horse stage lines.—Oregon Journal.

**WAS TRUSTEE FOR THE WEYERHAUSERS**

**Geo. S. Long, of Tacoma, Held Land For Company to Circumvent Competition.**

Boise, Sept. 28.—Mention of Weyerhaeuser's, owner of vast timber lands in the Northwest was made in the trial of Senator Borah today for the first time. This was when Geo. S. Long, of Tacoma, took the stand and stated that by request from James T. Barber, of Eau Claire, Wis., he allowed his name to be used, as a dummy trustee in the acquisition of Idaho timber lands. He produced a letter from Barber making a proposition as follows: "Exigencies have arisen which make it advisable to pass title to certain lands in Idaho through some party entirely removed from the association with the Barber Lumber Co." These circumstances being similar to those which made it desirable to use my name in connection with some of Weyerhaeuser's Timber Co. property, I have therefore taken the responsibility of directing the placing of title to certain lands in you."

Long said he had been a personal friend of the Barbers for seventeen years. He received no compensation for his services as trustee; never saw any of the deeds; did not employ Borah as counsel, and in fact, never met the Senator until this year. Attorneys for the defense asked Long what exigencies were referred to by Borah. "I suppose," replied the witness, "that they were the same as arose in Washington when I was purchasing property for the Weyerhaeuser's and when I used Barber's name. If we used Weyerhaeuser's name in any locality it always sent prices up and made competition."

**Brewer Elected Mayor of London.**

London, Sept. 28.—Sir Charles Bell, Ex-Sheriff of the City of London, and head of a big brewing company, was today elected Lord Mayor of London.

**SQUIRES GOES DOWN AGAIN**

**Jack (Twin) Sullivan Cleans Him Up in Nineteen Fast Rounds.**

**ONLY FAIR CROWD OUT**

**Australian Had Made No Improvement Since His Last Fight in San Francisco.**

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Australian Bill Squires, the heavy weight who came to this country with the avowed intention of wresting the championship of the world from big Jim Jeffries, went down to defeat for the second time today when he was practically knocked out by Jack (Twin) Sullivan in the 19th round of a 25 round contest. The fight took place in the Mission Street arena and was witnessed by a fair sized crowd. Squires showed very little improvement since his last appearance in the ring. He was strong, willing and game, but did not have the skill to land his blows. Had Sullivan been a first class man, he would have knocked the Australian out early in Squires in the face and on the stomach all through the 19 rounds. Several times he had Squires groggy, but could not put him out. In the 19th round, the Australian was bleeding and weak. Sullivan swung right and left to the jaw and Squires went down. He remained on the mat eight seconds and then staggered to his feet. Another punch to the jaw sent him down again, but he was not knocked out. He got up, but was promptly sent down again. Referee Billy Roche then awarded the fight to Sullivan.

**CONGRESSMAN BELL FORESEES TROUBLE**

**Tells Eastern People They Do Not Understand Oriental Troubles Of West.**

New Haven, Sept. 28.—In the course of an address to the local acie of Eagles here last night, Congressman Bell, of California, national head of the order, in speaking of racial conditions of the Pacific coast said:

"We, on the Pacific coast, when we look upon the ingress of the Oriental, think we discover a war cloud. We will require common decency, the decency required by law. We will not tolerate men who prey upon weaker men, upon the weaker sex, to triumph over us. We have a race in the great West, a race full of American blood. We do not propose to settle down with any Asiatic, Chinese or Japanese. Here, you live in peace with Europe; there we look to the Pacific. We do not know how to interpret what is coming over the Pacific; you do not know. Do not settle down easily, my brother Eagles and say that we should not heed. The middle classes will evidently have to fight this battle as they have done in the past.

**HOW IT FEELS TO SLAY BIG GAME**

Hank Wells, the least experienced of the elk hunters who returned from the Fall Creek country on Friday, was seen by a Times reporter yesterday and asked how it felt to shoot an elk. Mr. Wells became rattled at once and the reporter thought he had been seized with an attack of palsy. His teeth chattered and he had every appearance of one about to collapse. Upon seeing the uneasiness he was causing the reporter, he became himself again, and explained that he had been giving an imitation of his actions when drawing a bead on the elk.

**Married at Coquille.**

Married, at Coquille, on September 26th, by Justice Holden, T. J. Krick and Mary Youkara, both of Coos River. There were a few friends present at the marriage. The couple will reside on Coos River.

**Constantine Gets Life Sentence.**

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Frank J. Constantine, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Louise Gentry, today was sentenced to life imprisonment.