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## BANDON MAN TAKES POISON

J. R. Osborne Takes Poison and Life Ends After Hours of Agony.

### NO CAUSE KNOWN FOR ACT

Details of Sad Affair Could Not Be Learned—Coroner Minus Notified.

(Special to Times)

BANDON, Dec. 11.—J. R. Osborne, of this city, committed suicide last night by taking cyanide of potassium at 8 o'clock from the effects of which he passed away at 10:30 o'clock last evening. He was the proprietor of a general merchandise store and had been in the city about six months.

When it was discovered that the man had taken poison two doctors were called in to attend him, but in spite of long and patient efforts he expired in agony last night. Domestic and financial troubles are supposed to be the cause of his desperate deed. An inquest will be held over the remains this afternoon before Judge Copping.

Only very meagre details of the tragedy reached Marshfield today. A call came to Dr. Mingus, coroner, to make a trip there, he authorized a justice of the peace to hold the inquest.

About all that could be learned was that he was a married man but left no family other than his wife.

### RESCUERS MEET DEATH

Ten Falls Victims to Black Damp While Helping Save Others—550 Dead.

FAIRMONT, December 11.—That at least ten members of the heroic band of rescuers will die of gas poisoning, is admitted tonight by physicians who are attending them, as they are drawn out of the mines unconscious.

Of the 300 or more widows of the victims, at least 50 are prostrated and a dozen temporarily insane. That many of them will die from the shock is probable.

Twenty-nine bodies have been brought to the surface up to 12:30 o'clock, and word comes from the rescuing party that many others are ready to be brought out.

### REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN CHICAGO JUNE 16

Committee Makes Choice of City for Nominating Next President—Denver and Kansas City Beaten.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Chicago was victorious on the first ballot in the Republican National committee for the location of the Republican National Convention of 1908. The date on which the convention will meet is June 16. The vote stood 31 for Chicago 18 for Kansas City and four for Denver, after which Chicago was selected by acclamation. Senator Fulton voted for Chicago.

### NEWS IN TABLOID FORM

KING OSCAR DEAD—Stockholm.—King Oscar, of Sweden, is dead, and the entire nation is mourning for beloved monarch.

TAFT'S MOTHER DEAD—Millbury, Mass.—Secretary of War, William H. Taft, has lost his race with death. His mother, Mrs. Louise M. Taft, died at 12:30 o'clock Sunday in the Torrey mansion here, while the secretary was on the Atlantic hurrying to her as fast as the speedy liner President Grant could carry him.

## TOKEN OF THANKS FOR CAPT. OLSON

Master of Steamer Alliance Presented With Valuable Marine Glass.

### SAY HE SAVED THE VESSEL

Presentation Comes Unaware and Cool Navigator Shows Deep Affection at Being Honored by Loyal Passengers.

The Portland Sunday Oregonian contains the following report of the presentation of a marine glass to Captain Olson which has been previously mentioned in the Times:

Captain B. W. Olson, master of the steamer Alliance, was Saturday afternoon presented with a marine glass costing \$150 by the passengers who arrived here on the exciting voyage of the Coos Bay liner last week. They earnestly declare that but for the courage, competence and coolness of the captain they would have never reached port.

Captain Olson was more unnerved when confronted with the committee on presentation than when the tremendous breaker threatened to send the vessel to the bottom of Coos Bay bar, but soon regained his composure and in replying to the presentation speech said that he had done no more than his duty as it appeared to him. He values the present highly but incidentally regrets that his crew and passengers, who stood by him so loyally, could not directly share with him in the token of esteem.

William H. Souls, marine editor of the Oregonian, delivered the talk that went with the glasses. He said:

"Captain Olson—On behalf of the grateful passengers of the good ship Alliance I am honored to say and do something expressive of their appreciation of your heroism on the occasion of the eventful voyage of the last few days."

"I am directed to say to you and your valiant crew that your unselfish devotion to duty and the welfare of those whose safety had been entrusted in your hands, in the face of the trying ordeal through which you recently passed, is esteemed and applauded more sincerely and more eloquently than any tongue can tell, and that your bravery in the unequal struggle of an angry sea, a crippled propeller and a jury rudder, shall never be forgotten."

"Commemorative of the genuine appreciation of your passengers, I have the pleasure to present you with this little token and to voice in their behalf the hope that by its aid you may always enter port in safety and may you never lose a ship."

The committee in charge of the collection of the purse for the purchase of the present was composed of Frank Davis, of North Bend, and Frank Layton and Charles Clark, of Portland.

The gold band on the glass bears the following inscription:

"To Captain B. W. Olson from the passengers on the ss. Alliance, whom he saved Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, 1907."

### SHORT CIRCUITED

At Fort Collins, Colorado, recently, Mrs. Addie Davis, while taking a bath, reached up and turned on an electric light. The electric current was short-circuited, and gave her a fatal shock. Preventable accidents arising from the introduction of electricity are more numerous than they ought to be, considering the number of years in which the electric light has been used.

UNION.—W. T. Wright, of Union, is preparing to send out 16 cars of apples this week. Ten of this number are loaded ready for shipment. It was not possible to secure all refrigerator cars and box cars supplied with heating stoves have been substituted. The apples are from the immediate vicinity of Union and will be distributed along the line from Salt Lake to Kansas City and Chicago and some of them will go to Texas.

## HUGE STEAMER LEAVES EAST FOR MARSHFIELD

The Nan Smith Commences Long Trip Around Cape Horn In Charge of Captain Nelson—Biggest Boat In Coast Trade.

Leaving Baltimore yesterday the big steam schooner Nan Smith started on her long trip around Cape Horn for Coos Bay in command of Captain Nelson, who left Marshfield several months ago to take charge of this craft which will be used in the coast lumber trade by the C. A. Smith Lumber company.

The huge steamer is 296 feet long and 46 feet in width. She has a capacity enabling her to carry 2,225,000 feet of lumber and is by far the largest steam schooner to be used in the coast trade. She was built at

### FORTUNE IN THIRTY ACRES OF FRUIT TREES

Farmer Refuses Offer of \$85,000 For His Apple Farm.

CENTRAL POINT, Dec. 11.—W. H. Norcross refused an offer of \$35,000 for his orchard last Saturday and informed the would-be purchaser that his price is now \$50,000, or \$1,000 per acre. The orchard has 30 acres in full bearing, with some 20 acres of young trees coming on, and the crop this year will pay 10 per cent interest on \$50,000. Less than a year ago Mr. Norcross was asked to put a price on the property, and when he placed it at \$25,000 some of his neighbors declared that he was crazy for asking so much. Now he is of the opinion that perhaps he was a little off for asking so little. He is not anxious for anybody to take him up at \$50,000, for, he asks: "Where could I invest that amount of money in an absolutely safe proposition that would bring me in 10 per cent per annum?" And when the entire place is once bearing that rate of interest will be doubled and trebled several times.

### INSANE PATIENT ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE

Makes Rope of Bed Clothing and Falls Forty Feet to Ground.

SALEM, Dec. 11.—At an early hour Friday morning Stephen Lane, a patient at the state insane asylum, was found at the side of the main building where he had fallen and been badly injured in an attempt to escape from the asylum.

Lane is an inmate of ward 9, on the top floor and tried to escape by tearing the linen on his bed into strips, which he tied to his bedstead. He clambered out of the window in safety but when the linen came in contact with the tinning on the side of the building the improvised rope was severed and Lane fell to the ground, a distance of about forty feet. Lane was picked up with a bad fracture of the left leg, a broken collar bone and probable internal injuries. It is thought that he will recover, but will not be on his feet for some time.

This is the second time that Lane has tried to get away. On a former occasion he got away from the city and was at liberty for about ten days before being recaptured.

### PLEADS NEW UNWRITTEN LAW

Spanish Supreme Court Justice Shot Son of Woman He Followed.

MADRID, Dec. 11.—Supreme Court Judge Rojas was arraigned here for attempted murder. Upon leaving a theater some time ago he followed a prominent lady, who was accompanied by her son, and declared his love for her. The son resented his intrusion, and Judge Rojas shot him with a revolver, seriously wounding him.

Doctors say the judge is insane, but he insists that he is sane, and he is conducting his own case. He pleads in extenuation of his offense "force of passion, fanned by a lovely woman's coquetry."

You can buy a first class sewing machine for \$20 at Milner's.

## STATE WILL BE PAID MONEY DUE

Surety Company Will Make Good Amount of State Treasurers Bond.

### PAYMENTS DRAW INTEREST

Drafts Amounting to \$409,388 Will Be Turned Over To Cover Deposits Made.

PORLTAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—The American Surety company agrees to pay the state of Oregon a total of \$409,388.88 to cover the deposit in the Title Guarantee & Trust company and the Merchants' National bank. It pays at once the sum of \$112,478.20 in drafts on New York payable to the state treasurer. It agrees to pay on or before December 31, 1909, the sum of \$295,910.68 with interest at 5 per cent dating from November 6, 1907, until the principal is paid.

In return for this the surety company is relieved from further liability on its bond of \$550,000 held to secure State Treasurer Steel, though the bond stands good for past acts and security for the payment of all sums now due and mentioned in the agreement. The surety company receives also the securities given by the Title Guarantee & Trust company to secure the state's deposits in the bank.

State Treasurer Steel's bond of \$550,000 is cancelled by the surety company and he is ordered by the governor to file a new bond of \$600,000 within 20 days. He will furnish the bond within the time and continue in office.

## TEA IS GROWN IN COOS COUNTY

Excellent Sample on Exhibition At Chamber of Commerce.

Once more Coos County comes to the front and proves that almost anything can be grown on Coos County soil and in Coos County climate. Japan Tea, of a fine quality is being raised in the Coquille valley by a rancher named J. O. Stemmer, who for a considerable period has been raising tea for his own use.

Secretary Lyons, of the Chamber of Commerce, has secured one of the plants which is on exhibition in the window of that boosting organization. The plant is about five feet in height and greatly resembles an ordinary bush that one may see at any time in the woods. There is nothing about it that would cause anything but a casual glance until the visitor is told that it is a tea plant similar to those in the Orient where the great production of tea is grown.

Samples of leaves in a tumbler from a similar plant stand on Mr. Lyons' desk, and the odor from the leaves is more like the real article than much of that shipped into the country. While it is strong, the flavor is said to surpass anything brought across the Pacific.

This is a new field for enterprise on the part of ranchers and farmers in this district, as the plant can be easily and thickly grown in the valleys of the county. While its money making possibilities have not been tested they are regarded as extremely good if the production of tea is gone into thoroughly.

ASTORIA.—Arrangements have been made through the local banks by which all government checks will be paid in cash in future, as money has been received by the banks for that purpose.

Dinner sets in Haviland, German China, and semi-porcelain at Milner's.

## FIRE DESTROYS THE SOTOYOME

Steamer Lumber Laden From Couille River to San Francisco.

### RESCUER CATCHES FIRE

Steamer Nelson Attempts to Give Aid and Narrowly Escapes Destruction Herself—Doomed Vessel Ashore Off Eureka Bar.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—A wireless message from the coast low Eureka brought the information that the tramp steamer Sotoyome was burning off the Eureka bar. The crew had escaped by taking to the boats. As far as can be learned no lives have been lost.

The Sotoyome was en route from Coquille river to San Francisco with a cargo of lumber. Captain Peterson took the vessel far out to dodge the storm. By some mischance which the wireless did not explain the cargo caught fire. The men fought desperately to quench the flames, but soon it became apparent that the only hope lay in leaving the ship. The anchor was cast, and the men took to the boats. Soon they were picked up by the steamer Latona, which made toward Eureka.

The steamer Charles Nelson passed along and made an attempt to save the Sotoyome. The Nelson came to the Sotoyome with the idea of towing her into Eureka. It was a hard and perilous fight. After few miles had been covered, it communicated to the Nelson that the towing boat was forced to abandon her charge and fight for her own life. The flames on the Nelson were extinguished before any serious damage had been done.

Like a great torch, the flame shooting funnel-shaped into the masts, the Sotoyome drifted with the wind. As night came on she leaped up a veritable tower of fire visible for hundreds of miles. Gradually the vessel drifted to the coast and late tonight hit the bar near Eureka. The last message sent that the vessel was still flaming as she lay stranded at the approach of the harbor. She is of 398 tons.

### KICKING AGAINST EDUCATION METHOD

Fond Parent Takes Her Pen Shows Her Ignorance.

ALBANY, Dec. 11.—The facts of the public schools of the city are doing their best to enforce the laws of the state of Oregon in reference to attendance, tardiness etc., generally are meeting with fair opposition. Occasionally, as in all things, the opposition is met from the parents themselves, fortunately only in cases, recently mostly in the third ward.

The following, received by the principal of the Madison school, is one showing what there is to contend with in following the laws of our state and the rules of the regulated schools.

"Teacher and to whom it may concern. I will right a excuse for being late it was not her fault was own and I forbid you for writing her for any such thing and tell the professor I live where please as long as I send my child to school and if you have any time to say come to me dont slam the door be aman come to me that I want you to do. Teachers in laws that haint laws amounting much, sence is sence every time use me fore being so impudent I cant stand this."

The St. Elizabeth Guild of Episcopal Sunday School will have a towel sale and afternoon tea at the residence of Dr. J. T. McCloskey Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

The Ladies Aid Society of M. E. Church will hold their annual bazaar Friday, Dec. 13. Place announced later. Don't forget date.