

ADDISON WROTE: "A statue block of marble; and the art of the sculptor only clears away the superfluous matter, and removes the rubbish." Statues of "Opportunity," "Success," and "Good Fortune" lie concealed—and often scarcely concealed at all in "Times" advertising.

RICHTER: "We should not let tri-ees merely plague us—they should also gratify us. We should seize not their poison-bags only, but their HONEY-BAGS, too." "Times" want ads, afford a simple method of turning trifles to useful ends—of "taking the sting out" of small events.

JOHN GRILLS KILLS ORA ROBY AND ENDS HIS OWN LIFE ON STREET HERE

Youth, Crazed by Jealousy, Murders Sweetheart and Commits Suicide by Shooting on Sheridan Street, Near Fairgrounds, at Midnight Last Night.

ONLY ONE WITNESS NEAR THE SCENE

Had Evidently Carefully Prepared for Deed and Wrote Letter to Mother Explaining Why he had Decided Upon Crime—Bullets Pierced Hearts of Both.

Girl Refused to Marry On Less Than Year's Courtship—Had Threatened Her.

Carrying out a carefully laid plot that his mind, crazed by love and jealousy, had conceived and arranged for ending his troubles, John Grills last night, about midnight, shot and killed Ora Roby and then committed suicide on South Sheridan street as they were en route home. Four shots were fired from a thirty-eight calibre revolver, two missing entirely and the other two piercing the heart of each and producing almost instant death.

The tragedy, which occurred about three hundred yards north of the race track stables, was witnessed by one, Dan Starr, a horse trainer, who was returning to the stables from the city and was within about 200 yards of the couple when the shots were fired. Owing to the darkness, he could not distinguish who it was but hastened, passing the bodies to the stables to get aid.

The last spark of life was gone, when he and M. H. Nay and others returned. Grills lying on the sidewalk and the girl just off the walk in the mud.

The tragedy had not been without a struggle. The box of candy, the book and the shawl scattered along the walk and the fleeing footsteps that residents of the neighborhood heard told plainly of the girl's efforts to save herself. The powder burns on the clothing and skin showed that Grills had followed her and placed the muzzle of the gun within a few inches of her body before he pulled the trigger. The bullet passed through the heart and body, imbedding itself just beneath the skin on her breast. She plunged forward, off the walk into the street where she was found, her only appeal being a few screams evidently uttered before the fatal bullet had been fired.

Scarcely twenty seconds after he had killed the girl, according to the evidence of neighbors who heard the noise of the muzzle of the revolver to his breast and fired, the bullet passing through his heart and imbedding itself just beneath the skin below his left shoulder.

Grills' plans for ending it all were revealed this morning when the letter, printed in this story, was found in his pocket. Written in a pencil, evidently with a nervous hand, he told of the ravings of a crazed mind. In addition to the letter was a note on a picture postal card, containing practically the same data as given in the letter.

Met Down Town. Grills met Miss Roby down town last evening. Just where and how, no one appears to know. About 11:30, they stopped at Jack Davis where he bought a box of candy. She waited at the door but he insisted that she come in and drink some soda. She complied. While she was drinking, he excused himself and went into the back room where he bade good bye to Cecil Holland, Jack Davis, Julius Egenoff and some other boys there. While he didn't give them any reason for bidding them good bye, the inference they had that he was going away, probably to Portland as he had been talking of the trip. Then they left the place together and proceeded homeward, that being the last seen of them alive. Both appeared in usual spirits. About fifteen minutes later, the tragedy occurred.

Well Known Here. Grills was a foundryman and had been following that vocation. He is a step-son of the late Dr. Murphy and lived with his mother, Mrs. Murphy, his sisters, Mrs. Wm. Wade and Mary Grills. He was born at Roseburg and came here from Salem. His father is a contractor at Roseburg and Salem now. Two other sisters, one at Seaside and one at Gardiner, also survive him.

GRILLS' LETTER TO HIS MOTHER.

The following letter was found in Grills' pocket, it being enclosed in a sealed envelope which was addressed, "Mother from John": "Well, Mamma, I had to do it. Yes, I told her I would do it and I meant it. You mustn't take it too hard for I couldn't help it. She just drove me to it. She will not bother anybody else. There isn't much to do in town. I know I have been a bad boy but it is all over now. She has received her reward. I could not live and see anybody else have her. I know I am crazy but I cannot help it. I never was any good and I would be worse in the future. Give my love to all the girls and tell them why I done it. She promised me, then she tried to shake me but she couldn't. If I can't have her, nobody else will. Tell Bill to get that bill from Fred and add \$6.00 to it for Cecil Holland. But find out what he wants first and then add \$1.00 for the Pioneer Hardware Store. Pay bearer 75 cents for hauling the boat. Then add what he thinks it is worth and give it to dock. Goodby, JOHN.

In the evening, Grills, he said, had been drinking but was far from intoxicated. Grills also was displaying the revolver and twirling it around his finger but Holland didn't think much of the latter fact as he had frequently seen Grills with a gun. Grills, he said, appeared to be in his usual mood. Grills had recently told Holland that someone in Marshfield had threatened to shoot him (Grills) on sight and the proposed to be prepared for them.

Later, Holland saw Grills with the girl when they stopped at Jack Davis' store. Dan Starr, a horse trainer who sleeps at the Fairground, testified at the coroner's inquest that he was within about two hundred yards of the couple when the shooting took place. He said that he was en route home and while going down Sheridan street heard a shot fired. It appeared to be ahead of him. Soon after the shot, he heard a scuffle and a girl's screams for help. He hastened ahead, then heard two shots in rapid succession and after an interval of several seconds a fourth shot. Owing to the darkness, he couldn't make out much but was merely able to see the flash of the last shot. He hurried on, noticed a body on the sidewalk and made straight for the stables where he awakened M. H. Nay and returned to investigate and give the alarm. After seeing that the two were dead, they came down town for the officers.

Previous to the shooting, he testified that he had skated with Miss Roby at the rink. He didn't remember of having held any conversation with her, other than that she had introduced him to her brother, Orton Roby. That was about 9 o'clock and he didn't notice her afterwards.

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All testified substantially to the facts above set forth. Wall, Frikson and LaChapelle live on Broadway, a block from the scene of the tragedy, and Nay at the race track, and were among the first on the ground. Wall telephoned to Marshall Carter and accompanied the officer to the scene about twenty minutes after the last shot was fired.

Dr. E. Mings was also called and the bodies removed to T. J. Lewis' morgue where they still remain. The inquest was also held at Mr. Lewis' parlors and attracted a great crowd.

Coroner's Verdict. After completing the investigation, the coroner's jury returned two verdicts. The first in the case of the girl, finding that she had come to her death from a wound inflicted by John Grills, the crime being committed through jealousy. In the case of the man, they found he had come to his death at his own hands, the wound being inflicted with suicidal intent.

Postmaster For Bandon. Senate Confirms Appointment of Robert Walker for Place.

THUG KILLED IN PORTLAND

Three Robbers Commit Series of Crimes and One is Shot to Death. (By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, April 15.—Of the three thugs who last night committed a series of crimes on both sides of the river, one unidentified negro is dead; Fritz Rathke, another of the robbers, is in jail suffering from a bullet wound in his leg and Eddie Ives, the third man, is in jail, a self-confessed robber. Patrolman Charles D. Henson, who shot the dead robber through the heart, is being cared for in the hospital, one of the robbers having shot him through the arm. The police were kept busy last night trying to locate the three highwaymen who had robbed several citizens and saloons and about one o'clock this morning G. W. Stevens rushed into the central police station saying he had been held up and robbed at the east end of Burnside street bridge. He furnished the police an accurate description of the trio and a squad of police were sent to patrol the district. Patrolmen Henson and Vessey came upon the robbers, waiting along the railroad track and commanded them to surrender. A hail of shots was the response and instantly the officers and robbers engaged in a fierce battle. One of the robbers shot Henson through the arm and in return he managed to kill one of them. The others immediately took to their heels escaping into the darkness. The search continued and Rathke was captured beneath a wharf where he had secured himself. Ives was arrested at his home and when taken to jail confessed to his complicity in the night's work.

Ives told the police that he did not know the name of his negro companion, claiming to have met him for the first time last night. Ives is being "sweated" by the police today and has told them that Rathke is a deserter from the German army and is wanted in Germany for the alleged murder of his wife. The police have got little information out of Rathke.

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MILL BURNS AT COQUILLE

Larson Shingle Mill, Operated By Rowan and Reve, Destroyed with \$15,000 Loss.

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., April 16.—The Coquille Shingle Mill was totally destroyed by fire early yesterday evening, entailing a loss of about \$15,000 and throwing a large number of men out of employment temporarily. Some insurance was carried but the exact amount is not known. The mill had a capacity of about 100,000.

The fire, the exact origin of which is not known, has gained such headway when discovered that it was impossible to check it. The mill was located quite away from other buildings and was without fire protection. The mill was built about eighteen months ago by Mr. Larson now in Portland, who leased it to Rowan and Reve who have been doing a good business. The fire had recently shipped out a cargo of shingles but also had a big stock on hand.

BREAKWATER HAD DEER. Steamship Had Unusual Passenger From Coos Bay to Portland. PORTLAND, April 15.—In a big cage occupying a berth between decks a handsome deer arrived from Coos Bay on the steamer Breakwater last night. The animal was captured in the forests fringing the bay a couple of weeks ago. It will be sent from here to George Fuset of Seaside, Oregon, and will be among the attractions seen at the beach this season.

The steamship Breakwater completed one of the fastest round trips she has yet made between Portland and Coos Bay by reaching the Portland dock at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. The Breakwater crossed in over the Columbia river bar at midnight and, after a short stay at Astoria, proceeded up the river. She sailed from Portland Wednesday night and practically made the round trip in three and a half days.

SOUTH SIDE PEOPLE MEET South Marshfield Sower Question To Be Decided at Dow's Warehouse Tonight.

F. S. Dow yesterday, in compliance with the instructions of the Marshfield city council, issued a call for a meeting of the South Marshfield property owners to be held at the Dow warehouse, 7:30 tonight to decide how the South Marshfield sewer shall be built and paid for. Every South Marshfield property owner who is interested in the proposed sewer system is urged to attend as the council will accept the recommendations of tonight's meeting as the means of executing the work if it is possible for the plan to be carried out.

The project will be thoroughly discussed to settle, if possible, the difference of opinion on the proposition.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES. Special Good Friday Ceremonies to Be Held at the Catholic and Episcopal Churches.

The closing week of the Lenten season is being particularly observed in the Catholic and Episcopal churches with special services.

ANOTHER JAP GETS "COCKEY"

Japanese Postman Commits Assault on Chinese Servants of American Consul.

(By Associated Press.) PEKIN, April 16.—With regard to the assault committed recently by a Japanese Postman and other Japanese on the other native servants of the American Consul General at Mukden, Wilford D. Straight, Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to China, has given assurances that if any Japanese official has offended full reparation for his discourtesy will be made.

AWARDS NORTH BEND LANDS Judge Hamilton Decides For Sain and Keith—Ocean View and Johnson Mud Flat.

Judge Hamilton in the circuit court has just handed down a decision in the case of Sain and Keith vs. Holme et al., finding for the plaintiffs. The action involved some real property, most of which is known as Ocean View and the Johnson Mud Flat, and is located near North Bend.

In the case of Culver vs. Houston, a proceeding for contempt for maintaining a boom across Stock Slough, Judge Hamilton decided against the Hillston, finding them in apiece for contempt of the court's order.

Geo. N. Farrin is endorsed for representative by the leading business men of Marshfield and North Bend.

PASSES AWAY DURING SLEEP Mrs. Greenmun, Pioneer of Coos Bay, Found Dead in Bed This Morning.

Mrs. Edla Greenmun, an old pioneer resident of Coos Bay, was found dead in bed this morning at her home on "C" street. Her daughter, Mrs. W. U. Dennis found her calling about 9 o'clock this morning, that the old lady had passed away peacefully during the night. The cause of death was heart failure and old age. She retired as usual last evening and while she slept the death angel touched her tired eyes, and she dropped calmly into the dreamless slumber that knows no waking on earth.

Mrs. Greenmun was born in Sweden during the year 1834, and remained there for several years after her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Greenmun came to Coos Bay about 35 years ago. For a short time they lived at the old Eastport place, then later they purchased a home in Marshfield and moved here. Mr. Greenmun died after having lived only five years in America. Since then, for thirty years Mrs. Greenmun has lived alone.

Three children survive her, Mrs. J. Lee Brown, Mrs. G. A. Johnson and Mrs. W. A. Douglas, all of this city. Also her grandchild, by her deceased son, Mr. Green.

PROMINENT MAN IS CONVICTED

Big Business Man Fined Under New Pure Food and Drugs Law.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 16.—As a result of the first conviction under the Pure Food and Drugs Law, N. Harper, President of the Washington Chamber of Commerce and a drug manufacturer, was sentenced in police court to a fine of \$500 on one count and \$200 on another count. He is manufacturing and selling an alleged mislabeled pharmaceutical compound. President Roosevelt had insisted that the prosecution officer demand a jail sentence.

A DIZZY TIME BY DEMOCRATS New York State Convention Resembles a Killenny Cat Fight in Action.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 16.—Amid scenes of turbulence and great confusion the State Democratic Convention adjourned tonight after a bitter contest the convention unsated Senator Patrick and the districts of Kings county, elected the McCabe delegates from Albany county, elected four delegates from the various congressional districts. Selected presidential electors and elected a new state committee. Resolution instead of being passed was rushed through and almost closed a riot. Delegates began "robbin' the vice," and otherwise expressing their displeasure because they were not permitted to elect the committee in the usual fashion. Bureaucrats were sent for the police who had left the hall after the adjourning of the McCabe delegates. The police with difficulty restored a semblance of order. The chair ruled with a iron hand and after he announced the motion adjourn, himself making the motion to adjourn and it was declared carried. It seems probable that the matter may be fought out on the floor of the national convention in Denver.

SPECIAL MATINEE AT RINK Saturday afternoon. Children under 18 years, 15c.

It is conceded that Geo. N. Farrin will receive a large majority for representative.

A 'C' STREET SNAP. Lot 42-143 and a 3-room cottage. Good bay view. \$800. S. S. Stutsman & Co.

PROMOTE THE INTEREST OF COOS COUNTY by voting for Geo. N. Farrin for representative.

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