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FRISCO POLICE THINK BOAS MAILED POISON TO HIMSELF

Unable to Find Definite Clue to Mysterious Death There Yesterday.

NO MOTIVE FOR MURDER FOUND

Suicide Theory Evolved After Tracing Dead Man's Antecedents.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Failing to discover a motive for the murder of Henry J. Boas, the young electrician who died yesterday from the effects of poison believed to be strychnine, the police of San Francisco and San Jose, after a thorough investigation of the dead man's antecedents are inclined to believe that he mailed the poison to himself, and that he wrote the letter accompanying the poison and exhibited both the letter and the powders to at least two witnesses. The motive for suicide is as strongly lacking as is a motive for his murder.

OPEN COQUILLE MILL.
Plant Will Resume Operations Within A Few Days.

The Coquille Mill Company is preparing to start their local mill upon the return of J. E. Paulson from a trip to Portland. Some logs are already on hand, but the company has established a camp on the North Fork about a mile up from its mouth where a crew of men are at work getting out logs to supply the mill. The whistle of the local institution will be welcome music once more.—Coquille Herald.

OIL CASES IN OHIO DROPPED

Prosecuting Attorney At Findlay Suddenly Ceases Prosecution.

(By Associated Press.)
FINDLAY, Ohio, Dec. 4.—The Standard Oil Company's prosecutions in this county came to a sudden termination today at the request of Attorney David that all indictments be nullified. David's action resulted from the fact that the alleged practices he sought to control have, it is declared, been eliminated and further that the suits against Standard Oil are now being prosecuted by the attorney general of the United States and the attorney general of Ohio and in the federal courts of Missouri.

IDAHO STATE SCHOOL BURNS

Forty Children Escape From Institution For Deaf, Dumb and Blind, at Boise Today

(By Associated Press.)
BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 4.—The Central School building which was temporarily occupied by the Idaho State School for the deaf, dumb and blind, was partially destroyed by fire early this morning. Forty children inmates were being marched to breakfast when the alarm was given and they were taken from the building in perfect order. The loss is \$10,000. It is believed that a defective flue caused the fire.

TO CELEBRATE WITH SPREAD

Citizens' League Will Hold Jollification—Six Or Eight Mills Tax Levy.

The Citizens' League at last evening's meeting decided to arrange a big smoker and banquet for the members to be held at the Finnish Hall, Thursday night, December 17, as a celebration of the league's victory in the municipal election. It was first proposed to have the members and their wives or sweethearts participate in the jollification, but as there are over 400 members enrolled, it was decided that such a large number could not be properly accommodated. T. A. Howard, Jesse Luse, Thomas Coke, Carl Albrecht and J. W. Butler were appointed as a committee to arrange for the banquet.

Most of last evening's session was devoted to a discussion of the tax levy for the coming year. It was brought up by the reported threat of Mayor Straw and others to impose a two per cent tax levy to pay off the warrant indebtedness. It was declared that the council would not stand for any such levy and if they did, the league, it was declared, would resort to the referendum. However, it was the general feeling that a liberal levy should be imposed for next year in order to reduce the outstanding indebtedness and make provision for the development of the city. S. B. Cathcart and F. M. Friedberg thought that six mills would probably be enough. Henry Sengstacken said that five or six mills would be ample. Eugene O'Connell said that he would be in favor of a liberal levy, six or eight mills. He said that the league members should not make a mistake by trying to retrench so much as to impede the progress of the city. He urged that the street improvements and municipal improvements be continued as fast as possible. This declaration was warmly applauded. Nels Rasmussen declared that he believed as Mr. O'Connell does. I. S. Smith, C. H. Marsh and others made talks along similar lines. However, it was decided that before the league should go on record that it should have the figures, now being compiled in the city recorder's office, of the cost of running the various departments the past year. Someone stated that the present council would not fix any levy, thus cutting off the city's income and embarrassing the candidates which the league has elected for the ensuing year. This was declared to be without foundation.

It was decided to make the Citizens' League a permanent organization to hold meetings at least once a month to discuss municipal affairs. To do this, S. B. Cathcart, R. A. Cople and F. M. Friedberg were appointed a committee on by-laws. C. A. Johnson will continue as chairman and F. W. Reeder as secretary.

F. W. Reeder reported that Col. Wm. Grimes had asked him to have the league contribute to the fund to send representatives to Washington and Salem to secure appropriations for the development of Coos Bay and make other arrangements. He said that he had invited Mr. Grimes to be present and state the matter before the league but as Mr. Grimes failed to respond, the matter was not taken up.

SULTAN COMES TO TIME.

New Ruler of Morocco Concedes All Points.
(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 4.—It was announced today that Mulai Haffid, the new Sultan of Morocco, has definitely accepted the Algerian act and the attendant conditions laid down by the powers for the recognition of his sultanate.

MOVING PICTURE SHOW FIRE BAD

Sixty-Five Families Homeless at Centralia, Pa., as Result of Conflagration Starting In Theatre.

(By Associated Press.)
CENTRALIA, Pa., Dec. 4.—Sixty-

five families are homeless as a result of a fire which last night wiped out three squares in the heart of the town. The blaze started in a moving-picture show. The loss is \$100,000. That no lives were lost is considered miraculous.

NEW HOME FOR PHONE COMPANY

Coos Bay Home Telephone Leases Quarters In First Trust and Savings Building

The Coos Bay Home Telephone Company has leased eight rooms on the second floor of the First Trust and Savings Bank building for a period of ten years as quarters for the exchange and offices of the company. The company expects to occupy the new quarters on or before January 1.

The lease covers eight rooms in the northwest corner of the second floor of the building. As the structure is of fireproof construction and in the center of the business district, it will be decidedly advantageous to the company. The reconstruction of the telephone exchange necessitated by the installation of the common battery system will enable them to change over to the new quarters without much difficulty.

The new quarters are much more commodious than the ones now occupied by the company on Front street and President Douglas and Manager Durrett are highly pleased over securing them.

PAY TRIBUTE TO CLEVELAND

Life Insurance Presidents Hold Memorial Session For Former Executive.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Notable exercises in memory of the late Grover Cleveland, ex-President of the United States, constituted the opening session of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents of which he was chairman during the year and a half of the time of its organization up to his death. The program consisted of addresses by President Paul Morton of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and Dr. John R. Finley president of the College of the City of New York, the reading of letters from former vice-president Adlai E. Stevenson, Governor Hoke Smith and Hilary A. Herbert, members of Cleveland's cabinet.

MONKEYS, SQUIRRELS DENTISTS IN AFRICA

Fill Each Other's Teeth With a Blue Clay Containing Creosote and Often Kill Nerves.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Monkeys and the large gray squirrels that overrun the jungles of Africa are their own dentists. They fill each other's teeth with consummate skill and often kill an aching nerve. At least this is what Dr. L. Frank Derby Pierce, of West Roxbury, Mass., says, and he is going to lecture before Chicago dentists on the subject.

Dr. Pierce, who spent several years in the jungles of Africa, says that monkeys and squirrels have discovered a blue clay, much the same in color as that which covers the diamond fields, and in this clay is a large percentage of creosote. When the animals have the toothache they plaster this clay into the cavity as a remedy.

The creosote often kills the offending nerve.

WANTED—Some one to win \$10 in cash, by making a score of 250 out of a possible 300 at the American Box Ball Parlors.

COOS COUNTY BOYS ACCUSED

Otto Epps and Hardman Youth From Bandon Wanted At Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 4.—Frank Laird, who claims to be 18 years of age, but who looks younger, was arrested by Sheriff Fenton, near Reston, 20 miles west of here, and brought to Roseburg and locked up in the county jail to await a hearing before Judge Wonacott, in the Juvenile Court. Young Laird is accused of entering a school house at Reston last Sunday and committing an unprintable act, besides shooting holes through the stove pipe with a revolver. Two other boys, Otto Epps, aged 15, and another named Hardman, aged about 20, are alleged to have participated in the affair, and may be arrested also, this depending on the statement that Laird will make. Laird and Epps ran away from their home in Bandon, Coos county, about six weeks ago, going to Brewster Valley and camping near Bert Campbell's place. They managed to eke out an existence by hunting and trapping. Hardman lives near Reston with his parents.

DUTCH SHIPS OFF VENEZUELA

Holland Sends Vessels to Make President Castro Come to Time.

(By Associated Press.)

WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 4.—Three Dutch warships, the battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck and the cruisers Friesland and Gelderland have made a demonstration against Venezuela. Together they steamed yesterday along the coast from Puerto Cabello to La Guira at a distance of 3,000 yards from the shore. The battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck returned here this morning. The cruisers are going to Maracaibo to make similar demonstrations.

BANKER IS CONVICTED.

J. H. Parker of Baker City, Held For Perjury.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—J. H. Parker, former vice-president of the First National Bank of Baker City, was found guilty by a jury of perjury in connection with his filing on a timber claim. No further action was taken in the case. The prosecution contended that Parker violated the law in swearing to a non-mineral affidavit.

The trial of the Baker City banker grew out of a filing on a timber claim in Baker county by Parker on which the Buffalo Gulch mines were being operated by Fred Wunder. Wunder complained to the government and the matter was laid before the federal grand jury and an indictment resulted. It is alleged by the government that Parker knew of the Wunder mining operations when he made oath that the land was more valuable for its timber than for its minerals. It was brought out during the testimony that the most money taken out of the placer mines in one year was \$600, while the average yield of gold each year was a good deal less than that amount.

Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, at 8 A. M.

STEAMER SOO CITY REPORTED LOST ON ATLANTIC COAST

NEW CAPTAIN FOR ALLIANCE

Edward D. Parsons, Well-Known Mariner, to Succeed B. W. Olson December 11.

Captain Edward D. Parsons, for years connected with the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, has been selected to succeed Captain B. W. Olson as master of the steamship Alliance on the Portland-Coos Bay run. Captain Parsons will join the Alliance at Portland and come to Coos Bay on her tomorrow and will relieve Captain Olson about December 11, when Captain Olson will succeed Captain Nelson on the Nann Smith.

The selection of Captain Parsons to succeed Captain Olson came as a great surprise to local people. The intelligence was conveyed in a telegram received by Agent H. W. Skinner this afternoon.

Captain Parsons has been identified with shipping on the Pacific coast for many years and is considered one of the ablest mariners on the northwest coast. For three years, he was master of the Pomona on the San Francisco-Eureka run, for four years on the State of California plying between San Francisco and the Columbia river and was master of the George W. Elder when it was plying between San Francisco and the Philippines as a government transport.

Recently Captain Parsons has been port captain and representative of the Alaska Cannery Association at Nome, Alaska.

"HOME SWEET HOME" REUNITES TWO BROTHERS

Novel Story of Long Separated Relatives Being Brought Together By Melody.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The strains of "Home, Sweet Home" from a wheezy saloon piano caused the reuniting of two brothers who had not seen each other for twenty-six years. Joseph Johnson, a wealthy cattle-raiser of Nome, Kan., was passing by a saloon when he heard someone pounding out the famous old tune. Home to Johnson had meant almost any part of the world until a few years ago when he settled down in Kansas.

He went inside the saloon and looked into the eyes of the bartender who was also gazing fixedly at him. A few seconds of this gaze and with one accord their hands clasped.

"Jack!"

"Joe!"

And as the tones of "Home, Sweet Home," continued the two men told each other of their adventures, Jack, the bartender and a soldier in the Spanish-American war, a sailor and a dozen other things, and Joe, the other, in almost as many fields of endeavor until he finally went to Kansas.

ED. AASEN HURT.

Well-Known Coquille Logger Sustains Injury.

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 4.—Ed. Aasen, foreman of the Aasen Bros.' logging camp on Rinck creek, met with an accident which might have cost him a leg. As it was he had one of his lower limbs badly jammed from the knee down and a blood vessel was ruptured. He was caught between two logs while attempting to move one of them with a beckett, and has since been confined to his bed.

PRICE OF LOGS GOES UP.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 4.—Logs advanced \$1 per thousand, and lumber will go up accordingly. It is claimed there is not more than 4,000,000 feet of logs on Grays Harbor.

Wreckage and Belongings of Craft Sighted Near North Sydney, N. B.

MEMBERS OF CREW UNACCOUNTED FOR

Twenty-Eight May Be Lost—No Passengers On Vessel From Great Lakes.

(By Associated Press.)
NORTH SYDNEY, N. B., Dec. 4.—It is reported that a large amount of wreckage and furniture, including a steamer's cabin and sixty life-preservers bearing the name "Soo City" were found near Cape Race.

BOUND TO NEW YORK.

Steamer Soo City Left Michigan City November 13.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The "Soo City" was bound from ports on the great lakes to New York and was last reported November 11 at Ogdensburg. She usually carried a crew of twenty-eight men. She was consigned to T. H. Franklin of this city at whose office it was stated that no passengers were on board. The "Soo City" left Michigan City, Mich., for the Atlantic ocean November 13.

WAS RECENTLY SOLD.

Soo City Carried Fourteen When She Left Chicago.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The Soo City carried a crew of fourteen men when she left Chicago. She was commanded by Captain J. G. Dillon. She was valued at \$35,000 and had recently changed ownership.

WILL DISCUSS NAVAL WARFARE

Conference of Powers Is Being Held In London Today.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 4.—A conference of the powers called by Great Britain for the purpose of framing a code of laws for naval warfare and for the formation of an international prize court as recommended by the Hague congress, opened at the Foreign Office today. The governments participating have prepared a list of subjects to be considered and discussed. The United States, France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Spain, Holland, and Japan will be represented.

OFFERS JOB TO CHADWICK

Gov. Meade of Washington, Would Appoint Colfax Man Supreme Judge.

(By Associated Press.)
COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 4.—Judge Stephen J. Chadwick declines to state whether or not he will accept the appointment of supreme judge offered him by Governor Meade to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Milo A. Root owing to the complications which might result from his acceptance. He is going to Olympia to arrange some plan of action.