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DETROIT BANK PRESIDENT COMMITTED SUICIDE TODAY

Henry C. Potter Ends Life As Result of Nervous Prostration.

FIRST ATTEMPT WAS DECLARED ACCIDENTAL

Head of People's Savings Bank - Condition of Institution Not Given.

(By Associated Press.) DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 4.—Henry C. Potter, vice-president of the People's Bank, committed suicide early this morning. Potter has been suffering from nervous prostration. About a month ago, Potter was found unconscious in the bath-room of his residence with the gas escaping from the jets. The family stated it had been turned on accidentally as he had been overcome by an attack of heart trouble.

BOOK DEDICATED TO CAT. Mistress of Prize Winner Tells of Pet's Wonderful Smartness.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4. — A 200-page book dedicated to the memory of a dead cat has been published by Mrs. Laura W. Greene, of Berwyn, a prominent club woman and vice president of the American Cat Fanciers' Association.

The cat whose fame is thus perpetuated is the late Tom Willoughby Greene, three years old, black, orange-eyed, and four times winner of the blue ribbon at the annual cat show in Chicago. Tom Willoughby was entered for the show to be held next January, but contracted a severe case of pneumonia and passed to cat heaven.

The book is a volume of stories about cats and kittens including several of which T. W. Greene was hero. Tom had his own bed, with sheets pillow and quilts. He tucked himself in carefully each night. At the side of his bed an alarm clock was set for 8 a. m. When it rang, Tom got up, went to the hired girl's room and aroused her, gently tapping her face with the tip of his tail.

WEDDED BY HIS FIRST LOVE. Each Had Become Married Since Their Early Betrothal.

OMAHA, Jan. 4.—The acquaintance of Lee Bryan, merchant, of Craig, Col., and Mrs. Carrie Younkens, of Omaha, who has become his bride, was not of recent origin. They knew each other in their youthful days, and when their respective parents broke off their engagement Bryan went West and his sweetheart wedded another. Bryan also married, but the union was not a happy one, and he separated from his wife fifteen years ago.

June 1, he secured a divorce, and at once sought his school-day sweetheart. He found her a widow of five years, and at once applied for a license. This was refused him on the ground that he had been divorced within six months.

When the six months period required by law expired the license was secured and the dream of nearly half a century became a reality.

MONSTER BEAR KILLED. Weighed 500 Pounds and Was Trained For Three Days.

WILKESBARRE, Jan. 4. — A five hundred pound bear, the largest shot in this part of the state this season, was brought to this city. It was shot by Geo. Cassen, of North Mehoopany, who, with a party of Wilkes-Barre hunters, was tracking in Bradford county. The bear was run down in Indian Cave, eighteen miles from Mehoopany. All efforts to get it out failed and Cassen, with a rifle in one hand and a torch in the other, entered. He found the bear in a far corner, threw the torch at it, and then fired three shots, killing it before it could charge him.

CLOSE FINISH IN HOSE RACE

Marshfield Fire Department Team Narrowly Defeats North Bend Team.

By a margin of four-fifths of a second, the Marshfield Fire Department won the hose race from the North Bend Department team at North Bend New Year's Day. The contest was decidedly closer than the one in Marshfield between the two teams Thanksgiving Day, the North Bend team having practised considerably in hopes of winning the \$50 wager.

The contest was to lay 450 feet of hose and get water, Chiefs Nicols and Painter of the two departments acting as two of the officials. North Bend's team accomplished the feat in 37 4-5 seconds and the Marshfield team in 37 seconds flat. Some of the Marshfield members think they made better time than was allowed by the time-keepers and will probably bring it up for discussion at the next meeting.

Following the races, the members of the two hose teams were entertained at a chicken supper and later in the evening at a boxing bout and general good time in Eckhoff hall.

The members of the Marshfield team were as follows: Nozzle men, Gus Gulovson and Wm. Longstaff; hydrant men, Carl Albrecht and L. W. Traver; cart men, Ray Ollivant, George Thomlinson, Eugene Keenan, Jasper Mauzey and D. Rhodes.

It is likely that another race will be arranged soon and at least a return banquet will be tendered the North Bend firemen by the Marshfield department.

EDUCATOR DEAD. Professor of Astronomy in Northwestern University Passes Away.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—George Washington Hough, a professor of astronomy in the Northwestern University and director of the Dearborn Observatory, died suddenly in Evanston, Saturday aged 72.

BETRAYS GIRL AND IS KILLED

Los Angeles Man Shoots Youth Who Wronged His Sister.

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—With the accusation that he was responsible for his sister's downfall and that he abducted her from the door of the "House of Hope where she was sent to escape his wiles, William Mitchell, an iron worker, shot and instantly killed Cecil Thayer, a messenger 19 years old. The tragedy occurred after Esther Mitchell 16 years old, had disappeared from home. Mitchell surrendered to the officer and admits the shooting but pleads any other man would have done the same.

RECEIVER FOR RAILWAY. Southern Corporation Unable to Meet Its Obligations.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Jan. 4.—Judge Pardee of the Circuit Court, Saturday appointed President H. M. Atkinson and Vice-President P. S. Arkwright receivers of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad. The petition gives as a reason for the receivership that the company is unable to meet interest due on bonds.

A SHAKE UP IN CHINA

Commander-in-Chief of Forces Is Dismissed And Trouble Is Feared.

(By Associated Press.) PEKING, Jan. 4.—An edict was issued Saturday which dismisses from office Yuan Shi Kai, grand councillor and commander in chief of forces. The reason given is that he has rheumatism of the leg. The edict ordered him to vacate all his offices and return to his home adding "Our clemency toward you is manifest." A second edict appoints Na Tung, controller of customs and exchange, grand councillor. Members of diplomatic corps at Peking are well nigh thunderstruck. The step is believed to be the outcome of a Manchu plot and there are indications that the Japanese representative alone had an inkling of what was on foot.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Though the news of the downfall of Yuan Shi Kai was not entirely unexpected, it was received with great regret here. Yuan is remembered for his having secured secret information from the legations in compound at Peking during the boxer uprising. This information resulted in an allied march in which the European governments joined with America in making an effort to rescue the imprisoned diplomats. He organized the modern Chinese army and during the boxer uprising and while he was only viceroy he was able to protect foreign life and property.

NO MORE AMERICAN DEATHS. (By Associated Press.)

ROME, Jan. 4.—There has been no news of the death of any Americans except American Consul Cheyney and family, received. Vice-consul Lupt is safe.

DEAD MAN'S CLOTHES LINED WITH MONEY

Mistrusting Banks, Gray Carried \$60,000 on His Person—Also Had Cash Secreted Elsewhere. LAPEER, Mich., Jan. 4. — Since the death of James Gray, who had lived here for sixty-eight years, it is learned that he leaves his heirs \$75,000, most of which was found in the house after his death, both in currency and securities. Mr. Gray did not believe banks were safe and always carried considerable of his fortune about with him. After he died a large quantity of money was found tucked away in his clothes, and it was rumored that more than \$60,000 was discovered in this manner. He was supposed to be heavily interested in real estate, but some time before his death he converted everything into cash and securities. His heirs are Mrs. William Van Slevier, Arthur Gray and the Misses Gladys and Lisette Gray, all of this city.

PRES. CASTRO UNDER KNIFE

Former Head of Venezuela Undergoes Operation at Berlin For Trouble.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Former President Castro of Venezuela, was operated on today for kidney trouble. The present operation is regarded as so serious that before submitting to it, Castro gave out a statement in which he said it was evidence to the whole world that he did not come to Germany to shirk his responsibility. It is understood that Castro came through the operation fairly well.

PORTLAND ATTORNEY SENTENCED TO DIE ON THE GALLOWES FEBRUARY 5. (By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—Judge Bronough of the state circuit court, sentenced James A. Finch, convicted of the murder of Ralph B. Fisher, late prosecutor for the Oregon Bar Association, to be hanged February 5. Finch displayed little emotion while the sentence was being passed. SPECIAL SALE of children's coats, furs and head wear at 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT at the Ladies' Emporium.

EMPIRE CITY GETS ESTATE

R. E. Shine Cedes the Thomas H. Walker Property to City For Common Good.

R. E. Shine, manager of the Southern Oregon Company, has donated to the city of Empire the estate of the late Thomas H. Walker which was willed him about a year ago. The estate consisted of about \$900 in money, a lot in Marshfield, a lot in Empire and some odd tracts of land in this section. The estate is now in the probate court and will probably be closed up soon so that Empire City will come into a tidy sum that may be used for some public cause. Just what will be done with it has not been determined, but some of the leading citizens there will doubtless take steps to see that it is made advantageous use of and the generosity of Mr. Shine and Mr. Walker properly appreciated. Mr. Walker was a blacksmith at Empire City and was burned to death in his own house about a year ago. There are a few claims against the estate so that the actual value of the estate cannot be given at this time.

Some of the largest claims are as follows: Ida Cook \$596 J. Leo Cook 213 J. Leo Cook, administrator . . . 160 C. A. Johnson 68

The claim of Ida Cook for \$596 is for "nursing and caring for Mrs. Walker," (who died some time before her husband), from year 1902 to year 1908, including 7 months in 1904, at a rate of \$30 per month.

The claim of J. Leo Cook for \$213 is for "board for Thomas H. Walker, from December 1906 to December 1907 at \$20 per month."

The claim of C. A. Johnson for \$68 is in connection with funeral expenses. Other smaller claims are for bills and expenses, outside of usual legal expenses.

J. Leo Cook is the administrator of the estate. Some of the bills have been approved by the administrator and some by the court, but are open to objection until final settlement of the estate is made.

Walker was an old pioneer and resident of Empire city for many years.

GETS DIVORCE, GIVES ADVICE. CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—"Marriage is founded on love, not friendship; one will make you forever happy, the other forever unhappy." With this advice to young women, Mrs. T. T. Woolens, who after eight years of married life obtained a divorce from the president of the Hayes Dental Company, told the story of the romance and tragedy of her own life.

Two flaxen haired girls—one six years old, the other five—clung close to her as she voiced her philosophy of love and marriage. I loved as much as any girl could ever love," she said, "I knew, though, that my husband had only a kindly friendship toward me. He took that friendship to mean love. Result—unhappiness."

Mrs. Woolens charged desertion.

FINCH IS TO BE HANGED

Portland Attorney Sentenced to Die On the Gallows February 5. (By Associated Press.)

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LOCAL MEN WILL WORK TO SECURE LEGISLATION FOR PORT

ALLIANCE AND M. F. PLANT IN

Steamships Arrive This Morning With Many Passengers - Had Good Trips.

The Alliance from Portland and the M. F. Plant from San Francisco, arrived in Coos Bay early this morning after good trips. Both carried many passengers and fairly good freight cargoes. The Alliance will sail for Portland at 9 o'clock in the morning. Capt. Parsons on the last trip up filed charges against the bridge tenders on the Columbia for not opening the draws promptly, he having been delayed three times in succession. He hopes that the trouble will be eliminated henceforth.

The Alliance incoming passenger list was as follows: Miss Mable Tiffany, Frank Todd, Mrs. Frank Todd, Aug. Heimling, Robt. Anderson, A. N. Holman, C. N. Mosher, J. G. Reddick, Wm. Anderson, Anna Jones, Geo. F. Hammond, K. P. Lawrence, H. P. Donahy, L. N. Gilnet, Mrs. Gilnet, Claire Gilnet, Bert Melvin, Mrs. Melvin, Gust. Wickberg, Elfrid Wickberg, E. H. Despair, Mrs. W. T. Howe, Master Howe, Mrs. Jacobson, Mrs. G. W. Evans, Frankie Stewart, L. L. Breede, Chas. G. Lee, G. W. Holman, C. A. Boyce, Roy S. Wagner, J. A. Lamb, S. P. Bartlett, M. Barran, Geo. Wooster, J. C. Schnorr, G. Wilson, N. Frederickson, W. Carmon, E. Smith, W. S. Gork, P. Loppes, J. Doreyd, Geo. Sooviz, H. P. Nichol and twelve steerage.

M. F. Plant In. The M. F. Plant arrived early today after a fairly good trip from San Francisco. She had a good passenger list and a heavy freight cargo. The passenger list follows: Mrs. Li Hung Chang, E. A. Payson, F. C. Davis, A. B. Snyder, A. Dawson, H. G. Butler, A. B. Deyoe, S. J. Miller, W. C. Scott, Mrs. Scott, W. R. Laughridge, W. P. Jones, C. H. Smith, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Geo. Smith and twenty steerage.

Others to Leave. Francis H. Clarke will leave tomorrow for Portland where he will meet with the commission recently formed by Gov. Chamberlain for the purpose of drafting a measure to permit the organization of port commission in Oregon. From there he will go to Salem to aid in securing the enactment of suitable legislation.

Joint Representative I. N. Muncie of Curry county, was expected to be in today to leave for Salem and attend the North Bend conference tonight, but he failed to show up. It was probably delayed en route here. Representative R. E. L. Bedillion of Bandon, was also expected to participate in the conference at North Bend tonight, but he has been detained in San Francisco where he went a few days prior to the holiday. He was taken ill and compelled to go to a hospital for treatment. His condition is not serious. He may possibly go direct from San Francisco to Salem.

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TELLS STORY OF TRAGEDY

Thrilling Story of Murder of Man, Showing Self Defense, Is Told. (By Associated Press.)

MEDIA, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Florence Erb, accused with her sister, Miss Catherine Beisl of the murder of Mrs. Erb's husband, took the stand and told a sensational story of cruelty on the part of her husband as one of the causes leading up to the shooting of Captain Erb. Among the cruelties she recounted were dragging her about by the hair, throwing her to the floor and beating her, threatening her life with a revolver, spitting in her face, bending her over a Davenport and pressing on her stomach with his knee until she cried for mercy, calling her names, threatening to "spread eagle" her, on this occasion she says he struck her on the chin with his fist, driving her tooth through her tongue. Mrs. Erb told of mistreatment of her sister and on one of these occasions when she thought he was about to kill her sister she hit him over the head with a whiskey bottle and ran, believing she had killed him. Mrs. Erb says the night the kill-

Senator W. C. Chase and F. H. Clarke Leave For Portland Tomorrow.

CONFERENCE AT NORTH BEND THIS EVENING

Representative R. E. L. Bedillion of Bandon, Ill In San Francisco.

Senator W. C. Chase of Coquille, was in Marshfield today en route to Salem to attend the annual session of the Oregon legislature which will convene next Monday. Tonight, Mr. Chase will meet with the North Bend Chamber of Commerce to discuss some proposed legislation, particularly in relation to the harbor. He will leave in the morning on the Alliance for the North.

"The proposed harbor legislation is the most important legislation that will probably be brought up for this session," said Senator Chase today. "Bandon and the Coquille are almost as vitally interested in a measure to permit the organization of port commissions as is Coos Bay. I have been working on drafts of measure for some time and I understand that a committee here on a state commission are also working on a bill, have a number of amendments, which I hope to see enacted this winter."

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