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S. DOW COMMITTED SUICIDE BY JUMPING INTO BAY TODAY

Prominent Marshfield Man Ends Life as Result of **Business Worries**

LEFT FOUR NOTES TO WIFE AND FRIENDS

Temporary Mental Aberration Only Explanation — Was Highly Respected

DOW'S BODY FOUND LATE THIS AFTERNOON

The body of F. S. Dow was

found about 4 o'clock this afternoon near the north end of the Ocean Dock, near where he said it would be found. It was weighted down with pieces of ten-inch sewer pipe.

DOW'S LAST NOTE

"You will find me off the brick pile in the bay anchored by a weight, F. S. DOW.

F. S. Dow, one of the best known citizens 1:30 today noon by jumping from Ocean Dock into the bay. Auditor A. H. Allen, of the Bal-mr-Guthrie Company of Portland was found by him about 12:45

Werry over his business affairs believed to have resulted in tem-rary mental aberration, which used him to end his life.

Left Fong Notes Mr. Allen went to lunch with sockkeeper Wallace, leaving Mr. ow's office at 12:05. Mr. Allen hished his lunch and returned to le office at 12:45 and on going in and a note telling him to open w's desk. On it was four notes, addressed to Mrs. F. S. Dow, to W. P. Murphy and the other a brother in California. Mr. Alppened the note addressed to him ickly, thinking that it was someing important' and was shocked is contents, but immedi

fled the officials and the search as promptly started,

Not Long Gone. Mr. Dow was not at the office when r. Allen left at 12:05 and had not en there for some little time. He as around town this morning, apently looking after several busimatters. It seems that he went to dinner earlier than usual d had evidently made his plans for ding the game. He came down wa about 12:15 with Benj. Ostid, riding on the rear of the latmotorcycle. He got off near cadway and Central and stopped in the street in front of The s office to greet Mr. Morrissey. evidently went direct to the ofe and arranged the end. He must we had the notes prepared in ade. Those opened were scribbled bill heads and note paper, He dittle time to place them for the

That he must have been figuring self destruction this forenoon was licated by his anxiety over his life urance. He had a \$5000 policy have the Mutual Life of New York and years. lew weeks ago had Henry Sengcken change the beneficiary from F. S. Dow estate to Mrs. F. S. This morning he hunted up Sengstacken, about 10 o'clock, found him on the street. Mr. stacken was talking with someelse, but Dow interrupted and ing him aside, inquired if the pol-lad been changed and Mr. Sengden told him it had as it had gone

the home office some time ago. Had Big Business. sat the nature of Mr. Dow's reis not known. They started my Plour company and other as wholesale accounts and with the ion of some of the mills had far the largest payroll and estabment in the country. He hand-the steamship business between wand San Francisco and was doa flourishing business. to began to go wrong and he lost Then of his most lucrative agencies. ing up Coos county potatoes, pro- when Ostlind came at, but last year leased that to

Endeavor to Spare Wife From Awful Shock-Had \$8000 Life Insurance

The news of F. S. Dow's disappearance and probable fate was broken as easily as possible to Mrs. Dow at her home soon after the note was found. Dr. E. Mingus and others went to her and told her that he could not be found and that his hat was on the dock and he might have met with some accident and fallen overboard. It was thought best to do it this way as the shock would be awful to her.

Mrs. W. P. Murphy and Mrs. J. E. Burkhart are with her this afternoon, Had \$8000 Insurance.

Mr. Dow carried \$8000 insurance, \$3000 in the W. O. W. and \$5000 in the Mutual Life of New York.

About a year ago he suffered from trouble with his head and consulted physicians. He said that his mind seemed to be a blank at brief interarshfield, committed suicide about vals and he feared himself. Later he recovered and had not complained ner, about it, but today's action leads to te written above was the first in- the belief that he must have suffered sation of it and it was addressed a recurrence of the mental trouble. a recurrence of the mental trouble.

Had Settled with Company.
It was reported some time ago that tlement with the Sperry Flour company, whom he represented here a He said it was wholly inexplicable.

when the second series of reverses was encountered.

Much To Investigate.

The exact status of his finances is not known and probably will not be He had extensive for several days. Interests in Marshfield and the Coquille Valley and represented a num-ber of wholesale firms and antil all these have been gone over, nothing doubtless definite will be known.

With the exception of a very few, one knew Mr. Dow! maintained a most optimistic spirit relative to his affairs and the general business outlook, However, a few knew of the business reverses he had viously incurred,

No Immediate Cause.

Auditor Allen of the Balfour-Guthfirm's business with Mr. Dow. He puzzling to his most intimate friends. and Mr. Dow went to Coquille yesterday afternoor to look after a proposed change in the business operations there and returned last even-ing. After dinner he accompanied Mr. Dow to the Masonic lodge and the latter seemed to be in his usual good natured mood. Mr. Allen said today that he had

scarcely got started on checking the ale between the time he reached accounts and had not encountered at and the time that Mr. Allen anything that indicated wrong.

Father In California.

Mr. Dow's father and step-mother reside in National City, Calif. They formerly resided in Marshfield, but have been in California for some

Besides his wife and three child-ren, his brother-in-law, A. E. Diment, and family lives in Marshfield. Mr Diment had been associated with Mr. Dow until a few months ago, when he retired to take over the Ferndale grocery.

No Bad Habits.

Mr. Dow was a man of exceptional-good habits. He seldom, if ever used liquor, smoked very little and devoted all his energies to his business affairs. He formerly took an active part in the Chamber of Comthe years or so ago. At that time had about the only wholesale has on the Bay, handled the agenfor the Standard Oil company, the stry Plour company and other and the children. merce but recently had been devoting and the children.

He was rather outspoken in his views and this sometimes incurred the displeasure of some. His business abilities and hustling, however, won him many friends.

Talked About His Boys

Just before taking his final plunge into eternity, F. S. Dow rode down town with Benjamin Ostlind on Mr. town with Benjamin Ostina Dow had some of his commission deals, in just left his home, about 12 o'clock, ling up Cook county and the some of his commission deals, in just left his home, about 12 o'clock, ling up Cook county and the some sound of the commission deals. hand fruit. A year or so ago he seemed in a hurry and Ostlind hallat, but last year leased that to town. Dow accepted pleasantly and began a conversation about his boys and talked all the way down about them. Ostlind asked if he about them. Ostlind asked if he about them to the Ocean Dock

California Senator Criticises
Waiting Policy—Few Develsharply criticised the Mexican polopments in Situation To- icy of the administration in a Senate speech, "We may be forced yet to Intervene in some form in Mexico. If we do it should not be for washington, D. C., March 6.— aggrandizement of our country." He Predicting that the Mexican situa- declared the United States should tion is a matter with which the have sent soldiers into Mexico to

Harry Thaw's Lawyer Found General Terrazas, Once Multi-Guilty of Bribing Witnesses Millionaire, Faces Extortion by Gen. Villa to Leave

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, March 6 .- Clifford Hartridge, counsel for Harry K. Thaw in his first trial for the killing the city.

by Ostlind and an hour later he ready submitted to extortion of heard of his death. It was about \$650,000 American gold, to save five minutes past 12 o'clock when his life. Three years ago Terrazas' Dow left Ostlind at the bank cor- fortunte was worth \$40,000,000.

Writes Note to W. P. Murphy. W. P. Murphy, who was probably more closely associated with Mr. Dow in a personal and business way It was reported some time ago that than anyone in the city, said the he was having difficulties over a set-matter was the greatest surprise long time. W. U. Douglas, his attorney, stated today that a settlement had been made in this matter.

Mr. Dow left a note addressed to Mr. Murphy, but which he did not wish to give out for publication. In this note Mr. Dow stated that the struggle was too much for him. He said that he left instructions in the note to his wife for handling the business and requested Mr. Murphy to confer with her and help her. He assured Murphy that he would not lose a cent in the business and closed his brief note with an affec-

Mr. Murphy said that while it was doubtless business worry that prompted the deed, there was really no occasion for it. When Dow completed his invoices and closed his books for last year they showed a splendid profit and the outlook this year was better than ever before,

suffered and knew that he was fighting a hard battle to overcome them. The Murphy-Dow Branch of Mr. Last year it is said that he paid off the business last year was most suc-about \$12,000 on losses he had pre-cessful, but the prospects this year were that it would be more than doubled.

The outlook was never brighter for rie Company arrived here on the Mr. Dow's numerous enterprises and Breakwater yesterday to check up the it makes his action all the more

HIS LAST HOURS

There is a mysteriousness that is almost uncanny in the last actions of F. S. Dow. He hurried from one place to anonther so rapidly and with such definiteness of purpose. He visited his office about 8 o'clock and remained until about 10 o'clock, when he returned to his home where he remained a his home where he remained a short time and then rode down town with Ben Ostlind, Later he went to the store of his brother-in-isw, A. E. Diment, where he talked briefly on business and then left for his office. A. B. Campbell says he saw him pass the Standard Oil dock about 12:05. Mr. Dow's bookkeeper, J. M. Wallace and Auditor Allen, left the office at 12:05 and returned at 12:45 and Richard Whitty arrived at the dock at 12:35 leaving only minutes unaccounted for. those twenty minutes Mr. Dow evidently entered the of-fice and left his notes and then went out on the dock and jump-in. He left his hat on the brick pile weighted down with

Bookkeeper Wallace says that he may have written his fare-well notes in the morning, as he spent about an hour writing at his desk in his private

Sketch of Dow.

F. S. Dow is entitled to the honor of having established the first ex-clusive wholesale and jobbing business on Coos Bay. He first came to Marshfield in January, 1898, as representative of Welman & Peck Co., wholesale grocers of San Francisco. After a brief inspeciton of the territory he was impressed by the opportunity afforded for a local wholesale his produce business and resigned his position with the San Francisco firm to engage in business for himself The same of the was successful from the start and the business has rapidly developed to this section he review of the business has rapidly developed to this section he review of the business has rapidly developed to the business has rapidly developed to this section he review of the business has rapidly developed to the wonder of the wonder of

[Hy Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] EL PASO, Texas, March 6 .- General Terragas has until next Sunday to pay half a million pesos ransom Thaw in his first trial for the killing to pay that a million pesos ransom of Stanford White, was disbarred to- for his son, Luis, who is held by day. The court found that Hart- General Villa at Chihuahua. This ridge had squandered \$69,000 to in- sum is worth \$250,000 in American duce women witnesses who might have testified against Thaw to leave that nuch money, he says. General Terrazas is 80 years old and greatly shaken by the particular and greatly shaken by the peril of across the street, walking very rap. his son. The laster has been a idly. This was the last seen of him prisoner for several months and al-

LEAVE FOR CAPITAL.

General Carranza Visits With School Children.

(By Associated Press to Cour Bay Times.) NACO, Mex., March 6 .- General Carranza, accompanied by 500 troops, left here upon his cross country march into Chihuahua. He will probably touch tomorrow at Agua Prieta, There more troops will join him. Before his departure Carranza was visited by the American school children of Naco, who marched to the international line with their teachers.

IN DUIDE, IUA.

Bend, Receives Word of Parent's Death

Mrs. Altus Kingston of North Bend received word today of the death of her father, John F. Benefiel, at his home near Boise, idaho, on March 2, where he had been a resident for many years, having been the first to locate on the bench land in Bolse Valley. The deceased was sixty-eight years of age and beside the daughter. leaves two sons, one of whom has been with him the past two years, his wife having passed away more than ten years ago. The other son resides in Washington.

DIES IN EMPIRE.

Miss Carrie Nichols Succumbs to a Prosecuting Attorney Decides

Miss Carrie Nichols died at the home of her brother, Al Nichols, in Empire last night. She was about fifty years old and had been an invalid for years.

She is survived by several brothers and sisters, including Al Nichols, Chas, Nichols, Mrs. Nick Bastendorf and Mrs. McMullen of Empire and

The date of the funeral has not been fixed.

There are large warehouses in Marshfield, Coquille, Bandon and Myrtle In addition to the wholesale business Mr. Dow also operated a large fruit drying plant in Myrtle Point. He also conducted the Co-quille Valley Warehouse and Trans-fer Company in Cquuille, which is the connecting link between the Southern Pacific rallway and the river steamers which ply in and out of that port. In addition to a large inde-pendent wholesale produce business Mr. Dow was also the Coos Bay rep-

resentative for Balfour, Guthrie & Company, the Western Meat company, Garcia Maggini, wholesale fruit dealers, and J. H. Newbauer, wholesale grocer and canner, all of San Francisco. Mr. Dow occupied a prominent

place among the progressive and enterprising citizens of Coos Bay and was always an active and progres sive factor in the development of its resources

F. S. Dow was born in Bunker Hill.

WORKS WANTS ACTION IN MEXICO PANAMA TOLL SPEECH OF CAUSES GREAT STIR

Official Organ of Great Britain Praises Him for Canal Views

(By Associated Press to coor Bay Times.) LONDON, March 6,-Laudatory the Panama tolls. It says "we cannot refrain from paying respectful admiration for the courage and manliness with which President Wil-son handles the tolls question. He sets an example of straight dealing would be vigorous opposition. which may be recommended to dip-tomats of the old world." Referring to the President's men-

tion of matters of "even greater del-leacy" the Westminster Gazette icacy" the Westminster Gazette says: "We understand the allusion and think it right to say at once that Mr. Wilson's handling of this question facilities a quiet consider-eration of the other and more deli-cate questions alluded to."

On the subject of the Benton mat-

ter one newspaper says: "When we are dealing with a man of such manlfest uprightness and good will as President Wilson, we shall certainly not expect our government to force their issues with an illogical and contentious spirit."

Luther Haskell Victim of Accident at Smith-Powers Camp

> Luther Haskell, a loader in the Smith-Powers camp on South Slough, was almost instantly killed yesterday afternoon. He was struck by a log and crushed.

Haskell was about twenty-three years old and recently came here from Gardiner, where his parents and two or three brothers reside. His brother is expected here this afternoon.

It is not likely that an inquest will be held.

MEREDITH TO BE CANDIDATE

to Seek Democratic Nomination for Congress

District Attorney W. H. Meredith of Curry county is in Marshfield today on his way home from a trip out over the First Congressional District to ascertain the sentiment for a coast man for Congress. In an interview today he says that the leaders in the different counties in the valley with whom he talked conceded the fairness of the claims of this section that it should be entitled to the Congressman for the First District, and he has definitely decided to en-ter the race for the Democratic nomi-

nation in the primaries on May 15.
Mr. Meredith talked with Hon. O.
P. Coshow and Judge James Hamilton of Roseburg, who have been suggested by their friends as candidates for this office, but neither of them intends making this race. Also Hon. Lark Bilyeu, of Eugene, who has been urged by his friends to enter the race, informed Mr. Meredith that he would not be a candidate. At the headquarters of the Democratic State Committee in Portland it was stated that no valley man had signified any intention of making the race, and it vas the opinion of Hon. Bert Haney, Chairman of the Committee, there would be no valley candidate

out on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Meredith spoke for Coos and assured him of their support. Curry counties at the Eugene Boostr meeting on February 19th, and in telling of the wonderful possibilities of development in this section he re-

England Thinks That Fear of Japan Caused Reference to Delicacy

LEADER MANN SAYS FEAR SHOULDN'T FORCE

House Committee Reports Bill For Repeal of Tolls Favorably

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.— Shall Congress reverse itself and repeal the clause in the Panama Canal act granting American coast-Comments on President Wilson's through the Panama Canal? This message to Congress are published was the question which presented in most of the newspapers of this itself to the House and Senate to-country. The government organ, day and on which undivided attended to the country of the local country of the local country. the Westminster Gazette, pays the tion of members of two bodies were highest compliments to President centered in response to President Wilson for his attitude regarding Wilson's personal appeal yesterday. In both the House and the Senate it was predicted that more than a sufficient number of votes would be assured in favor of its repeal. It was admitted, however, that there

> WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6 .-The Sims bill to repeal the Panama tolls exemption was reported favorably by the House Commerce Committee by a vote of 17 to 1. Representatives Doremus of Michigan, Democrat, Knowland of California and Hamilton, of Michigan, Republis cans, and Lafferty of Oregon, Pro-

Wilson's View. The resolution, with a similar one by Senator Jones, Republican, of Washington, went over for the day under the rules.

At the White House yesterday President Wilson, when questioned about that feature of his address, explained that he meant to say that it was very awl ward to deal with foreign nations which took the position that the United States did not live up to its treaty obligations.

Runor Japan View.
Republican Leader Mann told the House that after reading the London dispatches giving the British view of the President's Panama tolls address, he now understood what the President meant by saying that unless Congress supported the administration's foreign policy he would not know how to deal with matters of even greater delicacy. Mann read from a London dispatch headed: Mann read Phinks United States Fears Japan."

'After reading that disputch," said. Mann, "I can appreciate the signifi-cance of the President's words in calling for this government to act at the beliest of Europe. I do not court, but I am not afraid of, war with Japan or with anyone else and I would not yield what I believe to be right through fear, whatever else I might do."

Ask For Explanation. Senator Poindexter, Progressive, introduced a resolution calling on President Wilson to explain the matters "of even greater delicacy and nearer consequence" he referred to in his address to Congress yesterday as depending on the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption.

The bill as reported by the committee is brief and to the point. It simply provides that the sentence in the Panama Canal act reading "No tolls shall be levied on vessels engaged in the coastwise trade of the United States" shall be repealed. The members that voted against it pointed out that another provision relating to minimum tolls also must repealed or the whole question still will be open and the United States may in its discretion allow American vessels free use of the can-The committee also voted to ask for a special rule to expedite the repeal.

MILLIONAIRE DEAD

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] WINCHESTER, Va., March 5.
—William C. Conrad, a Mon-tana millionaire, died here to-day of Bright's disease,

PASS ALASKA BILL

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times) WASHINGTON, D. C., March
A conference report on the Alaska railroad bill was adopted by the House today. It will now go the Senate.

located and this idea met with the

hearty approval of the audience. After hearing his speech at the Eugene meeting, although it was not political, many of the leading Democrats of the First District urged Mer-edith to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for Congress and stated that it was the wish of the par-ty that a candidate be nominated who could make a live campaign this