

## DRAWS HIS GUN TOWARD HIM AND MEETS INSTANT DEATH

**Matti Kukkas, Young Hunter, Commits  
Himself to Fatal Error and Is  
Killed Near Knappa.**

Matti Kukkas, aged 19 years, yesterday made the fatal yet frequent error of drawing a loaded shotgun toward him. The charges took effect in the young man's head, half of which was blown away. The body is now at the morgue.

Young Kukkas lived with his parents at what is known as Brownsport Slough, a short distance from Knappa. He had had considerable experience as a hunter and the accident which resulted in his death was therefore surprising. Yesterday morning Matti and his brother Alex, the latter 17 years of age, went hunting for ducks. Arriving at the shooting grounds the boys separated, Matti remaining in the duck boat. Alex was some distance away when he heard the report of a shotgun. A few minutes later he looked for his brother, but could not see him, and, concluding that an accident had occurred, made search for Matti. He found his body in the duck boat, with the head frightfully torn.

Coroner Pohl was notified of the accident and yesterday afternoon the body was brought to the city. Dr. O. B. Estes was called in by Mr. Pohl to examine the corpse and last evening made an examination. He found that both barrels of the shotgun had been shot had taken effect. The charge in

one barrel had struck the unfortunate one barrel ad struck the unfortunate lad in the breast and lodged under the right jaw, which was torn away. The other charge had entered just below the right ear and had torn away the back of head.

There is no question whatever as to the manner in which the young man met death. Doubtless he saw some ducks and, reaching for his gun, seized it by the muzzle and pulled it toward him. The triggers caught an obstruction and were snapped, both charges entering the head.

"There could be no suspicion of foul play," said Dr. Estes last evening. "The charge from one barrel glanced upward along the breast, while the other charge entered below the right ear. In my opinion, death was instantaneous. I have no doubt that young Kukkas made the fatal mistake of drawing his gun toward him, for in no other manner could the charges have taken effect as they did. The head was very badly disfigured."

Coroner Pohl will probably not hold an inquest, as the condition of the body renders almost certain the fact that death was due purely to accident. Kukkas' brother shares the belief that Matti was killed in the manner described.

## WATER SUPPLY MAY FAIL AND ECONOMY IS URGED

**Effort Being Made to Repair Damage  
Done to Main, but Delay Would  
Result in Shortage.**

There is just about enough water in the big reservoir at the top of the hill to last until tonight. Should the workmen engaged in making repairs to the conduit be unable to complete their task by tonight, or should another storm come up and carry away more of the pipe, Astorians will be compelled to go without water.

The situation was thoroughly discussed at the meeting of the water commission last night. The break occurred about three miles from the reservoir. At the place in question the pipe goes along a sidehill, and a man-hole is located there. The pipe line runs along the hill more than 100 feet above the level ground. The incessant downpour resulted in a slide, which carried out the man hole and took it about 80 feet down from its original location. The piping was disconnected on both sides, shutting off the reservoir supply.

On account of the location of the man hole, the damage is not easy to repair, and, although a force of men has been constantly at work there, connections have not yet been made. Yesterday 96 feet of steel pipe was sent out to the men, but it is possible that but two of the three lengths of pipe sent out will have to be used. Each length is 32 feet long.

"The supply of water at the reservoir is sufficient to last during tomor-

row," said Clerk Mansell last night. "We have already shut off the water supply at the factories, mills and cold storage plants, and hope in this manner to keep enough water on hand to supply private houses. We are anxious that people should practice economy, for another storm or some unforeseen accident would seriously interfere with our water supply and possibly result in a famine."

"If all goes well, as we hope, the connections will be made by tonight, and the water supply will be adequate."

At the meeting of the commission the county court was asked to send Surveyor Astbury out to the point where the accident occurred for the purpose of surveying a new route for the road there. At present the road skirts a hill and it is the intention to straighten it, and thus avoid future trouble of the kind now confronting the commission. The court will take the action asked by the commission.

The commission last night ordered 300 feet of new 16-inch steel pipe for use in emergencies of the present character. Otherwise the meeting was devoted entirely to consideration of routine business.

**Great Honor to Author.**  
Washington, Nov. 22.—President Roosevelt introduced Rev. Charles Wagner, the author, to a large audience

at Lafayette opera house this afternoon, when he delivered a lecture on "The Simple Life." The president presented Mr. Wagner to the audience in an extended speech, highly eulogizing the speaker and his subject.

### BAR DREDGE CHINOOK WILL BE LAID UP FOR THE WINTER

**Crew Will Be Laid Off During Stormy  
Season for Purpose of Curtailing  
Expenses.**

Maj. W. C. Langfitt says that he will shortly order the government dredge Chinook taken out of commission for the winter. During the past month it has been impossible for her to do any work to speak of, on account of the stormy weather. It is stated that she ventured out on the bar but three times up to the present day in November, and it is believed that it will be too rough for her to attempt to do any dredging this season. To save expenses many of her crew will be paid off and the vessel tied up.

In the meantime it is probable that some extensive repair work will be done to the Chinook. Plans for the work and its approximate cost have been forwarded to the department at Washington, and bids for making the alterations will probably be asked for very shortly. The matter of having the vessel converted into an oil-burner is also under consideration.

While Major Langfitt does not care to make a statement as to the showing that the Chinook has made during the past season at the bar, it is inferred from his remarks that she will be kept at the mouth of the river for another season at least. He declares that an extension of the jetty will prove a solution to the bar problem, but at the same time he says that the dredge can be made to be of good service down there. Just whether she has accomplished any results during the past season he will not positively assert. But it is the opinion of many others who have inquired into the situation that the dredge has done some very effective work.

G. B. Hegardt, the United States engineer who has direct charge of the improvement work at the mouth of the river, will spend the next few days in Portland. He is conferring with Major Langfitt, and drawing up specifications for the proposed improvements of next year. This matter is being attended to now, it is explained, for the reason that when the government appropriations are made it will be possible to proceed with the work without experiencing any delay.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Senator and Mrs. Fulton and Secretary Halderman left Portland yesterday for Washington.

Frank O'Hara of Portland is in the city, in the interest of the Catholic Sentinel. He is stopping at the Parker house.

W. W. Gordon, representing Fisher, Thorsen & Co., wholesale dealers in paints, oils and glass, of Portland, is in the city.

Manager Gevurtz of the Star was in Portland yesterday arranging for attractions for his showshop. He returned last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Troyer arrived down from Portland yesterday. With Mr. and Mrs. John H. Smith and Mr.

and Mrs. C. W. Lounsbury, they will spend Thanksgiving at Seaside.

J. T. N. Callaway was able to be on the street yesterday for the first time since injuring his foot on a protruding nail on the sidewalk two weeks ago.

W. M. Kelly, an old-time Astorian, is in the city. Mr. Kelly is representing the Simplex type-setting machine. He lived in Astoria about 15 years ago, and held a "case" on The Astorian.

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