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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. I. Breslauer of Chico, are in the city, the guests of Mayor Herman Wise. Mr. Breslauer is on an extended wedding trip with his wife through the western states which will include Yellowstone Park.

Harry Gray, formerly of this city now a prosperous merchant of Pennington, was in the city yesterday coming up from the beach where he has been getting a little fresh air. He reports everything prosperous in the Inland Empire and there is only one thing he misses up there and that is Astoria's delightful climate.

Rev. R. F. Lash of St. Johns, Ore., was a over Sunday guest of his daughter, Mrs. Eugene Bussing. Mr. Lash will return home via the Spencer today.

H. P. Alberg, of Gray's River, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Ole Vestnes, with their children, left last evening for their Minnesota home, after a pleasant visit with kinsmen in this city.

George Edkin, an employe of the Oregon Asylum for Insane, was a summering tourist in this city yesterday.

Mrs. F. J. McShatko and baby were passengers for Portland on yesterday morning's express.

H. B. Parker, the lively octogenarian, was a passenger for Portland on Sunday evening's train from this city.

Judge King of the Oregon supreme court, was in Astoria over Sunday and went to the beach with J. H. Smith.

F. A. Fisher and family are on an outing. They will camp out at Silver Cliff Point on Elk Creek.

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PREYED ONE HIS MIND.

American Survivor Of Filipino Massacre Tries Suicide.

NEW YORK, July 27.—The terrible massacre of the men of the 9th infantry at Ballinga Island of Samar on Sept. 28, 1901 by treacherous Filipinos, when Captain Connell and more than forty others of the command were boloed is pathetically recalled by the case of one of the survivors of that tragic day, Patrick McGuire of Brooklyn, who is in a hospital dying from poison taken with suicidal intent. McGuire was only 18 years old when he enlisted in the 9th infantry and was a member of company C of that regiment at the time of the massacre at Ballinga. He did his part in the valiant attempt the survivors made to drive off their foes and was one of the 18 to escape. But the horrors of that day when he saw forty of his comrades cut down in cold blood with practically no opportunity to defend themselves preyed on McGuire's mind and even after he returned to his mother's home in Brooklyn the horror did not leave him and two years ago his mind fail-

ed entirely. He was sent to St. Elizabeths, the great insane hospital at Washington and remained there until ten days ago when he had so far recovered that his mother was allowed to bring him back to Brooklyn. The old terror was still with him. His mind constantly wandered and he would spring from his bed at night with cries for Jim, his "Bunkie," whose life was sacrificed in the awful massacre, in far away Samar. Last night he escaped his mother's watchful eyes and took the poisons which the doctors fear will cost him his life.

DEATH IN QUICK SANDS.

Sister 12 Miles Away Faints At The Same Time And May Die.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., July 27.—While her twin brother Fred was being sucked to his death in the quick sands of Long Lake, near Mitchell, Illinois, yesterday, Merle Huber 17 years old who was twelve miles away, at home alone shrieked and fell to the front porch in a faint. Neighbors ran to her assistance and revived her.

"Fred is dying, I can hear him calling to me. He is drowning. Let me go to him" moaned the girl.

Merle made frantic efforts to leave the house but was held back by friends who assured her that Fred was all right. The girl could not be quieted.

Five minutes later a message came from Mitchell that Fred Huber had been drowned. When the news reached his sister, she again fainted, and up to a late hour last night was in a critical condition.

MAKES GOOD SWIM.

William Duffey Bufts Heavy Tide Off New York.

NEW YORK, July 27.—A swim of more than 12 miles was made by Wm. Duffey a well known swimmer Duffey's swim began at the Brooklyn Bridge and ended a mile off Coney Island in the face of a heavy tide that swept in from the lower bay.

Saturday's storm had stirred up Atlantic and a savage tide was running all day, against which it was difficult even for launches to set their noses, and as a result Duffey's attempt to make a record swim had to be abandoned after he had trod his way along for four hours and twenty minutes.

Mr. Duffey, who is 55 years old, only a few years ago swam from the Brooklyn bridge to three miles beyond Sheal's light 15 1-2 miles in five hours and a quarter.

HIS DEATH MYSTERIOUS.

San Francisco Man Dies In Massage Parlors.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—Wm. Haie, a prominent real estate man of this city, son of the late Superior Judge Wm. Hale and a direct descendant of Nathan Hale of Revolutionary fame, dropped dead yesterday in the parlors of Mrs. Nina Williams, a Masseuse. Heart failure was the cause of death.

A black wallet in which the deceased usually carried a fairly large sum of money has disappeared. It was found on the body or at his home.

The family of the dead man say they know no reason for his presence at the massage parlors. The woman says that he had been there before for treatment to cure a headache.

A RISKY BUSINESS.

Men Offer Themselves As "Fender Dummies."

NEW YORK, July 27.—Being a fender dummy at \$2 a day is a new form of livelihood opened for men out of work by the manufacturers of Street Car fenders and wheel guards throughout the country. The manufacturers are preparing for a series of tests of their device under a call issued by the public service commission. These tests are to be held at

Schenectady in September and another series in Pittsburg in October.

According to communications received by the Public service commission there will be no lack of men to fill the positions.

The public service commission in its plans for the tests is counting on the use of manikins made especially for the purpose, to represent a child, a youth and a full grown man, but if all the manufacturers succeed in hiring living dummies there will be no necessity for the use of figures.

STARVING TO DEATH.

Cousin Of Jay Gould May Become A County Charge.

LOS ANGELES, July 27.—Melville A. Gould who says he is a second cousin of the late Jay Gould is dangerously ill at the county hospital. He is 70 years of age and is suffering from lack of proper nourishment.

The old man has been living in his own cottage on East Fifty Eighth street and has been cared for by his foster daughter whom he had befriended in former years. She is said to be no longer able to care for him and he must become a county charge.

There is a mortgage on the cottage and if he dies there will be hardly enough money to bury him. He once was wealthy. Most of his property was turned into cash in order that he might speculate in mines. He lost thousands of dollars trying to develop a copper claim which proved worthless.

AUTOMOBILE HITS WOMAN.

Mrs. Harrell N. Lyon Of St. Louis In A Critical Condition.

ST. LOUIS, July 27.—F. C. Pepper, president, Christian Pepper Tobacco Co., last night, in his automobile, ran down and probably fatally wounded Mrs. Harrell N. Lyon, wife of Dr. H. N. Lyon at the crossing of Union and Delmar Avenues. Dr. Lyon saw the accident from the rear platform of a street car from which Mrs. Lyon had just alighted and attended to his wife's wants until an ambulance arrived.

Mr. Pepper, in his efforts to stop his automobile sustained a fracture of the wrist and three broken ribs. He is under arrest.

SERPENT OF AESCULAPIUS.

Worship of Snakes Led to Adoption of the Mystical Symbol.

It has been pointed out by Dr. Boudin that the worship of the serpent was so universal in antiquity that all temples came to be known as "draconia" (serpent houses).

However that may be, serpents were kept in many of the temples of antiquity, notably in those of Apollo, whose son, Aesculapius, is represented in ancient statuary carrying a serpent entwined round a staff or round his arm. The serpent, indeed, came in time to be the special mystical emblem or symbol of the Aesculapian art.

The serpents of the ancient Greek temples were in all probability relics of that primitive serpent worship which was at one time universal among prehistoric peoples and has not died out among many savage races at the present day.

And "voodoo," or "obi," serpent worship is still said to linger in the West Indies among the descendants of slaves.

In Haiti especially, where negroes were dumped down from Africa by the old slave traders and were kept in reserve before being sold to masters in the surrounding islands, voodoo has defied Roman Catholic missionaries and priests for ages. A French naval officer who visited the court of the Haitian potentate Soulogne in 1849 described a voodoo ceremony where cannibalistic and other orgies were indulged in.

It is noticeable that the cock and black goat which were solemnly eaten on this occasion were both of them sacred to Aesculapius. Hence we may infer that the Aesculapian cultus was originally an innocent form of voodoo and at the same a primordial religion.

The extreme antiquity of serpent worship seems, indeed, to be hinted at in Genesis, where the devil appears in the guise of the snake god intent on the ruin of man. In the story of the brazen serpent healing qualities are attributed to the image.—Lancet.

A PECULIAR SPIDER.

He Catches Birds as Big as Larks In His Mammoth Web.

Far up in the mountains of Ceylon there is a spider that spins a web like bright yellowish silk, the central net of which is five feet in diameter, while the supporting lines, or guys, as they are called, measure sometimes ten or twelve feet, and, riding quickly in the early morning, you may dash right into it, the stout threads twining round your face like a lace veil, while, as the creature that has woven it takes up his position in the middle, he generally catches you right in the nose, and, though he seldom bites or stings, the contact of his large body and long legs

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