

HEALER LEAVES TOWN SUDDENLY

J. S. CHARLEBOIS QUITS WALLA WALLA BECAUSE THE WOMEN OF THAT TOWN INSISTED HE MARRY HIS GIRL PATIENT— "LICENSE COSTS TOO MUCH."

(Journal Special Service.) Spokane, Wash., Feb. 11.—J. S. Charlebois, magnetic osteopathist, is again before the public eye. This time Walla Walla is the scene. He is alleged to be keeping a 14-year-old girl in his rooms for treatment and when the women of the city demanded that he marry her he said that he would do so, but backed out when he found how much the license would cost. Charlebois is well known in Butte and Spokane. In Spokane he gave the police considerable trouble until driven out of the city. In Butte he became notorious several years ago because of a scene in the public library in that city. He had a discussion in the library with a man, both became excited and Charlebois is alleged to have raised his hand as if to strike his opponent. The second man turned, walked towards the door and fell dead on the steps. His death created considerable comment at the time and a thorough investigation was made of the matter. The long-haired individual who is claimed to have kept the 14-year-old girl, Ada Payne, in a badly ventilated den adjoining his own, saying he was trying to heal her, will not get married. As a result of the disturbance he left Walla Walla Friday morning en route to Colfax, accompanied by Miss Payne, the two being destined for Miss Payne's home near Colfax. He took down his sign in the postoffice building in Walla Walla and announced that he would probably return in March to give treatments under contract to a number of people. He had made up his mind to marry Miss Payne, so he says, and telephoned to the auditor's office to ask for the price of a license. "But I changed my mind," he said. "I got to thinking about the rent and the furniture and the cost of the license and all that and did not think that I could undertake it. If I married the girl it would be to cure her, and I could not sacrifice my life for that. True, I love her to a moderate degree, and she loves me well enough to marry me now, but the love between man and woman who are to join their lives should be God's love, not man's love. Of course public opinion makes it necessary to observe man's laws in joining this spiritual love, for it is always best not to go against public opinion, but I would not consider such a legal union really necessary." The healer says that the condition of the girl is not such that she ought to marry at present, though he estimates that he could offer a complete cure in about two months. He says that he has not decided where he will go from Colfax. He admitted he might stay there and give the girl further treatments. "I can make a good living in any town, though," he said. "They can't down me."

MUST ANSWER FOR CRIME OF MURDER

LEON SOEDER, ACCUSED OF THE MURDER OF HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, SAYS "CONVICT ME IF YOU CAN"—MURDER OF CASE AN INTERESTING ONE.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Feb. 11.—Leon Soeder, accused of the murder of his brother-in-law, Joseph Blaise, must answer before a jury for the crime that the police are trying to fasten upon him. In the face of the action that has been decided upon to bring Soeder to the bar of justice and try him for the crime that he is alleged to have committed, there is a feeling among those versed in criminal law that the case against the man is anything but strong, and that it will be a very difficult matter to convince a jury of his guilt. Soeder is no doubt a shrewd, cruel and utterly unscrupulous man. He has a record as a convict and that he murdered the young German whose body was found bleeding and mutilated at the foot of Russian Hill, is the belief of most people here who have given attention to the remarkable case. The insurance companies with which the life of the murdered man was insured have had private detectives working for days with the hope of securing evidence that might furnish a tangible clue to the perpetrator of the deed, but this far they have made little, if any, headway. As Mark Twain has said, "I cannot hang a clue for murder," thus it is with Leon Soeder. Finally Settled Down. The life of the stolid German has been a strange one indeed. For several years he has roamed from town to town in California. He finally married and settled in Petaluma. There his wife died, and the grim suspicion arose that he had poisoned her. The woman died as the result of a strange ailment some months ago, and it was whispered about in the little city that Soeder had administered a slow poison that caused her demise. There were whispers and that was all up to the time of Soeder's arrest on a charge of murder and of conspiracy to secure the life insurance on his victim. The police that Soeder urged the innocent foreigner to take out was payable to Soeder with the understanding, verbal, that in the event of the young man's death it was to be paid to the sister of the latter in Germany. Blaise was a newcomer. He arrived at New York from Europe about six months ago and on representation of Soeder he came to California, expecting to secure remunerative employment. This he did and he was honest and conscientious in all of his dealings with those who hired him. He lived with Soeder and took his advice in all things and in his implicit confidence rests the equal, the police claim, to the finding of his bruised and bleeding body in an out-of-the-way part of San Francisco, at the foot of a rugged hill and in the shadow of its overhanging rocks. But Leon Soeder is unmovable. If he is a murderer he certainly has succeeded in eliminating every sign of

weakness that should result from the wear and tear on the nerves of one who has taken a human life. He is the same calm, impassionate person who was the principal figure in a police case of three years ago which is herewith related: Tells His Story. One day in March, 1902, an expressionless, yet emphatic, German called at a local newspaper office and said that he was an honest Petaluma farmer who had been victimized at a bunco game in Dupont street of this city. He claimed that he had made representation to the police that he had been robbed, but that Warrant Clerk John Greeley had refused to issue a warrant for the arrest of the thieves. A reporter was detailed to look into the case and found that a game known as the "barrel game" was being operated, as Soeder stated, at the number indicated by him. The game was a swindle and the police should have known something about it had they been attending to their duty. Capt. John Seymour, now representing the Fair estate as special detective and manager, was then the chief of detectives. As soon as Captain Seymour heard that his men had neglected to "pull" the den he ordered Detective Coleman to go with Soeder and the reporter and bring the gamblers and bunco men in. The complaint was then attended to. In the office of the chief of police Soeder and the bunco men stood glaring at one another. One of the sharpers advanced and shaking his finger in the farmer's face, said: "You know as well as I do that you are a liar; that you never lost a cent in our place, and that you are using this means of blackmailing us out of money to square a case." Soeder looked a little confused but said nothing. The next day he suddenly left his hotel and went to Petaluma, where a bench warrant had to be issued for his appearance in court to prosecute the alleged swindlers. He was a poor witness and the case was dismissed. The bunco men, realizing that they were cornered, paid Soeder \$40 for him to throw the case. He did it. This illustrates the character of the man who today stands calmly and unperturbed in the light of public belief that he is a coward and a murderer and says: "Convict me if you can."

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WANT THE CITY TO OWN A DOCK

STEAMBOAT MEN BELIEVE SUCH AN UNDERTAKING WOULD PROVE PROFITABLE—RENTS SAID TO BE TOO HIGH AND ACCOMMODATIONS POOR—WOULD KEEP SHIPPERS. Steamboat men who are paying heavy rents for the use of docks are seriously thinking of asking the city to come to their relief. The city owns the river frontage at the foot of Stark street, and if the municipality can be persuaded to erect a dock in that locality the steamboat men believe that the days of high wharfage rent will be at an end. By charging a reasonable amount for vessels docking there, they believe that the city could make the venture a financial success and at the same time greatly stimulate the local shipping business. The plan suggested is to make it a city dock and public property. Two or three lines could possibly make it their headquarters, and those who have given the subject full consideration, and a fair rental collected from them alone would probably make the scheme a justifiable undertaking. Captain Cochran, one of the principal owners of the steamer Telephone, is enthusiastic over the plan. He says: "There is no opportunity for an independent company to get dock accommodations here. Those who do get them are obliged to pay such high rents that the steamboat business is made unprofitable. The city owns the land at the foot of Stark street, and by erecting a dock there and charging shippers moderate fees for landing privileges it seems to me it would prove a fine paying investment. In the spring the probabilities are the Telephone will be put out on some run. To secure dock accommodations will be the hardest problem. Nearly all are in use, and excessive charges are made for them. At San Francisco some of the docks are owned by the state and a board of harbor commissioners looks after them. As a result very reasonable rents are in vogue there. The same plan could be carried out here by the city to good advantage, so far as the one dock mentioned is concerned. At present the property is standing idle. It could easily be made to produce a revenue if the idea suggested should be carried out. Such a venture would also greatly tend to stimulate the shipping business."

OREGON RECEIVES CHIEF ATTENTION

REPORT NEWELL, IN CONGRESSIONAL REPORT, FAVORS UMATILLA, BOISE VALLEY AND SELWICH RIVER PROJECTS—SAYS BIG BEND COUNTRY WILL PROFIT.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Feb. 11.—Copies of the address made by F. H. Newell, chief of the reclamation bureau, before his committee, have been received by Chairman Mandell of the house committee on irrigation. Mr. Newell devoted his whole time to the recounting of his investigations of the conditions of various western states, Oregon and Washington, particularly the former, came in for the most attention. The subject as discussed by Mr. Newell shows that much work has been done in the way of preliminary surveys, and that irrigation of the arid lands of the state will be eventually sure. Mr. Newell enters into the discussion with many original ideas, although the subject generally has been covered by the second annual report of the reclamation service. Favors Umatilla Project. Three projects believed to be the most feasible are outlined; but of the three, that most favored by Mr. Newell is that of the Umatilla river. In regard to this project, Mr. Newell says: "The project of the Umatilla appeals to me more than any other, because the altitude is low, it is on a navigable river, right on the railroad, and has a good market as well as a good climate, so if we could get water onto that land I think it is one of the best projects in the state for irrigation." In leading up to this opinion the other three schemes are discussed in the following words: "In Oregon there are three projects which we have been studying with care. We have been examining the whole state, and while those three are perhaps not the best, they have attractive points. We started out to see if we could take out the Snake river and bring it along into Oregon, but it was found a canal could not be brought out there. The next question was whether the Umatilla, which flows by Pendleton, could be brought out and stored in the Powder creek region. It is apparent that we can there make a reservoir—not a very good reservoir, but we can probably store and utilize water there for the reclamation of 40,000 or 60,000 acres. This is all good land, and the extent of the irrigation is limited only by the water supply, and we roughly estimate that we can put water on the land at a cost of from \$10 to \$15 per acre. Boise Valley Plan. "The second project is in the extreme eastern part of the state in the Boise valley, where the waters of the Malheur and its tributaries may be stored and used in the vicinity of Vale and Ontario, where there are 40,000, 50,000 or 100,000 acres, mainly public land. "The third is the Selwiche river, which flows out into the Malheur lake. There are broad marshes around the lake which are now used for cutting hay, and we propose to take some of the water, without injuring those hay lands, if possible, store it and attempt to develop that country in there. There is a Carey land selection scheme also under consideration, and we want to consider carefully the exigencies of the case. Deschutes River Plan. "One of the best opportunities for development in the state is on the Deschutes river, where lands have been selected by the state under the Carey land act, but the people have not done very much. It is possible that they will ultimately fall through and ask us to take it up." Mr. Newell also quite severely criticizes the state officials for not imposing sufficient restrictions to guard her own interests. To much speculation is charged, and no assuming of responsibility. "The state should help in the work, instead of appointing irresponsible agents," said Mr. Newell. Big Bend Country. In speaking of the Big Bend country,

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MICHIGAN MUNICIPALITIES. (Journal Special Service.) Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 11.—The League of Michigan Municipalities, which was organized at Lansing six years ago, and has since held meetings at Grand Rapids, Battle Creek and other cities of the state, began its 1904 meeting at the University of Michigan today with a large attendance. The Michigan Political Science association is meeting jointly with the league. The first session was held this afternoon, with John F. Bible of Iowa, presiding. Mayor Brown of Ann Arbor welcomed the visitors, and his address was followed by reports of officers and appointment of committees. The set papers of the afternoon were as follows: "Sanitary Sewers in Ann Arbor," Macadam Pavements," Mayor James W. Inches of St. Clair; "Some Requisites of a Good City Charter," Elvin Swarthout of Grand Rapids; "Public Works in Detroit," W. H. Maybury, commissioner of public works. Another session will be held this evening, at which "Municipal Public Ownership," "Direct Primary Election" and other live topics will be discussed. The convention will close tomorrow.

TO FOUNDED EDISON MEDAL. (Journal Special Service.) New York, Feb. 11.—In order to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the introduction and commercial development of the incandescent lamp, the friends and associates of Thomas A. Edison are taking steps to found a medal, which will be entrusted to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and which it is proposed to award annually to graduating students in electrical engineering. It is the intention that the medal shall be awarded each year to the graduating student who shall present the best thesis on some original subject from the universities and colleges of the United States and Canada which have regular courses in electrical engineering. The plans will be consummated at the annual dinner of the Institute tonight, at which Mr. Edison will be a guest of honor.

NEW JERSEY Y. M. C. A. (Journal Special Service.) Trenton, N. J., Feb. 11.—The 32d convention of the New Jersey Y. M. C. A. opened in Trenton today, and will remain in session the rest of the week. Many prominent speakers are on hand to address the different sessions. A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Your druggist will refund money if FAZO DINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

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