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"GAMBLERS HAVE RUINED ME," SUICIDE'S CRY; "THEY SHOULD AT LEAST PROVIDE FOR MY BURIAL"

H. W. Gowell, President of Seattle Advertising Company, MACHINISTS' JAPANESE AFTER FIERCE BATTLE Asphyxiates Himself With Gas Leaving a Letter to The Journal Telling of His Struggles.

Body Found at 11 o'Clock This Morning in The Cottage Rooming House-Suicide Was a Prominent and for Many Years a Successful Business Man in Seattle-Tried to Recoup Losses by Gambling.

"I am taking my own life by gas, at 163 Sixth street north, in room 11 of The Cottage." "The gambling houses here have ruined me and drawn me to my death. I feel that they should pay my wife enough to enable her to clear up the overdraft at the bank—not the notes, but the outstanding checks of \$380, and provide a decent burial for myself; for we have sacrificed everything, down to the last piece of

lewelry to meet our obligations. "I have lost \$700 at the Portland Club, \$350 at Erickson's, and \$50 at Fritz's, total, \$1,100. Of this the Portland Club paid me \$125 on demand of Chief of Police Hunt and my wife, claiming they would make the balance good as soon as their leading owner returned, who was then out of the city. If they had kept their word or even paid me \$300 at that time—nearly a month ago—I would have been able to square my overdraft at the bank and quit trying to win. But the \$125 only paid a part of the checks then drawn against my account, and I had to keep on drawing in order to pay the checks that arrived each day.

"My wife will finally pay the checks out of my life insurance. It is the only way. Many of these checks are held protested by Portland people and firms. If they would demand that the gambling houses make good to my wife my losses the checks could be paid at once.

"I do not believe in 'squealing,' but it would seem as if under these circumstances the money should paid back—at least enough to make good the check account where innocent people are holding the paper that I was forced to draw once the overdraft and losing at the gambling tables were started."-From a letter to The Journal left by H. W. Gowell, who committed suicide this morning.

After writing a letter to The Journal and one to Coroner J. P. Finley, teiling of financial troubles and of having lost \$1,100 in Portland gambling houses, H. W. Gowell, president of the Seattle advertising firm of Gowell & Kelley, turned on the gas in his room at the Cottage House and committed suicide. His lifeless form was found at 11 o'clock this morning by Mrs. F. B. Wood, proprietress of the house, when she entered to arrange the room. Gowell declares in his letter to The Journal that Portland gambling houses are responsible for his death, and bega them to give back to his wife the money he spent over their tables. The gamblers deny having won to the last plece of jewelry, they would make the balance good as some as their leading owner returned, who was then out of the city. If they had kept their word or even paid me \$300 at that time—nearly a month ago.

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No man in the Pacific northwest is better known than Gowell in the advertising world. He was for years connected with prominent wholesale and retail dry goods houses. He was for two years advertising manager for the Company's account without any consultation with the other members of the ropporation. Once made I had to the torporation. Once made I had to goods houses in Seattle. In his letter to the Journal he says that he was left in the lurch by the Metropolitan Press, a large Seattle publishing house. There are still \$450 above mentioned the King country grand jury at its last ast been lost in Portland gambling of the King country grand jury at its last assession, is president, and Pliny Allen, manager. He states he had a large contact with that company for getting out a book, that it failed to keep its part of the contract, leaving him in bad financial condition.

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TWO CANDIDATES

GIVE THEIR VIEWS

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It was for the purpose of staking up
this deficit that Gowell says he came to
Portland to try gambling. For a time
he won, but finally every dollar he placed
on the faro tables he lost. Having
pawned or sold even the last piece of
his and his wife's jewelry, and having
done everything in his power to make
up an overdraft at a Seattle bank, he
determined to commit suicide, so that
out of his life insurance his wife might
have sufficient to pay up what he owes,
Which he places at \$350.
Gowell's isttee'to The Journal follows;
the Journal. City—Probably I am
going out of the path of the ordinary
suicide to write a letter to the newspapers in advance, But there are others
that I dearly love connected with this
unhappy afhir—and for their sakes I
want the matter printed as it is.
I am a newspaper man myself—from
the advertising end, of course—and
know how much harm can be done without a fair understanding of such cases.
The real cause of my trouble which is
financial, of course—was a contract
made with the Metropolitan Press of
Seattle last November to print and supply the cash to carry through the publication of a 409-page book the title of
which is shown by the card enclosed.
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I ask The Journal to deal fairly with
the case—I do not blame or allow

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my office she said she was going to reers at San Bernardino, the plant at turn to her home in Seattle. She said city being inclosed with a strong she was without proper clothing and had no money. I assisted her financially and she left. I never saw her since. At the time the couple first came to me I sent Detective Weiner up to the Port-(Continued on Page Two.)

Afterward Testified That GENERAL MARAGER MUDGE TALKS He Had Lied About Sister's Marriage.

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, May 2.—Angus Cannot Jr. son of a former apostle of the Mormon church, deposed from the Morm council house because of his refusal to BRICK AND A HALF subscribe to the political denomination of his church, was examined by the senate committee on elections this morning. This is the continuation of the Smoo

He was called for the purpose of refuting the testimony of President Smith that he had no knowledge of ever having erformed a marriage ceremony uniting Abraham Cannon and Lillian Hamlin on a boat chartered in Los Angeles.

The witness said he had always been on friendly terms with Abraham Cannon and had loaned him a buggy to take Lillian riding. He didn't see the mar-riage but admitted having told several persons that he had. He was "satisfied in his own mind" that the ceremony had been performed. From what his sister said, she was Abraham's second wife. Lillian Cannon lives in Sait Lake and had a child named Marva. She was recognized as one of Abraham Cannon's widows.

It was developed that the witness had been closeted with Reed Smoot this morning.

The witness said his wife felt kindly

The problem is short and easy If a brick weighs seven pounds and half a brick, how much does a brick and a half weigh? The Journal will print what-ever answers its readers may Try your hand at it.

President O'Connell Says Fifteen Thousand Men Are Affected.

FIGHT TO BITTER END

Entire Santa Fe System Goes Under the Ban This Morning-6,000 Men Ordered Out-Others May Follow.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, May 2 .- A general strike f all the machinists of the entire Santa Fe system was ordered by President O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists, taking effect at 9 o'clock (western time) this morning The order will affect 6,000 members and may result in the bringing out of the boilermakers, blacksmiths and coreworkers in sympathy.

Forecasting the probable extent of the strike, President O'Connell said that 15,-000 men may be affected. The allied metal-workers are expected to quit work There is no prospect that the transp tion department will be crippled at pres

Third Vice-President Kendrick has expressed his determination to fight the

It is thought at this time that other roads will be drawn into th

been occupying the places of the strik-ers at San Bernardino, the plant at that wire fence and every precaution taken by the company to protect the men who ave taken the strikers' places.

The evident determination of both ides to carry the fight to a bitter end will, if the fight is prolonged, not only cause suffering among the strikers and their families, but entail a loss of no small consequence upon the railroad

MEN LOCKED OUT AT NEWTON. No One Is Allowed to Trespass Up Grounds of the Company.

(Journal Special Service.) Newton, Kan., May 2.-One hundred and fifty machinists were locked out this morning by the Santa Fe company. No one is allowed on the grounds, o entrance to the buildings of the company. The lockout was a surprise to the men, but there was no demonstra-tions of a noisy character.

Lockouts Are for Purpose of Giving Mon Time to Think.

(Journal Special Service.)
Topeka, May 2.—General Manager
Mudge said that the reason for locking
out machinists was for the purpose of giving the men time to think over the situation, and to prevent any damage to the shops. He said this afternoon he (Continued on Page Two.)

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and half a brick how much does a brick and a half weigh? This is the successor of "How Old Is Ann?" and has been pur-

sling Californians.

It is one of the easy things that make you smile at first. ple. Then you try it and you are not so sure it is easy. Then you hegin to wonder whether it can be done at all, and finally-may-

VERSON PRESENTED BY ST. PETERSOURS

GENERAL KUROPATKIN COMMANDING THE RUSSIAN FORCES IN THE BATTLE OF THE YALU

ENGLISH REFUGEE

ORDERED DISCHARGED

(Journal Special Service.)

haun, who is wanted in Fngland, has failed through a decision of the supreme

rested in Indianapolis. The supreme

court has affirmed the decision of the

The crime for which Lynchehaun was

offense was really of a political char

Washington, May 2.-The attempt to xtradite Thomas Walsh, or Lynche-

SEAL RAID

Absence of Russian Gunboats Leaves Copper Indiana court that Walsh should have been given an examination before turn-ing him over to the New York authori-ties, and his discharge from sustedy is Islands Open.

Special Disputch to The Journal.) Victorial and May 2-Six of Victoria's saffine floors the Copper islands. The company comthe Copper islands. The company con-trolling the vessess declared.

year to send no schooners to the Asiatio coast for fear of possible molestation by the Russian navy. This danger is no longer expected. In former years two or three gunboats kept continuous guard over the seal rookeries on Copper island. These rookeries will be unprotected this year and afford opportunity for unscrupulous sealers to make a raid on the islands. The Victoria com-

Demoralized Retreat---Abandon Everything.

Russian Defeat Becomes

1800 IN CASUALTY LIST

Japanese Booty Includes 28 Quie Firing Guns and Large Quantities of Arms and

(Journal Special Service.)
Tokio, May 2.—The preliminary ba
ties that have marked operations on it
Yalu river have been outdone in or
grand finish, and the Japanese now hav
practically a full control of the Tal

The Japanese loss, according to his statement, was 700 men, and the Russian loss is placed at 890 men.

From Tuesday until Thursday the Japanese continually landed small parties of men, when an attack was made in force and the Bussian foreguard comelled to withdraw. As dawn

At daybreak the entire Japanese artillery opened on the Russian front, and by 7:20 o'clock had succeeded in silencing the enemy's guns. Immediately after a general attack was made, covering a

general attack was made, covering a frontage of four miles.

The Russian army, numbering \$8,000 men, was posted in such position on the opposite side of the Iho river that the Japanese infantry in making the charge was subject to a terrific rifle fire, but swarmed across the stream, up the embankments and into the Russian rifle pits. 'The Russians were outnumbered and outfought.

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So fierce was the onslaught that but 45 minutes were consumed in the battle. The Russians retreated toward Feng Huan Cheng, leaving in the trenches their dead and wounded and abandoning, as they were pressed onward by the victorious Japaneses, their cannon, rifles

General Kuroki's report of the battle was received at the war office here in full, but the general details only were given out, as it is supposed the dispatches contained much that might embarrass the future plans of the array. A supplementary report received this morning from General Kuroki says:

"The Russians made two stands. The enemy's strength included all of the Third division, two regiments of Sinth division, one cavalry brigade, about 40 quick-firing guns and eight machine guns. We have taken 28 quick-firing guns, many rifles, much ammunition, more than 20 officers and many noncommissioned officers and men as prisoners.

"I am informed that Major-Ger

court today. Lynchehaun was sentenced to imprisonment for life in Ireland after Kashtalinsky, commander of the East Siberia rifle brigade, and Lie ant-General Zassalitch, commande the Second Siberian army corps, being convicted of assault with intent to He escaped from an English prison, made his way to America and was ar-

"Our casualties number about 1 and the Russian loss is more than

GUNBOATS PARTICIPATION.

nder Makes Report Given Out in London.

convicted was the assault and battery of an English woman of noble birth. It was an incident of the Irish land riots and it is claimed in his defense that the captain of the gunboat Mays, where the captain of the gunboat Mays are captain of the gunboat Mays and captain of the gunboat Mays are captain of the

"ROLLERS" WOULD RESTORE EDEN

The Journal-I have received and noted yours of April 27. I was a member of the commission that framed the present city charter, and as such favored and advocated the provisions concerning elections contained therein. I have had

lature from this county will vote in the

event of their election on the question of charter amendments. Here they are:

The Journal has received two more make me believe my duty to my constituents on how candidates for the legisuents demands otherwise. Yours truly, DAN J. MALARKEY.

The interview referred to follows:
"A A Balley—So far as the propochange in the charter has not develop elections contained therein. I have had no reason thus far to change my views on the subject, and, if elected state sentions of the hind against any amendments of the kind mentioned in your letter unless some good reason arises in the meanwhile to not at present in favor of any change,

Fortland, April 22.—To the Editor of Portland, April 22.—10 the Editor of the Journal—In answer to yours of the 27th inst, I refer you to interview in the Journal—I have received and noted ours of April 27. I was a member the same subject. Yours very truly, A. A. BAILEY.

towards his dend coustn. He did not feel particularly so toward President