

# SELLWOOD WANTS FUEL GAS PLANT

## Suburb Has Franchise All Ready to Turn Over to Builder.

Inducements are offered by the people of Sellwood to any person or corporation who will build a gas plant in that suburb. A franchise has already been obtained which will be turned over to any person desiring to carry out the installation of a plant in Sellwood.

"We are willing to offer any corporation special advantages if they will build a gas plant in our suburb," said D. M. Donahue, "The East Side lumber mills on the water front are available for fuel and material for the manufacture of gas. Should it be impossible to induce anybody to build in Sellwood we would be glad to have the Portland Gas company come into the district and supply us with lighting gas."

The Sellwood board of trade will take up the matter at once. A United Artisans hall corporation has been formed in Sellwood for the purpose of building an assembly hall. A union of the different organizations in Sellwood, including the branch Y. M. C. A. and library, the board of trade and several lodges first took up the proposition last spring but were unable to make satisfactory arrangements. The Artisans will use it on a rental plan, but the Artisans will take a majority of the shares.

The hall will be devoted to the uses of the Y. M. C. A. and library and will be a meeting place for lodges and organizations. Stock will be subscribed by citizens but the Artisans will assume the responsibility of the erection. The other organizations will use it on a rental plan, but the Artisans will take a majority of the shares.

## TRUNK DID NOT SINK.

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parts of the country and their bodies placed in trunks which were later found. However, no crime of that sort has ever come to light in this part of the country until the present case.

## Anderson's Awful Discovery.

Steffen Anderson, who has a residence at South Aiki, described the finding of the body in his report to the coroner as follows: "I started out in the boat yesterday morning. I noticed a large Saratoga trunk on the beach about 100 feet above the high water mark. The receding tide had left it there. The trunk was locked and was roped with a heavy line. I believed I had found something out of the ordinary for trunks do not float up on the beach. I went down to the trunk and managed to open it. Under the lid were 10 stones each about six inches in diameter. They were piled on top of a mass of clothing. I threw off the stones but by that time the stench that arose from the trunk was sickening. Then it was that I realized that the box held some dark secret and was of the opinion I would better inform the police. "Throwing off a couple of garments I thrust my hand down in the wet mass to throw out more. My hand came in contact with a soggy mass of human hair, and I felt that it was the head of a human being. After throwing out more clothing the nude body of a young woman about 19 years old was found."

"The body had been in the water at least two days and the woman had been dead probably longer. The features were somewhat obscured by the action of the water, however, it could be seen that the woman was between 18 and 21 years old. Her mouth was filled with a piece of dark blue cloth probably from a vest. A gag had been thrust into the mouth and the neck was tied with a dark color had been tied about the head to keep the gag in. The body was clothed in nothing but a very thin underwear which was under the armpits. Beneath, above and around the body was a mass of clothing of all sorts. Women's clothes predominated. There were several articles of men's attire which consisted of a pair of blue overalls, a vest, several pairs of socks, two soft shirts, several neckties and a couple of pairs of shoes. The women's clothes were probably all that the murdered girl possessed. There were several changes of underwear, a half dozen pairs of shoes with very high heels, and a couple of hats and kimonos, one a brilliant red flowered affair."

## Fought for Life.

The clothing that she had evidently been wearing was cut and torn in many places. It is believed this occurred during the fight before the murder was committed, or possibly the tearing of the clothes from the body after death. A black dress of crepe, a black silk skirt and waist were torn in several places. She had also worn a long coat of a light tan or cream color. The clothing had all been thrown into the trunk without folding. Part of the clothing had been thrown in first, then the body wrapped in the comforter and then the balance of the clothes thrown in. A white sheet found in the trunk was marked with the letters "A. S." worked in red ink. In order to have forced the entire amount of clothing and the body into the trunk without dismembering the corpse the murderer must have stamped down the body.

Several bits of paper were scattered through the trunk. Among the clothes was a copy of a Seattle morning paper of July 12 which was on the bottom of the trunk. There were three cards also in the

trunk bearing the advertisement of the firm of Krefelshimer & Son, a wholesale liquor house on First avenue in this city. Nothing that would throw any light on the affair could be found there.

The letter which formed the only important clue was in a plain envelope in the trunk along with several blank envelopes and pieces of paper. The letter was written on the firm stationery of K. D. Covington company, a hay, grain and feed firm of St. Paul, and addressed to Frank Covington. No town or street number was given. It was begun "My dear brother." The epistle was a commonplace note from a sister to her brother. It appears that she had received a letter from her brother and was answering it. She wanted him to send her his photograph and asked him to be sure and keep in communication with his family. She tried to dissuade him from going to Alaska, and asked him to be sure and inform her if he did start for the north. She alluded to the fact that their father had been missing and that his whereabouts were not known. She signed the letter "Your loving sister Edith." The letter was written April 11, 1905.

## Think Husband the Murderer.

The police are working on the theory that her husband, Frank Covington, is guilty of the horrible crime. Every thing points to the fact that the girl was killed during the past week, but the detectives have so far been unable to ascertain where she went. The information which the police have been able to secure today supports the belief that the husband killed his young wife during a quarrel and then took the extraordinary measures to cover up his crime. It is known that the couple have never lived happily together, that they had frequent fights, and on top of all this is the fact that the relatives of the girl objected to Covington from the start and were opposed to the marriage, and since the nuptials have had nothing to do with him. He never visited any of his wife's folks and they never visited his place.

It was learned this morning that the two were living in rooms at 216 Fifth avenue until several weeks ago. Mrs. Fuiver, the landlady, is authority for the statement that the couple were so noisy that they disturbed the neighbors. The Covingtons moved from this place and the police have not been able to learn where they have been since. However, they believe the two went camping near where the trunk came ashore.

## Covington Sold Liquors.

Covington was engaged after his marriage with J. J. Kelly, wholesale liquor dealer on First avenue. He solicited orders for liquors and several parties with whom he was acquainted remember hearing him speak about having trouble with his wife. One day he exhibited an abrasion on the head, explaining that it was caused by his wife hitting him with a fist. It is also known that after her marriage Mrs. Covington remained at work in the capacity of a waitress. Her relatives think she was compelled to work out by her husband.

On last Sunday morning a young man and woman who tally almost exactly with the description of Covington and the dead woman, had a serious quarrel at Aiki point. Since this time the police have been unable to trace the mysterious couple. They say that further search will doubtless bring to light the camp now deserted in which they think the crime was committed. Although a diligent search has been made, Covington cannot be located. He has not been seen for a week or more at any of the places where he usually made his appearance. The last anyone appears to have noticed him was on September 7, when he called at Kelly place of business and left his sample case.

## BOTH WOMEN MUST.

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young girls astray is the greatest in the city, and is the most serious problem in the juvenile court work. "Had there been no mitigating circumstances, the court would have imposed the maximum penalty, and as it is the court feels that the punishment should be one that not only will keep the girl from committing a similar crime, but will be a warning to others. Dorothy Darlington will pay a fine of \$300 and serve 30 days in the county jail. Beatie Watkins on the first charge will pay a fine of \$300 and serve 30 days in jail, and on the second charge will pay a fine of \$300. The Darlington woman's attorney, B. S. Rague, asked a stay of execution for 48 hours, to allow her to arrange her affairs. This was granted, and a stay until 6 o'clock this evening was then asked and also denied.

## PERSONAL.

Herman Rothchild, the lone Democrat of the last Oregon legislature, is at the Imperial. Mr. Rothchild hails from North Oregon, where he is rated as a merchant.

Fin Kyle of Echo, known throughout the state as former political manager for Jonathan Bourne in Eastern Oregon, as well as a grower of fine apudis, is at the Imperial hotel.

F. V. Norcross Jr., football coach for Corvallis, is at the Oregon hotel.

Ben C. Holt, secretary of the Holt Manufacturing company of Walla Walla, Washington, is at the Oregon hotel.

Irving T. Cole, ex-city councilman of Seattle, and mentioned for the new majority candidate of the Sound city, is at the Portland hotel.

The many friends of John Lamont, the well-known Democratic politician, will be glad to learn of his recovery from a serious surgical operation. Mr. Lamont has been ill for many months with a cancerous growth on his face.

Pastor Putnam at Athens. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Athens, Or., Sept. 23.—Rev. Israel Putnam, the new Methodist pastor, has arrived here from Southwick, Idaho, and has already assumed charge of the pastorate of the Methodist Episcopal church in Athens. Rev. Putnam is a revivalist of some note, and is a very good speaker.

# GREAT NORTHERN IS WILDLY REPAIRING

## Trackwalkers Ordered to Flag Trains at Extra Rotten Places.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Sept. 23.—The railroad commission has received a report from Inspector A. W. Perley on the Great Northern wreck which occurred in the afternoon of September 18 about two miles east of the Columbia river station, near Wenatchee. The wreck was due, according to Inspector Perley, to broken tie plates. The train was running about 40 miles an hour when the accident happened. No lives were lost in the wreck, but about \$75,000 worth of equipment was destroyed.

Inspector Perley says the trouble with the Great Northern track is that too much economy has been practiced by the company during the past year or two and that the effect of this policy cannot be overcome in a short time. At present, however, he says the company officials are fully alive to the situation and no limit is put on the expenditures for track repairs.

Inspector Perley incloses a copy of a telegram sent by Superintendent H. A. Kennedy of St. Paul to F. S. Forest at Spokane, dated September 19, following the report on the wreck. In this telegram Kennedy instructs that trackwalkers be put on the line from Spokane to Cut Bank and kept at work daily, with outfit for making such temporary repairs as they can, and instructions to immediately notify section foremen of all repairs that are needed on the track. These trackwalkers are also to be directed to personally flag and stop trains wherever the track may be dangerous.

## C. E. LARSON DROWNS NEAR ST. HELENS.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) St. Helens, Or., Sept. 23.—C. E. Larson, aged 28, was drowned in Willamette slough at Chapman company's booming ground yesterday afternoon. He, with his wife and two small children, was bathing. He had swam across the slough with his little son on his back. Returning the child to the mother and taking his little girl into the water, he started to swim across again, when he was heard to call for help. Some men near by rescued the little girl and recovered Larson's body. A brother, George Larson, lives in Portland and a sister, Mrs. Truxell, lives in eastern Oregon.

## Swimming in Willamette Slough. Carrying His Little Girl, He Suddenly Sinks—Body Found.

## RUSHING SURVEYS ON KLAMATH TULE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., Sept. 23.—The railroad work through the marshes south of Klamath Falls is being rushed in order to complete the survey before winter sets in. J. D. Church, Southern Pacific engineer in charge at this end, has a large force of men at work in the tules cross-sectioning and long hauls timber to be used to make the mud. The Southern Pacific launch assigned to Engineer Church at this point is not large enough and the Harrison of Pelican bay will be brought down.

The Mason Construction company has been working under many difficulties under the tules. Prices are now ranging around 9 cents, but I understand efforts are being made to buy at 10 cents.

## KLAMATH FREIGHTERS FULL OF BUSINESS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., Sept. 23.—An average of 150,000 pounds of freight every five days is being hauled into Klamath Falls by the J. M. McIntire Transportation company. Other freighters are carrying smaller amounts. The merchants are stocking up for the winter trade, as the freight rates are higher during the bad roads season. The McIntire company is keeping 13 teams on the road, each making a round trip every five days. After October 1 the freight will be unloaded at Keno, 15 miles down the river from Klamath Falls, and brought up on the steamer Klamath. While the haul from the end of the track of the California Northwestern railway to navigable water, and thence by boat to Klamath Falls, would be easier than the present one it is not likely that there will be change in the present route until spring.

## Normal School Sends in Fees.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Sept. 23.—State Treasurer Mills has received from President E. T. Matthes of the Bellingham normal school a draft for \$1,375.90, balance on hand in the college contingent fund. President Matthes states that daily remittances will hereafter be made to the state treasurer of all moneys as fast as they are paid into the college fund.



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## DECREASE IN HOP CROP WILL RAISE PRICES FOR 1907 YIELD

James Cooper, one of the large hop-growers of the state, is at the Imperial hotel, where he stated this morning that the quality of the hops picked this year is better than for many years, while the quantity is lower, indicating that the growers are bound to receive a high price for their product. Mr. Cooper has a large yard near Corvallis. He said: "With about two thirds of last year's crop picked this year, we can look for better prices. The quality this year is far superior to that of former years. This fact, coupled with the short crop, ought to send the market up. Prices are now ranging around 9 cents, but I understand efforts are being made to buy at 10 cents."

places the crop at 80,000 bales, which Klauer, Wolf & Netter estimate the crop at 130,000 bales. I am inclined to believe that Durst comes nearer the mark than the other firm. "About one third of the crop has been left upon the vines because of the mold. This will not be picked because the price does not warrant it. With a short crop in Oregon, Washington, New York, England and California, brewers will have to come to the growers. In California the yield was cut down by ice and mold. England's crop is estimated at a little more than 300,000 hundredweight, which is less than one half the mammoth yield of 1905. Continental crops are normal, but the average yield over the world is such as toarrant the grower holding for a higher price." Mr. Cooper said that his yard near Corvallis would be about one half the crop picked last year.

## GERMAN-AMERICAN DIRECTORY IS NAMED

California Capitalists Back-shrewd Prospector Buys Ground for a Trifle and Is In Line for Fortune.

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## AMERICAN BANKERS AT ATLANTIC CITY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 23.—The influx of the leading bankers of the United States coming here to attend the thirty-third annual convention of the American Bankers' association commenced yesterday and will continue through the end of the week. The plan that has been formulated by Mr. Wilde provides for 15 directors, a majority of whom will be Portland business men. He expects to increase the paid-up capital to \$500,000, and will within the next six months transform it into a national bank, making five national banks in Portland.

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