

MURDERER-SUICIDE HAD A BAD RECORD WHEN HE LEFT SOUTH

Thomas Hardin Said to Have
Forced His Girl-Wife Into
Marrying Him.

(Special to The Journal.)
Chehalis, Wash., March 13.—Many interesting details relative to the triple murder and suicide here Wednesday night, when Thomas Hardin killed Mr. and Mrs. William Hagerman and himself, developed during the day. One man who claims to have known Hardin in Virginia and Kentucky gives him a hard name, saying the Hardin served time in a southern prison prior to coming west. He stopped for a time in Minnesota, and later came to Washington.

The story of his marriage to his child wife nine years ago was a tale of brutality, according to information given by Mrs. Hardin to neighbors. Hardin had told William Hagerman, whom he killed last night, that he had doped his wife nine years ago, when she was but 12 years old, and that, stealing her away from her mother, had forced her into a marriage with him. Hardin had told his wife that he had already had four wives, and that he had killed three of them. It is thought he told these stories to intimidate her, but Hardin is said to have never been divorced from women whom he deserted in the south.

The funeral of William Hagerman, chaplain of the local Grand Army post, will not be held until Monday, in order to give his son, James Hagerman, who left for Iowa, Kan., today, time to reach here. Relatives of Mrs. Hagerman will arrange her funeral.

Hardin's body is at the Sticklin parlors, where it has been viewed by hundreds of people.

Mrs. Hardin, desperately wounded by her husband, was operated upon during the night. A portion of her stomach was removed and today the physicians have some hope for her recovery. She stood the ordeal very well and is said to be full of hope.

Hardin's sisters who live in eastern Lewis county will attend to his funeral, one of them, Mrs. M. Hunt of Riffe, reaching here today.

Insane jealousy is given as the cause of the tragedy.

**LA GRANDE CLUBS AGREE
UPON AMALGAMATION**

La Grande, Or., March 13.—The amalgamation of La Grande's Y. M. C. A. and Commercial club, so far as office and club room facilities are concerned, was agreed upon at a banquet of the Commercial club men Thursday evening, in which women members of the club took an active part in the speech program. Y. M. C. A. Secretary Ruddy became Commercial club secretary under the new arrangement, and both organizations are to have their respective boards of governors, but overhead expenses will be eliminated for the club until the \$10,000 Y. M. C. A. building is completed. The Commercial club will use makeshift rooms but have an office in the present downtown Y. M. C. A. office.

The Neighborhood club was represented by Mrs. Turner Oliver, prominent club and society woman. She pledged the Women's club to work with the Commercial club and inaugurated a campaign to make all odd street corner angles in the city into rest spots.

**HUSBAND HAD HER HELD
IN PADDED CELL; SUES**

San Francisco, March 13.—One thousand dollars an hour for each of five hours she spent in a padded cell were exacted from Ernest Hanka in a suit filed in the superior court here today by Gertrude Raaka. The complaint alleges that after Hanka made affidavits before Judge Griffin March 4 that Mrs. Raaka was arrested, placed in a padded cell as a lunatic, and subjected to humiliating and offensive treatment.

**GREAT FALLS SCENTED
AN AWFUL SLAVE CASE**

(Special to The Journal.)
Great Falls, Mont., March 13.—Miss Lora Hughes, formerly a nurse of St. Vincent's hospital at Portland, has caused the police of this city and Montana no end of trouble the past week.

VICTIMS OF GUN TRAGEDY AT CHEHALIS



Left—William Hagerman, killed. Middle—Mrs. William Hagerman, killed. Right—Mrs. Thomas Hardin, wife of murderer-suicide, badly wounded.

She disappeared from Hotel Rainbow March 4, leaving two trucks. The police suspected a case of kidnapping and white slavery, alarmed the police of the whole state and sent out her description broadcast. Police Chief Pontet personally took charge of the search. Last night she was located at Big Sandy, in northern Montana, whither she had gone to visit a brother, without apprising the hotel people.

Miss Hughes severed her connection with St. Vincent's last September. She spent part of the summer at the local hospital as a member of its training school, but according to the hospital authorities she has given up nursing as a profession.

FOREIGNERS IN CHINA'S INTERIOR ARE ALARMED

Shanghai, March 13.—Stories of increasing danger to foreigners in interior China were causing considerable anxiety here today. It is not exactly an anti-foreign feeling is developing, but where disorders are occurring the people seem lately to have lost their disposition to treat white men and women with any more consideration than their fellow Chinese. The recent killing of Father Rich and Dr. Froyland and the disappearance of Charles O'Toole. The latter declares the claim is illegal because it was a gambling debt contracted while playing with a blind man.

MUNICIPAL PLANT IS EFFORT AT ALBANY

Albany, Or., March 13.—A municipal electric light and power plant project for Albany has been launched by the Commercial club and a committee is investigating the feasibility of such a proposition, with instructions to report at an early date. The proposed plan is to have the city construct, equip and maintain a municipal electric lighting and power plant and water system. A. M. Hammer, chairman, G. T. Hockensmith and C. H. Stewart are the committee.

JCY RIDE ENDS IN DEATH FOR LOS ANGELES GIRL

Los Angeles, March 13.—Miss Dorothy Brobant, department store clerk, is dead, and Mrs. Lavina H. Smith of Los Angeles and Fred W. Coon of Pasadena are near death today from injuries received when their automobile collided with a street car. The accident occurred last evening in the suburbs of Los Angeles. Both the injured sustained fractured skulls.

SAYS 8 HOUR LAW WILL COST HER HER POSITION

Washington, March 13.—The United States supreme court was asked by Miss Ethel B. Nelson, graduate pharmacist, in the Samuel Merritt hospital in Alameda county, California, to set aside the California eight hour woman labor law on the ground that it is unconstitutional. Miss Nelson contends that if the law is enforced a man will take her place.

MAY PUT HATCHERY ON COOS COUNTY LAKE

Marshallfield, Or., March 13.—Superintendent Frank Smith who has charge of the state fish hatcheries in this county has a large supply of young salmon on hand. At the Coos river hatchery he is feeding about 5,000,000 fry and at the Coquille river hatchery about 2,000,000 fry. About half are

WILL ADJUST DATES OF LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Lewiston Men Coming Here
Tomorrow for Conference
With Portlanders.

To adjust the dates of the Lewiston and Portland livestock shows a delegation of Lewiston men will reach Portland Saturday morning. The two shows conflict in dates as arranged at present and it was the plan to arrange for dates allowing of exhibition of northwest cattle at both shows.

The delegation will lunch with the governing board of the Commercial club at noon Saturday as will a committee of three directors of the Portland livestock show, composed of C. C. Colt, William H. Dougherty and O. M. Plummer. After the luncheon the party will go into executive session and discuss the arrangements of dates for the two shows. The Lewiston committee is composed of the following members: Carlyle, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho; E. E. Flood, president Northwest Livestock association, Rosalia, Wash.; Guy F. Whetzel, secretary Northwest Livestock association, Rosalia, Wash.; ex-Governor Frank R. Gooding of Gooding, Idaho, director Northwest Livestock association; Duncan Dunn of Wapato, Wash., director Northwest Livestock association; William Thompson, president Lewiston National bank, Lewiston; A. S. Stacy, manager Lewiston Mercantile company, Lewiston; A. MacCormac, agent O. W. R. & N. Co., Lewiston; W. J. Jordan, agent N. P. R. R. Co., Lewiston; A. E. Clarke, cashier First National bank, Lewiston; M. B. Mikkelsen, manager Vollmer Clearwater company, Lewiston; C. F. Osmer, president Lewiston Commercial club, Lewiston; Wallace R. Struble, secretary Idaho-Washington Development league, Lewiston.

Family Washing Only.
San Bernardino, Cal., March 13.—Mayor Joe Catick has announced that he is not a public "washerman." Since admitting that he regularly does the family wash he has been offered a dozen Monday morning jobs. He's too busy at home.

Cheap Sport.
San Francisco, Cal., March 13.—Hercule Poirot, a blind cigar dealer, brought suit to recover \$29 on the trail of Charles O'Toole. The latter declares the claim is illegal because it was a gambling debt contracted while playing with a blind man.

Dog Days at Moscow.
Moscow, Idaho, March 13.—More than 20 valuable dogs belonging to residents in various sections of the city have been poisoned by some unknown person during the past few days. The police are on the trail of the poisoner. Several of the dogs were valued at from \$50 to \$100 each.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

EXONERATES SPINNING AT CENTRALIA HEARING

East Rochester Improvement
Club Fails to Substantiate Charges.

Centralia, Wash., March 13.—Public Service Commissioner Frank R. Spinning was completely exonerated of the charges of corruption and collusion filed against him by the East Rochester Improvement club at the hearing held at Rochester by Governor Ernest Lister, W. A. Perkins and Daniel Hickey, organizers of the new club and framers of the resolutions charging Spinning and L. L. Hunter, a Rochester merchant, with working for their own interests in the abandonment of the present Northern Pacific depot and the building of a union depot at the west of town, were given all latitude possible by the governor to prove their charges. The men acknowledged that the East Rochester Improvement club had only been in existence two weeks, and that it was organized for the purpose of adopting the resolutions against Spinning. They were forced to admit further that their charges were based solely on suspicion.

MAY INVESTIGATE POWER COMPANY'S AFFAIRS

Baker, Or., March 13.—In all likelihood, the state railroad commission, which is now delving into the affairs of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company at La Grande, will make a complete examination of the affairs of the corporation when its labors in Union county, begun at the instance of the La Grande Commercial club, are concluded. A complete investigation is desired by General Manager F. A. Harmon, and probably the commission will proceed to it in the near future. The Eastern Oregon Light & Power company maintains five power plants and operates in La Grande, Baker, Haines, North Powder, Union, Elgin and other places. Some time since, suit was brought against the

company by the town of Haines, the complaint alleging that the terms of the company's franchise with the city were not lived up to, in the matter of rates, but this suit had nothing to do with the present investigation.

Married at Baker.
Baker, Or., March 13.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, Wednesday evening, Miss Lottie Mitchell was married to John Wesley Underwood, a former

Portland man, now who chief for the Pacific States Telephone company in this city. He is a nephew of Congressman Underwood, and the bride is a sister of State Representative Frank B. Mitchell.

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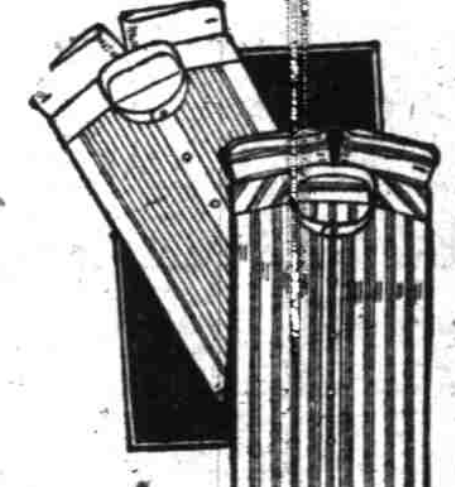
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