

PURCHASER'S SUICIDE BRINGS TO ATTENTION ARREST OF PROMOTER

Charles Hohne One of Those Jesse Hazell Alleged to Have Defrauded by Mail.

WORKINGS ARE EXPLAINED

Man Took His Own Life When He Became Afraid He Would Lose His Savings.

The suicide of Charles Hohne at Oregon City Monday, dependent because the investigation of the association of Oregon had resulted disastrously, brings to mind that Jesse Hazell, organizer and promoter and developer of the association, is held in the Multnomah county jail waiting his turn to face a federal grand jury on charges of using the mails to defraud.

Hohne was arrested December 5 and his bail was fixed at \$5000. Later, to assist him in getting his liberty, it was reduced to \$2500, but as yet he has been unable to furnish this amount.

Hohne was one of a number whom Hazell is alleged to have defrauded through the Northwestern association. Nominally an organization to sell and develop paying orchards, the Northwestern association of Oregon had its inception in Ranway, N. J., being an outgrowth of the Northwest-ern association of New Jersey.

Method of Operation. When the eastern concern became involved and it was declared insolvent, Hazell, the promoter, came to Oregon, formed the Northwest-ern association of Oregon, and purchased a parcel of land at Redlands in Clackamas county, known as Redlands Park.

This property was subdivided into 5, 10 and 15 acre tracts and placed on the market under a scheme of land certificates.

The purchaser paid so much down, generally \$250, and paid the balance in monthly installments, generally of \$15. These tracts were mostly sold in the east on the representation that they were covered with bearing fruit trees.

The association promised to care for the land and plant not less than 50 trees to the acre, the trees to be in a healthy condition of bearing age. The tracts were to be clear of title and free of incumbrance. On receiving a commission for its services the association was to care for the acreage, harvest and market the crop and render a yearly statement.

Hohne was prosperous. Hohne, who was formerly a prosperous New York hotelkeeper, came to Oregon in June to take over 12 acres of orchard land set out in bearing trees. He found the land in which he had sunk his savings covered with stumps and underbrush.

Redlands Park had a nursery containing a few thousand trees, but they were uncared for, many had died, and there was nothing about the project that approached the representations upon which the tracts were disposed of to eastern buyers.

It is furthermore alleged that the Northwestern association of Oregon was insolvent from the time of its inception in 1910.

Hazell has admitted to federal officials that his sales were in excess of \$45,000.

Hohne had paid the Northwestern association more than \$1500. After coming to Oregon City and finding that he had been defrauded he brought suit against the association, getting a verdict of \$1800.

Man Became Despondent. He was about to sell the Redland property to satisfy the judgment when another contract holder died and had a receiver appointed. This so tied up the property that he came to fear he would never get his money back and became despondent. His suicide Monday was the end.

The activities of Hazell, the promoter, are still being gone into by postoffice inspectors, and it is known that he had sold tracts to some 60 individuals.

Several Portland men held positions in the association and assisted in the sale of the "land certificates."

S. P. Men in Texas Are Shifted About. Texas lines of the Southern Pacific company have issued circulars announcing changes in the personnel of the passenger department, copies of the circulars having been received by John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the northern district. T. J. Anderson, for many years general passenger agent of these lines, has been succeeded by H. H. Heath to give up some of his responsibilities and he is made general agent of the passenger department at Houston, J. A. R. Parsons having been transferred from New Orleans to become general passenger agent. Joseph Mellen is made general passenger agent at New Orleans. R. L. McKibbin is made general baggage and mail agent, while J. T. Monroe is made assistant general passenger agent.

Smelter Decision Is Expected Soon. Culmination of the negotiations between the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining company for the establishment of a big smelter in Portland has been delayed by the illness of F. W. Bradley, president of the company, according to advice received here today from San Francisco.

That the Idaho mining region would welcome the establishment of the smelter here is information received today by George E. Hardy, executive secretary of the chamber. Decision is expected soon.

Establishment of this industry would mean the immediate stimulation of other industries, chamber officials declare, with several enterprises now holding off on final decision in the establishing of connections until the smelter question is settled.

A suspension bridge in Bavaria has but one tower; the cables at the other end being anchored in a high rock bluff.

Freight Congestion At Gulf Is Serious

Further Embargoes May Become Necessary; 225 Cars of Coastwise Lumber Included in List.

Congestion of freight at Gulf of Mexico ports has reached such a degree that further embargoes may be likely according to information received here today.

The embargoes of freight destined for Atlantic coast ports have diverted considerable freight to the gulf. Here is the situation at these southern ports, according to authoritative compilations.

Mobile, Ala.—225 cars export and coastwise lumber. New Orleans, La.—All elevators full and 1200 additional cars of wheat on track, with 500 cars of cotton and oil cake.

Galveston.—All elevators are full and 1250 cars of other export freight consisting of cotton, lumber, oil cake and coastwise freight are awaiting loading.

Dead Baby's Bones To Come by Post

Postmaster Myers Sanctions Mailing of Remains of Infant Who Died in East 22 Years Ago.

May a person's bones or ashes be shipped by parcel post? "Yes," says Postmaster Myers.

Recently he received a letter from a mother who wished to bring the bones of her baby, who died in a middle western state 22 years ago, to Oregon, where another child is born.

"I read somewhere," says the letter, "that a body 10 years dead could be sent by parcel post. Could this be done?"

Postmaster Myers replied that it could be done, and that there was no fixed time limit. "I suppose there would be only a few fragments of bone after 22 years," continues the mother's letter, "a little handful of 'ashes' left after so long a time. Could we have a small box half filled with batting, then wrap the paper on which the remains would be placed, the paper folded over, the box filled with batting and securely fastened?"

Postmaster Myers has had one other inquiry of a like nature, when someone wanted to know if ashes from a crematorium could be sent by parcel post.

Walla Walla Valley Pioneer Is Dead

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 31.—Charles McIntosh, one of the best-known farmers and pioneers of the Walla Walla valley, died here yesterday following a week's illness of pneumonia. He contracted a cold when he went to meet his daughter at a train just before Christmas, and the ailment developed fatally.

Born in New York, he came to this city about 15 years ago, and had been farming near here since that time, developing a great wheat ranch from a small holding. He is survived by a widow and two sons.

CONCILIATION BOARD IN LABOR DISPUTES IS NOW ORGANIZED

Joint Body Representing the Commerce Chamber and Labor Council Is Formed.

E. E. SMITH SECRETARY

Board Is Composed of Five Members From Employers and Five From Employees.

Permanent organization of the joint conciliation board of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Portland Central Labor council was effected yesterday at a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce.

James B. Kerr of Carey & Kerr, was elected president, and Eugene L. Smith of the Central Labor council, secretary.

The board consists of five members from the chamber and five from the council, having as its object to promote the best interests of employer and employee by using its efforts for the assurance of industrial peace based on justice to all concerned.

Appointees of the Chamber of Commerce are: C. C. Goh, M. H. Insley, O. M. Clark, George Lawrence Jr., and James B. Kerr.

Appointees of the Central Labor council are: William Mackenzie, C. H. Kelly, Mark Peterson, J. I. Tucker and Eugene L. Smith.

The jurisdiction of the board is to cover all cases of disagreement between employer and employee when by joint request, or otherwise, both parties agree to submit their differences to the board.

The board's constitution provides that in case of disagreement between employers and employees a sub-board of six members is to be chosen from the full board. This sub-board is to hold public hearings, at which both parties to the disagreement are to be represented, and will endeavor to effect an adjustment of the differences.

Linn Tax Levy Is Lowered Half Mill. State Tax \$17,000 Less Than Expected, Hence Saving As Money Couldn't Be Used at Good Advantage Otherwise.

Albany, Or., Dec. 31.—Linn county's tax levy for 1916 was lowered a half mill when the budget came up for final passage. It is now 1 1/2, instead of 2 mill. This was due to the state tax being less than estimated and also to the law regulating the making of budgets.

The county court estimated the state tax at \$100,000, but it was only \$83,000. The law says everything should be accounted for in the budget and the court decided the surplus couldn't be used and knocked off half a mill.

Fishermen Plan to Fight Deadline Law

Fund Is Being Raised at Oregon City to Test Law Lengthening Prohibited Water Below Falls.

According to H. L. Kelly, master fish warden, a fund is being raised among fishermen in and about Oregon City to test the constitutionality of the law which holds that it is illegal to fish above the suspension bridge at Oregon City which at present is the dead line.

George Brown and Alexander Doughty of Oregon City were arrested recently for fishing above the bridge. The trial of the case has been postponed. The former deadline extended 600 feet above the bridge and took in part of the falls. The fund raised will be used in making a test of the case against the two men arrested.

Portland Shriners After 1916 Council

Efforts are to be made by the Oregon delegation of the Mystic Shriners who attend the Buffalo imperial council next summer to bring the session of 1915 to Portland. Local Shriners believe that by starting three years ahead of time they can land the prize.

The Al Kader temple patrol has elected the following officers: William Davis, captain; Albert Hutchingson, first lieutenant; Walter J. Holman, second lieutenant; F. Pettus, secretary; C. P. Wikand, treasurer; Lou Freeland, quartermaster.

Local Officials Will Be Looked to Do Their Part of Work Before the State Is Asked to Take a Hand.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ADVISED OF DUTIES DURING THE DROUTH

Attorney General Brown Announces He Has Paved the Way for Law Enforcement

WITHYCOMBE CONFIDENT

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district attorney with all of the information possible regarding such violations.

Real and Technical Violations. Mr. Brown said he has also impressed upon the law officers the fact that real violations of the law should be the object of the prosecutors' attention, rather than technical and unintentional violations.

The attorney general declared that he had faith in the prosecuting attorneys of Oregon and believed that the people of the state might as well make up their minds now as later that the law will be enforced strictly.

In this respect, he called attention to the fact that the governor, whose constitutional duty is to see that the criminal laws are enforced, has been given extraordinary powers in the enforcement of the prohibition law.

Governor Withycombe Confident. Governor Withycombe today expressed confidence in officials whose duty it will be to prosecute violations of the prohibition law, although suggesting there will probably be friction at first. He made it plain that he counted on local officials to enforce the law and that he would not interfere except where incompetence or neglect was manifest.

The governor's office stands at all times to assist in seeing that the prohibition law is enforced," he said. "I am confident that the county and city officials intend to carry out to the letter the provisions of the legislation that becomes effective Saturday, and they certainly will have my cooperation."

Anticipates Some Friction. "Probably there will be misunderstandings and some friction at first, but I believe that as soon as we be-

Salem Council Has Caucused on Jobs

B. W. Macy, Selected for City Attorney Will Have to Resign as Councilman His Successor to Be Appointed.

Salem, Or., Dec. 31.—At a caucus of the 1916 council last night, H. Hutton was reelected fire chief and Myrtle W. S. Lowe defeated E. S. Budlong for street commissioner. B. W. Macy defeated W. S. Trimble, incumbent, and Grant Corby for city attorney. Ir. O. B. Miles defeated Dr. E. E. Cashatt, incumbent, for health officer, and Walter Skelton defeated H. C. Tillman for city engineer.

Macy's selection for city attorney means he will have to resign as councilman and his successor must be appointed.

The names of all present policemen were referred to the police committee for recommendation.

Discharge Husband: Wife Gets His Job

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Mrs. William Elliott is to be janitor of the Patrick Henry school. She is to succeed her husband.

Elliott has been janitor for many months. But he hasn't been supporting his wife, it appears. She wrote to the board of education and complained. The board at once dismissed Elliott and gave his wife the job.

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