

Readers don't overlook the advertisements in the E. O. Our most progressive citizens talk through the ads.

WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight and Friday fair.

CAUSE OF DEATH IS DETERMINED

Chemical Proof That Mrs. Stanford Took Strychnine in Carbonate of Soda.

EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO EXPOSE CRIME.

The Poisoned Drug Was in a Bottle Brought From San Francisco to Honolulu Unopened—There is Talk of Suicide, But It Is Discredited by the Victim's Intimate Friends—Action by the Authorities Depends Upon Report of Chemists and the Findings of the Autopsy—Gradual Poisoning Possible.

Honolulu, March 2.—The report of a chemist removes the last doubt as to the cause of the death of Mrs. Stanford. An analysis of the contents of the bottle of carbonate of soda discloses the presence of a large quantity of strychnine. According to the statement of Miss Berner, the secretary, and May Hunt, the maid, the bottle was brought from the medicine chest at San Francisco and unopened until Tuesday night, when the fatal dose was taken. This proves conclusively that the death was the result of a plot formed in California over a month ago. The fact that the poison was in the soda which Mrs. Stanford was accustomed to take, indicates it was put there by some one familiar with her habits.

There is some talk of suicide. It is said that Mrs. Stanford brooded a great deal since Christmas and the poison was ever in her mind, and it is thought by some she wished to hasten the end. She yearned to leave a life of loneliness and join her husband and son. She talked much of spirit visitation. The suicide theory is, however, utterly discredited by her friends. A death mask was taken last night, and the body embalmed for shipment to San Francisco.

Will Probe to Bottom. San Francisco, March 2.—In the absence of further explicit information from Honolulu today, Montford Wilson, attorney for Mrs. Stanford, and Chief of Police Spillaine are extremely reticent in the matter of the tragic taking off of Mrs. Stanford.

While the former is anxiously awaiting the arrival of further cabled news, Spillaine has concluded the hour is at hand to launch a rigid, painstaking investigation of the whole affair. The police are therefore quietly taking up the examination of the poisoning which is said to have been attempted in this city, at the Stanford home during January, and regardless of whatever may develop at Honolulu, the authorities here will go to the bottom of the affair. Whether Mrs. Stanford was the victim of foul play or not, the police department here will fortify itself with all the obtainable facts and will even make arrests if independent investigations seem to warrant.

In the meantime they have called the high sheriff at Honolulu urging an autopsy, and the chemist's report be hurried here, and that every precaution be taken to surround the mystery.

Spillaine is not prepared to express an opinion in the matter, or to make public the steps taken, but says he is abreast of the case and will run to earth the responsible parties, if the evidence shows that Mrs. Stanford was murdered.

Waiting for Chemist's Report. Attorney Wilson preserves a studied and careful reticence, but it is plain that he is wrought up by information received last night of the discovery of poison in the bicarbonate of soda and of the fact that the lungs of the dead woman betrayed symptoms of death due to poisoning.

"We have formed no definite idea in the matter at all," said Mr. Wilson, "and it is plain we will not be warranted in so doing until the chemist's report is filed.

"It is well nigh unbelievable that anyone would seek to injure Mrs. Stanford, but we are in momentary expectation of further and more definite news and until it arrives have nothing to say."

Possibly Methodical Poison. Public opinion here is inclined to

Boom in Oil Field.

Chanute, Kan., March 2.—As a result of recent laws the fourth independent refinery project was launched here today. The plan is to build a \$400,000 plant with a capacity of 3000 barrels per day. All the producers have resumed work, expecting high prices.

the theory of methodical poison. Mrs. Stanford's attendants are being investigated. That Mrs. Stanford administered the poison herself is scouted by the police, who point out that while she was a woman of advanced years and lonesome, she was well as at all times, well balanced, and not of temperament that would permit the contemplation of suicide.

When the reports of the Honolulu chemists is received it is not unlikely the local authorities will order certain arrests made, and that various persons will be detained, at least until the present investigation is concluded.

Strychnine Was Found. San Francisco, March 2.—Chief Spillaine received the following telegram from the high sheriff at Honolulu this afternoon: "Mrs. Stanford's bottle of bicarbonate of soda contained four drams and 66 grains strychnine." An examination of the organs of the body is under way and I will cable as soon as it is completed. Full details by mail."

RECOMMEND TO SEAT PEABODY. Partisan Vote Determines Colorado Contest. Denver, March 2.—The legislative committee upon the gubernatorial contest reported to the joint assembly of the legislature recommending that Peabody be seated. The vote in the committee stood 14 to 13.

Kebo Would Annex Panama. Washington, March 2.—Representative Kebo, of Kentucky, introduced a resolution today providing for the annexation of Panama.

Investigation Will Hang Fire. Insurgents Cannot Persuade the Attorney General to Get Action on Him This Year and the Matter Goes Over Until Next Session—Appropriations Committees of the Two Houses Are Coming to an Agreement.

Washington, March 2.—Representative Smith of Kentucky, to whom the Kebo resolution calling for investigation of the tobacco trust, was referred by the house judiciary committee, said today there will be no action on the resolution this session. Smith has been unable to arrange for a conference with the attorney general on the subject, and says the agitation will be renewed in the next session.

Getting Together. Washington, March 2.—The house today sent the river and harbor bill to a conference and agreed to a conference report on the fortifications and general appropriation bill and the agricultural appropriation bill.

Will Not Investigate. Washington, March 2.—The house today defeated the Vandiver amendment to the naval appropriation bill calling for the investigation of the so-called armor plate trust.

GRAIN MARKETS. Quotations From All Points Handling Unmilled Products.

Chicago, March 2.—May wheat is now a drug on the market, closing today at \$1.15. It started out at \$1.13 this morning, but experienced a shaky market with the advances coming spasmodically until about 11 o'clock, when it jumped to \$1.15 and remained stationary, with little doing at the close. July wheat opened at 85¢ and closed at 99¢. Corn closed at 48¢. Oats, 31¢.

Portland—Walla Walla wheat, 85¢; bluestem, 93¢; valley, 87¢. Liverpool—May wheat, 6s, 11 1/2d.

RAILROADS FINED. First Punishment for Disobedience of Car Coupler Act.

Springfield, Ill., March 2.—Judge Humphrey in the federal court today decided against the Southern railroad and Illinois Central, and the Wabash in the car coupling cases, fining the companies \$100 each on nine counts. This is the first decision against the railroads for violating the car coupler law.

To Keep Out Japanese. Sacramento, March 2.—A resolution calling on the president and secretary of state to take steps to restrict Japanese immigration, passed the assembly unanimously this morning. It passed the senate yesterday.

Children, Fire and Powder. New Orleans, March 2.—While playing with a lighted candle around a keg of powder, the three children of Mrs. H. L. Bachnell, in Palmetto parish, were blown in pieces today and the house wrecked.

RUSSIANS ADMIT GREAT LOSSES AND REVERSES

They "Retire to Better Fortified Positions"—More Rioters Killed at Moscow.

"Murderous Frenzy" Runs Riot at Baku, Where 1000 Have Been Killed in the Strike Rioting—General Oku Claims to Have Gained Decided Advantages in the Operations Around Mukden—Indications That the Terrorists Will Resume Active Operations in Western Russia—Council at St. Petersburg Will Soon Act Upon Proposal to Retire Kuropatkin.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Reports received from Sake Tun, Manchuria, state that a number of Japanese attacks on the village of Kudasa on the Russian left wing have been repulsed and the Russians maintained the position. A Russian relief column attacked the Japanese from the west after two passes had been occupied, but was hard pressed by the Japanese and suffered great losses.

The fight is still raging on the left wing. The Japanese made a night attack on Kutaj pass, the Russians retiring to better fortified positions. A Japanese attack on Nizhan Pu was also repulsed.

Japanese Gain Advantages. Tokio, March 2.—General Oku reports: "The Japanese left has driven back the Russians and occupied Kalletza, on the Lio river, 40 miles west of Mukden. This gives the Japanese a most important position and seriously menaces Kuropatkin's communications along the Sin Minting road, which is held by the Japanese, will stop Russian supplies."

More Death Sentences. Moscow, March 2.—Panic prevails in official circles as the result of the receipt of a notice of death sentence passed on prominent officials and reactionaries by the revolutionary party. It is now fully expected the propaganda of death will be prosecuted by the revolutionists with vigor.

Expel A Poet. Warsaw, March 2.—The celebrated Polish poet, Andrzej Njamojewski, has been expelled from this city and ordered to reside permanently under police supervision in a small village near Lunglin.

Appointed to Suppress Strikers. St. Petersburg, March 2.—Count Verontoff, of Kuff, has been appointed viceroy for the Caucasus and General Maclimovitch governor general of Warsaw. Both received a free hand in subduing strike movements, and will take up their duties immediately.

Murderous Frenzy at Baku. Berlin, March 2.—The newspaper Vorwaerts, has a dispatch from Baku, stating that up to February 23, the dead in the rioting there had

HOSE AND HOSE CART CONTRACT. Former at 65 Cents Per Foot, Latter at \$124.

The Goodman-Thompson Hardware Co. was awarded the contract for supplying the city with 800 feet of hose at a meeting of the fire and water committee this morning.

Bids were submitted by the following firms: D. S. Butler & Co., Portland; W. R. Wilkes, Pendleton; A. G. Long, Portland; H. J. Stillman, Pendleton; T. C. Taylor, Pendleton, and Goodman-Thompson Co. The latter having made the lowest price for the grade of hose desired, was awarded the contract. Their price was 65 cents per foot for single jacket, rubber lined, cotton hose. The price is f. o. b. Pendleton, and the hose is to be shipped at once.

The hose is to be used on the hill in the south end of town. While the pressure in that locality is light, a good grade of hose was secured because of the possibility of its being needed in the lower portions of town, where the pressure is greater.

T. T. Nelson was given the contract for making the hose cart. He was the only local bidder, and the price for which the cart is to be made is \$124.

Left a Family in Missouri. John Bruce Friday, the Idaho pioneer who died Friday at the hospital, it is alleged, left a family in Missouri in the early sixties, who will now make a claim for a portion of his fortune. According to a letter received by J. E. Roberts from a friend in Steeleville, Mo., he not only deserted a wife, but left with her two sons and a daughter to bring up.

It is probable that there will be a legal contest over the disposition of the property which, so far as is generally known, consists of the Wood block, valued at about \$50,000. How

he has divided his estate is not known except to the attorney who drew the will.

After he came to Boise he married Mrs. Jane Wood, but later was divorced from her. There was no issue by the marriage, however, but it is generally believed he has left her a considerable portion of his property, or otherwise provided for her. During the last few days of his illness she was constantly at his bedside administering what comfort she could.—Boise Capital News.

Shot Horses for Revenge. A special report to the Pioneer says that Tuesday John Banty, of Culver, who it is said has been having some trouble with his father, A. Y. Banty, of the same place, shot two work horses belonging to his father, one dying immediately, the other being fatally wounded. The horses had strayed onto the farm of the son who took this means of getting even with his father. Mr. Banty had the son arrested and the preliminary examination will take place before the justice at Prineville.—Madras Pioneer.

Poisoned One Carcass. Robert Settlemire and James Brandon hold the record as champion coyote killers of this section. The other night they placed some poison on a carcass at the Island ranch, and upon visiting it next morning found 18 coyotes, 1 large eagle and 40 magpies had fallen victims to their bait. Some of the catch has been added to the Lewis and Clark collection.—Burns Times-Herald.

During the last two months over 100 good overcoats—some of them high priced garments—have been stolen from the lobbies of Seattle hotels and restaurants. It is believed that one expert has perpetrated all the thefts.

ROBBED THE 'FRISCO EXPRESS.

Masked Men Hold Up the Messenger and Go Through the Safe. Memphis, March 2.—Three masked bandits boarded the Frisco express eight miles south of Mammoth Springs, Ark., early this morning, compelled the express messenger to open the safe at the point of a gun, quickly secured the contents and escaped. The value of the booty is unknown.

FARMERS' CORNER ON CABBAGE. Apply a Well Taught Lesson by the Coal and Oil Trusts. Milwaukee, March 2.—Wisconsin farmers have a corner on cabbage in that state and demand \$23, \$2 to \$5 being the ordinary price. They are believed to have a secret organization to hold thousands of tons in cold storage all winter.

COMMISSION BILL PASSES. Railroad Legislation Effectuated for the State of Washington. Tacoma, Wash., March 2.—A dispatch from Olympia says: The senate this afternoon passed by a vote of 36 to 4 the railroad commission bill drafted by the house railroad committee and enacted by the house more than a week ago.

Ex-Senator Wolcott Dead. Denver, March 2.—A message announcing the death of former United States Senator Wolcott, who has been sojourning in Italy, was received last night.

Lunched With the Czar. St. Petersburg, March 2.—General Stoessel, who arrived at the capital yesterday, had lunch with the czar today.

Scientist Arrested. Berlin, March 2.—Gregory Potanin the most eminent contemporary Russian scientist, has been arrested at Tomak, on the ground of suspected sympathy with the progressive movement among the peasants.

May Recall Kuropatkin. London, March 2.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg states that a war council will be held about March 5, to decide whether Kuropatkin is to be recalled.

More Rioters Killed. St. Petersburg, March 2.—It is reported that several rioters were killed in a collision with troops in the Moscow district.

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COUNCIL HELD LONG SESSION

Anti-Opium Ordinance, Modeled After the Portland Measure, Was Passed.

SUPPLY BILLS PASSED TO AMOUNT OF \$467.86.

Bids for Furnishing Hose and Hose Cart Were Opened and Referred—Considered the Matter of Widening the Bridge—Report of the City Recorder Received, Showing Receipts and Expenditures—Report Showing the Number and Names of Derelicts in Making Sewer Connections—Report of Marshal Carney.

Bids for furnishing 800 feet of fire hose and a hose cart were opened at the meeting of the council last night, an opium ordinance was passed, the widening of the Main street bridge walk discussed, bills were paid and the monthly reports of officers received.

Some half dozen bids were presented for furnishing the hose and two for the cart and the council table was covered with samples of various grades of fine hose. After the bids had been opened and read they were ordered referred to the fire and water committee with power to make the purchase. A meeting of the committee was then set for 10 o'clock this morning.

The monthly bills for supplies and salaries of officers were read and the recorder instructed to issue warrants for their payment. The bills for supplies amounted to \$467.86, of which \$260 was to the Northwest Gas & Electric company for lights during the month.

Anti-Opium Ordinance. The opium ordinance, which was adopted last night under suspension of the rules, is modeled after the one now in effect in Portland, and is very stringent. Under it parties not druggists or physicians, who may be found with opium or any of the apparatus for smoking it in their possession are liable, as well as those caught supplying a person with the drug or any of the apparatus, except upon a physician's prescription, is liable to arrest. Under the ordinance the penalty is fixed at a fine of from \$10 to \$100, or imprisonment at the option of the recorder. The ordinance also provides for the destruction of all apparatus discovered by the police, this to be done at the order of the recorder.

The matter of widening the west walk of the Main street bridge was again discussed last night, and the street committee was instructed to make a report upon the subject at the next meeting. There is some difference of opinion among the councilmen as to whether the walk should be widened the entire length, or just at this end.

Recorder's Report. The report of the city recorder, which was read last night, showed 169 violations of ordinances during the month. The receipts of the office were as follows: Fines, \$1470; sale of cemetery lots, \$27.50; street liens, \$24.75; refund from water committee, \$1; total from licenses, \$573.96.

The report of Marshal Carney showed the expense of his office for the past month to be \$320.50. The additional expense for the past month being due to the enforcement of the quarantine regulations, for which a special officer has been required.

In obedience to the orders of the council given at the preceding meeting, the sewer inspector, W. E. Withee, last night made a report upon the matter of sewer connections. The report stated that an investigation has been made of the section of the city lying between the river and the railroad and extending two blocks each way from Main street, and that the following property owners were found to have thus far failed to make the required sewer connections: Edward Switzer, Peter West, Charles Colesworthy, Neagle Bros., M. E. Church, W. S. Bowman, George Darveau and H. M. Sloan. The report was received without discussion.

Shot Himself. Boise, March 2.—Fred Stockton, an engineer in the office of the reclamation service, shot himself through the right temple at noon and died instantly.

He was a graduate of the Oregon University at Eugene. His parents live at Sheridan, Ore. The cause is not now known.

ADDING TO THE FAIR FINANCES

\$1610 WAS SUBSCRIBED DURING PAST TEN DAYS.

These Subscriptions Were All Made by Pendleton Business Men and Citizens—The \$10,000 Mark Has Nearly Been Reached and the Committee Is Far From the Natural Limit to the Public Spirit of the Community.

Good work is being done by those in charge of the fair subscription, and as a result the \$10,000 mark has been almost reached. The following amounts have been added to the list since the last publication:

- Two hundred and fifty dollars, Gus La Fontaine. One hundred dollars each—W. M. Pierce, Alfred Schneider, Goodman-Thompson Co., T. Olsen and F. B. Clopton. Eighty dollars—S. A. Alloway. Fifty dollars each—James Cameron, George Demott, E. A. Vaughan, T. H. White, J. A. Borie, Mark Patton, W. O. Rust, Herbert Boylen and T. P. Edwards. Twenty dollars each—John McCourt, Miss Ida Boyd, F. W. Schmidt, H. J. Bean, J. B. Perry, J. Marin, Winslow Bros., A. Wangle. Ten dollars each—J. A. Blakley, W. E. Welch, G. E. Adams, Fred Shumaker, Dennis Nichols, Lot Livermore, F. E. Welch, F. S. Younger & Son, Glenn Bushee, S. A. Newberry, J. L. Vaughan, G. L. Ladow, J. F. Nowlin, Shelly Jones, Sam Roberts, J. W. Privett and W. W. Hoch.

THE CUNNINGHAM ADDITION.

A New Residence District Will Be Placed on the Market by the Sheep King.

County Surveyor J. W. Kimbrell yesterday afternoon surveyed and platted after the city of Pendleton consisting of 11 acres of land in the west end of the city, which will be reached by an extension of Court street. The tract will be placed on the market by Charles Cunningham, the well known sheepman.

The tract is one of the most desirable in that portion of the city for a residence district. The soil is rich and moist and no gravel is found in it. The tract lies just west of the railroad and east of the railroad bridge west of town. It is now needed to affairs.

NEXT MEETING AT ATHENA.

Umatilla County Sunday School Convention Closed Last Evening.

One of the most successful Sunday school conventions ever held in the county closed last night at Milton, after a two days' session during which an elaborate program, as published in the East Oregonian last Tuesday, was carried out in full.

About 75 delegates were present during the session and the interest was highly gratifying to the members of the convention. The next meeting of the association will be held at Athena, in March, 1906.

The Pendleton and Echo delegates returned home last evening and expressed themselves as highly pleased with the meeting and delighted with the hospitality of the people of Milton.