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JILTED LOVER WAS CRAZED

Grover Stoffel Believed Elza Kenison Had Deliberately Deceived Him.

LEAVES "WARNING" TO YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS.

Declares Girl Had Broken His Heart—Says His Idea Is to Show Her That She Will Never Fool Anyone Else—Insists That He Is in His Right Mind—Girl's Letter Shows That Return of Former Sweetheart Was Responsible for the Change Toward Stoffel.

When Grover Stoffel killed Elza Kennison at Echo yesterday morning he was crazed with ignorant jealousy and the idea that he had been deceived by the young girl. He planned the bloody deed in advance and also intended killing himself. Many letters were found on his person and one of these, to the East Oregonian, and published below, sets forth his side of the case.

The letter, written in a scrawling, almost illegible hand, is as follows: Echo, Oregon, July 23.

East Oregonian:

Please publish this. With a great trial I will send you a peace to publish in your paper. It will be a warning to young boys and girls that when you make a promise for god sake be faithful (faithful) and do not deceive your fellow man. I have a task of that myself. I was true in ever respect until she broken my heart she deceived me in the dark and then let me down like that the world doesn't know this story the way I do. I am heart broken forever and my idea is to show her that she will never fool me one else. I want the people to under (understand) Grover Stoffel in his right mind. I received the fatal blow this morning she say no forever she has deceived toled untra things I am ruined forever without her. I will not mention her name but all will soon know.

Please publish.

East Oregonian.

Send to Statesman, Boise, Idaho.

Lochwood times, Lochwood, Mo.

Years in oblige,

Grover Stoffel

vs

Elza Kennison.

Wrote Many Letters.

Aside from the letter to the East Oregonian the lovedick boy wrote brief notes to nearly a dozen relatives telling them good bye and that he had ordered pictures sent to them.

Two of the longest letters were addressed to his mother at Miller, Mo., and to his uncle, J. P. Stoffel of this city. His uncle was asked to take care of his body and he said that he would give him a piece of land he had in Missouri to cover a debt he owed him. In nearly all of his letters Stoffel mentioned his "trouble," but gave few details.

In the pocket of the dead man was also found the letter he had received from Elza Kennison that morning. It is as follows:

Dear Friend:

Received your letter. Grover, I have not changed a bit. I can't love you. But remember, the world hasn't thrown you down. How could you be happy with a wife who did not love you? I don't care for anyone but Llan Elam, as I told you before.

I know what changed my mind. He changed his mind and that somehow changed me. I didn't know until today that she still loves and cares for me. He wrote me a letter asking me to forgive him. I count him first because he was first. He is coming up Sunday so everything will be all settled one way or the other.

Grover, I advise you either to go to your uncle in Pendleton or else to your dear old mother. She loves and cares for you. Anyway if you stay away some time it will be much easier for you to forget me. But remember I am your friend.

I could never be happy with some-

one I did not love. And you wouldn't be happy with me, I know. So I feel I have answered your letter as best I can. Forgive me for treating you this way. Goodbye.

ELZA KENNISON. Yesterday afternoon Coroner Ralph Folsom summoned a jury for the purpose of passing upon the two deaths. In the case of the girl a formal verdict was given to the effect that Elza Kennison had met death through a shot fired at her by Grover Stoffel with murderous intent. Stoffel's death was attributed to his own hand.

Those on the coroner's jury were C. J. Gulliford, Frank Spikes, Zoeth Houser, J. H. Leezer, F. W. Godfrey and Louis Scholl, Jr.

The bodies of both Miss Kennison and Stoffel are being held at Echo. The young lady will be buried there, where she lived for many years and was educated. It is not yet known where Stoffel will be interred.

Among the people of Echo and also of this city, there has been widespread indignation over the tragedy wrought by Stoffel and severe censure has been heaped upon his head. On the other hand deep regret is expressed over the death of the girl and her letter is considered as fully clearing her of any wrong doing.

TROOPERS DEAD AT GETTYSBURG

LIGHTNING STRIKES CAMP OF MILITIA.

Three Men Killed in Camp on Famous Battleground of the Civil War—Panic Ensued After Severe Electrical Display—Camp Flooded and Wires Down.

Gettysburg, July 24.—As a result of a severe electrical storm which passed over the encampment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania last night three troopers were killed and twenty-six seriously injured.

Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning Lieutenant Colonel Beatter, of Philadelphia, a member of the staff of Governor Stuart, came to this place from the camp and made the official announcement. Those killed, it is announced, were:

Privates Burt Barber and Milton Garver of the Tenth regiment, and Private Morrison, Sixth regiment.

Captain O. J. Gunning of Warren, Lieutenant James A. Sanders of Erie, Chief Musician Morrison and Drum Major Christley of Butler were badly injured.

Lieutenant Kennedy of the Tenth regiment is seriously hurt. He says that every surgeon who has seen the dead and injured blames the trouble on the leggings worn by the men. Considerable steel is used in the leggings.

Panic Prevails.

The greatest confusion prevails, and the visitors to the camp as well as many of the troopers are panic stricken. The field hospital is crowded with injured, and the colonel of the Tenth regiment has given up his quarters to those who are immediately in need of medical assistance. The camp is flooded and the telegraph wires are prostrated.

Dr. Courtney Arrested.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 24.—Dr. Joseph S. Courtney, a prominent Portland physician, was arrested today at the Union station as he was boarding a train for Chicago, on a warrant accusing him of performing an operation on Stella Bennett, aged 15, causing her death. He was attending the Hibernal's convention here.

CLARENCE KNIGHT SELLS OUT.

Former Pendleton Man Was in Business in New Mexico.

Clarence Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Knight of this city, has disposed of his mercantile business at Narviss, N. M. He was a member of the firm of Knight & Searcy and they sold their general store to S. M. Howell of Delhart, Texas, for the price of \$20,000.

It is understood that Mr. Knight will return to Oregon for a visit and may relocate here. He was formerly in the drug business at Helix.

O. R. & N. AND NORTH BANK TRAINS RACE

What promises to be a unique and fascinating inter-state sport is occasionally indulged in between trains on the O. R. & N. in Oregon and on the North Bank road across the Columbia river in the state of Washington.

Racing at points where the tracks run close to the Columbia river for long distances is now indulged in by trains on the two roads, and passengers are relieved of the tedium of the journey by these exciting events.

Yesterday a most exciting race between an O. R. & N. and North Bank train took place, but the heavy nine-car train on the O. R. & N. was handi-

GILBERT AND COOK ARE TIED

Two Americans Break Olympic Record in the Pole Vault.

FORREST SMITHSON TIES OLYMPIC RECORD.

Two Oregon Boys Top Notchers Among World Athletes—Smithson Wins His Heat of Semi-Finals in Hurdles Without Effort—Will Win the Final Race and Break Record Without Doubt—Americans Win Every Heat in Semi-Finals.

London, July 24.—In the final pole vault, Cook and Gilbert, both Americans, tied for first place, each going over the bar at 12 feet 2 inches, breaking the record.

London, July 24.—Tying the Olympic record of 12 2-5 seconds, Forrest Smithson of Portland, today won the second heat of the semi-final tryout for the 110-meter hurdle race. The Oregon boy is in perfect condition and is strongly backed for first place in the final heat. A. R. Shaw of America, won the first heat in the same event in 15 3-5 seconds, qualifying for the finals.

Smithson entered the second heat and without apparent effort won. Expert trainers marveled at his speed and declared that if he had attempted he could have lowered the record. He did not try to use all his speed in the semi-final.

The speed shown by the two Americans puts new life into the other boys from the United States.

Everything seemed to be coming the way of the American contestants when Rand carried off the third heat of the 110-meter hurdles and Gilbert added another victory to the United States list by winning the combined sections two and three in the pole vault with 12 feet, which is six inches higher than the record made by Gouder of France at the Olympic games at Athens in 1906.

Garrels of America, captured the fourth heat in the 110-meter hurdles in 11 4-5 seconds.

Cook, of America, qualified for semi-finals in the pole vault by winning the combined sections four, five and six. America captured the third heat in the 1600-meter relay race from England.

Judge Don't Mind Todd's Criticism.

New York, July 24.—Judge Grosscup, who read the decision reversing the decision of the big fine against the Standard Oil, when asked what he had to say about Roosevelt's remark that if weaker it would have been punished, said: "If a good, all round lawyer had said that I might have been disturbed, but the comment from the president does not disturb me."

Fourth Regiment Wins.

Salem, Ore., July 24.—The team from the Fourth regiment won the governor's trophy in the regimental shoot this morning by a lead of about fifteen points over the Third regiment. The trophy is a handsome gold lined silver cup, presented by Chamberlain. The complete score is not yet figured up.

Storm Spoils Regatta.

Put in Bay, Ohio, July 24.—A terrific rain and wind storm on Lake Erie has played havoc with the inter-lake regatta. The Stella II, was capsized and her crew rescued after hard work. Many boats dragged their anchors.

Headquarters for Chicago.

Chicago, July 24.—Taggart, of the democratic national committee, arrived here this morning, and Tom said the headquarters for the campaign would be located in Chicago. John H. Atwood, of Kansas, is in the lead for appointment as chairman of the national committee.

Bryan to Chicago.

Lincoln, Neb., July 24.—Bryan left today for Chicago to attend the meeting of the sub-committee of the national committee.

Girl Drinks Carboic Acid.

Because her parents objected to her marrying the man of her choice, Catherine Dot Holley committed suicide at Seattle by drinking carboic acid. Her home was in Oakland, Cal.

Sandpoint, Idaho, is to have a new paper. Articles of incorporation of the Democrat Publishing company have been filed, and it is expected the first paper will be issued about August 5.

AMERICAN WINS MARATHON RUN

Italian Helped Across Line in World's Greatest Race and is Disqualified.

EIGHTY ATHLETES COVER TWENTY-SIX MILE COURSE.

Thousands of Cheering People Line the Course—Dramatic Finish—Italian Falls Five Times When Nearing Tape—Urged on by Queen Alexandra, Plied With Brandy and Literally Pushed Across the Line—Judges Declare John F. Hayes the Winner.

London, July 24.—John F. Hayes, of the Irish-American club, was declared the winner of the Marathon race this afternoon by the judges, who upheld the protest against Dorando, of Italy, who crossed the line first. Hefferon was given second place and Forshaw third. It was proved to the satisfaction of the judges that Dorando was assisted across the line.

London, July 24.—Dorando of Italy, today won the great Marathon race of 26 miles, defeating 80 contestants.

Dorando's time was 2 hours 54 minutes and 36 seconds. The Americans have protested his victory, alleging the crowds closed in on the tracks at the finish, and that he was actually assisted across the line.

John F. Hayes, of the Irish-American club was second; Hefferon, of South Africa, third, and Joseph Forshaw, of St. Louis, fourth. A big gap separated these four from the next group, which was headed by Beel, of England, followed by Longboat.

The Marathon race at Athens in 1904 was won by Sherring, of Canada, in 2 hours 51 minutes and 23 3-5 seconds.

Dramatic Finish.

The finish of the Italian's run was dramatic. He fell five times in the last stages of the race and each time was lifted and urged on by friends. The fifth time he fell directly in front of the royal box. Queen Alexandra rose and waved encouragement. He was then within ten yards of the tape. Friends rushed to him, gave him brandy, lifted him on his feet and literally pushed him over the line, where he fell in a lead faint.

When revived he was supported by Hayes, Hefferon and Forshaw, and taken to the royal box and introduced to the queen.

Hay's Protested.

London, July 24.—A protest was filed with the judges that Hayes was assisted at one point near the finish. On account of one of his legs falling, Longboat was forced to retire in the twentieth mile. He forced the running too hard at the start.

With eighty contestants entered, the Marathon race started from the east terrace, Windsor castle, this afternoon at a signal given by the crown prince of Sweden. King Edward and the royal family saw the start from the terrace.

The teams representing America, England and South Africa were together at the start and clung together for several minutes. Then Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, forged ahead at a terrific pace.

Protests against Longboat entering the race were overruled at the last minute today. The Americans objected to allowing the redskin to compete, on the grounds that he is a professional.

At the start the runners were grouped in rows. Among the men in the first row were A. R. Welton, of Chicago; Sidney Hatch, of Chicago; M. J. Ryan, of New York, and Tom Morrissey, of Yonkers, N. Y.

There were no Americans in the second row. In the third were John F. Hayes, of the Irish-American Athletic club, of New York; Lewis Towlina, of the Carlyle Indian school, and Joseph Forshaw, of the Missouri Athletic club.

There were no Americans in the fourth row.

Thousands lined the course of 26 miles and 38 yards, which extended from the palace terrace through Windsor park to High street across the Thames river bridge into Eaton, past Eaton college, along the Windsor road to High street slough, and then in a winding course to the Stadium, where the race ended.

one German, one Finn, one Russian, one Belgian, one Austrian, one Bohemian and one Italian entered.

WARRANT OUT FOR COUNTY TREASURER

Shortage of Pasco Official Who Fled July 3 Is \$2,344.

Pasco, Wash., July 23.—On the charge of embezzling the county of Franklin out of \$2,344, a warrant for the arrest of E. C. Brayford, county treasurer, was issued on the complaint of Prosecuting Attorney Schutt yesterday. His books were examined and found short at a meeting of the board of county commissioners yesterday evening. It was learned last evening that Brayford left Pasco on the evening of July 3. He was later seen at North Yakima and on July 10 Mrs. Brayford received a letter from her husband from Spokane, stating that he would return in a few days.

CROCKER GETS FUNNY.

Says Hughes Belongs to Salvation Army and King Edward Is Most Popular Man in World.

New York, July 24.—Richard Crocker, the former Tammany chieftain, says that in the interest of the coming campaign he hopes Bryan wins. In an interview granted at his home in Glencairn, Ireland, he asks who Kern is and when told said he ought to be able to carry Indiana.

He said America does not want any more Roosevelts. He declared Governor Hughes belongs to the Salvation Army. He says King Edward is the most popular man in Christendom, and that if there is ever an election for president of the world, Edward will be elected.

SCENE AT QUEBEC IS MAGNIFICENT

ENTIRE POPULACE AND THOUSANDS OF VISITORS.

Famous Plains of Abraham Take on Appearance of Early Days—Picturesque Costumes of Early Traders and Indians with Flaming Blankets and War Bonnets—Prince Reviews 15,000 Troops.

Quebec, Canada, July 24.—The most magnificent scene ever presented in Canada was presented today on the Plains of Abraham, when the Prince of Wales reviewed fifteen thousand Canadian troops.

Ten thousand sailors were in the pageant, and practically the entire population of Quebec was present, besides thousands of visitors. Hundreds appeared on the streets attired in the historic dress of the time in the early days of Quebec. All through the crowds were painted Indians in brilliant blankets and war bonnets.

When the prince emerged from his quarters at the citadel this morning he found the streets deserted. Everybody had gone to the plains.

After the parade the prince dedicated the Quebec battlefield and returned to the citadel to prepare for the grand official ball tonight at the parliament house.

Frisco Will Exhibit.

San Francisco, July 24.—San Francisco merchants and manufacturers are today making preparations to gather exhibits for the Alaskan-Yukon exposition. At a meeting of the general executive committee of the commercial organizations, President Briggs, of the state board of trade, authorized the appointment of a finance committee of one member from each commercial body to raise funds.

Thugs Will Hang.

San Juan, Cal., July 24.—John Slamsen and Louis V. Dabner, the famous gas pipe thugs, sentenced to hang next Friday, this morning marched from their cells to the death chamber, which is within a few steps of the gallows. Slamsen is showing signs of a breakdown. Dabner maintains his stoical attitude.

Blooded Cattle for Yakima.

E. B. Marks, of Ahtanum valley, and H. C. Davis, of Moxee, have received from Syracuse, N. Y., a consignment of twenty-four head of registered Holstein cattle at a cost of \$6,000.

ONLY WITNESS IS MURDERED

Three Members of Firm of Five Have Been Killed. Fourth on Trial.

OFFICERS SEARCHING FOR UNKNOWN GREEK.

Victim Stabbed Seven Times in Face and Seven Times in Body, But Bit Off His Assailant's Finger Before Dying—This Is Only Clue Officers Have—Murdered Man Was Only Witness Against Former Partner on Trial for Killing Other Two—All Are Greeks.

South San Francisco, July 24.—The sheriff of San Mateo county and his deputies are today scouring the country in this vicinity for an unknown Greek accused of murdering Stoyan Steff, the only witness in a murder case here who could convict the defendant.

Steff was stabbed seven times in the face and seven times in the body. In the struggle Steff caught the right forefinger of the murderer and bit it off. The finger is being used as a clue.

The murdered man is the third man of a former bakery firm of five members to be killed within three months. The fourth partner, Toder Kipproff, is in jail awaiting trial, accused of killing the other two men. Steff was the only witness against him.

Steff was murdered in the basement of the Western Meat company's building, where he was employed as watchman.

Struck by Lightning

The home of Train Dispatcher J. F. Corbett, formerly known as the Tom Walsh house, was struck by lightning at about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, says the La Grande Observer. Miss Ryan, a member of the family, was knocked flat to the ground and remained in an unconscious condition for two hours before she was resuscitated. Miss Ryan was on the way from the barn to the house when the flash came Mrs. Corbett, who was at work at a sewing machine, stooped to pick up a pair of scissors as the lightning struck the house and her arm was paralyzed by the shock. It was several hours afterward that she regained the use of her arm. Several boards were slivered from the house, the telephone instrument was practically burned up and a hole was torn in the side of the house where the telephone wires were fastened.

Other buildings in different parts of the town were shaken up by the charges of electricity in the phone and light wires. It is reported also that a tree in the Old Town was struck by lightning. There was during the few minutes of the shower yesterday morning the most severe shaking up from an electric storm that La Grande has even known.

Wants an Auto Trust

J. N. Williamson in his Fourth of July oration suggested that an automobile trust would be the next one organized, as the public was even now demanding it, to furnish cars at one-tenth their present cost. He pointed out that this is the only way such reduction could be brought about, and he was undoubtedly correct. Such a combination would reduce prices, insure uniformity in construction and make things better all around. The suggested trust could make deals with the steel trust, leather trust and oil trust, and give the purchaser the benefit, and the Hearst papers one more vital (?) issue to dilate upon—Prineville Review

Jail Break at Fernie.

Five Italians held in jail as members of the Black Hand, at Fernie, B. C., escaped from the jail early Wednesday morning. The officers have trailed them to a timber lot, where it is hoped to surround them.

Fire at Portland.

The Abington, a six-story office building in Portland, was completely gutted by fire Wednesday evening. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MURPHY BUYS PART OF DESPAIN BLOCK

For the price of \$10,000 Mayor E. J. Murphy has purchased from the Despain estate, the portion of the Despain building occupied by the Murphy paint store, together with the portion of the second story above the paint store.

The Murphy location has a frontage of 25 feet on Court street, and

this includes the stairway. However, under the terms of the deal, the owners of the remainder of the building have equal rights with Mr. Murphy to the stairway.

The second story of Mr. Murphy's portion of the building is now occupied by a portion of the Lowell & Winters offices, Architect Howard's office and the Union meeting hall.