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Forecast for Eastern Oregon by the United States Weather Observer at Portland.

Tonight and Wednesday fair, colder tonight.

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JOHN KEARNEY COMMITS SUICIDE

FORMER HEAD OF POLICE IN CITY SHOOT HIMSELF

Death Comes at Once as Bullet Enters Head—Despondency Over Loss of Position One of Causes.

LEAVES NOTE FOR HIS WIFE

Another is Left for Coroner Brown in Which He Asks That He Be Buried Soon as Possible—Ex-Chief Physical and Nervous Wreck for the Past Few Days.

John Kearney, until recently chief of police of Pendleton, this afternoon shortly before two o'clock committed suicide in a room in the State Hotel by shooting himself through the head. Death was instantaneous.

Despondency over the loss of his position and his inability to leave liquor alone is given as the cause of his rash act by his friends. He left two notes, one to Coroner Brown and one to his wife. The one to the coroner simply asked that he be buried as soon as possible. The one to his wife has not yet been delivered and its contents are not known.

The former chief had been a physical and nervous wreck for the past few days and physicians had been trying to keep him in bed. He came down town early this afternoon with his young daughter and, after leaving her, went to the State Hotel and took a back room on the upper floor. He had a tablet and evidently wrote the notes there. Still sitting in the chair he had placed the revolver to his head and fired.

Couple Hear Shot

A man and wife in the next room heard the shot and summoned employees of the house. They found the dead body hanging over the chair, the head and feet touching the floor, just as he had fallen back. Dr. E. O. Parker was summoned at once and found that life had departed. The coroner was notified at once and took charge of the body shortly after two. He found the notes where they had been left on the dresser. The revolver, the cylinder containing five loaded cartridges and an empty one, was lying on the floor as if it had fallen and a box of cartridges, from which the ones in the revolver had been extracted, lay open on the dresser. The body was removed to the Brown undertaking parlors.

Lived Here Many Years. Deceased is survived by a wife and two children, a daughter and a son both of whom are young. A brother, Clarence Kearney, also survives him. He had lived in Umatilla county since his youth, went from here to the Philippines during the Spanish-American war and returned to Pendleton at the close of the war. He had been on the police force for ten or twelve years, first serving as night policeman under Chief Tom Gurdane. Four years ago he was elected to succeed Gurdane as chief of the force and served until Sept. 20 of this year when he resigned as a result of a personal encounter with Mayor John Dyer. He was counted as a very efficient worker along criminal lines.

Since his resignation, he had not been working and recently had grown very despondent. His intemperate drinking both before and after his resignation had affected both his body and mind and his closest friends had begun to worry over him. He was very devoted to his family and the sympathy of the community goes out to the grief-stricken wife and children.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Allied fleet is prepared to see that Greece does not interfere in the Balkan plans. Frank Whitlock is mentioned as running mate for Wilson in 1916. **Local.** Ex-Chief John Kearney commits suicide. Annual teachers' institute opens tomorrow. Hero of Merrimac speaks here tonight.

Richard Pearson Hobson Will Speak in City This Evening

Ex-Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson, the popular hero of the war with Spain, will arrive in Pendleton this evening and will speak in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock on the subjects of national prohibition and national defenses.

Hobson and Dr. Edwin I. Stearns of New York, who will also speak are representing the anti-saloon forces of America and are now on a tour of the west. Both are very interesting talkers and, inasmuch as there will be no charge for admission, a large audience is expected.

A committee from the Commercial association will meet at the hotel this evening and escort them to the State Hotel where at 8 o'clock a dinner in their honor will be served. Among the local people who will attend the dinner are Will M. Peterson, who will act as chairman, R. Alexander, Leon Cohen, Mayor John Dyer, Supt. A. C. Hampton, J. P. McManus, E. B. Aldrich, Postmaster T. J. Tweedy, E. L. Swartzlander and Wesley N. Matlock.

The speaking at the high school will begin at 8 this evening and everybody is invited. The local W. C. T. U. will attend in a body, meeting fifteen minutes before the beginning of the program.



Richard P. Hobson, who speaks at high school auditorium tonight.

Thief Gets Into Home But Nothing is Found Missing

RESIDENCE OF MRS. BLANCHARD IS RANSACKED DURING HER ABSENCE.

During the absence of Mrs. Laura Blanchard from her home at 414 Calvin street yesterday between the hours of 10 a. m. and noon, her house was entered supposedly by a would-be thief who ransacked the house from top to bottom. Though everything was turned topsy turvy, nothing of value has been missed by Mrs. Blanchard.

Entrance to the house was made through a window after a pane had been broken out. The drawer of every dresser in the house had been gone through, trays were pulled out of trunks and the contents of the trunks examined. Indications were that the thief was hunting for something definite and could not locate it. At least all of Mrs. Blanchard's valuables seem to have been left behind.

She reported the matter to the police who are now working on a very good clue.

By feeding silk worms with mulberry leaves saturated with non-poisonous dyes two French scientists succeeded in getting red and blue raw silk.

Lady Aberdeen Given Ovation



Lady Aberdeen, who is touring America with her husband, the Marquis of Aberdeen and late Viceroy of Ireland, was given a remarkable ovation at the Panama-Pacific exposition, where she went to attend the International Congress of Women of which she is president.

Lady Aberdeen was the chief figure at the gathering, which represented women of every race under the sun. Lady Aberdeen has long been a commanding figure in the social and official life of the British Empire. She has, through her kindness and generosity endeared herself to all England and Ireland. She and her husband are delivering lectures on social conditions in Ireland.

CHURCHILL WILL JOIN TROOPS ON FLANDERS FRONT

Former Lord of the Admiralty is Prepared to Sail for Continent as Subordinate Officer.

HIS POPULARITY IS GREAT

Once Most Criticized Man in England He Now Has Become National Hero—London Newspapers Predict He Soon Will Return to Cabinet—Clears Self in Speech.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—Winston Churchill, up to last week the most criticized man in public life in England, is prepared to sail across the channel tomorrow to join his comrades of the Oxford Yeomanry as a subordinate officer. The erstwhile first lord of the admiralty has suddenly become in his new role one of the most popular men in the country. From his speech in the house of commons in which he bared the secrets of the English reverses and without excusing himself, he showed he had not had enthusiastic support. Newspapers predicted he soon would return to the cabinet.

MAIN FORCES OF SERBIA TRAPPED BY THE GERMANS

Army Defending Country Against Invasion of Central Allies Nearly Surrounded Says Berlin.

MONTENEGRINS ARE CRUSHED

Austrians in the West Are Slowly Overcoming the Resistance of Serbia's Ally—Natural Difficulties of Country Is Holding Back Austro-German Advance.

BERLIN, Nov. 15.—The terrible natural difficulties of the country, rather than the resistance of the enemy, is slowing up the drive of the central allies in Serbia. Yet, with growing numbers of Serbs captured daily and with the Germans un-daunted, there are good prospects that the main army of Serbians will be surrounded soon. They are being driven gradually westward, while the Austrians are closing in from the north and west. The Austrians are slowly crushing the resistance of the Montenegrins in the west.

Boardman is Name of the New Townsite Near Coyote Cutoff

(Special Correspondence.) HERMISTON, Ore., Nov. 15.—Boardman is the name of the new townsite at the junction of the Coyote cutoff, 30 miles below this city. The county surveyor was staking the site today and will be platted by E. H. Boardman, E. P. Dudd and Wm. Kennedy.

The site consists of 55 acres of the Boardman homestead on the Columbia river. A four thousand dollar depot is now contemplated and will be used in transferring freight by the C. & W. R. & N. and the Spo. lane branch.

A hotel with livery in connection is now under consideration, work to be done on the new structure as soon as details can be arranged by Mr. Boardman with the contractors for the hotel.

Immediately surrounding the town site is 1000 acres of government land while an additional 8000 is under the newly built canal of the west extension of the Umatilla project.

The lands that are to be irrigated will be the best adapted to irrigation farming. All the land of a too rolling character having been eliminated, or are being eliminated as the various experts examine it. The Columbia river is a decided factor in warding off late frosts, the earliness of seasons, the unexcelled shipping facilities and the reasonable price placed on the land, the land that will be offered for sale are great advantages to the homeseekers who will settle in this undeveloped section. The main canal recently completed is lined with three inches of concrete, is 27 7-10 miles long and will eventually supply water to 35,000 acres of land. The laterals to be built next spring will be of concrete also. It is understood. It is anticipated that part of these lands under the new canal will be thrown open to entry early this spring, at which time the town of Boardman will begin to thrive. Mr. and Mrs. Boardman filed on this desert land 12 years ago, and in that time have lived the lives of pioneers, hoping and trusting for the opening of the surrounding country.

First Eastern Money Arrives for County Library Building

Ladies Worked Unceasingly for the Splendid Civic Enterprise.

A draft for \$2000 arrived here last evening from the Carnegie Foundation and it constitutes the first payment on a \$25,000 contribution towards paying for the Umatilla County Public Library now under construction. The board is notified that the remainder of the \$25,000 will be forwarded as the work progresses and will be made in \$2000 or \$5000 drafts. The board last evening ordered a payment made the contracts, Olson & Johnson, for the amount due them up to this time.

The building will be a sightly structure, large enough to serve the needs indefinitely.

To secure the funds for the library and bring about its construction, required much hard work on the part of the board members. Mrs. Lina Sturgis, chairman of the board, and Miss Nason, librarian, worked unceasingly for the enterprise and influential work was done by Assessor C. P. Strain, a member of the board, and by others.

ALLIED FLEET TO SEE THAT GREECE KEEPS HANDS OFF IN THE BALKANS

France, Russia and England Will Use Force, if Necessary, to Prevent Interference With Landing Plans.

Constantine Has Refused to Grant Demands of the Allies

Central Powers Will Help Grecian King to Resist Entente—German Undersea Boats on Way to Scene.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Greek and French forces have clashed at Salonika, the point of debarkation for the allied troops en route to Serbia, according to Vienna advices. The French tried to occupy a Greek ammunition tower, but were forcibly prevented. Later the French authorities apologized, saying the affair was a "mistake."

allies are bringing pressure to bear on the king to force him to alter his attitude. He is being strongly persuaded of this by the entente powers, and it is hoped in the allied capitals he will not dare defy the warnings. Germany, however, is trying to persuade Constantine he will be protected if he joins the German cause.

John Banister is Elected Mayor of Weston Yesterday

(Special Correspondence.) WESTON, Nov. 15.—Weston held her city election yesterday and named her officers for the coming year. John Banister, prominent farmer who makes his home in this place, is the new mayor. David R. Wood, Frank Price and Ralph G. Saling were elected councilmen for two years, Andy T. Barnett was named recorder and Simeon A. Barnes, treasurer.

There was no opposition to any of the candidates. A little more than a week ago the town held its primaries in the shape of a mass meeting and then it was that the next administration was determined. Mayor P. T. Harbor declined to run again as did Dr. F. D. Watts and Mr. Banister won the nomination from L. L. O'Hara. The runners up for councilmen were Henry Waddingham, M. Smith and L. B. Davis. Joe Leu-ister opposed Recorder Barnett but for so long that the memory of war runneth not to the contrary, had as usual no rival for the position.

The hold-over councilmen are Jos Wurser, E. C. Rogers and H. A. Brandt. Those who retire are Edward Anderson, J. M. Ashworth and L. B. Davis.

U. S. Consul General to Report



ROBERT P. SKINNER.

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Wheat Drops Cent in Portland Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Merchants Exchange prices today, club 92 bid, 95 asked; blue-stem 95 bid, 97 1-2 asked.

Chicago. CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—At the close today: Dec. \$1.04 3-4; May \$1.06 5-8.

Liverpool. LIVERPOOL, Nov. 15.—Wheat—spot market easy; No. 2 Manitoba 11s 4d; No. 3, 11s 3d; No. 3 hard winter, old 11s 4 1-2d; No. 2 Chicago new, 11s 2d.

In American terms the highest Liverpool price, that for No. 2 hard winter, old is \$1.80 per bushel.

Whitlock Hinted as Running Mate of the President

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Friends of the president have discussed the possibility of having Brand Whitlock American representative in Belgium as the president's running mate in 1918. If Whitlock gives strong support to the issue of national military preparedness, friends believe he will make an ideal vice presidential candidate. As a campaigner, democrats say he will be a winner.

As a radical progressive, Whitlock, the politicians said, will be likely to attract bull moose votes to the democratic party. Moreover, campaign experts expressed the view that he will be able to swing Ohio to the democrats.

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