

KEMP TAKES HIS LIFE FOLLOWING ATTACK ON GIRL

Assailant of Mrs. Mabel Myers is Found Dead Yesterday Afternoon at Stanley Station.

LEAVES NOTE TO HIS VICTIM

Man Uses Same Gun With Which he Wounded Woman—Bullet Goes Through Temple and Death Must Have Been Instantaneous—Man Had Said He Would Suicide.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1.—Evan R. Kemp, wanted for the attack on Mrs. Mabel Myers, killed himself yesterday afternoon near Stanley station on the Estacada line. In his pocket was a sealed note addressed to Mrs. Myers.

Kemp killed himself with a revolver, presumably the same one with which Mrs. Myers was shot when she was attacked on Cleveland avenue, between the Base Line and Section Line roads, last Tuesday afternoon. Some one telephoned to the sheriff's office that a dead man had been found near Stanley station. Sheriff Hurlburt and Chief Field Deputy Bob Phillips, went to the scene. The body was positively identified as that of the missing Kemp.

Examination of the remains showed that Kemp had shot himself in the right temple, using a single shot to end his life. In a side coat pocket Sheriff Hurlburt discovered the note which Kemp had penned to his victim, Mrs. Myers, before committing suicide. Kemp in his original communication to Sheriff Hurlburt, when he mailed a special delivery letter the afternoon of the crime, in which he informed the office of the attack on Mrs. Myers, said that he would commit suicide.

ENVOY CARRIES NEW YEAR'S WISHES FROM THE CZAR TO MIKADO

FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY EXCHANGES MADE BY MESSENGER.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 1.—First time in history a special envoy of the czar, Grand Duke George, is enroute to Japan to convey New Year's greetings to the Mikado and emphasize the disappearance of the ill feeling resulting from the Russo-Japanese war.

DR. TAPE WILL CONTINUE MANAGEMENT OF HOT LAKE

HOT LAKE, Ore., Jan. 1.—This popular health resort was today taken possession of by F. L. Myers of the La Grande National bank on behalf of the \$250,000 bond issue. The management of the sanitarium will continue in the hands of Dr. G. W. Tape. The usual influx of guests after the holiday season is already noticeable, the attendance being greater than a year ago. With improvements continually being made, Hot Lake anticipates a very prosperous future.

British Liner is Torpedoed; Consul of U.S. Was Aboard

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Between 75 and 200 persons, many of them women and children are believed to have perished when the British liner Persia was submerged south of Crete Thursday. It is unknown whether the ship was warned or whether it tried to flee. The fact so few persons are known to have been saved indicated scant time was allowed them to reach places of safety. The Persia was 7,974 tons, the third largest English vessel to be submerged. Besides McNeely, Chas. Green and Edward Rose were American passengers. It is believed Rose disembarked at Gibraltar.

Divorces Increase in County During Year Just Ended

ON OTHER SIDE, NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED FALLS OFF.

The institution of divorce made an increase in the number of its converts in Umatilla county during the past year while the institution of marriage did not make as good a record as in 1914. The records kept by County Clerk Frank Saling show that during the twelve months just passed 192 divorce suits have been filed against 95 in 1914 and that only 199 marriage licenses were granted whereas in 1914 there were 210.

A consultation of the equity docket at the court house shows that it is becoming more and more popular for unhappy wives and husbands to take their differences into the divorce court. Thus in 1911 only 60 divorce suits were filed. In 1912 there were 65, in 1913 there were 81 and in 1914, 95. Of the 192 cases filed during 1915, not all have resulted in decrees of separation. Some of the cases are still pending, some have been dismissed and in others the decree has been refused.

There were less marriage licenses issued during 1915 than in any year for the last six save only in 1912 when the total was 197. In 1911 there were 205 and in 1910, 258, a record never surpassed. In 1913 the number was 205 and last year 210.

September was again the banner month for marriage licenses during 1915, leading all others with 32, or one more than in Round-up month in 1914. June again took second honors, with 24.

The following table shows the number of marriage licenses granted and the number of divorce instituted month by month during the year:

Table with columns for Month, M, and D. Rows for January through December.

VALUE OF THOMPSON FUND IS INCREASED OVER \$500

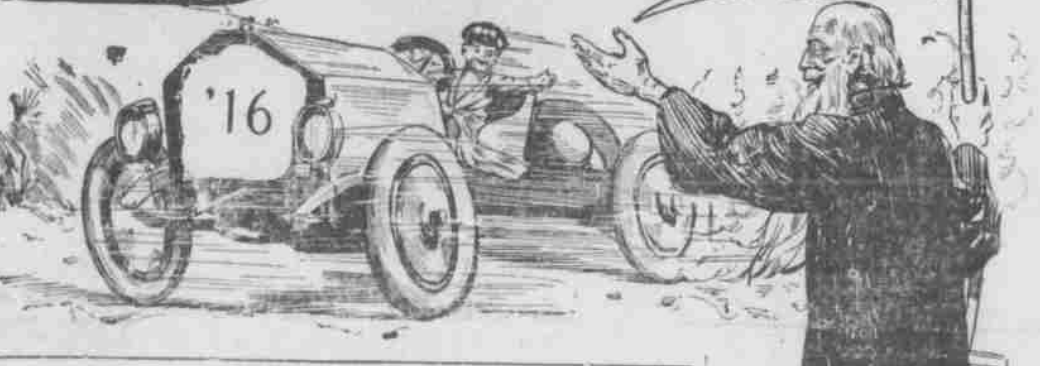
CHARLES H. CARTER, TRUSTEE, FILES REPORT IN COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.

Charles H. Carter, trustee of the Sarah A. Thompson trust fund yesterday filed his report on the status of the fund in compliance with the new state law. The value of the fund, originally \$1000, is now \$1548, according to the report.

When Mrs. Thompson died in October, 1904, her will left \$1000 in a fund the earnings from which were to be used in keeping and preserving in proper condition the graves of herself, Lewis M. Figg and James C. Thompson at Olney cemetery. Kouzie Lodge A. F. & A. M. was named as trustee of the fund but his lodge had already passed out of existence at her death and the court named Mr. Carter. Her will also left a bequest of \$2000 for the improvement of Olney cemetery and, in turning this over to the city, Mr. Carter made arrangements whereby the city should keep up the graves free of charge. Thus the earnings from the fund are not needed to maintain the graves and have been allowed to accumulate. The money has laid in the bank for the most of the time and Mr. Carter charged himself six per cent interest during that time. Lately he has secured a seven per cent loan for \$1500 of the money from A. Hudson.



Happy New Year



Pendleton Postoffice Gains Over \$1100 in the Last Year

A gain of over \$1100 was made in the receipts of the local postoffice during the year just closed over the previous year. In 1914 the total receipts were \$27,491.73 and for 1915 they were \$28,593.14, a difference of \$1,101.41.

Table showing receipts of the local postoffice for each month from January to December for 1914 and 1915.

Report Submitted by Fee on Status of the Sturgis Fund

In compliance with the new state law requiring annual reports by trustees of funds, James A. Fee yesterday submitted to County Judge Marsh a complete report of the status of the Sturgis Library Fund which was created by the will of Sam P. Sturgis at his death 15 years ago. This is the first report ever required of the trustee and is voluminous inasmuch as Judge Fee incorporates in it every transaction since he has had charge of the money.

The fund was \$5000 when created for the benefit of the library of the Pendleton Commercial association and the report shows that the assets of the fund now amount to \$17,460.69, more than triple the value of the original bequest. Of this amount only \$1624.29 is represented by books, the balance being in interest-bearing notes. In his memoranda attached to his report, Judge Fee declares errors have been made in handling the fund because he does not claim to be infallible, but he expresses the belief that the fund is long by \$40 or \$50 rather than short by reason of these errors. Moreover, he declares he has not profited one cent by the handling of the fund, but on the other hand has himself paid for releases of mortgages and filing of other documents.

BUT 19 ARRESTS MADE BY POLICE NEW YEAR'S EVE

Passing of the Wet Regime is Comparatively Quiet—Most of the Saloons are Closed Early.

BIG BONFIRE IS A FEATURE

Blowing of Whistles and Ringing of Bells Announce That 1916 Has Begun—But Little "Rough Stuff" is in Evidence—Much Liquor Sold in Last Hours.

With the big bonfire at the high school still blazing brightly, with the blowing of whistles, ringing of bells, shouts from firearms and shouts of the hilarious, near-hilarious and the enthusiastic sober, the year 1916 passed into history in Pendleton at midnight last night and the year 1915 made its advent.

Despite the fact that the state changed from the wet to the dry county with the beginning of the new year, there was no more disorder on the streets last night than on the ordinary New Year's eve. A great many drank away the last hours of the wet year and many became drunk but little "rough stuff" was in evidence.

Only nineteen arrests were made by the police though others, getting under the influence of liquor, were given a kindly steer toward home. Chief Manning stated that he has seen some Saturday nights almost as disorderly as last night.

MAYOR BEST INJURED WHEN AUTOMOBILE IS HURLED INTO DITCH

DAVE GRAYBEAL, HIS COMPANION, ALSO HURT—MACHINE TURNS TURTLE.

Dr. James A. Best, the new mayor of Pendleton, and Dave Graybeal, well known insurance agent were severely injured and had a narrow escape from worse injury or death yesterday afternoon when the Graybeal car in which they were driving the other side of Holdman turned turtle and went into a ditch.

Both men were pinioned under the car, the mayor being unconscious. Graybeal, with three broken ribs and other injuries, managed to extricate himself and, with the aid of Charles Vinson near whose place the accident happened, reacted Dr. Best. He did not regain consciousness for an hour and it was three hours more before he was rational.

This morning it was announced that the mayor's injuries are not serious but will keep him confined to his home for a day or two. It is feared that Graybeal may have been injured internally in addition to the broken bones.

Graybeal was taking the doctor out beyond Holdman to examine some applications for insurance policies. They were bowling along the canyon road about 25 miles an hour when suddenly the car struck something, seerved and upset.

The injured men were taken to the Guerrant place and last evening Mr. Guerrant brought them into the city.

Russians Near Teheran. PETROGRAD, Jan. 1.—The Russians have captured Novoran, Kerm and other towns about 30 miles from Teheran, according to official announcement. The Slavs were opposed by Turks, Kurds and Persians.

LIBRARY TANGLE MAY INTERFERE IN COUNTY LEVY

Only Two More Days Remain to Fix Annual Budget and Court is Deadlocked Over Disagreement.

BOARD MAY LOSE \$10,000

Efforts Have Been Made Last 10 Days to Conciliate Warring Factions Over Library Matters But No Compromise Has as Yet Been Reached in Matter.

With but two more days on which to make the annual county levy the county court is deadlocked over a disagreement in library matters which threatens to deprive the central library board of the \$10,000 appropriation incorporated in the budget or to hold up the levy entirely. For the past ten days efforts have been made to conciliate the warring factions but to date they are no nearer a compromise than when the matter was first discussed.

The trouble arises over a misunderstanding as to the supervision of the building of the Milton branch library. The branch board at Milton, supported by Commissioner H. M. Coekburn, contends that, inasmuch as the building will be for Milton people, maintained by them and located on land donated by them, the home board should hire the architect, select the plans, let the contract and supervise the work. Moreover, they claim that a promise of such an arrangement was made some time ago by the central board and that they have been proceeding accordingly.

The chairman of the central board, Mrs. Lina H. Sturges, contends that such a delegation of authority would be entirely illegal and she is supported by Judge C. H. Marsh, who has an opinion from the district attorney to the effect that the law provides that only the central library board can carry on such business transactions. However, the district attorney states that there is nothing in his opinion to prevent a friendly arrangement between the two boards.

The upshot of the whole thing is this. Commissioner Coekburn has declared positively that he will sign no order for a tax levy which includes the \$10,000 for the Pendleton building unless the central board will first sign a waiver of authority in the matter of supervising the Milton building. Judge Marsh declares the commissioner some time ago joined with him in a positive promise to the central board to make the appropriation and that the board has proceeded accordingly, letting the contract for a building which is now half built and which will cost \$10,000 more than the donation made by Carnegie. Commissioner Coekburn replies by stating that his promise extended no further than the budget, and that he will feel free to eliminate the item in making the levy.

Judge Marsh asserts that the commissioner is trying to bulldoze him by using the threat to eliminate the library item as a club. Rather, he says, he is using his position to force the central board into an illegal agreement. He declares he will stand pat, the chairman of the central board makes an equivalent statement and Commissioner Coekburn says he has

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AMERICAN FLAG TO BE PRESENTED TO THE CIRCUIT COURT

OREGON SOCIETY OF SONS OF REVOLUTION WILL MAKE THE GIFT.

A week from today will be naturalization day at the circuit court and on that day a beautiful American flag will be presented to the court by the Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for use on the naturalization ceremonies. The occasion will be made a patriotic one and Judge Phelps will invite all school children to attend. The general public will also be invited.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell, whose eloquence is well known, has been appointed by the society to make the speech of presentation and Judge Phelps will of course make the speech of acceptance. Naturalization officers Hazard will be here for the occasion and the alien seeking to become American citizens will occupy positions near the front.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. British liner is torpedoed. American passengers were aboard. Car sends envoy with New Year's greeting to mikado. Local. County court deadlocked over library because of library row. Saloons die with old year with minimum of disorder. Mayor Best and Dave Graybeal injured in auto accident. Divorces increase during year; marriages decrease.

Tetanus Closes Schools

BLOOMFIELD, Iowa, Jan. 1.—Two schools in the county already have closed and more are likely to take similar action because of an epidemic of tetanus.

German Deposits Seized

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1.—Eight allied aeroplanes bombed German deposits in Belgium and along the French frontier, according to advices received here.

Cabinet to Meet Again

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Reports were current here that there would be no definite announcement of the cabinet's future policy until parliament assemblies. Further cabinet meetings are expected to occur before conscription is ultimately decided upon.