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BOTH DEAD BY ASPHYXIATION

Sensational Demise of Mrs. Cooper and Her Daughter Harriet.

MATRIGIDE AND SUICIDE Thought That the Daughter, While Temporarily Insane, Turned on the Gas.

Special to the Astorian. San Francisco, December 11.—The death by asphyxiation of Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper and her daughter, Harriet, this morning, has produced a profound sensation in this city. No woman in San Francisco or on the Pacific Coast was so prominent as Mrs. Cooper, who had devoted her life to religion and philanthropic work and was actively connected with every reform movement. She was assistant pastor of the First Congregational church and took a prominent part in the prosecution of Rev. C. O. Brown for his alleged immoral relations with Miss Mattie Overman. She was a cousin of Col. Robert Ingersoll, with whom, despite their opposite religious views, she maintained a warm friendship. The mother and daughter were found lying dead in the same bed about 9 o'clock by their Chinese servant. Miss Cooper had wrapped the clothes carefully about her, but Mrs. Cooper had evidently attempted to arise when she detected the escaping gas and was too much overcome to leave the bed. Two gas jets were turned on full and all windows and doors were carefully closed. The coroner and police detectives made a careful examination of the room and concluded that, while the mother slept, Miss Cooper had arisen, turned on the gas jets, closed the doors and windows, and then calmly returned to bed. The officials are convinced that it was a case of matricide and suicide. Dr. W. H. Worth, the family physician, states that Miss Cooper had been suffering for months from melancholia, with homicidal and suicidal tendencies. Her father committed suicide ten years ago and two cousins, nephews of her father, also committed suicide. Harriet Cooper had made several previous attempts to end her life, once attempting to jump from a ferry boat, and several times announcing to her mother that she longed to turn on the gas at night, so that she and her mother could pass away together.

Mrs. Cooper concealed her daughter's condition from all except a few intimate friends and had arranged to take her daughter East soon to place her in the care of relatives, hoping the change might restore her health. Harriet left a note to the coroner requesting that the bodies might not be removed to the morgue. Mrs. Cooper's will, dated two months ago, refers to a probability of her early demise, and also alludes to the possible death of her daughter. All her bequests are made with the idea that her daughter would not survive her, as if she anticipated a double death.

THE COUNTY COURT. Complied by F. I. Dunbar, County Clerk, by Order County Court. (Official Report.) In the county court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Clatsop, Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 1896, 1st day; present, Hon. J. H. D. Gray, judge; C. Peterson and Howell Lewis, commissioners; F. I. Dunbar, clerk; and Jas. W. Hare, sheriff. Court met and was duly opened at 10:30 o'clock. Petition from Frank M. Warren read, asking to have all that portion of the town of Warrenton Center lying north of the line running east and west across the N. A. Eberman Donation Land Claim from a point N. 15° E. 89.39 chains from the southeast corner of said Eberman D. L. C. vacated; no objection appearing thereto same is granted and so ordered. Bond of C. W. Carnahan, county assessor, for \$5,000.00, with J. N. Griffin and F. A. Fisher, sureties, examined and approved. It appearing to the court that the recent freshets have further damaged the bridge across Bear creek, in Section 27, Tp. 8 N., R. 9 W., necessitating further examination; it is ordered that the opening of the bids asked for by the supervisor be and is hereby deferred for the present. The engineer not being ready at this time to report in the matter of the location of the proposed bridge across Young's River, it is ordered that the matter be continued until Monday, December 21st, 1896. Now comes John Glaser and presents the petition of himself and thirteen others to locate a county road, as follows: Beginning at the 85 mile post on the county road running from Astoria to Jewell, viz., Olney (said road being commonly called the Nehalem road), said 85 mile post being situated in Section 19, Tp. 7 N., R. 8 West, Clatsop county, state of Oregon, thence running by the most practical route in a southeasterly direction through Sections 19, 20, 28, 27 and 34, in Tp. 7 N., R. 8 W., to the southeast corner of Section 27, Tp. 7 N., R. 8 W., all in Clatsop county, state of Oregon; and it satisfactorily appearing to the court that due notice of the presentation of this petition has been given; it is ordered that N. Boyer, John Adair and A. B. McMillan be appointed viewers, and F. E. Hickman, Surveyor, to view, survey and report upon said road, and that they meet at the residence of Chris. Peterson, Olney, on Tuesday, December 15th, 1896, at 8 o'clock a. m. Bills on General fund examined and allowed as follows: C. Nordstrom, \$10.00, care of Sorghum; Anna Ward, \$10.00, care of O'Brien; Mrs. Schroder, \$6.00, Mrs. Sandy \$6.00, Mrs. Pise \$6.00, Mrs. Gulon \$11.00, Mrs. Nordlund \$6.00, allowances for November; Geo. Brown \$17.50, H. P. Findley \$17.50, S. A. Koser \$43.50, copying tax roll; J. W. Hare, \$33.88, board of prisoners; Jay Tuttle \$5.00, Dr. W. D. Baker \$5.00, examination of insane; Ed. Hanson, \$12.00, care of Phillip Johnson, insane; R. N. Wright \$9.00, H. F. Lyman \$9.00, C. A. Gearhart \$9.00, teachers' examination; Ford & Stokes Co. \$8.50, stove for sheriff's office; Daily Astorian, \$14.25, publishing proceedings and notices; Herald Publishing Co., \$6.00, publishing proceedings; W. E. Joplin, \$2.20, juror mileage; F. I. Dunbar, stamps, \$5.00; Griffin & Reed, \$14.65, stationery; J. S. Dellinger, \$2.50, blanks for sheriff's office; F. W. Ferguson \$3.50, Glass & Prudhomme \$3.14, blanks for clerk's office; J. W. Hare, \$2.00, stamps; J. W. Hare, \$9.88, expense serving papers, circuit court; H. W. Sherman, \$1.00, expressage; costs, State vs. C. Young, \$25.30; cost coroner's inquest A. Veavage, \$76.75; A. Davidson, \$16.00, building two bridges in Road Dist. No. 14; W. J. Ingalls, \$6.00, fender boom for Lewis and Clarke bridge; Campbell Bros. \$5.70, provisions Mrs. Raymond, October and November; Ross, Higgins & Co., \$8.60, provisions Murphy, \$5.55, provisions Bannish; A. V. Allen \$10.00, provisions Peltz, October, \$10.65; provisions Peltz, November, \$6.00; Mrs. Sakka, \$5.90, Sakka, \$5.90, Mary Peterson, \$6.10, Westberg; Scholfield & Hauke, \$4.35, provisions Matson; judges and clerks of election, \$442.50; messengers of election, \$66.20; J. O. Hanthorn & Co., \$10.00, rent polling place No. 7, J. W. Welch, \$10.00, rent polling place No. 5; Thos. Mitchell, \$5.00, making booths and rent, Corrie precinct; J. W. Surprenant, \$16.85, lumber and labor erecting guard rails; C. H. Nelson, \$2.00, constable Bear Creek precinct; A. W. Meikle, \$7.00, taking election supplies to Corrie precinct; J. W. Hare, \$20.00, sundry election expenses. Bills on special road fund examined and allowed as follows: Ole Estoos \$13.20, J. B. Kopley \$8.00, O. C. Hokensmith \$8.00, J. A. Richardson \$8.00, labor, Foard & Stokes Co., \$3.00, nails, Clatsop Mill Co. \$43.00, lumber, M. Stenstrom, \$18.00, hauling lumber, bridge No. 5, Astoria and Olney road; W. B. Bell \$11.87, Frank Lyons \$7.00, laying panchon, Richard Harry \$47.50, D. M. Campbell \$18.00, Chas. Stiles \$12.60, Otto Grinde \$12.00, Frank Raymond \$11.00, William Raymond \$2.50, surveying location Young's River bridge, Astoria Road District; D. F. Stafford \$4.00, E. T. Stafford \$3.75, labor Road Dist. No. 2; P. S. Philbrick \$11.50, A. J. Cloutrie \$4.50, labor Road Dist. No. 2; Andrew Fallender, \$13.00, labor Road Dist. No. 4; R. E. Cole, \$4.50, labor Road Dist. No. 5; F. Olsen \$60, nails, John Glaser \$4.00, Chris Peterson \$3.25, John Stalker \$10.00, labor Road Dist. No. 7; P. Klnney \$15.00, labor Road Dist. No. 9; J. Pearson \$6.00, A. Moody \$6.00, labor Road Dist. No. 10; E. Cole \$6.00, O. A. Cole \$8.00, labor Road Dist. No. 12. Ordered that court adjourn until tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. Thursday, December 10, 1896—second day present term; same present as yesterday. Petition from D. H. Welch read, asking a tax sale of lots 5 and 6, block 12, Shiveley's Astoria, purchased for delinquent taxes for 1891, be cancelled, same having been assessed to J. W. Welch and tax paid for said year. Same being a double assessment, it is ordered that said petition be granted. Clerk reports the following warrants issued for relief, have not been delivered, to-wit: No. 3296, Mrs. N. Davich, \$6; No. 4515, Wm. Koch, \$5; No. 5045, F. A. Wilson, \$8; No. 4945, F. A. Wilson, \$8; No. 4678, F. A. Wilson, \$8. And it appearing that the persons named and to whom the warrants were issued have ceased to be a charge upon the county, it is ordered that the above warrants be and they are hereby recalled. Petition from J. McCormack, agents for Viola Kant, read, asking for rebate of taxes. Ordered referred to the Astoria common council. The keeper of the Lewis and Clarke bridge, having notified the court that said bridge is being injured by certain persons fastening logs and rafts to the bridge rests, it is ordered that he be instructed to notify all persons that are under section 1872, laws of Oregon, "If any persons shall injure or obstruct any highway or bridge, such person upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail, or fine," said said law will be enforced, and that a copy thereof be posted upon said bridge. Petition from the First National Bank, read, asking that the assessment heretofore made by the assessor for the year 1896, against its personal assets, (Continued on Fourth Page.)

TARIFF BILL FOR EXTRA SESSION

Idea Meets With General Approval by Republicans of the House.

BILL WILL SOON BE FRAMED

Reed Will Probably Again Be Chosen Speaker—Democrats Do Not Want Newlands.

Washington, December 11.—The program of the ways and means committee to prepare a tariff bill for an extra session of congress was the only topic of discussion about the house today and met with general approval among the Republicans. It is expected the bill will be brought forward very early in the extra session and passed under a rule fixing the time for debate, so its fate will be in the hands of the senate early. All of the Republican members of the ways and means committee have been elected to the next congress and it is assumed that Mr. Reed will again be chosen speaker, and will not change the personnel of the committee, so that there is no probability of any effort to do the work again. Democrats are not pleased at the suggestion that Newlands, independent silver member from Nevada, who is a protectionist, be given the late senator Crisp's chair at the committee table. Chairman Reed seldom sided with the minority about committee appointments, and has not done so in this case. MITCHELL'S BILL. Washington, December 11.—Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, has introduced a bill in the senate declaring the intent of the act of 1868, indemnifying the state for expenses in maintaining the national defense. By a decision of the court of claims the interest on the money was not allowed. This was reversed by the supreme court, but as the treasury department had passed upon the claims, it refuses, under the Dooley law, to re-open them without further legislation. Mitchell's bill is to cover this point. Nearly every state is interested in the matter and the interest charges have been disallowed.

THEY KNEW EACH OTHER. Dr. Brown and Mattie Overman Meet Under Peculiar Circumstances. Chicago, December 11.—"The Lord saves; he has saved me—of all sinners the lowest!" Uttered with fervor, these words rang from the lips of a young woman at the Salvation Army meeting in Willard Hall last Tuesday noon. Her eyes wandered over the little sea of heads bowed in prayer. At the sound of her voice one of the heads involuntarily turned toward her. A man with pallid face started as though to rise. The eyes of the two met for a moment and there was a flash of recognition. Then the man recovered control of himself. He resumed his seat and through the remainder of the service sat with bowed head and shame-faced mien. Few in the audience saw the little scene. The two were the principals in the notorious Overman-Brown church trial in San Francisco—Rev. Charles O. Brown and Miss Mattie Overman. At the close of the trial Miss Overman joined the Crittenden workers. Henceforth she will be known as Sister Martha. It was while on the way to Washington, D. C., where she goes to assist Mrs. Emily Walter Barrett in rescue work, that Sister Martha happened into Willard Hall.

A FATAL MISTAKE. Well Known Operator Takes Morphine to Insure Sleep, and Never Awoke. San Francisco, December 11.—Oscar E. Hammond, a telegraph operator known all over the Pacific coast, died suddenly at Oakland this morning. Hammond was employed as a telegraph operator in the San Francisco office of the Associated Press and acted in the same capacity in Seattle for several years. A coroner's inquest was held tonight and the jury returned a verdict of death from an overdose of morphine taken without suicidal intent. It is supposed that Hammond was suffering from insomnia and took morphine to insure sleep. He was 38 years old and leaves a wife and six children.

A WASHINGTON SCHEME. Slater State Speculators Resort to Novel Schemes to Trap the Unwary. Chicago, December 11.—General Passenger Agent Fox, of the Northern Pacific, who was in Chicago today, declares that the reports of a \$25 rate made by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern from St. Paul to North Pacific coast points are without foundation in fact. The same story, he says, was started about one year ago and in both instances it came from land speculators in the state of Washington, who circulated the report of cut rates in the hope that immigration would set in

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