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## THE SECOND ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE WAS SUCCESSFUL

**Jos. Loretz, Who Was Found Hanging from a Bridge and Was Cut Down Before Dead, Shot Himself Fatally Next Day**

Last Friday the **Leader** readers were informed of the fact that a man had attempted to hang himself from one of the timbers of the bridge on the river road near Junction City and was cut down by the telephone men. The sheriff went to the scene and put in good time most of the afternoon and into the night with a party of men trying to find him but without success.

It turns out that it was Joseph Loretz, and that the morning after the hanging he appeared at his brother Henry Loretz's house and on being charged with trying to hang himself he went off again. That was the last seen of him by anyone. On Saturday, however, his dead body was found by his brother in Edward's stubble field, just about a mile south of the bridge where he attempted to hang himself and 100 yards back from the road, with a bullet hole through the center of his forehead. He had evidently gone right down the road after the talk with his brother and shot himself with his own revolver as it was found near the body.

Coroner W. T. Gordon was notified and went to the place Saturday afternoon and summoned a jury there in the field. Several witnesses were examined and the jury returned the following verdict:

State of Oregon, County of Lane, ss We, the jury impaneled and sworn by W. T. Gordon, Coroner of Lane county, to inquire into the cause of the death of Joseph Loretz, then and there lying dead, find that deceased is Joseph Loretz, aged thirty-two years, a native of Oregon and that he came to his death December 17, 1908,

from a gunshot wound self inflicted.  
 Dated December 19, 1908.  
 CLARENCE KOON, JAMES HAYES, M. J. HARGER, F. T. KIRK, F. HORSELL, RALPH KOON.  
 The Eugene Register says: Loretz is well known in Eugene and has always been regarded as being peculiar in his manners and many times has shown signs of insanity. To the telephone men who cut him down from the bridge he stated on being asked why he did it, that he was half drunk though it is known that he did not drink. His brothers Henry and George Loretz are respected farmers but he and George kept Bachelors hall. The remains were brought to Eugene by Mr. Gordon.



**JOHN D. SHARP.**  
 Former sheriff of Davidson county, Tenn. In which county Nashville is situated. He has been indicted on the charge of complicity in the shooting of Edward W. Carmack by Robin Cooper.

## SOME INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES CONCERNING OUR NATIONAL ELECTION

**More than a Million More Votes Cast than at the Previous Presidential Election--Republican, Democratic and Socialist Vote Shows Gain All Other Parties Show a Loss in their Popular Vote.**

New York Dec. 15.—The total popular vote of the presidential candidates at the last national election was made known today in an official form by the filing of the last of the official vote, that of Michigan. The total shows the following votes cast:  
 Taft, republican.....7,637,676  
 Bryan, democrat.....6,393,182  
 Debs, socialist.....448,471  
 Chafin, prohibitionist.....241,252  
 Hisgen, independence.....83,186  
 Watson, populist.....33,871  
 Gilhaus, socialist-labor.....15,421

Total for all candidates.....14,852,239  
**GREAT GAINS OVER 1904**  
 This grand total exceeds by 1,341,531 the total number of votes cast in the presidential election of 1904, when the grand total was 13,510,708.

Compared with that election, the candidates of the republicans and democratic and socialist parties increased their vote this year. The reverse is true of the candidates of the prohibition, populist and socialist-labor parties. The independence party did not figure in the presidential election four years ago. Taft's plurality over Bryan was 1,244,494 and his majority over all rivals was 423,113.

The biggest difference in a party vote is shown in the increase for Bryan of 1,315,211 over the total cast in 1904 for Alton B. Parker, the democratic candidate. Taft received 14,190 votes more than

were polled for President Roosevelt in 1904 and Debs ran 45,368 ahead of his predecessor on the socialist ticket.

**MINOR PARTIES LOSE GROUND.**  
 The heaviest loss is shown by



**GEORGE B. AGNEW.**  
 New York state senator, joint author of the law which has stopped race track betting in the Empire State. According to recent report, he will introduce a local option bill at the coming session of the New York legislature.

the populist party, which with the same candidates registered 83,312 votes less this year than in 1904. The prohibition candidate, Chafin, ran 17,284 votes behind the 1904 mark or his party and Gilhaus, the socialist-labor candidate, re-

ceived only about 50 per cent of the vote given to Corrigan, which was 31,249, in the previous presidential race.

**GAVE TAFT BIG VOTE.**  
 New York (870,707), Pennsylvania (745,779), and Illinois (629,932), gave Taft the greatest number of votes among the states, while as to Bryan the order was New York (667,468), Ohio (502,721) and Illinois (450,810.)

The votes cast for Taft and Bryan were almost identical in number in two states, namely, Maryland and Nevada. In the first mentioned Taft received 111,253 and 111,117 and in the other 10,214 and 10,655 respectively.

**WHERE DEBS WAS STRONGEST.**  
 Debs received his largest vote in Pennsylvania (39,913), Illinois (39,711) and New York (38,451). Delaware gave him only 75 votes.

Hisgen's vote in New York, 35,817, and in his own state, Massachusetts, 19,237, together formed nearly two-thirds of all the votes received in the whole country. In six states not a single vote was cast for Hisgen. Nine states registered not a single vote for the prohibition candidate. The socialist-labor candidate received votes in only 13 states and in only 19 states were votes cast for Watson, of the populist party:

## POULTRY SHOW OPEN AT EUGENE

Eugene, Dec. 22.—The second annual show of the Lane County Poultry association is being held in the new Cherry block on Wilamette street, the exhibition having begun Monday, but all the coops will not be placed till today when the formal opening will be held. This show promises to be the best ever held in the county. A large number of fanciers are in the city with their fowls and others will come tonight. There are a large number of prizes, including some handsome silver cups, valued at from \$12.50 to \$20.00. Besides these there are a number of premiums of a different nature given by several Eugene merchants, and there are some cash prizes.

Harry H. Collier, of Tacoma, will act as judge and he will begin his work of making the awards today. He is said to be one of the best poultry judges on the coast.

**COTTAGE GROVE EXHIBITORS**  
 Among the local poultry fanciers who have exhibits at the Lane County Poultry show at Eugene this week are: Mrs. Mary Walker, Rhode Island Reds; H. K. Metcalf, Faveroles and Buff Orpingtons; D. T. Awbrey, White Minorcas; N. H. Martin, White Langshans; F. H. Rosenberg, Buff Coehins; D. J. DuBruille, Buckeyes; W. C. Conner, Golden Laced Wyandottes and Black Langshans; C. D. Van Valen, Dorena, Buff Orpingtons.

It is a painful subject to joke about, but it seems to us that at the rate people are "disposing" of their appendixes, there will be none left even for seed after awhile. It is becoming quite a fad to "sell" the appendix to the medical fraternity, says Editor Shutt of Drain who has just made a sale.

## BOUGHT A LANE COUNTY RANCH

Jack Rodman has sold for Alf Walker, Geo. H. Smith and C. A. Hardy, 700 acres of stump and pasture land on the McKenzie river opposite Walterville to J. W. Bailey, state food and dairy commissioner, for \$7000. Mr. Bailey says this is one of the best tracts of grass land he has seen in the state and he will proceed to fence it and stock it with some of the best stock obtainable. It was a



**FRANK MORRISON.**  
 The secretary of the American Federation of Labor is a printer by trade and a lawyer by education. He has been secretary of the federation since 1897. He is a codefendant with President Gompers in the boycott case before the supreme court.

lucky purchase for Mr. Bailey as it is more than probable that much of the land can be planted to orchard and will become very valuable, indeed.—Register.

**Viewing Private Road.**  
 County Surveyor C. M. Collier and Road Viewers Jennings and McPherson are home from Walker station near which place they laid out a road of easement through private property for the accommodation of those who have no public road.—Register.

## DRAIN'S BIG LOG ROLLING

The greatest fraternal event seen in the town was the big Woodmen rally Monday night, when 44 new members were taken into the local camp.

Besides these 44, six other candidates have been balloted upon who could not be present at this meeting, but will be initiated at the next meeting on Dec. 28.

All of this army of new "choppers" are healthy, vigorous young men who will prove a valuable acquisition to the camp.

The Cottage Grove uniform degree team—the crack team of Southern Oregon—was present and conducted the initiation work and the magnificent manner in which they performed was a great treat to all present. Visiting members from all of the neighboring camps were present.

State Organizer Frank B. Tichenor of Portland was present, but unfortunately he was not feeling well and therefore was unable to give the boys the talk on Woodcraft that he had intended to make. He highly complimented the Drain camp for its active interest in the order and said that considering the size of the town and small population surrounding it, this is the strongest camp in the state, with its 160 members.

After the "goat-riding" exercises were over, the large crowd of 200 or more enjoyed one of the finest banquets ever spread in the town. The visiting members from other camps said they never saw anything to equal it, and were loud in their praise of the excellent treatment accorded them.—Drain Nonpareil.

The frosty weather of the past week gave way to the Oregon mist Monday and all Oregonians rejoiced. Give us the warm rains in preference to snow or frost, every time.

## THE QUERY, WILL APPLE GROWING BE OVERDONE, ANSWERED

**Many Eastern Orchards Becoming Unproductive Statistics Show Crop is Falling off Annually while Demand Increases**

"Will apple growing be overdone?" is the question we hear repeatedly since such a great acreage in Oregon and Washington is being planted to this profitable fruit. Those best posted in the apple markets of the world are the ones who are planting out the largest apple orchards and this alone should be a conclusive reply to the above query. But when we consider the fact that thousands of the once productive apple orchards of the New England states and the middle west are becoming old and unprofitable and that the real ideal apple area of the country is comparatively small, there need be

no apprehension regarding the overproduction of apples, and the same is true of choice winter pears and Italian prunes.

Regarding the production of apples the following will be read with much interest by Lane county orchardists:  
 To show the decreases in the production of apples in the union in the last twelve years, these statistics, compiled by the federal department of agriculture, are quoted:

Growers produced 60,540,000 barrels in 1895 and 69,070,000 barrels in 1896, the banner year in the history of the country. There was a decrease of nearly 28,000,000 barrels, or more than the entire crop of 1897, when the yield amounted to 41,536,000. Another decrease followed in 1898, the yield being placed at 28,570,000 barrels, but in 1899 and 1900 there were substantial increases, placed at 37,560,000 and 47,960,000 barrels respectively. There was a drop of 20,890,000 barrels in 1901, while in 1902 there was an increase of 20,653,000 barrels, the crop being estimated at 47,625,000 barrels.

Forty-two million barrels of fruit produced in 1903 and in 1904 the yield was 300,000 barrels greater. Then in 1905 it dropped to 23,500,000 barrels, and in 1906 it increased to 36,130,000 barrels. The crop of 1907 fell off to 25,000,000 barrels, which is the estimated yield for 1908. The total yield for the thirteen years amounts to 559,761,000 barrels or 1,679,283,000 bushels.



**PROFESSOR PAUL EHRLICH.**  
 The Nobel prize for medicine will be divided, it was announced unofficially, between Professor Paul Ehrlich of Berlin and Professor Elie Metchnikoff of Paris. Professor Ehrlich has won worldwide fame by his researches in bacteriology.

## RAILROAD WORK BEGINS AT DRAIN

Prof. Guy Richards, principal of the Scottsburg school, sends us the following important item:

"A crew of men is now engaged in clearing the S. P. right of way near Scottsburg. Work began on Dec. 10th and is being rapidly pushed toward Drain. There is great excitement in Scottsburg over the resumption of railroad work, and the indications are that grading will begin as soon as sufficient distance is cleared for such work."—Drain Nonpareil.

## SEVERELY COLD IN THE ROCKIES

A news item in the Denver Post is to the effect that antelope in droves as large as 2000 are driven down, one bunch of that number appearing near Brush, Colorado, in a starving condition. The state game warden has sent deputies out to buy hay for them and to feed them. Stock in that country is in the same condition.

The stores will remain open till nine o'clock each evening from now until after Christmas.

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