

ON EVE OF INQUIRY OFFICIAL TAKES LIFE

John J. Kennedy, Treasurer of New York State, Kills Self in Buffalo Hotel.

Buffalo, N. Y.—John J. Kennedy, state treasurer, committed suicide here at the Markon hotel, where he had lived with his family. He was found in a small room off the hotel ballroom with his throat cut. An open razor was lying on the floor beside him. His jugular vein had been severed and death ensued before a doctor arrived.

Temporary insanity, induced by worry over his impending appearance before a New York jury, where District Attorney Charles E. Whitman has been conducting a John Doe graft inquiry, is said by District Attorney Dineberger, Jr., to be the only reason that can be assigned for Mr. Kennedy's act. He had been subpoenaed at the inquiry.

Mr. Kennedy went to church with his son, William H. Kennedy, Sunday about noon. After greeting his wife and daughter Mr. Kennedy said he was going to his room to lie down until they were ready for luncheon.

SPECULATORS CONDEMNED

Oregon Irrigation Men Take Advanced Position in Favor of Co-operation.

Portland, Or.—The Oregon Irrigation congress took advanced position on the question of state and federal co-operation in reclamation, and heartily condemned the speculation who has handicapped reclamation.

Officers elected were: President, Asa B. Thompson, Echo; first vice-president, J. W. Brewer, Redmond; second vice-president, J. R. Blackaby, Ontario; third vice-president, W. Lair Thompson, Lakeview; secretary, Fred M. Wallace, Laidlaw.

The congress went on record as supporting state-federal co-operation in reclamation of arid lands in Oregon on a dollar for dollar basis.

Gore Brands Suit as Political Plot.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Denouncing the allegation as an "infamous lie," United States Senator T. P. Gore, from the witness stand, declared that charges of improper conduct, the basis of the \$50,000 damage suit against him by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, were the invention of a coterie of disappointed office seekers intended to bring him into disrepute and wreck his chances for re-nomination.

Coal Taxed to Guard Mines.

Denver.—A tax of one cent a ton on all the coal mined by the principal operators in Colorado since the strike began last September has been used to pay the expenses of guarding the mines, according to the testimony of C. L. Baum before the house subcommittee investigating the labor war.

HEAVY SNOW FALLS CRIPPLE RAILROADS

Chicago.—Heavy snowfall early in the week was reported over practically all the country from the Missouri river east and south to the Ohio valley.

Railroad traffic was badly crippled and all trains were late. In some instances trains were abandoned altogether until the tracks could be cleared.

Dispatches tell of much suffering, shortage of fuel and forage for livestock. The fresh storm has undone the work of clearing away the two previous heavy snowfalls, and small towns and suburbs were practically isolated.

Dispatches from various points in the middle west say the entire country is covered with snow from two to 14 inches deep and the cold weather following means that it will remain for several days. Board of trade men say the storm insures good crops.

The immediate need of fuel in many localities was the chief feature of the latest storm. Railroads had been badly hampered by the previous snowfalls and had been unable to deliver coal.

Slayer-Guards Guilty.

Houghton, Mich.—Three Waddell-Mahon Detective Agency guards and a deputy sheriff were found guilty of manslaughter for killing Steve Putrich, a striking copper mine worker, at Seaberville, on August 14 last.

Dr. Shaw Breaks Ankle.

New York.—Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage association, slipped while alighting from a train in Jersey City and sustained a fracture of the right ankle.

Indian's Rights Urged.

Philadelphia.—Full rights of citizenship for the American Indian were advocated by speakers at the council on the Society of American Indians, held at the academy of natural sciences.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

President Will Veto Burnett Immigration Bill if Literary Test is Embodied.

Washington.—President Wilson will veto the Burnett immigration bill if it comes to him for his signature with the so-called literary test contained in it.

This became known from an authoritative source after Chairman Smith, of the senate immigration committee, had announced that the bill, virtually as it passed the house, including the literary test, would be favorably reported to the senate soon. Prospects are that the bill will pass the senate as reported from the committee, but the measure never will become law, according to close friends of the president.

The president does not consider literacy a test of character, and believes some other means should be devised to prevent undesirable aliens from entering the United States.

It also became known that suggestions with reference to Chinese and Japanese immigration made to the house committee on immigration last Friday by Commissioner Caminetti, of the immigration bureau, were not in accord with the views of the president.

Mr. Caminetti's views were expressed without previous knowledge by the white house. The Burnett bill contains no Asiatic exclusion provisions, the house having voted down all amendments in that direction.

Reserve Time Limit Expires Feb. 22. Warning has been issued to national banks by M. C. Elliott, secretary of the federal reserve bank organization, that to comply with the currency act they must signify within 60 days of its enactment their intention to join the new system. Several banks had expressed the belief that the law allowed them 12 months to make known their intentions. Under the law national banks that do not so signify within 60 days must prepare to liquidate, and are allowed 12 months for this process.

The circular explains also that state banks and trust companies which signify their intention of becoming members of the system will be allowed to participate in the selection of directors of reserve banks in their districts.

At the close of business at the treasury department Saturday, 6849 national banks had applied for membership out of a total of 7500 in the United States. The time limit for applications is February 22.

Investigate How to Make Hens Lay. How to make hens lay more eggs was one of the multitude of investigations authorized in the agricultural appropriation bills reported.

Congress will continue to distribute free seeds, the weather bureau service will be extended to the Panama canal and insular possessions, more than \$200,000 will be spent studying how to eliminate the waste and profits in foodstuffs between the producer and the consumer and a general reorganization of the department of agriculture along lines of great efficiency as laid down by Secretary Houston were authorized in appropriations aggregating \$25,000,000.

Higher Naval Rank Created. The bill to create six vice-admirals in the navy was passed by the senate and now awaits action by the house.

Their salaries were fixed at \$11,000 a year and the age of retirement at 65 years.

How a British naval commander in Mexican waters might assume command over American forces by virtue of his seniority of rank was discussed in animated fashion in the course of the debate on the bill.

National Capital Brevities. President Wilson will likely name the men to compose the new federal reserve bank board by about March 1.

The senate passed the Smoot bill to open withdrawn Alaska coal lands to homestead entry, but reserving to the government title to the coal.

President Wilson spent several days in bed last week nursing a cold. All engagements were cancelled.

The new appropriation bill provides for an army of 500,000 men. Changes in the articles of war which had not been disturbed for many years are provided in the measure which just passed the senate.

As a result of the signing of the Kenyon "redlight" bill by President Wilson, a moral crusade has been started in Washington, D. C. Police supervision of moving picture shows is contemplated.

Temporary method of electing senators in states which have not been provided with the machinery for carrying out the seventeenth amendment to the constitution, is opposed by southern senators.

The senate committee has completed the postoffice appropriation bill, the measure being \$5,000,000 in excess of the amount as it came from the house. Maximum salaries of rural carriers would be increased to \$1200.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Steelhead for Yamhill.

Sheridan.—Steelhead salmon have never been found in the Yamhill river, though they are found in many streams of smaller size on the east side of the Willamette. Representative R. L. Graves is determined to make the Yamhill one of the best angling streams in the state, and to this end has secured three carloads of young steelhead salmon to stock the stream. One of these will be liberated at McMinnville, one at Sheridan and one at Willamina. A car of trout will be liberated at Carlton.

Nab Portland Chinese Woman.

Portland.—Mrs. Toy Yoke, who is alleged to have eloped on November 27 from this city with Won Wah, the latter having in his possession \$1000 in money and jewels, belonging to Lee Hong, was arrested in Chicago, according to word received by the local police.

She will be brought here to answer to a charge of grand larceny, local officials say. It is alleged the couple eloped immediately after the theft from Hong.

O. W. R. & N. Buying Land.

Pendleton.—Ellsworth Benham, of Portland, representing the O. W. R. & N. Co., arrived at Stanfield and at once began buying land for the right of way of the proposed Coyote cut-off. This action apparently confirms the report which has been current for the past few days that the railroad company expects to commence operations this spring.

State Hangs Man, Sues.

Astoria.—The county court made an order directing that G. C. Fulton be employed to prosecute a suit in equity to foreclose a lien of the state in the sum of \$822.70 against the estate of Oswald C. Hansel, who was executed at the state penitentiary recently.

The amount due is the court costs for the trial of the case against Hansel, when he was convicted of murder.

EXPRESS RATES LOWERED

State - Railroad Commission Says

Tumble Will Come About March 1.

Salem.—Express rates in Oregon will take a big drop about March 1. The extent of the tumble was made known by the state railroad commission upon receipt of word from the interstate commerce commission that certain modifications desired to be made in this state from the interstate schedule will be favorably considered.

There are three features about the new rates that are of particular importance. One is that through rates will hereafter be quoted from any point in Oregon to any other point within the state. Another is that the western states will put in a 55-cent minimum rate, as compared with the 70-cent rate on interstate shipments and the third is a special modification for the benefit of Oregon, adjusting rates within the state to commercial conditions, instead of following in every case the rate basing points selected for the interstate rates.

Because the rates vary with distance and with the weight of the package, it is impossible to state the percentage of decrease, but in a general way it may be said that the rates from Portland to eastern Oregon points will be lowered from 25 to 60 per cent. The decrease to southern Oregon towns will not be so great, as the distance north and south does not allow so large a variation, and the blocks are longer north and south than east and west.

"Shoot Up" Country Dances.

Pendleton.—By "shooting up" a country dance Lou Capor and Jack Murdock, two farm laborers, staged a frontier day drama at Juniper. No one was injured, but the two succeeded in thoroughly terrifying the women and completely intimidating the men, finally escaping on horseback under cover of their guns.

Mammoth's Tooth Found.

Albany.—A fairly well-preserved tooth of a mammoth was found by J. G. Crawford, a local archaeologist, in a car of gravel which had been received here from Canby.

The tooth is seven inches long, five inches high and three inches wide. It shows some decay.

Drain to Have Cannery.

Drain.—A co-operative cannery association was organized here with a capital of \$2000, practically all subscribed.

The association expects to have the cannery ready for the coming year's crop of vegetables and fruit. Farmers are enthusiastic over the prospects for a market for surplus fruits and vegetables.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Erection of a cannery at Junction City is planned by the Junction City grange.

Oregon has 84 national banks and 73 applications to join the federal reserve association have been received. Saturday will be the final day for filing applications.

Oregon's building at the San Francisco exposition is to be equipped with furniture made by the manual training classes in the Oregon public schools, according to announcement of Assistant State Superintendent E. F. Carlton.

County Judge Frank L. Tou Velle has gone to Chicago, where he will turn over to the bond buyers the \$500,000 road bonds voted last fall by Jackson county for the improvement of the Pacific highway from the California border to the Josephine county line.

Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill to allow the longevity pay claim that was due Lieutenant George J. Campbell of Portland. The amount of the claim is \$5,192.84. Dr. William Campbell, of Portland, is a son of the deceased claimant.

The parent-teacher forces of Pendleton are leading a fight for the annihilation of the cigarette in Pendleton. The city council is expected to act on an ordinance prohibiting use of tobacco in any form by boys less than 18 years old.

The little town of Holdman, Umatilla county, and the vicinity is in rigid quarantine, established by Dr. E. J. McPaul, county health officer, in an endeavor to stop the spread of smallpox, an epidemic of which has reached alarming proportions.

The Linn county grange has adopted resolutions urging the submission of an initiative measure regulating the courses and departments of the university of Oregon and Oregon agricultural college to prevent conflicts in studies.

Disapproval of the agricultural extension bill is expressed by United States Senator Lane, because of the fact that too many agricultural experts are provided positions and not a single farmer has urged the passage of the bill.

The matter of getting a good road from Wheeler to Nehalem city is being strongly agitated in Tillamook county. Wheeler is almost entirely isolated by land, having no direct connection with either the north or south beaches and other parts of the Nehalem valley, since the only outlet is a poorly constructed road leading to Mohler.

Declarations of intention to be candidates for justices of the supreme court on the republican ticket have been filed with Secretary of State Olcott by Chief Justice McBride and Justices McNary and Bean. Justice Ramsey, the only democrat on the supreme court bench, has announced that he will be a candidate.

According to reports received by eastern Oregon sheepmen, R. F. Bicknell, a buyer of sheep and wool, is now in Morrow county endeavoring to contract for the 1914 clip at prices approximately 2 cents in advance of those paid last year. According to these reports some sales have been made, but most of the growers are refusing to contract.

According to figures recently issued by the Southern Pacific railroad, the Rogue River valley has changed from a non-supporting to a self-supporting community in two years. The balance of trade in favor of the valley now totals 1175 cars. Of these, more than 100 cars are of fruit, but hay, potatoes, onions and hogs are produced here and sent out. Two years ago these products were shipped in.

Governor West states that beginning the first of April he will issue for publication monthly statements of the expenditures of the state fish and game department and comparisons of the figures with those of the corresponding month last year. He said his idea was to keep the expenditures down to a minimum and to show the public that he intended to have the department operated on the most economical basis.

R. E. Clanton, ex-master fish warden and now superintendent of hatcheries, in his report for January, says that because of the mild weather the propagation work at the Bonneville fish hatchery has been more gratifying than usual. Superintendent Wilson has on hand 14,106,790 young salmon. The fry resulting from the fall chinook eggs are all hatched. There are 1,250,000 eastern brook trout eggs which are under different periods of incubation at the station.

The women of the Civic club have inaugurated a new plan for making Pendleton a better looking home town and have announced prizes in a contest between pupils of the grade schools in a contest of home industry. Four prizes will be awarded, one to the boy or girl who makes the most improvement in his or her yard at home, one for the best showing of sweet peas, one for the best showing of vegetables and one for the best showing of vines. The contest will last until the close of school.

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tor.

Swan Benson,
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