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DOUBLE CRIME LAID TO WIFE

TWO BODIES FOUND AT G. H. SIMMS HOME

**Jealous Woman Shot Husband on
Christmas Night, Then Turned
Revolver on Self, Evi-
dence in Case Shows.**

A double Christmas tragedy in Bend was revealed yesterday morning when the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Simms were found, each with a bullet hole in the left side of the head, at the Simms home near the mill trestle. Mrs. Simms' left hand was frozen tight about the handle of the .32 Colt six-shooter with which she had killed her husband and then ended her own life. A holster strapped to her left leg showed how she had carried her weapon to bed without exciting her husband's suspicions.

There was no sign of any struggle having taken place, the woman having apparently waited until Simms fell asleep before firing the fatal shot. A frozen stream of blood led from the head of the bed to a corner of the room.

Christmas Picked for Tragedy.

In the kitchen a partly devoured Christmas turkey and unwashed dishes fixed the probable date of the tragedy as Christmas night. This evidence was strengthened by the finding of a rent receipt dated December 24, and a Portland paper of the same date.

Discovery of the crime was made at 11 o'clock in the morning, when Roy Bergren, son-in-law of Mrs. Simms, after visiting the house on successive days and finding no signs of life, took the case to the local authorities. With Chief of Police L. A. W. Nixon he entered the dwelling and shortly afterward Sheriff S. E. Roberts and Dr. R. W. Henderson inspected the bodies, concurring in the opinion that a murder and suicide was the history of the case.

Under the supervision of District Attorney H. H. De Armond and Acting Coroner J. A. Eastes, a jury composed of M. Kroeger, foreman, and Maurice Cashman, John L. Garske, James N. Roberts, R. P. Minter and Tom Carlon visited the premises yesterday afternoon, convening immediately afterward in Judge Eastes' office for examination of witnesses.

Woman Was Jealous.

Bergren, Mrs. Simms' son-in-law, testified that he believed jealousy to be the motive back of the crime. He said that his mother-in-law, aged 45, and 13 years her husband's senior, imagined that women in the neighborhood were trying to alienate Simms' affections. In this statement, Bergren was upheld by Chief Nixon, both declaring, however, that there was no basis for the wife's suspicions. The last time at which Mr. and Mrs. Simms had been seen alive, as far as Bergren knew, was on Christmas day, when Mrs. Bergren visited their home, exchanging gifts with them.

The jury, after a brief deliberation, returned a double verdict of death by gunshot wound, inflicted in each case by Mrs. Simms.

The couple had been residents of Bend since October, having been married in Arizona only last June.

CIRCUIT COURT IS SET FOR JANUARY

(From Saturday's Daily.)
That the circuit court will be in session in Bend on January 6, in Bend, was the announcement this morning of County Clerk Haner. Two naturalization cases are scheduled to come up before Judge T. E. J. Duffy, and equity cases may also be heard.

ILLNESS OF YEARS RESULTS IN DEATH

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
After an illness lasting for years, John Egley, aged 54, died at his homestead near Bend last night, death coming as the result of cancer of the mouth. Mr. Egley had lived in the Bend vicinity for the last 10 years. He is survived by one son, living in this vicinity.
Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

BEND MAN GIVES UP LIFE IN FIGHTING FOR ADOPTED LAND

Mrs. C. T. Holm has received word of the death of her brother, August Jorgensen, in France. Mr. Jorgensen was a member of the 354th regiment of the 91st division. He had lived in this country only two years and had not been naturalized, but when called in the draft he declined to claim the exemption that was open to him and went into service. Besides his sister, there survives his mother, a resident of Copenhagen.

LIBERTY BONDS LOST IN BLAZE

16-YEAR-OLD BOY GRIEVES OVER VANISHED SAVINGS OF MONTHS—SULPHUR FUMIGATION CAUSES FIRE.

(From Monday's Daily.)
Representing the patriotic savings made by 16-year-old Noel Seeley through many months, two Liberty bonds worth \$100 were lost in a fire this afternoon which destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shireman, near Idaho and Bond, where young Seeley was boarding. In addition to the bonds, the boy lost most of his clothes in the blaze. The youngster was heartbroken until he learned that he could probably make good his loss by writing to the Lakeview bank where the bonds were purchased.

The fire started when sulphur was used to fumigate the house. Flames from the burning brimstone touched a nearby curtain, and in a few minutes the entire structure was ablaze. A few household effects, including a trunk containing \$115 in war savings stamps and bonds, the property of Mr. and Mrs. Shireman, was saved.

WAR BOARD OFFICE ORDERED REOPENED

Department of War Wires Command to Bend—Purpose of Change Is Not Explained.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
After enjoying only a week's vacation from war work in two years' time, the Deschutes county war board received word today by wire from the war department, Washington, D. C., to reopen the office here. Orders for the closing of local headquarters were carried into effect just before Christmas.

No intimation of the reason for resuming work was received, but County Clerk Haner of the board, expects further instructions shortly covering this point.

WAGES RAISED BY BURLESON

EMPLOYEES OF ALL TELEGRAPH
LINES UNDER GOVERNMENT
CONTROL TO GET FIVE TO TEN
PER CENT. ADVANCE.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A wage increase of from 5 to 10 per cent. was authorized today for all employees of telegraph systems under government control, the increase to begin January 1, Postmaster General Burleson announces. Messengers will not be included in the advance.
Employees in the service continuously for six months to one year will receive the 5 per cent. raise, while those who have been at work for more than a year will be given the 10 per cent. advance. No individual salary will be increased to more than \$200 a month.

KEYES CHOSEN CHAPTER HEAD

RED CROSS ELECTION FOR 1919 HELD.

Seattle Secretary Gives High Praise to Bend for Offering Immediate Work to Soldiers and for Anti-"Flu" Campaign.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Unanimously chosen by the members of the local Red Cross chapter at their annual meeting here last night, J. P. Keyes was re-elected to head the organization through the coming year. The election followed reports by the various committee heads, and an appeal by Mrs. W. C. Birdsall, secretary, for increased activity in production to make good the time lost during the influenza epidemic. Other officers who were elected are: Mrs. H. M. Horton, vice chairman; Mrs. E. P. Mahaffey, second vice chairman; Mrs. Richards, secretary; C. S. Hudson, treasurer.
Secretary Cadbury, of the home service department of the Red Cross, with headquarters at Seattle, outlined the present problems confronting the national organization, declaring that the most serious is that of providing work for returning soldiers. "Bend is exceptional among the cities of the northwest," he said, "in offering immediate employment for men coming back from the service." He praised the Bend chapter highly for its efficient work in combatting the influenza epidemic in this section.

Directors of the chapter were elected as follows: J. P. Keyes, Father Luke Sheehan, J. A. Eastes, Mrs. W. C. Birdsall, Mrs. H. M. Horton, H. H. De Armond, Mrs. E. P. Mahaffey, R. W. Sawyer, J. Alton Thompson, Mrs. H. K. Brooks, Clyde M. McKay, A. Whisman, E. P. Mahaffey, H. A. Miller, Mrs. Richards, C. S. Hudson, T. A. McCann, Rev. W. C. Stewart, J. C. Rhodes and Henry N. Fowler.

For the committee on home service, H. H. De Armond was named chairman, with Mrs. Vernon A. Forbes secretary. The selection of the production committee was left to the vice chairman of the chapter, and for the remaining standing committees Mrs. H. K. Brooks was appointed as chairman of military relief, T. H. Foley in charge of finance and Henry N. Fowler for publicity.
To take care of business details left over at last night's meeting, as well as to plan for the work of the new year, the directors will meet again at 8 o'clock on the evening of Friday, January 3, in the county court room.

BEND IS HIT BY COLD WAVE

MERCURY DROPS TO ZERO, CLOGGING POWER WHEELS WITH ICE AND BURSTING WATER PIPES THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Bend's coldest weather for the winter came last night, when the mercury dropped to an even zero. The river, just above the power dam, was coated with ice, a part of the Bend Water, Light & Power company's plant had to be closed down until anchor ice clogging the wheels could be removed, while frantic calls for plumbers to patch broken pipes in all parts of the city testified to the severity of the freeze. By noon today the thermometer registered 21 degrees above zero.

Although the cold snap has frequently been exceeded by previous low temperature records here, the suddenness of it all caught many unawares. No further stopping of any part of the power plant may be expected excepting under very exceptional circumstances, for a force of men will be on hand day and night to see that nothing occurs to hinder the efficiency of power production.

PARTIAL RETURNS OF \$2347 MADE IN RED CROSS DRIVE

(From Thursday's Daily.)
With Redmond and the north end of the county still unreported, Deschutes county's Red Cross subscription today totaled \$2374. Chairman H. A. Miller, of the membership drive, reported. This, with the districts still to be heard from, will bring the county up to the amount needed to reach the goal of universal membership.
No returns have been made as yet from Jefferson county.

DELEGATES TO WORK AS UNIT

PROGRAM TO SECURE FEDERAL AID IS MAPPED OUT FOR IRRIGATIONISTS GOING TO PORTLAND.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Unified endeavor, with the securing of federal aid for Central Oregon, as to the ultimate goal, is the keynote of the program which delegates from Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties, to the State Irrigation Congress, will support. This was the decision reached yesterday afternoon at a meeting in Redmond of irrigationists from all over Central Oregon.
In the neighborhood of 150 were present at yesterday's session, the most important commercial and farm organizations of three counties being represented.

According to resolutions adopted, Central Oregon delegates will seek to have the Irrigation Congress, meeting January 9, 10 and 11, pass a request for federal aid on the Deschutes project. An effort will also be made to interest the legislature in the Tumalo project. An expression of approval of the Sinnott bill will be registered, and a letter will be written to Congressman Sinnott expressing the sentiment of Central Oregon in this respect.

OVERTURF RESIGNS POSITION IN CLUB

Letter Announces Withdrawal as Manager of Commercial Organization in Bend.

(From Monday's Daily.)
In a letter received by T. H. Foley, president of the Bend Commercial club, H. J. Overturf, for the past two years manager of the business men's organization, tenders his resignation. His successor has not as yet been definitely chosen, Mr. Foley states.

Explaining his reasons for giving up the club management, Mr. Overturf declared that with private business interests he was unable to give the required amount of time to the duties devolving upon him as manager.

RECLAMATION OUTLOOK GOOD

DIRECTOR A. P. DAVIS, IN INTERVIEW, OUTLINES IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR CENTRAL OREGON.

That the reclamation service has a definitely outlined irrigation program in view for Central Oregon, is shown in a letter received here today from George Palmer Putnam, publisher of The Bulletin, following a conversation with A. P. Davis, director of reclamation, Washington, D. C.

In giving the results of his interview with Mr. Davis, Mr. Putnam writes as follows:

"The department has in no wise abandoned its plans for Central Oregon development, as previously outlined and gone into, independently and in conjunction with the state of

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MRS. BARNETT AND HER SON



Mrs. George Barnett, wife of the commandant of the U. S. marine corps, was the first American woman to visit the Marne battlefields after the American engagements there. She decorated with flowers many of the graves of American heroes. Mrs. Barnett was summoned abroad suddenly a few weeks ago because of the illness of her husband. This picture was made with her son, Basil Gordon, a lieutenant in the marines.

NEW HATCHERY TO BE STARTED

R. E. CLANTON EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN BEND THURSDAY TO SUPERINTEND WORK OF CONSTRUCTION ON THE TUMALO.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
To superintend the construction of the new fish hatchery on the Tumalo, R. E. Clanton, master fish warden, will arrive in Bend Thursday, according to word just received here by W. C. Birdsall, to whose work is largely due the satisfactory conclusion of arrangements for building the plant. Mr. Clanton's expenses while here will be defrayed by Mr. Birdsall.

With the appropriation of \$2500 by the county court, it is intended to start work immediately on Mr. Clanton's arrival. Plans for the hatchery, donated by Lee A. Thomas, have been completed, the necessary survey is the contribution of Robert B. Gould, while considerable quantities of building materials will be furnished by the Brooks-Seaton Lumber Co., the Miller Lumber Co., the Pine Tree mill and the Bend Brick and Lumber Co. The 13-acre hatchery site is the gift of The Shevlin-Hixon Company. In connection with the work, Forest Supervisor Jacobson will lend a number of his rangers to aid in installing a 1500-foot pipe line.

Mr. Birdsall stated this morning that every endeavor would be made to complete the hatchery within a month's time, and that immediately thereafter spawn for 1,000,000 trout and for 500,000 steelhead salmon would be brought to the Tumalo, the fry later to be planted in Central Oregon streams and lakes.

MOTHER ASKS NEWS FROM MISSING SON

(From Monday's Daily.)
The appeal of a mother for news of her missing son is contained in a letter just received by Chief of Police L. A. W. Nixon from Mrs. Mae Hough of 826 Eddy street, San Francisco. The mother states that her son left two years ago in the mills here, and that she has heard nothing of him since.

The young man is going under the name of Charles Morrison and is about 19 years of age.

SOCIAL HOUR FOR MOOSE IS PLANNED

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
On Thursday night after the regular meeting at Sather's hall, the Mooseheart Ladies will entertain the Moose with dancing, cards and singing. Every member is urged to come and bring a friend.

SOLONS SOON WILL CONVENE

FRICITION PREDICTED AT SALEM.

Nature of Organization in Senate Is Uncertain—Many Schemes Are Hatched in Secret Political Conclaves.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, Jan. 2.—Only a little over a week remains before the legislature convenes for its 30th biennial triumphal march through the statute books of Oregon and as near as can be determined here the individual legislators continue to be riding high in the air as to what they intend to do in regard to big legislation that will probably appear before them during the next two months.

Numerous bills of a minor character are admittedly decorating the interior of the solons' beans, but in most cases they are too inconsequential to mention.

The past few days a large number of the prospective lawmakers have dropped into the capitol for chats with the governor and other officials. Invariably they have felt out the men around the state house as to the possible trend of public opinion on some of the big measures that are likely to come up for consideration. Almost as invariably they have given indication that they are yet unsettled as to how they individually intend to demean themselves toward such legislation. There seems to be more of a tendency than in the past to feel out the beating of the public pulse in this regard. This seems to be particularly true of the consolidation commission's program.

Legislators Uneasy.
The printed report of the commission will not be in the hands of the members until a short time before the session convenes and a number of them are getting a little uneasy about the head as to just how to take what the commission will have to feed them in a very large spoon.

All agree that the people of the state have been insistent on some sort of a consolidation program which would have for its effect the cutting down of state expenses. They find here a ready-made program and are sort of riding between the devil and the deep blue sea. They know the people want consolidation, elimination and all sorts of "shuns," providing it only saves money, but whether the sort of "shuns" that are offered by the consolidation commission are what the people really want is bothering the legislators.

This attitude of mind is very pronounced among a large number of the members—developed to a surprising extent, as earlier in the game there had been a general tendency to scoff at the commission's report. Just how far this attitude will extend when the legislature meets is, of course, still problematical in the extreme, but there is no question about this attitude existing and it may result in the commission's report being given more serious consideration than anyone up to the last few days had thought possible.

Harmony May Be Lacking.

One thing seems rather certain about the coming session. All is not going to be harmonious in the house and the machine is not going to run along on nicely greased cogs as in the past. A number of members of the house feel that Denton Burdick had something slipped over on him when the Jones-Gordon combination was made which apparently will slip Jones into the speakership. On top of that even some of those who joined up with Jones along in the beginning of things are wondering just where they are going to get off at with the committees and have been bothering Jones a little of late along those lines.

Reports have drifted in here of insurgency in the very ranks pledged to Jones by written pledges.

One Marion county legislator who is a close friend of Jones expressed the fear that possibly the insurgency may develop to such an extent as to cause a number of the members to repudiate their pledges and to endeavor to put Burdick into the high seat, regardless of the original frame-up.

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