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BODY OF NEFF FOUND IN LAKE

Much Hunted Curry County Murderer Found To Have Taken His Own Life

Searched for far and near through the woods and wilds of northern Curry county the body of E. B. Neff, murderer of the late Allie Wittmann was found floating near the spot where he had left his boat on the night of the murder.

Paul Matheny made the discovery sighting the body from the land. Close at hand the man's gun was fished up from the water. The spot was the western shore of Floras lake and the evidence indicates that after rowing across the lake, Neff disembarked from his boat, divested himself of hat and coat, waded out into the lake for a short distance and shot himself through the heart. The wound that caused his end appeared upon the body and his hat and coat were found among the bushes of the bank of the lake.

While different posses and gangs of men, under charge of Deputy Sheriff Gent Russell and Sheriff Bailey of Curry county had ranged the woods searching for the murderer his body was reposing in the silent waters of the lake. Some of the parties even suspected that the murderer had camped near them, and had found his trail, etc. The truth was that they tracked one another, and although they found many signs, the one clew, the man's hat and coat they did not find.

The body was found Monday morning at 10:30 and his burial took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Denmark cemetery.

According to the Coos-Curry Record the school troubles originated through the fact that Neff was a bondsman for C. J. Walker, whom he tried to kill, that a fellow bondsman, Geo. Coburn, had left the state and Neff feared that Walker's affairs were not as they should be and he should be called upon to the liability of his bond.

The following is the text of the note Neff left in his house.

To The Public
"Aug. 14, 1915—I want W. A. Wood appointed as administrator of my affairs. I have \$600 in the Bank of Bandon. I want a decent funeral and a tomb stone (like this)

R. B. Neff, Borne 1859, Died 1915, A Victim of unfortunate circumstances."

The evidence indicated that Neff had first taken poison then taken tallow as an antidote the taker to the boat in an attempt to escape, again lost his courage and killed himself.

The funeral of Allie Wittmann was held last week Monday and was largely attended with burial in the Denmark cemetery. He was born in Humboldt county in 1885 and came to Curry county with his parents in 1895.

Besides her regular load of lumber the Elizabeth took out a consignment of butter of local production, several tons of wool and a score or more of bales of moss for Frisco green houses.

The Last Service

The annual conference of the M. E. church, South meets at Roseburg, Sept. 9th and the meeting next Sunday evening will be the last one in the conference year.

Sunday school at 10, A. M. Preaching at 11 and 8 P. M. Epworth League at 7, P. M.

The men of the church are specially invited to attend the closing service next Sunday evening and are promised kindly and courteous treatment.

W. B. SMITH, Pastor

STANDING OF THE CONTESTANTS

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| Blanche Cuthbert, | 6113 |
| Mrs. F. H. Fashender | 62,824 |
| Leona Fullerton | 163872 |
| Dorothy Langlois | 4086 |
| Ottillie Lewin | 1005 |
| Aida Marx | 213086 |
| Minnie McCurdy | 500 |
| Violet Moore | 560 |
| Eula Moore | 560 |
| Amy Winslow | 593 |
| Stella Shields, | 81257 |
| Elsie Wolf | 129254 |

Plenty of Diversions

Living in the vicinity of the government quarry is not at all a humdrum existence these days. The rock blasts occasionally or rather frequently encountered material adapted to purposes of bombardment. When the blasts come the people living near run out doors for they say it is easier to dodge the projectiles in the open than if as they might do they come through the roof of the house. Small stones are thrown considerable distances and at times there is much accompanying gas and smoke. One day last week W. F. Beck, a government employee was struck by a rock and injured. He started to run with the explosion of the blast but tripped and fell. A rock weighing four or five hundred pounds rolled onto him. He was brought to the Emergency hospital.

Fire Destroys Fox Home

Overtaken Lamp Starts Blaze at 3 O'Clock Sunday Morning. Many Valuable Curios Lost in Ruins

The residence of J. E. Fox, just off the south end of Jackson avenue was burned early Sunday morning. At the time of the accident the only occupants of the house were Miss Elizabeth Fox and Mrs. Robert Fox and baby. Miss Elizabeth arose at about three o'clock in the morning and lighting a lamp started for the kitchen of the house. On her way she tripped over a small chair and the lamp fell and broke. Flames communicated themselves to the lace curtains in the windows and to clothes in a nearby closet. As well as they could the women folks gave the alarm but being so far distant from other houses response was not immediate.

The nearest city hydrant was two blocks away. Nothing could stay the flames and only a little was saved from the building. By the applicant of water from pails the woodshed and chicken house were saved.

At the time of the fire J. E. Fox, owner of the building was at Port Orford with Robert Fox, taking some pictures and did not return until the next day. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox are from California but have been staying here from the summer.

A number of valuable articles went with the building. Among them was a collection of ivory from Alaska, gathered by J. E. Fox when in that country. This consisted of numerous articles, animals, men by the hundred carved from walrus tusks. The collection was valued at \$1,000. A huge painting of Mrs. Fox's mother, valued at \$300 was also lost. Mr. Fox had a fine collection of agates lost in the ruins. The agate, though hard will not stand fire and the blakest of them turns to a white, chalky substance.

Two and three weeks ago the water at the bar was smooth and tractable but since that time it has been trying to make up for lost time, a cross wind has created a heavy sea and several boats have been held up for short intervals because of bar conditions. Friday the Brooklyn laid outside and the tug Killyham went out in the evening to bring her in. Just as the tug was well outside the fog which had been gathering came in earnest closing the circle of observation to narrow limits. The fog horn at the light house had inopportunely gone wrong and a whistle was brought into play as a substitute. The tug was still outside and Guardsman Jameson with a hand bell on the far end of the south side jetty to make what noise he could to help the boats outside keep their bearings. Jas. Walstrom also brought out a shot gun in the hope that its repeated discharge would be of service. The shots of the gun served to call people from the city who thought a wreck must be the occasion thereof. But the fog lifted; soon lessening the cause of alarm. Both the Brooklyn and the tug remained on the outside all night and came in with the Saturday morning tide.

Sam Schumate got his marksmen's eye on a bear on his claim north of this city last Friday and pulling the trigger brought train to the dust. The bear, a 100 lb black one, was prepared for exhibition purposes and brought to town and placed in the City Market where Monday it was carved up into steak and roast joints.

AGATE CARNIVAL ATTRACTS MANY

Binger Hermann Makes Address. Curry County Wrestlers Win All Events

Bigger and better than ever is the verdict to the Port Orford carnival, held last week Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The largest attendance of any day was Thursday, the first day when something like two thousand people visited the Curry County town. The oration delivered by the Hon. Binger Hermann was the central attraction on that date and many of the old timers who had known and supported the congressman in the days of his political ascendancy assembled to hear him and grasp his hand. Mr. Hermann was the best friend the coast country of southwestern Oregon ever had in the national capital and particularly he always had a friendly feeling for Port Orford. The sentiment was reciprocated and party lines were lost sight of in the support of Hermann.

In the nature of things, Mr. Hermann's address of Thursday was largely reminiscent, detailing experiences when the country was new and of the incidents of pioneer life.

In the program of sports at the carnival, wrestling had a prominent part and Curry county fairly radiated in the results. On three succeeding days the champions of that county went up against the representatives of the outside world and on all three occasions the Curry county men triumphed.

Perhaps the best contest of all from the viewpoint of the spectator, took place Thursday between Smiling Dutch of this city and Geo. Sutton of Port Orford. The match was even and well contested. Although Sutton outweighed his opponent, 180 to 140, his opponent had the advantage of professional experience, training and skill. The match was a pretty one, showing the possibilities of physical development in the defensive and offensive but in the end the weight of Sutton told and he threw his opponent twice in succession, the first time 42 minutes and the second in 18 minutes.

The match on Friday, the second day between M. G. Lutsey the Langlois butter maker and rancher and Eddie O'Connell of Portland had attracted considerable advance attention. The two had had a match at Port Orford on the Fourth in which O'Connell won and now Lutsey was making an attempt to redeem his laurels. Much interest was manifested in the outcome of the event but the fact that Lutsey was suffering with a game knee served to deter his supporters from backing him as they would otherwise have done.

Lutsey's knee was his undoing in the first fall and the fall went to O'Connell. The second fall went to Lutsey in short order. He secured a half body scissors and head chancery on his opponent and forced his shoulders on the mat. On the third and critical bout, both men were careful and tried for the defensive. O'Connell however did most of the work but Lutsey was too strong for him and secured the fall in 15 minutes.

With the record of Friday and in the belief that he had come back Curry county rallied enthusiastically to the support of Lutsey on Saturday. In his match with Rentrop he had plenty of backers and money moved in all directions. Rentrop "The middle-weight champion of Europe" in his short stay in this country has developed quite a following and there was no lack of backing in his behalf.

When the match opened it was evident that each man had determined to win. They roughed it and the contest was more like a slugfest than a wrestling match. In their various tumbles they found the entire hall was none too big. The end came speedily. Rentrop got a body hold on Lutsey and tried to throw him over his head. But Lutsey beat him too it, straightened up and instead of allowing himself to be tossed, threw Rentrop over his shoulder and the two landing solidly on the head of the European champion, that worthy was picked up unconscious and it was several hours before he was brought too. Lutsey was declared winner.

Champion Wilson tried to get into the game by offering to take a hand-

cap, with Lutsey, Dutch, and O'Connell and to throw the three in an hour. But Lutsey's game knee served to prevent acceptance to this challenge.

Wilson won in the running race between the professional wrestlers and also in a race in which the athletes ran upon their hands.

A tug of war was proposed between the wrestlers and any opposition but no one would enter the opposition lists. A scow was presented for water sports but as it was not padded no candidates could be secured for the inevitable ducking.

Tent City By Sea Side

Adventists in Annual Gathering. Elders From Walla Walla, Are Here

Something like twenty tents are pitched on the hill alongside Ocean drive with the big tent as the center of attraction. These are peopled with Seventh Day Adventists from all sections of Coos county come to attend the annual camp meeting.

The daily sessions with a program as announced below began Monday morning. Elders C. W. Flaiz and A. A. Burman of Walla Walla, Wash. arrived in time to take part in yesterday's session.

The two weeks special meetings as held by Messrs. Bunch and Lingensfelder closed Sunday evening with a strong address by Mr. Bunch. The sessions are well attended and those in charge express satisfaction with the success of the meetings as so far held.

Wednesday night the topic is "The Plan of Salvation as Presented in the Earthly Sanctuary and its Services" by Elder F. S. Bunch, Bible Instructor of Walla Walla College.

Thursday—"The Christian Sabbath"

Friday—"The United States as Foretold in Prophecy"

Following is the order of the daily program.

Morning	6:00
Devotional Service	6:00
Children's Meeting	8:00
Bible Study	9:00
Preaching	10:30

Afternoon	2:30
Preaching	2:30
Young People's Meeting	5:00
Song Service	7:40
Preaching	8:00

Special attention is given to the musical part of the program. Arrangements for the meeting were made by the local pastor, C. L. Lingensfelder and T. G. Bunch of Roseburg, president of the Southern Oregon conference who will have charge of the meeting.

The meaning of the present war, the Eastern Question, the United States in Prophecy, the Signs of Christ's soon coming and many other important subjects will be discussed from the word of God.

A cordial invitation to the people of Bandon to attend any or all of these services is extended.

Stones Fly At Quarry

A blast at the quarry last Saturday afternoon raised a 500 pound stone which in its fall came through the roof that covers the hoisting engine to the south of the cut. The stone hit the boiler of the engine and made a huge dent in it which indicates the force of the moving stone, since the boiler is not made of tin. However an accident of this kind does not disturb the political economy of the work at the quarry which went forward as usual. On a recent occasion a large stone was sent down in the region of the Queen Ann cottage.

Captain Wren of the Bandon light house was the purchaser this week of the house owned by Peter Anderson on Elmira St. The same consists of a house and two lots and the consideration is not made known. It is reported that Mr. Anderson will go to prospect conditions on the Siuslaw.

Miss Elizabeth Rodgers returned with the last Elizabeth from her summer in Berkeley where she visited the fair and attended summer school. On her trip up she was accompanied by two friends, Miss Margaret McCausland and Miss Ella Burnham, both of Walla Walla, Washington. And after week's camp on the bluff by the ocean they departed for their northern home.

Back From the Fair

Captain Robert Johnson and family party returned from their trip to San Francisco Saturday afternoon having been gone just thirtyone days. They were a little over five days each way on the trip up and down to the bay city and everything went smoothly enroute. The Dodge auto gave a good account of itself on the whole distance taking the bumps and jars and grades without puncture or injury of any kind, except for a capover to the hub of one wheel which came loose and dropped off on the way home. The Johnsons rented apartments near the fair ground and saw the sights thoroughly. The trouble the captain experienced in seeing the fair was to keep his judgement revised and up to the minute and to accumulate a stock of superlatives with which to describe the sights. The Swedish cutlery exhibit struck him as the finest thing he ever saw until he saw the Manchester cutlery exhibit, and with the Canadian exhibit, the French exhibit, the California exhibit and the Oregon exhibit and the rest of them it was merely a case of forgetting in the last seen that there had been anything else to compare with it on display. On the way up the party stopped to see the agate carnival at Port Orford. They had a very enjoyable trip.

Good Ship Sir Francis Here

Bold Navigator in 34 foot Boat at the Beginning of a Long Voyage

Captain Thomas Drake of the good ship Sir Francis, 34 feet long, with a 10 foot beam, drawing 3 feet of water and 5 tons burden sailed into Bandon harbor Tuesday morning and tied up at the dock east of the Bandon wharves.

When seen by a Recorder representative this afternoon Captain Drake announced his destination as Nova Scotia. He was born in England and reared a sailor from boyhood. Now having obtained a competence he is spending his leisure on a pleasure voyage. He had never lived in Nova Scotia, but that province makes a handy destination.

He will go by way of the Panama canal, the Gulf of Mexico, the Mississippi and Illinois rivers, the Drainage canal and the Great Lakes to his destination and expects to complete the journey in two years.

Mindful of the great mariner whose name is combined in that of his own and that of his boat Captain Drake will stop at Drake's bay north of San Francisco where the explorer is said to have wintered when he circumnavigated the globe with the Golden Hind.

When asked how his boat got its name Captain Drake said it was christened by some sentimental stranger who finding that the owner's name was Drake thought it appropriate that the boat should be Sir Francis.

Captain Drake took a picnic party out for a sail from Marshfield Sunday and expects to make a little money in a similar way at other points along the route. The captain built his own boat which carried two masts and 1100 feet of sail. He expects to sail most of the way but is equipped with a gasoline engine for use should occasion demand.

Saturday of this week the Recorders Free Trip contest draws to a close and the name of the winner who is to have the \$50 for a vacation trip will be announced next week.

A little analysis of the figures of the combined vote will be of interest. The prospect is that the combined amount of money represented in the contest is over \$35,000 and when it is considered that this sum is only a portion of the business by the firms interested it will be seen that there is still some money in Bandon.

The following is the passenger list of the Elizabeth which left the Bandon harbor last Saturday night: Miss H. G. Abbott, Mrs. J. H. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wolverson, Miss Sarah Wolverson, Henry Solvin, Grover Bowlers, Mrs. M. O. Hawkins, Mrs. A. Habery, Mrs. L. M. McAllister, Miss Grace Hall, Mrs. Paul S. Coke, Mrs. Rose Eaton and child, A. Brewer, Vic Brewer, Earl Wilts, W. H. Baume, L. W. Utter, H. J. Knogh, J. F. Manchenty, W. C. Gutleben, C. F. Murray, Minnie and Marguerite Murray, B. F. Segur.

A CHATAUQUA FOR NEXT SUMMER

Representative Of Big Event Seeks To Interest Prospective Patrons In This City

The long cherished project of a Chatauqua for Bandon has been revived this week, agents of a widely known institution are seeking to interest people of the city in this project.

Miss Janet Young of the 1913 class of the University of Oregon is in the city as a representative of this undertaking. The aim is to get this institution started in three different cities of Coos county and Miss Marjory Cowan also of the same class of the university is seeking to interest the public spirited people of Marshfield. The other city in which they aim to have the Chatauqua placed is Myrtle Point or Coquille.

In order to make the Chatauqua a success it is necessary to have thirty public spirited citizens of the city guarantee the sale of 500 full course tickets at \$2.50 for the course. In her quest in Bandon Miss Young has so far met with fair success and it appears quite likely that the Chatauqua will be held next year.

The coming of the Chatauqua is one of the things made possible by the coming of the railroad to this section as it would not be practicable to get the entertainers in and out of the district as it is at present. Ellison and White are the promoters with offices in Portland and Boise, Idaho. They are the largest operators in this line in the west and cover the five states of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana.

They work in towns of 1,000 and over including such towns as Fresno, Seattle, Spokane and others.

Their course lasts a week and the topics are divided in three classes; Entertainments, Lectures and Musical Programs. During the past year they had such attractions as Dr. Hillis of Brooklyn, Col. Bain of Kentucky, Nelson Darling, Lumberman of Oklahoma, J. P. MacCorry, Mrs. A. C. Zehner the Swiss Alpine Yodlers, the Schumann Quintette, the Gulotta Trio, Saxon Singers, Ciricello Band and others.

During the week of the Chatauqua the program includes features, mornings afternoons and evenings, and Bandon would make an especially good place for such a gathering as the custom in many places is for people to come and camp and enjoy an outing while attending the lectures. The securing of the Chatauqua will indicate the dawning of a new day for Bandon when its attractions as a seaside resort come to be recognized.

Fog Horn Is Fixed

Musical Instrument at Light House Once More Ready for Duty

The familiar boom of the fog horn is heard once more at the light house and the machinery which operated the noise maker is once more in working order. There are two engines for this work and inopportunely both gave out at the same time. Last Friday evening, confronted with one of the densest fogs that ever visited this coast the small government engine was run to the seaward end of the track, filled with fuel and its whistle used as a substitute for the fog horn.

The engines which operate the horn are two in number and use kerosene for power without the use of torch or electric spark. Once heated they work automatically and are the only engines of the kind in this vicinity. Their cylinder heads became corroded with the gases of combustion and had to be re-bored but they are now repaired and in working order again.

When the light house is moved to this side of the river in the house the plans for which are now being drawn, all the equipment will be moved. But the remaining shell of the building will be left standing. The government will likely advertise the dwellings used in connection with the light house for sale to the lowest bidder.

A. P. W. Burnette who has been working for McKenzie at Port Orford making ties for the past three months is back for a season in Bandon.