

# MURDER THEORY

## Disproved in the Case of Mrs. Palmer.

### Husband Exonerated From Suspicion.

The Mollie Palmer murder mystery at Fairview was evidently a case of too much mother-in-law.

Edward Palmer, the husband of the woman who, the coroner's jury said, committed suicide April 4, was placed under suspicion of being a murderer through the prattlings of a 3-year-old infant and the reports given out by his dead wife's relatives.

Edward Palmer says that there would never have been any trouble between himself and wife if her numerous relatives had not interfered so frequently.

He says he married his wife through love and sympathy after she had been cast aside by another man, but that ever thereafter continual strife was stirred up by his mother-in-law and others.

Mrs. Palmer had a mania for suicide and on several occasions tried to end a life that was none too happy at best. Only a few weeks before she shot herself she took laudanum with suicidal intent, and her life was saved by her husband.

Charges were made yesterday by Fred Wagner, a relative, that caused the authorities to investigate the death of Mrs. Palmer. Deputy District Attorney John Manning and Harry Meyers and George McMillan of the Sheriff's office went to Fairview last evening and thoroughly ventilated the whole matter.

They found no circumstances to warrant the arrest of Edward Palmer, the husband, who was placed under suspicion by his little 3-year-old baby saying: "Papa shoot mama in the mouth. Papa get out the window."

It was found that on the morning of the tragedy Mr. Palmer left home early to work for a neighbor. The child was the next one up and found the mother dead in the kitchen. At this juncture a tramp came along to ask for food and immediately gave the alarm to Mr. and Mrs. Byers, who live near by. The Byers arrived on the scene at 7:25. The husband was at Astoria's, where he was at work at 7:55. When the Byers arrived at the spot Mrs. Palmer was bleeding profusely and had evidently been shot but a minute or two before.

None of the children were dressed, and there was no blood on the floor except where the woman lay.

All these facts were brought out and the officers ascertained to their own satisfaction and to that of the community that there had been no foul play and that Mrs. Palmer did kill herself.

According to R. L. Robinson, a brother-in-law, there had been numerous bickerings and fits of family trouble. These are said to have been caused in every instance by the interference of the relatives between the man and his wife. Besides this, it is known in the neighborhood that she had a mania for self-destruction, and admitted to her friends that she was afraid she would not only kill herself some day, but her children also.

Palmer is almost heartbroken over the turn the tragedy has taken, and wept like a child yesterday when talking to the officers. He is grief-stricken that he should have been accused of the crime, even by suspicion, and from the facts as developed by the officers there was no justification for it.

### Plenty of Water Now.

What has been considered quite a serious drawback to the development of Sherman County, has been the scarcity of water. Residents there have been compelled either to dig wells from 60 to 80 feet in depth or to haul water by teams from a considerable distance. This was particularly true so far as Kent, on the line of the Columbia Southern was concerned. This has all been changed by the action of badgers. One of these animals, while burrowing in the ground, opened up a spring of excellent water. This has been utilized by the inhabitants who find it equal to all demands made upon it.

### New Tourist Association.

About two months ago the Victoria Tourist Association was formed at Victoria, B. C. Its object was to attract tourist travel to that city. Herbert Cuthbert, who represents the association, is in Portland. He believes that the scope of the idea should be widened so as to take in all the cities of the North Pacific Coast. He thinks that Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Victoria should co-operate in the matter. He is here now with the object of ascertaining Portland sentiment.

### April Weather.

According to the monthly meteorological summary of the local Weather Bureau for the month of April, the mean temperature was 49 degrees and the total precipitation 3.71 inches. The lowest mean temperature for April was 46 degrees in 1893, and the highest was 55 degrees in 1875, 1881, 1884, 1885, 1888 and 1897. The lowest total precipitation for April was 1.12 inches in 1885, and the

## BANKER'S FUNERAL

### George W. Withington Laid to Rest Today.

The religious services over the body of the late George W. Withington were held in Scottish Rite Hall, Marquam building, this morning at 10:15 o'clock. Rev. Edgar P. Hill conducted the services.

Last night the Masons held their impressive funeral ceremonies, which were witnessed by a great many friends of deceased and brother lodge members.

The services this morning were opened by the quartet—Messrs. Boyer, Hogus, Zan and Montgomery—who sang "Consolation" in their usual splendid voices. Dr. Hill followed in the Presbyterian funeral service. He delivered a very pretty and touching eulogy on the life of the faithful banker.

The services closed with the quartet singing "Lead, Kindly Light."

The body was then escorted to the waiting hearse and to the cemetery by the following pall-bearers:

Honorary—F. S. Mattoon, I. W. Pratt, F. W. Shumaker, J. W. Cook, B. G. Whitehouse, S. L. Pope, George H. Chance and I. C. Clark; active—Fred Sillocks, W. C. Alvord, J. W. Newkirk, T. B. Foster, A. L. Mills, J. Held and D. W. Ross.

The honorary pall-bearers were all from the ranks of the 33-degree Masons, while the casket-bearers were all from the First National Bank, with which deceased was so long connected.

The services at the grave in Riverview cemetery were private and attended only by the family and intimate friends.

Long before the hour set for the funeral services at the Masonic Hall friends of the deceased commenced to arrive, and every seat was taken.

The massive black broadcloth casket rested amid a bower of the rarest of floral pieces. Among the most notable of these was a large piece representing the double eagle of the Scottish Rite, with the crescent and star.

The Knights Templar sent a beautiful cross and star emblematic of their branch in Masonry.

Probably as neat and elaborate a piece among the hundreds was a magnificent column of white roses from the Portland Clearinghouse Association.

The employees of the First National Bank sent an arch composed of calla lilies, roses, anemones and carnations.

The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of which deceased was an old and honored member, sent a pretty wreath of lilies and white myrtle.

The Myrtle Shrine sent a piece representing a scimitar and crescent.

A beautiful offering composed of Easter lilies and roses bore the card of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Corbett.

A piece composed of large and carefully selected Easter lilies came from Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Mann. There were many others.

### LOCAL RAILROAD NOTES.

The O. R. & N. Company is now using its St. Johns extension to a limited extent, but it is not yet ready for extended traffic. The fact that the company is utilizing the light rails taken from the main line which were replaced by heavier ones, is taken as an indication that it has no present intention of extending the line to the projected Vancouver bridge.

A Portland railroader who failed to get an invitation in time to attend the Harrison banquet at San Francisco, said this morning: "I should have been pleased to attend, but the Santos-Dumont air line not having been installed, I must forego the privilege."

General Agent Mansfield is sending out an attractive brochure issued by the Denver & Rio Grande and the Rio Grande Western to the patrons of these lines. It gives full information regarding the Tenth Triennial International Sunday School Convention at Denver, Colo., June 25-30. Mr. Mansfield expects that a sufficient number will be gathered from the Puget Sound cities and Portland to warrant the sending out of two coaches from this territory.

General Passenger Agent Fee and Assistant General Passenger Agent Charlton, of the Northern Pacific, are "doing" Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma and other North Pacific Coast points. When they get through, Mr. Fee will return to St. Paul and Mr. Charlton will return here next week.

J. A. Ormandy, who succeeds Charles E. Bockman as city passenger agent of the Chicago & Northwestern, entered upon the discharge of his new duties this morning. Mr. Ormandy was assistant to General Agent H. M. Adams of the O. R. & N. Company, at Spokane, Wash., for a long time prior to coming to Portland.

### History Lecture.

Miss Mabel Lanyon gave the first of a series of six lectures on History as a factor in English Literature at St. Helen's Hall, Wednesday morning. She is an entertaining speaker and her address was heard by a number of visitors besides the entire student body of the hall. The course will be continued for six weeks, a lecture being given every Wednesday morning.

### Meeting Notices.

Important to Eagles.—At the regular meeting of the Fraternal Order of Eagles tomorrow night, May 2, an official visit will be paid the society by Grand Worthy President Del Carey Smith. A full attendance is requested.

JOHN LAMONT, W. President.  
T. B. McDEVITT, W. Secretary.

## GOOD PROGRAM.

### Ladies Gymnasium Class Will Entertain Friends.

The Ladies Gymnasium Class will entertain its friends at the Young Men's Christian Association on Saturday, May 3, beginning at 8 P. M.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public, and it is hoped a "full house" may greet the young women.

The program follows:  
Overture ..... Orchestra  
Exercises by 24 members of the class—  
a—Grand Tactic Drill  
b—Free Hand Drill  
c—Wand Drill.

Recitation ..... Miss Vesta Townsend  
Vocal Solo ..... Miss M. Evelyn Harley  
Pantomime Drill by 13 Young Ladies  
Comedietta ..... Miss Susan B. Richards, Mrs. O. L. Cox  
Instrumental Solo ..... Miss Connell  
Flower Drill by 16 Young Ladies of the Class.

Music ..... Orchestra  
Reception Committee—Miss Schlotz, Miss Schoeps, Miss Wandrey, Miss Hackert, Miss Parish, Miss Campbell, Miss Eubanks.

Refreshments served at the booths by Miss Wunderli, Mrs. Brown, Miss Campbell, Miss Bloodgood and the Misses Manner.

### CITY BRIEFS.

There will be a grand excursion and outing to Seaside on Sunday, May 4, by Prospect Camp, Woodmead of the World. The train will leave the Union depot at 7:30 A. M.

Horace G. Sawyer, 55 years, 170 Twelfth street; gastritis.

Richard S. Perkins, 79 years, 65 Flanders street; obstruction of cerebral artery.

Eugene Scott, 55 years, 266 Fourth street; apoplexy.

Lung Wo Ting, 59 years, 120 1/2 Second street; overdose of opium.

Edith P. Connor, 20 years, 301 Holladay avenue; lesion of kidneys and brain.

Julia Ready, 55 years, 231 North Sixteenth street; heart disease.

### TEA PLANTS HEARD FROM.

The tea plants sent out by the Southern Pacific have been heard from. Peter Britt, of Jacksonville, has sent word that he has set out the plants and will keep the company advised as to their development and growth. J. H. Stewart, of Medford, writes that he understands the culture of tea plants, and that he will report to the company what progress the plants are making.

### CITIZENS STILL PROTESTING

If any further evidence is desired by those interested in the outrage the Carbolinum Paving Company is working on the city, let the curious one walk down Fourth street this afternoon and make a close inspection of the several loads of wooden blocks dumped at the rear of Woodard, Clarke & Co.'s building.

After The Journal's full expose of the methods pursued by the paving company many were lenient enough to say, "Oh, well, give them a show. They will do better after they get in running shape."

Instead of any improvement in the method of treating the blocks, matters have drifted from bad to worse. Great care was taken by the firm to give the first blocks a turning out soaking in their worthless taral mixture to give their exterior a dark look. Many of the blocks were carefully selected and some were free from knots.

The blocks dumped on the street this morning are far different. Fully 15 per cent of them are a bunch of knots, while 50 per cent of them look as if only a portion of them ever reached the liquid in the tar pot. They have evidently been dumped into the mixture and after having been given a stir around, fished out and sent to the street to be put down as blocks "subjected to a treatment of the mixture, at a pressure of 110 pounds to the square inch."

Such a claim is the height of absurdity. Any one with a pair of eyes can see that many of the blocks, while being given their bath, have adhered to each other and their sides show the natural color and grain of the wood in its natural state.

No one need be told anything about the utility of the blocks filled with knots, as a child knows that the first heavily laden wagon or truck crossing such blocks will split the knots out and leave the clear wood to be ground into splinters.

Owners of property abutting on that portion of Fourth street now being repaired set up a big howl this morning when they saw the sort of material being put down. Blocks were split open and their interiors found free from the all-penetrating preservative, but in its stead the natural sap of the wood. But what can they do? They signed the petition for what they are getting and urged the city to contract with the firm. It is said that the contract is so worded that an injunction will not reach the contractors, and in that event the property-owners who must pay for the "improvements" can only tear their hair or grin and bear it.

Meanwhile, the whole city is disgraced by a repetition of the folly that has often been practiced before in the matter of paving the streets with wooden blocks.

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## Across the River

### Dispute Over Furniture.

The East Side Justice Court looked as if it had been turned into a second-hand store yesterday when the \$100 worth of household goods were brought in on a replying suit brought by John Lensen against his sister-in-law, Mrs. Alice Higgins.

It seems that Lensen had been having some trouble in his family and that his wife turned over most of the furniture in the house to her sister, who refused to give it up to Mr. Lensen; hence the suit. The furniture was turned over to the plaintiff yesterday afternoon.

### ASSAULT CHARGE.

The case of the State of Oregon against Bernard O. McGinnis, a conductor on the Montavilla line, is being tried before Justice of the Peace Vreeland this afternoon. McGinnis is charged in the complaint with assault and battery on W. J. Hillyard at Montavilla, April 25.

### SUNNYSIDE.

W. A. Wickline and family have moved to East Thirty-seventh and East Main streets from San Francisco. Mr. Wickline is now employed in an East Side machinery house.

Mauts Brothers are completing the improvements around their building, corner East Thirty-fourth and Belmont streets.

Mrs. M. Clute of Aetna, Cal., is visiting at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Wickline, 908 East Yamhill street.

At the meeting of Sunnyside Assembly, United Artisans, last evening, a number of prominent visitors from other assemblies were present: Master Artisan J. R. Stipe and several other visitors made pleasing addresses.

There was a successful party given at the residence of Robert McBride, East Belmont street, between East Thirty-second and East Thirty-third streets, last evening. A number of friends were present and the evening was enjoyably spent.

Rev. J. J. Staub of the Congregational Church is confined to his residence, corner East Thirty-fifth and East Taylor streets, as the result of an operation performed a few days ago. He is reported as improving.

Arthur Tobey, who has been ill with pneumonia for several weeks, is now on the road to recovery.

Phillip and Peter Green, who were stopping at the residence of their brother, Conrad, the Sunnyside tailor, during the funeral of their father, Henry Green, who was burned to death a few days ago at his home, Union avenue and East Everett street, have departed for their home at Colfax, Wash. Their sister, Mrs. Mary Gross of Seattle, is also in the city. The body of their father was interred in Lone Fir Cemetery Tuesday.

### SELLWOOD.

Sellwood Lodge No. 115, A. O. U. W., held an open meeting last evening. A number of members of the League of Honor were present and made pleasing addresses.

John Redstock is confined to his home with a serious attack of rheumatism.

Dr. Sellwood is making numerous improvements around his building, corner East Sixth street and Umatilla avenue.

Mr. Hirschberger, the shoemaker, was reported slightly better yesterday.

Mr. Johnson of Nebraska has moved into the residence, corner Fifth street and Umatilla avenue.

An interesting lecture was given before a large-sized audience at the Methodist Church Tuesday evening. The subject was "The Yellowstone National Park," which was finely illustrated with moving pictures.

### EAST SIDE BRIEFS.

A Mothers' meeting is being held this afternoon at the North Central school building.

Mrs. Christensen, residing in the Barber block, corner Grand avenue and East Washington street, narrowly escaped a serious accident the other day. While curling her hair she turned her head and the hot iron struck the edge of her eye. Dr. Humphrey was called and attended to the wound.

Mrs. Mary E. Teats, of Oakland, Cal., will give a lecture at the Methodist Church, Sunnyside, Friday afternoon and Sunday evening, under the auspices of the National Evangelist Purity Department of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The subject will be "The New Home of the New Century."

J. F. McQuaid and wife, of Kenilworth, will start on Tuesday for a visit to friends in Chicago, Norfolk, Va., New York and Boston. They will be absent several weeks. Mr. McQuaid is an engineer, pulling a passenger train between Portland and Roseburg.

### THOMAS H. NAST RESURRECTED

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
WASHINGTON, May 1.—Thomas H. Nast, the famous cartoonist, was today appointed Consul to Guayaquil, Ecuador.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

F. J. Marjay and wife to J. V. Beach, five acres in section 7, township 1 south, range 3 east, 1/4 W. M. Ladd et ux to C. W. Kilpatrick, lot 20, block 3, Salisbury Hill ..... 10.00  
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The State Committee has announced that Colonel Butcher will speak at the following times and places:  
Saturday, May 3, Hood River; Monday, 5th, The Dalles; Tuesday, 6th, Antelope; Wednesday, 7th, Prineville; Thursday and Friday, 8th and 9th, Sisters, Haystack and Ashwood; Saturday, 10th, Fossil; Monday, 12th, Condon; Tuesday, 13th, Hoggan; Wednesday, 14th, Long Creek; Thursday, 15th, Canyon City; Friday, 16th, Burns; Saturday, 17th, Drewsey; Monday, 19th, Vale; Tuesday, 20th, Ontario; Wednesday, 21st, Wallawa; Thursday, 22d, Enterprise; Friday, 23d, Elgin; Saturday, 24th, La Grande; Monday, 26th, Astoria; Tuesday, 27th, Portland; Wednesday, 28th, Astoria; Thursday, 29th, St. Helens.

### GREAT AGITATION AMONG LABORMEN

ANTHRACITE MINERS.  
NEW YORK, May 1.—The result of the conference between the coal operators and representatives of the United Mine Workers, to decide whether or not there shall be a strike of 150,000 anthracite coal miners, is still unknown.

It is believed, though, that a compromise will be effected.

MINERS OF ILLINOIS.  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 1.—Work in the Springfield and Chicago & Alton districts of the Illinois mining field was practically suspended today by a strike of 200 men, and 48 mines are idle.

The chief cause of the strike was the refusal of the operators to furnish men to operate a double shift.

This afternoon the miners agreed to return to work tomorrow, pending a settlement of their differences with the operators, at a conference to be held on Saturday.

MECHANICS OF BUFFALO.  
BUFFALO, N. Y., May 1.—All the building trades of this city are tied up today by a strike of carpenters, plumbers and ironworkers.

Sixteen contracting companies have signed the new wage scale, and there are 50 more to sign.

Increases were granted the bricklayers and masons.

LABORERS OF PITTSBURG.  
PITTSBURG, Pa., May 1.—The indications are that over 15,000 men will be on strike here today for higher wages and new working rules.

The greater number are building trades workers.

The strike of so many men will necessarily throw out of employment perhaps twice that number.

A strike of ice men was averted by the principal ice companies signing the new scale.

Employees of the gas plants and copper were granted increases.

### PRISONERS PARDONED

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
LONDON, May 1.—Some advices late this afternoon are to the effect that the King has pardoned the imprisoned officers of the Chicago, who were arrested for disorderly conduct.

### THE PRESIDENT GIVES WARNING

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
WASHINGTON, May 1.—It is reported that President Roosevelt has declared to some Senators intimates that if Congress should adjourn without passing some bill for reciprocity with Cuba he would issue a call for an extra session within 10 days after adjournment.

### Not an Improvement.

The replanking of Union avenue between East Oak and East Burnside streets is about completed.

The property owners are preparing to protest against the action of the Portland Railway Company in claiming the right of way in the middle of the street and its replanking.

The new pavement is one of the worst that has been laid in this city, some of the planks being two inches higher than the others. It is said that a fight will be made against the acceptance of the improvement in its present condition.

### STEWART CASE.

The Woman is Not Injured But Very Ill.

Late yesterday afternoon City Physician Zan, Deputy District Attorney Manning and Detective Weiner, visited the home of Miss Faith Stewart, whose friends claim she was set upon by thugs recently.

They made the visit at the request of Chief of Police McLaughlin, who has heard so much of the case unofficially, that he determined to make a final effort to get some clue to the men for his department to work upon. The attempt was as unfruitful as were two other visits made by detectives. She declined to talk.

Concerning the visit of yesterday Dr. Zan made this statement to The Journal: "I found Miss Stewart doing very well considering all I have heard about the case. Her temperature and pulse were both normal and her face and neck bore no marks of violence. She is very weak, however, and at best she is a very frail woman. She is a consumptive and says she has only slept a few hours a night during the past four years. These facts



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