

ANDREW ERKAS TOOK HIS OWN LIFE ACCORDING TO BELIEF OF FRIENDS

Investigation tends to show that Andrew A. Erkas, the Swede who was found dead in his cabin at Meaderville yesterday, took his own life, and that there is no reason to believe he was murdered, as at first suspected.

The fact that he was alone in his cabin and that he had not spoken of suicide to many of his friends seemed to point at first to the suicide theory.

When found by Olson, his neighbor, he was lying in a pool of blood on his bed with a bullet wound on the right side of his head making a gash along the side of the face and a vertical gash on his head. As there were no marks of powder on the face it was believed that he had not been shot from close range, and the possibility of murder occurred.

The 32-calibre revolver, with one

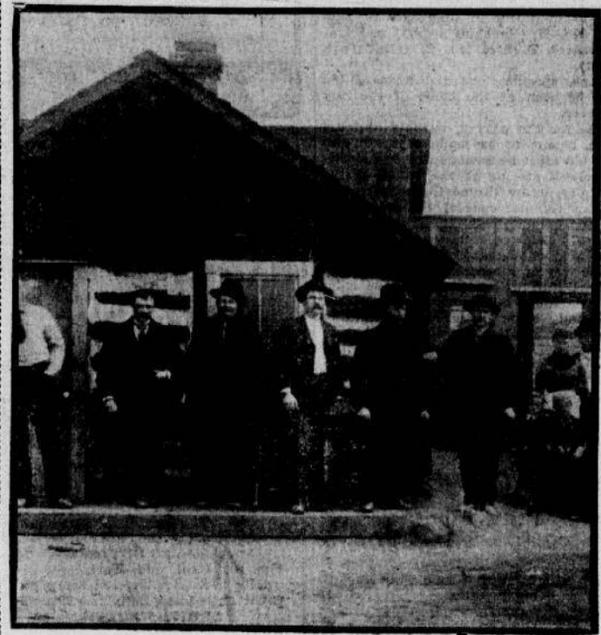
country are trying to take away from him.

When his dead body was first discovered in his cabin in Meaderville the question of suicide or murder presented itself, but later developments point strongly to suicide.

Justice Libby, who had known Erkas for 29 years, scoffs at the question of murder. He said:

"Erkas probably committed suicide. Some eight years ago he contracted an incurable disease. He spent all the money he had—some \$2,000—trying to find an effective cure. He went from Butte to Hot Springs, Arkansas, several years ago and returned but little benefited.

"He has been out of work for eight months past and was unable to find employment although he tried every day.



Cabin in Which Erkas Was Found Dead. Erkas Standing Before the Window.

chamber, which lay near him, was evidently the weapon which Erkas used.

Made Last Request.

A letter, which was found addressed to Tripp & Dragsted, the grocery firm in South Butte, asking them to settle his affairs, makes it appear that the act was premeditated. He further recommends in the letter that a certain firm of lawyers in New York be communicated with in reference to an inheritance of \$1,000 which his relatives in the old

The fact that he could not rid himself of his affliction preyed heavily on his mind and I believe this to be the direct cause of his suicide."

Erkas was popular with those who knew him. At one time he was a member of the local lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 38, Colusa.

A post-mortem examination is being held this afternoon. If it is found advisable to look further into the circumstances surrounding his death, an inquest will be held later.

FULTON'S LEG NOT SO SLOW

DEPUTY SHERIFF FITZSIMMONS HAS MORE TROUBLES WITH ONE-LEGGED SPRINTER.

WOULD-BE BURGLAR FLITS FROM COUNTY POOR FARM

Reaches Silver Bow Where He Is Seen by Officer Who Chased Him Before and a Second Race for Liberty Excites the Populace of the Little Junction Burg.

James Fulton is the best one-legged sprinter in this section, in the opinion of some of Butte's officers. He is not quite a one-legged man, but he approximates to that. He has a leg that is weakened by a wound or injury of some kind and has to be braced with wooden splints in the form of boards, strapped to it.

Fulton, who was doing a 100-day sentence for attempted petit larceny, escaped from the poor farm a day or so ago, and last night he was brought back to jail from Silver Bow by Deputy Sheriff Fitzsimmons after a chase in which the wooden leg seemed to have wings like the heels of Mercury.

Fulton made a pretty fair run from officers before, but that sprint was an indifferent matter compared with the one he made last evening.

Faster Than Three Men.

Fulton is the man who was arrested with two other men one night by Officer Fitzsimmons on a charge of attempting to break into a store on South Main street.

Fitzsimmons took the man while he was in the act of trying to break a showcase, according to the officer.

At the corner of Main and Granite streets Fulton took flight, and in spite of two pistol shots and the leg with the timber reinforcements, ran away from his custodian and Officers Pelletier and Rowe into a saloon and into the arms of a policeman.

He pleaded guilty to attempted petit larceny and got 100 days in the county jail, being transferred to the poor farm on account of the leg that runs so fast.

He decamped from the farm, aided by the trusty wooden member, and yesterday afternoon Fitzsimmons, who had been out in the country on sheriff's business, stumbled upon him in a saloon at Silver Bow, to which the cedar pedal had taken him.

The officer immediately asked the

county jail by telephone whether he should bring him in or not.

Back to the Woods.

"Yes; bring him in," the sheriff replied, and the officer went back to the saloon to get him.

Right here the run for liberty which beat the one on Granite street began. Fulton had set his wooden braces into action and was away to the woods.

One account says that the deputy sheriff rode one horse out of breath without catching him, and then rode another horse to a finish and still had not overtaken him. Then a farmer held him up with a shotgun and threw the wooden leg out of gear till Fitzsimmons could come up and get him.

Another account is to the effect that Fulton flew over the landscape like a French automobile, just touching the tassels on the tall grasses occasionally with his stilt, and Fitzsimmons rode the horses out of breath and then followed his man on foot.

Fulton climbed the tallest mountain in the country and was sitting between two big rocks when the officer came up, to hear this greeting:

"Hello, Fitz! You're the hardest man I ever saw to get away from."

And Fitz replied:

"Same to you. What do you oil the wooden leg with?" and brought him in with the leg chained.

CURTAIN CALLS FOR BANDMANN

Encores and curtain calls for Daniel E. Bandmann at Maguire's Grand expressed the delight of the critical audience over the actor's splendid presentation of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

That Bandmann is great in the role must certainly be acknowledged by the severest critics. That he carries his audience with him, the frequent curtain calls fully demonstrate.

Following one call before the curtain last night Herr Bandmann threw off his character and made a felicitous speech in which he explained the effort to establish a resident stock company and asked from Butte the hearty support accorded him and the company on the opening nights.

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" will continue at Maguire's tonight and tomorrow night. Following a presentation of "The White Slave" the Bandmann company will resume with "The Corsican Brothers."

"On the Line of Least Resistance."

"This is one of nature's physical laws. Trade and commerce is always greatest in the direction of least resistance, and this law also governs the movements of man.

He seeks the line of least resistance in his every-day movements and in his journeys. This explains in a measure the great popularity of the Milwaukee road with the traveling public. Its cars are comfortable and substantial, its road-bed solid, its track smooth, the scenery along its line is restful and pleasing to the eye. Every important device calculated to increase the comfort and safety of the traveler is found on its celebrated Pioneer Limited.

The Milwaukee is surely "the line of least resistance."

Millinery Extravagance Curtailed

My Lady's new spring hat, that crowning piece of apparel which has, in the past, caused her considerable worry and her father and brother considerable expense, is obtainable under mode favorable conditions, now that Symons' methods rule. Heretofore there weren't a great many hats from which to select—sort of Hobson's choice—and the prices were so exorbitant that it almost seemed to cost money to think of one. Now, witness the change; as many imported and domestic creations here, as many walking hats and as many sailors as the largest stores in the country show, and, what is most important, not one hat that isn't within the means of every woman in the land, without embarrassing the finances of the entire family.



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No more splendid gathering of swaggy headgear was ever offered a discerning public than this line of American patterns. Here you will see the fashionable Dolly Varden, Napoleon, Tricorne, Du Barry and other extreme models; equal in every way to the real imported creations, but a price that brings them within reach of all. Two hundred styles at \$4.95

The Delightful Draped Panama

...And The... Aristocratic Du Barry Neapolitan

Being two styles exclusive in Butte with the Symons store, both quite out of the ordinary in effect and both decidedly becoming and ultra-fashionable.



The Draped Panamas

Rather widgeish rim affairs with dented tops, constructed from a very fancy Panama braid; the edge finished in velvet and the crown draped very artistically with black and white polka dotted veil over white silk; the creation finished with large velvet buckle in front. A distinct 1922 novelty, and a piece of headgear that most houses would sell at \$7.50. Price here \$4.25

The Du Barry Neapolitan

One of the large staple hats that are again to be so greatly used. This is an imported Neapolitan shape, quite new in general contour, the entire rim draped with wide black lace, also lace streamers, a big velvet bow in back and an ostrich feather pouf on the front. The entire structure in black relieved only by a bunch of colored flowers under the rim. Price \$16.50

A Goodly Variety of the Plain Panama Shapes at \$1.50

Half a dozen styles shown, both round and dish crowns, wide rims, edges bound in black velvet, may wet these hats as often as you like and it won't hurt them a bit. That's the great advantage of the Panama. Price for the plain ones \$1.50

Women's Sailors 25c

The rough brand sailors, in newest spring models; both white and black shown; worth 50c each. Price 25c

Women's Sailors 75c

The Milan braid sailors in black and white, with rough straw brims; staple shape; value \$1.00 each; at 75c

Women's Semi-Dress Hats \$1.95

A line of pretty turbans, in black, white and all colors; draped tastefully with chiffons and laces; worth \$3.00 each, at \$1.95

Children's Sailors 15 Cents

The broad brim straw sailors, in plain, colors and fancy mix; ribbon band and streamers; worth 25c to 35c; price 15c

Tam O'Shanters and Mortar Boards, Sample Lines of 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 Headgear at 39c

Fifty dozen (and all different) o tam o'shanter and mortar board caps, made from the fine, plain and fancy materials and decorated with gold and braid trimmings; all finely finished and worth 75c to \$1.50. Price 39c

Children's Trimmed Leghorns \$1.95

Quite a assortment of trimmed leghorns, made on imported flats and trimmed with pretty materials; worth to \$3.50. Price \$1.95

Men's Finest Footwear

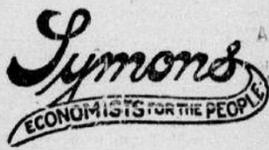
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Late spring styles of the incomparable "Korreck" shape—shoes now on display and ready to go into usefulness; all leathers shown, notably the one and only warranted patent now first perfected. Every style and width. Price \$4.00

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WATER RIGHTS NON-SUITED

In the district court the suit of Ruth F. Leggett and other children and heirs of the late A. J. Leggett to recover \$10,000 damages from the Butte Water company and to establish title to a water right valued at an equal sum, was non-suited by the court and the claims of the plaintiffs went up in the air.

The trial was begun Tuesday, and yesterday was spent in putting in evidence of the plaintiffs. This morning a non-suit was moved by the defendant, and arguments and decision of the court followed. Forbis & Evans appeared for the water company, and Attorney G. W. Clark represented the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs claimed to own an interest in the Mammoth creek, in the Highland mountains, south of the city, whose waters are brought to the city for domestic use by the water company. They founded their claim to the water on their title to a one-eighth interest in the Highland placer, asserting that the water right followed the placer title, the water having been once used for about four years in working the placer and other mining property near the creek.

The defendant denied this title and claimed to own the water by purchase and location. The water company some years ago bought seven-eighths of the Highland placer and took all of the water of the creek, the water having passed to them by that conveyance, according to their contention.

The court took the ground that the plaintiffs had set up a sufficient title to put the defendant upon its defense and require evidence from it.

Rev. C. S. Blackiston is lying seriously ill at the home of his son-in-law, W. J. Alexander, on Jefferson island.

Sheriff C. C. Hand of Flathead county passed through Butte today with a colored man named C. R. Thompson for the state prison. Sheriff Hand brought his man from Kalispell, which is a 24 hour trip into Butte. The colored man committed burglary at Kalispell and was convicted and sentenced to serve one year in the penitentiary. Thompson broke into a house but secured no booty.

Quaint, Queer, Querkens.

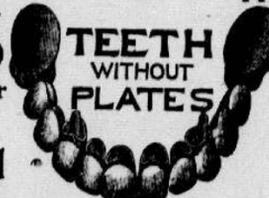
The late Col. John Cockrell, in the Cosmopolitan Magazine said: "There are three unique cities in America and one of these is Salt Lake City." All ticket agents in the West are able to sell through tickets to the East by the way of Salt Lake and the Rio Grande route—the scenic line of the world. Stop-over privilege is allowed on tickets via this route at Salt Lake City, Denver or any intermediate point. The route carries the passenger through the very heart of the Rocky mountains, amid the grandest scenery on the continent. Through sleeping and dining cars to Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis or Chicago. For folders, rates, etc., apply to W. C. McBride, general agent, 47 E. Broadway, Butte, or George W. Heintz, assistant general passenger agent, Salt Lake City.

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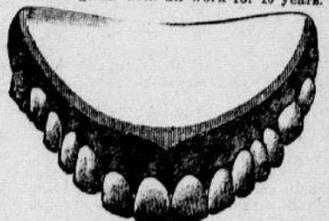
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LADIES ALWAYS IN ATTENDANCE

BUTTE BOYS FOR THE NAVY

Sixty young men from Butte will leave for San Francisco Saturday night in charge of Lieutenant Morton of the United States navy, to be placed on the training ship Independence moored off Mare Island.

These young men have enlisted in various branches of the navy and will get their training for the service on the old ship which was built in 1804, and which has not left her moorings at Mare Island for 29 years.

At noon today 45 Butte boys were sworn into the service and the number will doubtless reach 55 before the office closes this evening.

Tomorrow the naval recruiting party leaves for Anaconda to return to Butte

Saturday when the office will be open from 9 o'clock in the morning to 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

The following are the names of Butte boys who enlisted yesterday and today: C. A. Soordar, H. P. Britten, J. L. Buckley, H. McK. Pease, W. H. Clapp, W. J. McGill, J. H. Barkla, W. Peters, P. Hanley, C. Brisco, G. R. McGillen, W. O. Gibbons, C. Smith, W. Hofreiter, E. F. Davis, H. J. Malen, A. McD. Nelson, A. J. Dupuis, G. Grossenbecker, H. Knapp, J. W. Hunter, W. D. Schwetzer, B. H. McDonald, C. A. Mockwart, P. F. Derbert, C. Kenney.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: John J. Gately and Josephine Murphy, James O. Starley and Fannie Brokenshire, Joe Tezak and Mary Perich, James Ree and Mary E. Coffey, Cornelius Crowley and Annie O'Neill, J. D. Williams and Gertrude A. Farand, all of Butte, and to George Clark and Nellie Northey and Simon P. Leonard and Mary Narby of Walkerville.

OBJECT TO SILVER KING BOND

In the suit in Judge Clancy's court in which the owners of the Plymouth lode claim, James H. Maloney and others, recovered judgment against the proprietors of the Silver King lode claim, Silas F. King and others, for the sum of \$28,400 and costs, the plaintiffs are dissatisfied with the bond for stay execution which the defendants filed to stay execution against them on the judgment.

Today the plaintiffs filed a motion in the court asking the latter to strike from the files the bond and to execute upon the judgment and satisfy it.

The motion alleges that the bond which was furnished Monday, shows upon its face that it is no protection to the plaintiffs.

The sureties on the bond filed are D. J. Hennessy and J. D. Ryan. The principals are James A. Murray, Silas F. King, Margaret Daly, as administratrix of the estate of Marcus Daly, James A. Talbot and Wakeman Sutton.