

PETER WOLFF FOUND DEAD

Erratic German of Burnside Point Deliberately Drowns Himself in Slough.

PEOPLE THOUGHT HIM CRAZY

Lived Alone in Houseboat and Had Made Many Threats That He Would Commit Suicide.

Peter Wolff, the old German who lived in a scow near Burnside Point a short distance from Svenson, has finally made good his threat to kill himself. Yesterday afternoon his body was found on the tideland about 60 yards from his scow. The corpse was brought to the city last night by Coroner Pohl, and will probably be buried at county expense in the potter's field.

Wolff was between 60 and 65 years of age and had lived his solitary existence in the lonesome scow for fully 30 years. The little slough in which his houseboat was moored was given the old man's name. He has always been regarded as mentally deranged, but those who knew him considered him a harmless erratic old man, who would never injure himself. But he finally tired of life, and some time Thursday night drowned himself in the waters of the slough.

News of the suicide was brought to the city yesterday by W. E. Davis, a well known resident of Fernhill. Mr. Davis is a logger. About 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon he came out of the woods and near Wolff's slough met Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Madison, of Burnside Point, who informed him that old man Wolff had been drowned. The body was lying on the tideland. It was first seen by a man who was walking along the railroad track, and he called the attention of the ladies to the presence of the body there. Mr. Davis secured the corpse so it could not float away and came

to the city to notify Coroner Pohl. "Once before the old man tried to kill himself," said Mr. Davis yesterday afternoon, in relating the circumstances. "He told me he would kill himself whenever he became hungry, but I am satisfied he was not in need at the time of his rash act. On the former occasion he tried to drown himself, but related to me that he found it impossible to do so, as he was too fleshy to sink. I have no doubt that the old man walked from his scow along the floating gang-plank which leads to the tideland and, folding his arms, laid down in the water. When we found him his arms were still folded, he was bare-footed, but wore overalls, jumper and hat. It is my belief that he committed suicide about midnight on Thursday night."

Wolff owned about 28 acres of land near Burnside Point. On his land was a valuable clay bank and recently he had been negotiating with Ferguson & Houston for its sale. Yesterday Messrs. Ferguson and Houston went up the river to examine the bank, but Wolff was not to be found. The old man had been in town for a few days, returning to his home Thursday morning. While in the city he told several persons, among them August Hildebrand and O. F. Morton that he meant to kill himself, but his statement was not seriously regarded. So far as could be learned, Wolff had no relatives in this part of the country. He had long been a resident of the country. His land is believed to constitute his entire estate.

STRONG AGAINST CHURCH.

Judge Powers Gives Important Testimony in Smoot Case.

Washington, April 22.—A thorough review of Mormon interference in political affairs in Utah was given today by Judge O. W. Powers, the only witness before the senate committee on privileges and elections in the investigation of the protest against Senator Smoot. Several times efforts were made by counsel for the defense to show that his story was based on hearsay, but the attempts were met with an array of facts taken from a signed statement of members of the church, documents which are part of the records of the state, affidavits of persons present at various places where church influence was manifested and other evidence. Judge Powers will continue tomorrow.

1339 NAMES RECORDED

Persons Who Desire to Vote for Presidential Election Must Register.

NEW ASTORIA'S NOTABLE GAIN

Between One Thousand and Twelve Hundred Names Will Be Added to Rolls Before May 15 Next.

Thirteen hundred and thirty-nine persons have registered for the county state and presidential elections. Of the total number of names on the lists at the close of business last night, 855 had registered in the city and 484 in the country. It is expected that 1000 to 1200 more names will be added to the rolls between now and May 15, when the books will be closed.

The most notable gain made during the past week has been that of New Astoria precinct. A big batch of registration blanks were received from New Astoria by County Clerk Clinton, and the west side precinct is now credited with 73 votes. Clifton is at the foot of the list, with only five, but this precinct will cast about 50 votes. Seaside is leading the country, with 148, and holds second place of all the precincts of the county.

The registrations, to date exceed those on the same date two years ago by 19. Four years ago at this time, 1828 persons had registered. The registrations in the various precincts are as follows:

Astoria No. 1.....	106
Astoria No. 2.....	126
Astoria No. 3.....	146
Astoria No. 4.....	146
Astoria No. 5.....	157
Astoria No. 6.....	94
Astoria No. 7.....	79
Total in city.....	855
John Day.....	20
Svensen.....	37
Walluski.....	16
New Astoria.....	73
Warrenton.....	8
Clatsop.....	20

Seaside.....	148
Meville.....	11
Chadwell.....	30
Youngs River.....	19
Olney.....	17
Knappa.....	27
Clifton.....	5
Westport.....	9
Vesper.....	7
Jewell.....	9
Mishawaka.....	12
Elsie.....	10
Push.....	6

Total in county.....1339
Persons who desire to vote for presidential electors must register now.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Max Pracht is in the city from Ashland.

John H. Woodman was down from Portland yesterday.

J. S. Levy of San Francisco is registered at the Occident.

L. G. West of Clatsop was in the city yesterday on business.

John Svensen, the book dealer, is recovering from a slight attack of the grip.

Robert Catlin returned last night to Portland after a brief visit in Astoria.

W. S. Zimmerman of the firm of Zimmerman & Wells, dealers in logging machinery, is in the city.

Mark T. Brownson, special agent for the Western Loan and Savings Company of Salt Lake, is in the city.

Henry Fleckenstein, the well known Portland liquor dealer, was in the city yesterday. He returned on the night train.

Hattie M. Seeley, Esther Walker, Rhoda J. Hudson, Anna M. Leons and Lizzie Forbes of Grays River and Elizabeth Wead of Tacoma, school teachers, are visiting in the city.

A feature of the Idaho exhibit which has been installed in the Palace of Mines and Metallurgy at the world's fair is a splendid collection of gold nuggets found in the placer mines of the state. These nuggets are made into stick pins and ornaments and are sold as souvenirs.

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