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## THOMAS SMITH SHOOT'S HIMSELF

### Despondent, He Goes to Barn to Do the Deed

Last evening about 6:20 o'clock, Thomas C. Smith attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself in the left breast. Smith had been drinking heavily for some time, and yesterday afternoon in a conversation with Ross, the photographer from whom he rents a barn which is located just back of F. Minor's residence, on Coeur d'Alene street, he stated that Ross would know more about it later, and last evening about 8:15 he left his home on Coeur d'Alene street, between Third and Fourth, after talking with his wife and children for some few minutes, and went to this barn. On going to the barn he passed several people, who heard him talking to himself but thought he was drunk. He evidently had been thinking the matter over for some time, for he entered the barn and seated himself on an old mattress in the feed room, just off the main barn, and taking an old Marlin repeating rifle of 22 calibre, which had the stock broken off, he shot himself in the left breast a few inches below the shoulder and just above the heart, the bullet passing entirely through the body, leaving a ragged wound in the back.

Mr. Hopkins and J. Russell happened to pass the barn a few minutes after the shot was fired and heard the wounded man groaning. They entered the barn to find him trying to stand on his feet but swaying like a reed in the wind and in the utmost agony. His clothing was saturated with blood and after they sat him on the mattress one departed to notify a physician and the other to notify his wife.

The Smith family lives in the upper floor of 305 Coeur d'Alene street, the lower floor being occupied by Mr. Charboneau, and the messenger told Mrs. Charboneau of the accident and asked her to break the news. She did not feel that she was able to tell Mrs. Smith the truth, and told her that she was wanted at the barn. Mrs. Smith became very nervous on receiving this news and called her children to follow her. On reaching

the barn she became very excited, as did the children, and would not leave her husband's side before the physician ordered her away. A representative of the Press had been notified and arrived at the scene of the tragedy about the same time that the doctor appeared. Smith was found still standing but in a most pitiable condition. The physician immediately cut away the clothing, exposing the powder burnt wound on the breast and a ragged hole in the back, from which the blood was streaming in a crimson flood. The victim of his own folly groaned in misery and begged for them to keep him warm and after seating him on the mattress and covering him with a blanket it was suggested that he be taken to his home. The wounded man refused all assistance and walked to his home about a block distant, where he mounted the stairs and fell on his bed in a faint. His wounds were dressed and pronounced not necessarily fatal.

The gun with which Smith shot himself was an 1892 model of the Model repeating rifle and the cartridge was of the 22 loading variety. The gun had lain in the barn for some time and was very rusty.

In the afternoon when talking to Ross to whom he paid the rent for the barn, he stated that everything had gone wrong and said, "My God, I don't know what is the matter, whether it is me or not. You will know more about it later." Ross stated that he had been drinking.

His family had been talking to him before he committed the deed and his wife refused to make a statement regarding the trouble, but said that it was a surprise to her and that she knew he had a reason for attempting suicide but would give no further information. It is reported that there has been family troubles and that he has been drinking heavily.

Smith is agent for the Watkins Stock food and travels through the country with a team and wagon taking and delivering orders. He is not in financial straits and the family want for nothing.

## PRESIDENT TO ISTHMUS

Washington, Nov. 9.—"Goodby; I am going down to see how the ditch is getting along," shouted President Roosevelt as he stood on the after starboard deck of the yacht Mayflower at the Washington navy yard as the vessel was leaving the dock with the president for his Panama trip. Accompanying the president were Mrs. Roosevelt and her maid, Sergeant General Rixey of the navy and M. C. Latta, one of the assistant secretaries. The Mayflower will take the party to Wolf Trap light, at the mouth of the Rappahannock river in Chesapeake bay, where a transfer will be made to the battleship Louisiana, which is to convey the president to and from the isthmus.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt arrived at the navy yard shortly before 4 o'clock, where they were met by Secretary Loeb, Captain Lentz the commandant of the yard, and Captain A. T. Long of the Mayflower. A company of marines and a detachment of sailors were drawn up about the wharf, and as the presidential carriage arrived a welcome was sounded from the bugler aboard the ship and from a drummer in the marine ranks. For a few moments the president and Mrs. Roosevelt chatted with the officials on the wharf and then, as the band aboard the ship played "The Star Spangled Banner" and the bugle sounded another welcome they walked down the gangplank aboard the vessel. Here had assembled to meet them Postmaster General and Mrs. Cortelyou, Ambassador Jusseaud and Mme. Jusseaud, who carried a large bunch of flowers for Mrs. Roosevelt, and James K. Garfield, the commissioner of corporations. They remained with the president for about 15 minutes, until the order was given to start. Then a United States flag was run up the vessel's gaff, the gangplank was taken up, the ship loosened from the moorings and the trip to Panama was begun.

As the vessel started President Roosevelt appeared on deck and shouted a goodbye to the crowd which had assembled. He appeared to be in particularly good spirits and remained on deck until the vessel was out of sight. As the ship passed the lower end of the navy yard a parting president's salute of 21 guns was fired.

The Louisiana will be conveyed to the isthmus by the armored cruisers Tennessee and Washington. Aboard the Louisiana is Lieutenant Frank Evans, who will utilize the wireless telegraph apparatus, with which the ship is equipped, for communicating with the White house at Washington whenever the president desires. In this way the public will be accurately informed of the movements of the ships. Secretary Loeb will give to the press message from the dispatches which may be received from time to time.

The president will be four days on the isthmus. He will arrive at Colon Thursday, November 15, where he is to be greeted aboard ship by President Amador of Panama and Mrs. Amador, Chairman Shouts and other officials of the canal commission. A considerable part of that day will be spent at La Boca and Ancon, the train making a slow run across the isthmus in order to give an opportunity to see the sights and make an examination of the work. At La Boca there is to be an inspection of the present terminals of the old French canal and the Panama railroad, following which there will be a trip to the nearby islands, where the president is to show the actual Pacific end of the canal in deep water and its approaches. In the afternoon there is to be a sight seeing trip around Ancon hill.

Senator elect J. L. McClear went to Spokane this noon on a business trip. He will return this evening.



CONGRESSMAN HERBERT PARSONS.

Congressman Herbert Parsons, the young campaign manager who defeated the Odell-Quigg forces in New York city at the Republican primaries Sept. 18, is a new political factor of importance and represents the views of President Roosevelt in metropolitan politics. He is a lawyer, in his thirty-seventh year, a native of New York city and is serving his first term in congress. For two terms he was a New York city alderman. Mr. Parsons is identified with several movements for improving the condition of the poor.

## DIES FROM HIS INJURIES

### William Mackelway Badly Crushed by Logs

William Mackelway, who has been confined to the Coeur d'Alene hospital for the past few months from injuries received at Mica Bay, where he was employed on the B. R. Lewis Lumber company's logging road, died this morning at two o'clock.

Mackelway was injured on September 16, while coupling cars. The engine, in pushing the cars together, caught such a jar that the strain loosened the logs and several rolled from the car, crushing his hips and abdomen. He was brought to the city and placed in the hospital and it was thought he could not survive 24 hours, but his rugged constitution helped him out and with the aid of several operations he survived until this morning.

The deceased is 20 years of age and a single man. He has a sister, Mrs. Ed. Leipsic, living at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and a father, John Mackelway, who lives at Duluth, Minn. The remains have been removed to the parlors of G. Arthur Goble's undertaking establishment, where they will be embalmed and held awaiting instructions from his relatives.

### WOODMEN OF WORLD

#### Hold Meeting and Elect Officers.

Wednesday evening the Woodmen of the World held an important meeting in the parlors of G. Arthur Goble's undertaking establishment on Coeur d'Alene street, at which they elected the following officers: Past Consul Commander, H. B. Treff; Consul Commander, W. A. Andrew; Adviser Lieutenant, F. A. Drake; Clerk, G. Arthur Goble; Banker, A. W. Ley; Escort, George Riggs; Watchman, C. D. Hoosey; Sentry, L. L. Whitaker; Managers, S. G. Kitchen, for a term of 18 months; Ed. Peck, for a term of 12 months; and S. I. Gaskill for six months.

The meeting was a most enthusiastic one and the room was filled to overflowing. Every member present displayed much interest in the order and the organization of the lodge and

the society extended an invitation to the Spokane lodge to attend and institute the lodge Monday evening, November 19. The institution will be held in the Blackwell pavilion and the lodge of Spokane will attend in a body bringing with them much paraphernalia and the high spirit for a good time. A number of the candidates will be taken into the order, and the Spokane degree team has a good reputation, which means that new members will be enthusiastically received. There will be a short social session at the conclusion of the ritual work, and a luncheon will also be served.

#### Pianola Concert.

Next Thursday evening a pianola concert will be given under the auspices of the high school, the proceeds to go toward the purchase of a high school piano. The price of admission is 25 cents and the Eilers people have promised the school, in the concert, not only the pianola as a feature, but one of the best local soloists in Spokane and Mr. Silvers, the violin expert, as well.

The concert is given under the direction of Mr. Kesler a graduate from the best masters in New York. The entertainment costs the school nothing, thus the gross proceeds will be applied on the purchase price of the piano, and constitutes the first payment. Tickets may be had of any school child.

#### Were All Stars.

The Choral Club presented Pauline Wednesday at the Auditorium to a well filled house, for the second time, and the production was an eminent success. The work of the individuals and choruses was beyond criticism and the enthusiastic manner in which the members of the organization entered into the play speaks well for its future.

Each person was a star and the work of the club last evening was as near professional as could be expected of an amateur organization. In the near future the club will give a sacred concert for benefit purposes.

## MORMONS LOYAL TO GOV. GOODING

### Defeated Without Their United Support

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 9.—Returns have been slower in coming in from Tuesday's election than from any former contest in the state. While the legislative results are now known and the general proportions of Governor Gooding's majority there are no tangible figures on the rest of the ticket. In Ada county French got 1137 majority, while the governor lost the county by 500. Galloway, democrat for secretary of state, carried the county by 637, but the rest of the republican ticket carried with majorities ranging from 687 to 1797. Results in Canyon county were similar, the state ticket running about 1000 ahead of the governor, excepting Landon who lost to Galloway by 556. In Washington the state ticket lost by about 500, and the governor by 1000. Landon lost that county by 8000. In the southeast there was not so much of a spread, the governor running up well with the ticket.

GOODINGS' MORMON COUNTIES. In the final analysis it is found the governor would have been defeated had it not been for the Mormon counties. In five of them he had a majority of 10,100, while Cassia adds 400, making a total of 10,500. His total majority in the state, as closely as it can now be estimated, is 9,570. Therefore had it not been for the local support given him by the Mormons he would have gone under.

One of the most interesting features of the returns is that while the governor lost Ada county by 500 the legislative ticket was carried by 5000. This was the result of an organized fight led by socialists and others on the Moyer-Haywood case. There was disaffection in addition, but that was fanned by the emissaries carrying on the campaign for the socialist elements.

#### LEGISLATURE A SURPRISE.

The surprising strength shown in the legislature by the republicans, now reaching 53 out of 72, is very interesting. Of the 53 members 31 are in non-mormon counties, where Senator Dubois has only 19 on the present showing and in a territory that went fully 1000 against the governor.

#### BRADY'S STATEMENT.

Chairman Brady of the republican state committee today issued the following statement upon the result of Tuesday's election:

"We have received now sufficient returns from every county in the state to enable us to say that the republicans will have 16 out of 21 members of the senate and 44 out of 51 members of the house. Governor Gooding is elected by over 9000 majority, and the balance of the state ticket from 15,000 to 22,000 majority. We have vindicated the good name of Idaho and the people have given their unqualified approval of all the things done by Governor Gooding to maintain law and order in this state. Mr. Borah will receive at least 57 votes out of 72 for United States senator, and Senator Dubois will never again attempt to ride to victory on his hobby of Mormonism."

"I think it is only fair to state at this time that a large majority of the leading democrats do not now nor have approved of Dubois' course in this matter and in the next campaign I expect to see the political battle fought on strict party lines. Idaho is normally republican; if the condition are such as at present, and it is going to continue to be so in many years to come.

J. H. BRADY, Chairman.

## TRY LAND FRAUD CASES

Moscow, Nov. 9.—There are more than two dozen secret service men in Moscow. Their presence is due to the convening of the Federal court.

During this session of the court the timber fraud cases which occupied much attention of the court a year ago will be tried. They will be called next Monday morning. At the same hour the Federal grand jury will convene. The province of the grand jury at this time is not quite clear, but it is supposed the inquisitorial body will take care of the witnesses in land fraud cases who are disinclined to tell all they know. It is also intimated that the grand jury will look into additional land cases which have come up during the year.

Aside from secret service men in Moscow there are almost a hundred trial witnesses, a score or two of men who have been asked to appear before the grand jury, besides private detectives for men accused of timber fraud and private individuals, who are working either for the government or men under arrest in connection with land frauds.

It is expected this session of the federal court will last a month or six weeks.

It came to light in certain circles that men friendly to defendants in the timber frauds had made threats against certain federal officials. The result is that the officials are watched every minute and hour of the day and night to prevent bodily harm being done. Secret service men think enough of threats made in bar rooms against certain prosecuting government to guard every step of the latter, and are prepared to shoot to kill upon the slightest provocation. The government officials are prepared to prosecute the land fraud cases to the bitter end and are ready to meet force or legal opposition on the part of defense in like degree.

#### POST FALLS BURGLARS

#### General Merchandise Store Is Robbed.

Post Falls, Ida., Nov. 8.—This morning about 12:30 o'clock the general merchandise store of Young &

Co., was entered by safe blowers who cracked the safe with nitro glycerine but did not obtain any money.

Yesterday the money which is usually kept in the safe was placed in the bank, and nothing remained in the safe but the books and papers of the company. The robbers had forced an entrance to the store and after knocking off both combination knobs poured the explosive into the lock and after scaping it over, exploded it. The safe is a total loss for the entire door was demolished and one side of the safe badly damaged. None of the papers were destroyed and the robbers escaped before the noise of the explosion had attracted attention. This makes the third safe to have been cracked in the past few years and it is thought that the same parties who did the other jobs had a hand in this.

#### Much Interest Being Taken.

Much interest has been taken in the Press Piano Contest, and a number of persons are busy working for the votes. Now it has been announced that the seventh and eighth grades of the high school building will carry out an active campaign and will try for the piano. These will be assisted by the other pupils from the school, and the contest promises to be a lively one with these people in the field.

The school is now in possession of a piano which is the property of one of the school teachers, a member of the corps, and the instrument was brought to the city from Kendrick, Idaho, at the expense of Superintendent Barton. The pupils are not satisfied with having an instrument but want to own one and have taken steps to secure it. Every member of the schools will rustle votes during the week and the young people are vying with each other in getting the largest number of votes and subscriptions.

Mrs. J. LaBelle has engaged rooms in the Bedell block and will do fashionable dressmaking including tailoring. Cleaning and repairing ladies' and gentlemen's apparel a specialty. All work guaranteed. Low prices for good work.

## Press Piano Contest

One vote for

Not Good Unless Voted by November 15th