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THE SAD ENDING OF A BUSY LIFE

Dr. J. J. L. Heldring of Pullman Killed Himself During an Attack of Despondency

Dr. J. J. L. Heldring, a well known veterinarian, who for four years held the position of professor of materia medica at the W. S. C., committed suicide last Sunday morning in the laboratory of the Flatiron building by shooting himself in the mouth with a .38-caliber revolver. Death was instantaneous, the bullet passing through his head and penetrating the double plastered wall into the law office of M. S. Jamar. He left the following note, written in ink on the back of an envelope and signed in lead pencil:

"That slandering, blackmailing hell hounds may reap the sweet fruits of their good work, I slip this mortal coil. I express my gratitude to my good wife, whose staunch and stainless loyalty and unshaken belief in my integrity have sweetened this bitter drop. I trust my friends who deserted me in the hour of trial will now rally to the support of my widow and son. May he inherit from his mother that matchless virtue which has characterized her through life and which is the only good worth striving after."

"J. J. HELDRING."

Deceased was doing well in his profession and building up a large practice and was in comfortable financial circumstances, but apparently became unbalanced from brooding over and exaggerating the results of some real or fancied grievance which he attributed to Dr. S. B. Nelson, head of the department of veterinary science at the college and state veterinarian. President Bryan states that Mr. Heldring's work at the college was entirely satisfactory and that when circumstances made it necessary to dispense with his services he (President Bryan) secured for him the offer of a position in another college at an increased salary, but the offer was declined.

Deceased leaves a wife and little boy, 8 years old, who are being cared for at the home of Mayor Shaw. He had several hundred dollars on deposit in two of the local banks, and owned a piece of property in Newport valued at about \$1000. He also carried \$3000 insurance in the Royal Arcanum.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Masonic hall and despite the bad roads, there was a large attendance. The Masons conducted the services and escorted the body to its last resting place.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS FOR PUYALLUP STATION

President E. A. Bryan of the Washington State College has given assurance to the Western Washington Experiment Station that the board of regents are planning to grant that institution practically all that has been asked from the next biennial appropriation for the State College. This will enable the station to get into good condition for useful work. The last biennial appropriation for the station was \$30,000, and the receipts of the station. The amount asked for the next biennial is \$57,185.75.

This appropriation provides for clearing the balance of the station land (about 12 acres) and installing 400 rods of tile drain. This will place the entire 60 acres in condition for cultivation, and, with the complete system of tile drainage installed, it will be possible to bring the entire tract under a high state of cultivation.

A plant pathologist, who will devote his entire time to investigating plant diseases, will be added to the staff. An effort will be made to secure a man of some experience who is already familiar with such plant diseases as are understood by scientists that he may be of immediate service to fruit growers.

A dairyman will also be added to the staff. His work will include experiments in feeding calves on artificial foods, with the hope of helping to save good heifer calves that are now destroyed from herds furnishing milk; experiments in feeding to de-

termine the merits and relative value of the various feeds dairymen; experiments to determine the relative merits and best methods of feeding the forage crops best adapted to Western Washington, and experiments in the use of silos.

The addition of a dairyman to the staff will permit the present poultry and dairy expert to devote his entire time to conducting poultry investigation.

An agronomist, who will have charge of all soil and general crop experiments, will be secured. His work will include co-operative fertility experiments, variety, and cultural tests of grains, grasses and other forage plants, including especially thousand-headed kale, mangold wurzels, corn, common vetch, and red clover.

The horticulturist will continue to make the study of berry growing a major part of his work. The cross-breeding experiments will be continued and a berry patch composed of selected strains of two or three of the best varieties will be established as a basis of improvement by selection of improved stock from superior plants. Most of the present work will be continued, but it is planned to give more study to pear and cherry growing, establishing a young orchard of standard sorts of these fruits.

These enlargements of the work will call for a small amount of building, such as the erection of silos, a seed house, a fruit house, cold frames, milk house, and hog house, but the plan is not to develop a large building equipment on the station.

Quite a large increase in labor has been granted to make possible the carrying on of detailed field work that takes much time, but is necessary if good results are secured.

Nearly \$2000 has been asked for use by the several departments in making first hand investigations among the farmers and in carrying on co-operative work. The increased appropriation means a greatly enlarged sphere of usefulness for the Experiment Station. — Puyallup Tribune.

MRS. SARGENT LIKES PRINTING BUSINESS

Former Editor of Pullman Tribune Says That It Requires Tact and Ability to Run a Country Weekly

The Pullman friends of Mrs. M. H. Sargent will be interested in the following interview, which was published in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer:

I am inspired to this by the whirl of the press.

Forgive me, dear, this sin. But I can't resist when the wheels of the press, Keep time with the wheels within.

Thus gayly spoke Mrs. M. H. Sargent, proprietor of the Sargent Printing company, when she was found by the writer, proof reading at her desk in the Denny building. "There is a subtle fascination about type that holds me to it," she said, gathering a handful of leads from a tray nearby and fondling them in her hands.

In answer to my question as to how she began her "career," she said: "It was on Christmas day in my teens when I answered an ad from a newspaper office wanting a clerk. The publisher of this paper, the Rockford Gazette, was A. C. Smith, now the American consul at Victoria, B. C. Between times when I was not doing office work I learned how to set type. It was in that office that I met the man whom later I married. For a number of years my husband and I published various country newspapers. Naturally when I became a widow I remained in the business.

"Did you ever really own and publish a newspaper yourself?" I inquired of this interesting woman. "Indeed I did; in 1895 I bought the Pullman Tribune and published it for 11 years. The college had just started at Pullman, and it was mainly during those years that the beautiful buildings of the Washington State College were erected. During that time I was a member of the State Press association.

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THE HEAVY FALL OF SNOW CAUSES GREAT ANXIETY

Several Warehouses Collapse and Should the Snow Melt Rapidly a Disastrous Flood Would Result

The severe snow storms of the past few days have almost strangled business in Pullman, as most of the farmers are unable to come to town on account of the badly drifted roads. A few of the old timers say that there have been deeper snow falls in the early days, but the general consensus of opinion is that there is more snow on the ground now than at any time since the settlement of Whitman county. The weather observer at the W. S. C. states that up to Wednesday morning 55 inches of snow had fallen, and that the previous high record for any entire winter since the weather bureau station was established here is 64 inches. This record will, in all probability, be broken this year as a good deal more snow is to be expected before spring.

During the early part of the week train service was very irregular on account of the snow blockades, but both the N. P. and the O.-W. R. & N. lines are now open. The local mail carriers on the R. F. D. routes have been going out every day, though they are able to cover but a part of their territory and many farmers have phoned to them not to try to reach their places until the roads are broken out. Drifts of from 10 to 20 feet have been reported in many places and in several instances farmers have been obliged to tunnel through drifts in order to reach their barns or to travel on the roads. The heavy snow fall has done con-

siderable damage and is causing grave apprehensions of a bad flood when it melts.

The roofs of the Kerr-Gifford warehouses here and at Kitzmiller siding have caved in under the weight of snow. The M. P. Miller warehouse at Chambers and the Farmers Union warehouses at Colton and Colfax have also collapsed under the strain. Many of the merchants here and at Colfax are taking everything out of the basements of their stores and arranging to move their goods upstairs on short notice, in case the expected high water comes. The city authorities are taking every precaution possible to guard against damage in case of a flood. Arrangements have been made with the O.-W. R. & N. Co. that as soon as the water reaches a threatening stage their section men will disconnect the rails on their trestles, chain one end of the trestles to the bank and allow them to swing off the piers and to one side of the creek, so as to leave the channel clear and unobstructed. Mr. Schaf, foreman of the Federal Construction Co., has been engaged to supervise the dynamiting of any jams that may form in the river. He has had experience in this kind of work and is thoroughly competent.

While everyone hopes for the best and trusts that the snow will go off gradually, all recognize the danger of a very serious flood, and are preparing to protect their property from damage if the high water comes.

First Class Dyeing and Cleaning Plant

Rodrick & Brunk have recently opened a tailoring and suit cleaning establishment in the Downen building next to Baum's music store. Both are experienced men in the business. Mr. Rodrick formerly conducted a large shop at Sterling, Kansas, and Mr. Brunk worked in a similar establishment at McPherson, Kansas. They were old friends and, being ambitious young men, decided to come west and engage in business, so Mr. Rodrick sold his shop and together they came to this state and began to look about for a good location, finally deciding upon Pullman. They are putting in a first class modern plant, equipped with the very latest and best machinery for dyeing, cleaning and pressing. The steam pressing machine alone will cost \$500. They are preparing to handle any kind of work in their line promptly and in a manner that will give entire satisfaction. They make a specialty of dyeing silks and fine merchandise and of cleaning furs and leather goods. They also carry a fine line of woolsens for ladies and gentlemen's suits, take measurements, and have the garments made by expert tailors in the east. They guarantee all their work to be as good as can be secured anywhere, and their prices to be as reasonable. They have come to Pullman to stay and build up a permanent business, and simply ask to be given a trial. All of Mrs. Rodrick's people are old residents of Dayton and it was largely through their advice that Mr. Rodrick decided to locate in this section.

Sleighing Party

A hayrack party was enjoyed by several young people of the Baptist church Friday evening, January 17. The young folks left Pullman, going to the residence of Mr. Sargent of Whealan, where a very delicious luncheon was served. As the roads were drifted and the storm so bad, the young folks were compelled to stay all night. A short program was given during the evening as follows: Recitation..... A. B. Clark Recitation..... Laura Stratton Recitation..... Mrs. Ross Kennedy Piano solo..... Iva Stratton Recitation..... Laura Stratton Vocal solo..... C. George

FAMOUS ATTORNEY AND THATCHER OLD FRIENDS

By means of a small news item appearing in an Ohio paper, Prof. Thatcher recently learned that District Attorney Charles S. Whitman of New York City, who is conducting the vice investigations which have been described so extensively in the newspapers for the past few months, is the same Charley Whitman with whom he played, fought and pestered the school teacher back in a small northern Ohio town some thirty years ago. Prof. Thatcher had lost all track of his boy friend, and immediately upon finding this out, he wrote to Mr. Whitman, and last week received a cordial letter in reply in which the celebrated attorney mentioned many familiar incidents of their boyhood days and extended to Prof. Thatcher an earnest invitation to visit him and his family in New York City.

A peculiar coincidence is that Mr. Emory Buckner, the attorney employed in Mr. Whitman's office for the special investigation of the police graft, was a fraternity brother of Prof. Thatcher at the University of Nebraska. Mr. Buckner graduated from the law school of the University in 1907, and was this fall appointed as special assistant in the New York district attorney's office at a salary of \$15,000 a year.

Important Meeting Next Tuesday

The postponed open meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held next Tuesday evening at the M. E. church. Supper will be served at 6:15 o'clock for 35 cents per plate. As many members of the organization have been selling tickets a large attendance is assured. After the supper a meeting will be held in which the question of providing a new high school building will be taken up. Arguments in favor of the plan will be presented and then the subject will be thrown open for a general discussion. This meeting is open to the ladies of the city and it is hoped that they will attend in large numbers to show their interest in the schools and in the work of the Chamber of Commerce.

COUNTY'S MONEY IS DISTRIBUTED

Treasurer Wheeler Makes a Number of Changes in the List of Depositories

County Treasurer Wheeler has made a number of changes in the list of banks in which the surplus funds of the county will be deposited. Treasurer Duncan was carrying deposits in the following banks: Colfax State bank.....\$10,000 Lamont State bank..... 5,000 Citizens State bank, Tekoa..... 3,000 Bank of Thornton..... 2,000 National Bank of Winona..... 3,000 National Bank of Oakesdale..... 7,000 First Sv. & Trust B'k, Colfax..... 5,000 National Bank of Palouse..... 20,000 Bank of Endicott..... 6,000 First State bank of Garfield..... 17,500 Bank of Rosalia..... 5,000 Farmers & Merchants, Malden..... 5,000 Albion State bank..... 5,000 Pullman State bank..... 10,000 Farmers State, Colfax, checking account. On assuming the office County Treasurer Wheeler distributed the money among the banks as follows: First Sav. & Trust, Colfax.....\$ 5,000 Pullman State bank..... 5,000 Farmers State, Pullman..... 10,000 Colton State bank..... 2,500 Fidelity State, Uniontown..... 2,500 Security State, Palouse..... 10,000 Farmington State..... 5,000 Tekoa State..... 5,000 Pullman State, Tekoa..... 2,500 Albion State..... 3,000 Bank of Rosalia..... 5,000 Bank of Elberton..... 2,000 Bank of Thornton..... 2,500 Commercial State, Oakesdale..... 15,000 Farmers & Merchants, Malden..... 2,000 Lamont State..... 2,000 LaCrosse State..... 10,000 Steptoe State..... 2,000 St. John State..... 5,000 Endicott State..... 5,000 Colfax National, checking account.

W. J. Windus is suffering from an attack of blood poisoning in his left hand, but no serious results are expected.

FAMOUS HUMORIST TO LECTURE HERE

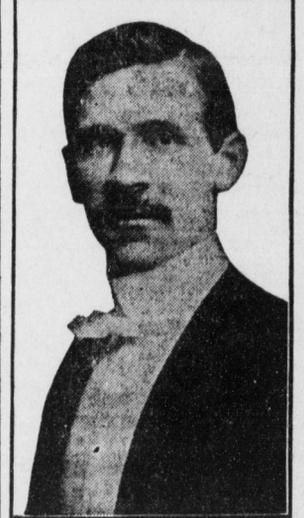
Strickland W. Gillilan Comes Highly Recommended by Those Who Have Been Entertained by Him

Friday evening, January 24, Strickland Gillilan, the famous humorist, will be heard in the college auditorium. This attraction is the fourth number of the W. S. C. lecture course, and will, without doubt, prove one of the most interesting. This is the first time Mr. Gillilan has appeared in Pullman, but those who have heard him (and they number over a million throughout the United States) agree that he is unquestionably one of the most popular speakers on the American lyceum stage. The entertainment will begin, as have other numbers of the lecture course, at 8.15. Student or season passes and lecture course tickets will admit. Single admission will be 50c, and 25c to high school students.

STRICKLAND W. GILLILAN.

Few literary men in American national life have received more honors than has Strickland W. Gillilan, the humorist. Not only have these honors come to him as a great literary man, but as a public speaker. Twice within the year 1912 he was a speaker on the same banquet program with President Taft. The Ohio university during the same year conferred on him an honorary degree.

Not only is Mr. Gillilan a magazine, newspaper and platform humorist, but he is a poet and philosopher. The Ladies' Home Journal a year ago contained five original poems of Gillilan's with an introductory paragraph by the editor, who commented upon the ver-



STRICKLAND W. GILLILAN.

atility of a writer who, being author of five tender and serious poems there given, had also written the famous "Off Agin, On Agin, Gone Agin—Finiglin." His literary work has also appeared in the Woman's Home Companion, Success, Life, Saturday Evening Post and many other publications.

Mr. Gillilan is one of the positive and distinct personalities presented to the world through the Lyceum and the public prints. He is not a copyist, either in manner or matter, his originality being his distinctive characteristic besides his merit.

One of Mr. Gillilan's humorous lectures is entitled "Sunshine and Awkwardness." Another is "A Sample Case of Humor."

Miss Mabel Morrison, a popular Colfax girl, was in Pullman Tuesday soliciting subscriptions for the Pacific Northwest, published at Portland. If she secures 300 subscriptions she will represent Whitman county in a party of girls who will be given a trip to New York and Washington by the paper. She will take and distribute a large quantity of literature descriptive of the resources and cities of this county and will advertise the country in newspaper interviews.

A vote of thanks is due to Mayor Shaw and the city council for providing snow plows to clear the sidewalks in the residence districts of the city. The innovation was greatly appreciated by the citizens and students who heretofore have had to wade through the drifts in front of unoccupied lots. It is another step toward making Pullman a good place in which to reside.