

BOTTLES CAN THE SUICIDE

Who was about 40 years of age, took his life, was clasped in his arms. Nothing is known of the past of Brunick, other than that he registered at the hotel on Sunday, giving his home as Spokane. The Japanese porter at the hotel said this morning that he had seen the lodger on the Tuesday morning, but possible that he may have been dead since that time.

OFFER REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF SMITH

A substantial reward will be offered for the capture of the murderer of Forrest Smith, who was shot down by footpads on Baldwin avenue at about 10 o'clock last night. It was announced today that the county and city authorities may get together and place a reward for the capture of the criminal.

The police are scouring the city today in an effort to secure the murderer. No one witnessed the killing of Smith, a young man of 28 years, who lived at 2512 Baldwin avenue. The shooting occurred on Baldwin about a block from the Astor car line. It is believed, however, that it was the work of footpads, for the reason that previous to the shooting a number of reports of holdups working in that vicinity were telephoned to the police.

Last night was a busy one for the local officers. At the time that the report of the murder of Smith came in, the patrol was over at the Tyler Millinery Co., responding to a burglar alarm. A number of the officers were out in the response to the holdup reports.

The first report of the murder was sent in by H. Lundberg, who lives at 2414 Baldwin avenue. He had come out on the same car with Smith, alighting and walking down the opposite side of Baldwin avenue. He was on his own porch when he heard two shots. Turning, he saw a man running down Baldwin, and immediately telephoned the police. A number of other residents in the same neighborhood heard the shots, but did not see the assailant.

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COOK'S "POLAR" EX- PLOIT NETTED HIM \$100,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The New York World figures that Dr. Cook made \$100,000 out of the Arctic expedition. The exact amount can be told only by himself and his managers, but \$100,000 is a very close figure. His first important hit was when the business men of St. Louis decided to have him there in September. Cook set his figure at \$20,000, but the committee thought too high. He finally cut it to \$14,000. The New York Herald paid him \$5000 for his first story, which appeared in the September 1st at about a dollar a word. His next move was to advertise the manuscript of his book. Offers of less than \$250,000 were not considered at first, but nothing came of it, so he finally sold the book and his polar pictures to the Herald for \$25,000.

JOINT DEBATE BETWEEN WHITE AND COATES

Resolved, that the democratic principles and teachings of Henry George and Thomas Jefferson would be more conducive to the freedom, welfare and happiness of the people than the principles and teachings of the Marxian school of economics. This is to be the question for discussion in a joint debate to be held at the Elks temple Sunday night at 8 o'clock between James Z. White of the Henry George League and David C. Coates, the socialist, of the charter revision committee. Mr. White will take the affirmative side of the debate and Coates the negative. This will be the first appearance in Spokane during his present visit. He speaks at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at a meeting of the Economic club on "Direct Legislation." Next week he will make a tour of the colleges in the state, giving lectures in each in support of the principles and economic policies of Henry George.

"GET TOGETHER" MEETING HELD

If the action of a group of 35 members of the chamber of commerce is ratified at the annual meeting next Tuesday night, there will be no contest for the election of trustees and all will be as lovely as a marriage bed. A committee of five members of the chamber, appointed at a previous informal gathering of the same character as the one held yesterday at Davenport's, reported back a list of selections for the five trusteeships to be filled next Tuesday night and six new trustees, intended to increase the board to 21 members. The list of 11 reported was approved by those present, and will be presented to the chamber at its annual meeting for its ratification. The 11 chosen for trustees are: F. E. Goodall, real estate; Samuel Glasgow, secretary of the Centennial Mill Co.; R. E. Strahorn, president of the North Coast Railway Co.; A. F. McClaine of the Traders' National bank; W. D. Vincent of the Old National bank; R. Insinger, manager of the Hypotheekbank; P. D. Tull of Tull & Gibbs; Thomas S. Griffith of Benham & Griffith; M. D. Hall of Grote-Rankin; J. P. McGoldrick of the McGoldrick Lumber Co., and A. C. Ware of Ware Brothers. The first three are members of the present board.

In the selection of these names, it was intended to represent various lines of business and to harmonize the various interests. The gathering yesterday was a "get together" meeting in which the watershed was harmony.

TO ELECT SUFFRAGE CLUB OFFICERS

The regular meeting of the Spokane Equal Suffrage club will be held in the chamber of commerce assembly room, basement of the Hutton building, on the evening of January 5 instead of January 11. Business of importance, election of officers, etc., will come before the meeting. The following interesting program will be rendered: International Suffrage hymn; piano selection, Miss Partridge; nightingale song, Mrs. Cyril Ward; address, "Woman Suffrage," H. L. Hughes; Evening Love song, Miss Helen Beaton. A full attendance is desired.

BANKER TRUCK KILLED IN WRECK
(By United Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Word was received at the office of Spencer Trust company, bankers, that a banker's truck had been killed in a crash on the New York Central.

LONG ON MUSCLE; SHORT ON BRAIN

APPLICANTS FOR POLICE POSITIONS DISQUALIFIED ON MENTAL TEST—ANOTHER EXAMINATION TO BE HELD MONDAY

There is still a chance to get on the Spokane police for any lucky young man that can measure up to the standard in brains and brawn. The first batch of 25 applicants examined to fill the 10 positions of patrolmen created by the city council proved to be long on muscle but short on mental qualifications, and as a result another examination will be held Monday morning by Police Commissioner Teurke to fill three of the 10 places as yet remaining unfilled.

In setting the standard of mental attainments necessary the police commissioners agreed that the applicants should be required to make an average of 60 per cent in the examination. Only 10 made this average and of these it was found that two were disqualified in the physical requirement, and that one did not meet the age requirement, two more are under examination, to their references and if they fail in these more vacancies may still remain in the list of eligibles.

All applicants who took the former mental examination are invited to enter the lists again. Also all others eligible to police service who did not take the examination before. The physical requirement is that the applicant weigh 170 pounds, is 5 feet 10 inches tall, not over 35 nor under 25 years of age, is a citizen of the United States and has been in Spokane for at least a year.

Some of the answers returned to the questions in the mental test display a wide range of lack of knowledge and misinformation.

HE CONSIDERS SPOKANE PARENTAL SCHOOL MODEL

"I consider the Spokane parental school a model of its kind, and congratulate the authorities on their good fortune in securing such a man as William Baker to take charge of the children entrusted to his care," said C. C. Aspinwall, superintendent of the Chehalis training school, this morning in speaking of his visit to the parental school yesterday afternoon.

"The success of a parental school or like institution depends upon the man at the head of it," continued Mr. Aspinwall, "and I consider Mr. Baker one of the most competent men in the country for this kind of work. All of the 20 boys at the local institution were apparently happy and enjoying themselves."

Mr. Aspinwall leaves tonight for Chehalis after a most successful stay in this city. During his brief visit he came in touch with the parents of boys and girls confined in the training school, and from the parents was enabled to form definite ideas as to the advisability of paroling some of the youngsters.

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NOW THE WHITE GIRL

American. In spite of everything he did, everything he was, he was a Chinaman. Nothing he could do could alter that fact. And when he announced proudly that he was going to marry pretty Helen Tobeyne, member of his church, his best friends shunned him.

It was the plot of the play, "Strong Heart." Everybody was his good friend—until the great barrier of racial animosity stood up between him and happiness. Mark Ten Sute's friends avoided him on the street. His pastor flatly refused to perform the ceremony. So did other ministers. Baffled, but not beaten, he went to the city.

"We could have a civil ceremony," he suggested. But the girl's courage had broken under the strain of universal disapproval. "I can't do it, dear, she gabbled in his arms. 'I haven't the strength. We can't cross the gap. If we married, we would be neither yellow nor white. We would be shunned by both peoples. We must give it up.'"

So that is the reason why Mark Ten Sute, Chinese merchant, sits alone in the big house he had planned for his white bride; why Helen Tobeyne cries alone at night.

CAPTURED

(By United Press)
GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 31.—One robber was killed and two were wounded, one perhaps fatally, when they were surprised by officers while trying to rob a bank at Hurrah early today. Both of the wounded men were captured.

TOSSED \$500 WORTH PLUMES OUT OF WINDOW

No trace has been found of the burglars who, at about 10 o'clock last night, made a vain attempt to steal a line of ostrich plumes from the warehouse of the Tyler Millinery Co. at Post street and Railroad avenue.

The burglar tossed six boxes, about \$500 worth of the costly feathers, out of the window on the fifth story, but James Wilson, a roofer in the Ross block, across the street, heard the crash of the boxes and turned in an alarm. His accomplice evidently became frightened and did not show up to remove the feathers.

The police surrounded the building in an endeavor to capture the man who had been working in the fifth story, but no trace of him could be found.

PAVED AVENUE TO THE EAST

The property owners in the southeast part of the city have in contemplation a long line of street paving that will extend from the business section of the city to the bluff. This paving will be laid on the new Southeast boulevard and will run from the beginning of the boulevard to Eighteenth avenue, above the hill overlooking the Alamo district. Over one-half of the lot owners have already signed for it.

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