

OWEN THREATENED TO COMMIT SUICIDE

ALACHUA COUNTY MURDERER BECOMES DESPERATE.

Wrote Letter to His Wife, Who Notified Officers of the Man's Intentions.

The Jacksonville Metropolis of Tuesday says: "Declaring that he intended to end his life by cutting his throat at a certain hour yesterday, R. H. Owen, the white man who is held at the Duval county jail for safe keeping because of the murder of two men in Alachua county, recently addressed a farewell letter to his wife, and began to make preparations for self-destruction. His plan fell through, however, and he still awaits the action of the Pardoning Board, which will say whether he goes to the gallows, has his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, or goes free. The last action, however, appears to be improbable.

Wife Tells Story.

"Immediately after receiving the letter, Owen's wife wrote to the sheriff's office and inclosed the letter, which sensible act has caused the condemned man no little inconvenience and sorrow. Determined that Owen should not destroy himself in the Duval county jail, Chief Deputy Sheriff Oscar H. Nolan had the man removed from comfortable quarters to one of the smallest cells in the jail, such as is used exclusively for condemned prisoners shortly before the hour of death approaches. Owen was thoroughly searched for weapons of any character, but none were found on him.

Enraged at Betrayal.

"The prisoner was at first at a loss to know why he was placed in the small cell, and in answer to his inquiries the letter he had written to his wife was given to him. He was enraged at the fact that he had been betrayed, and later wrote a long letter to his wife, telling her how unjustly she had treated him and of the suffering she had caused. He has been docile since being placed in close confinement, but the officers do not intend to take any chances, and he will remain in the small cell until his case is disposed of at Tallahassee and he is sent back to Gainesville. The officers do not doubt that Owen intended to kill himself if he got an opportunity, as he is in a desperate mood, and is a man who would much rather kill himself than be executed on the gallows."

FOR CITY MARSHAL.

To the Voters of the City of Gainesville: A special election having been called on Tuesday, October 19, for the election of a Marshal to succeed Ben T. Arnow, resigned, I beg to announce that I will be a candidate for that office, and ask the support of my friends. Being thoroughly experienced along the line of police work, which has been gained by a practical experience, and being now acting Marshal, if my action in this capacity meets your approval, I ask your votes to be continued in office. Sincerely, HARRY L. OWENS.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for City Marshal at the special election to be held on October 19th. I am in the race until the polls close on the day of the election, and respectfully solicit the votes of my fellow-citizens, promising, if elected, to perform the duties of the office without fear or favor. Give me your support, and you will never have cause to regret it. CHAS. M. DELL.

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CITY POLITICS ARE NOW IN WARM STATE

TWO MORE PROBABLE CANDIDATES FOR MARSHALSHIP.

Only Two Have So Far Openly Announced for the Vacancy Caused by Resignation.

Although the special city election called for the 19th of next month is nearly a month off, politics concerning the office of marshal, for which the election has been called, is creating considerable interest and the announced candidates are working among their friends with a vim.

There are already two candidates announced, Harry L. Owens, who is at present filling the position, and Chas. M. Dell, who is filling the position of street superintendent, and there is a probability that one or more are yet to enter the race.

While nothing definite has been learned from the probable two yet to enter, it is understood that both C. C. Warren and Chas. Pinkoson will be candidates for the honors.

Both Mr. Owens and Mr. Dell are hard-working and deserving men, and in the event that the race is between these two men, it will, from all indications, prove most interesting, as both are entering the race with the full conviction that they will be successful.

NEGRO ATTACKS A WHITE LADY IN GEORGIA CITY.

CARROLLTON, Ga., Sept. 21.—While sitting in a room at her home rocking a baby last night, some unknown negro slipped into the house, and when Mrs. Newt West had put the baby to bed the negro knocked her down and began to choke her, attempting to make an assault. She gave a scream, and the negro escaped.

Several negroes have been arrested, and it is not known up to this hour whether the right one has been arrested. Mrs. West is in a serious condition, and unable to give any description of the negro who attempted the assault.

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BOTH EXPLORERS WERE WELCOMED ON TUESDAY

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ing his brief sojourn on board the "Roosevelt" was a casual remark to a member of the Peary party that he believed that Dr. Cook reached the pole. Pritchard kept the news even more faithfully and his statement Saturday was the first intimation that he had any information on this subject. Pritchard explained that he kept the news to himself because he did not wish to be dragged into the trouble. He was asked how he knew before he came South on the "Roosevelt" that there was going to be a controversy, and declared that Dr. Cook had cautioned him not to speak to anyone until he reached civilization. Pritchard's reticence with this important news in his possession was a complete surprise to everybody on board the "Roosevelt."

Cabin Boy Talks.

In the beginning Pritchard told the correspondents that Cook had talked freely to him at Annatok with regard to his dash over the ice, indicating to him on a map the route he had followed. Later Pritchard modified this by explaining that Cook's story was told to Whitney, and that he, Pritchard, was present in the room. Pritchard said Dr. Cook had only two Eskimos with him at the pole. The language barrier made it impossible for Pritchard to talk with these Eskimos.

John Murphy, the boatswain of the "Roosevelt," who was ashore with Pritchard when Dr. Cook appeared at their station, was greatly astonished when informed of Pritchard's knowledge. Murphy declared that Cook talked with him on several occasions while they were together about his trip on the ice, but said nothing about having reached the pole.

Murphy Wasn't Present.

Asked how it was possible for Pritchard and Whitney to have heard Cook's story without his also hearing it, inasmuch as all four men occupied the same house at Annatok during Cook's stay, Murphy replied that a question to Pritchard had brought him the answer that Dr. Cook's story of his dash to the pole was recited to Whitney and the cabin boy on a day he, Murphy, was absent at Etah. This statement was verified by Pritchard.

The "North Pole flag" which Peary had made at Battle Harbor will be displayed for the first time on the "Roosevelt" entering this port. It is a standard United States flag with a broad white band laid in diagonally from the union corner down. On the white ground are the words "North Pole" in black letters.

Coming into Sydney a Canadian ensign, presented to Peary at Battle Harbor by the captain of the Canadian government vessel "Tyrian," will decorate the foretopmast of the "Roosevelt." The Peary Arctic Club flag will be flown at the mainmast and the New York Yacht Club flag that has been displayed at Cape Sheridan will be at the mizzenmast.

POLE'S FIRST DISCOVERER HAS REACHED NEW YORK.

On Board the Steamship Oscar II, off Fire Island, Sept. 21, (via Wireless Telegraph).—Capt. Hempel of the Oscar II anchored and spent the night off Fire Island last night.

Dr. Cook spent the day in preparing for his landing today. He was overjoyed at the prospect of again seeing his wife and family.

He continues to receive many wireless dispatches offering large sums of money for lectures and articles but he will accept none of them until after his arrival in New York. The manuscript of his book is almost complete, needing only slight revisions.

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