

### PHIL METSCHAN SR. DIES AT AGE OF 80

Office of State Treasurer  
Held at One Time.

FAMILY AT BEDSIDE

Courageous Battle Fought Against  
Great Odds Since 1915—Owner  
Dies at Imperial Hotel.

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Portland and since that time had been a resident here and a factor in the business of the city through his relations with the Imperial hotel. During his long life in the state he made many friendships among the political and business leaders of Oregon and was one of the most widely known men of the "old school" in the northwest.

Mr. Metschan was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, March 24, 1840. He was a son of Frederick E. and Caroline C. Metschan, natives of the same province. His father was a graduate of Heidelberg university, was a lawyer and an attaché of the duke of Hesse.

At the age of 14 years, Mr. Metschan left Germany aboard a three-masted clipper ship and arrived in New York, January 1, 1855, after a five-day voyage. From there he went to Cincinnati where he arrived with just \$4.75 in his pocket. He went to work for an uncle, receiving \$5 a month besides his board and clothes and at the end of a year had saved \$60, besides learning the butcher's trade.

Call of West Is Heard.

But the west was calling him, and in the spring of 1858 he removed to Leavenworth, Kan., and went into business in the Shawnee market. Those were the days of the Pike's Peak excitement, and he joined the throng of gold-seekers westward bound. In the spring of 1859 he crossed the plains to Denver and thence to California Dutch (now Leadville), where he opened a meat market. Returning to Leavenworth in the fall of 1860, he enjoyed the privilege of voting for Abraham Lincoln. It was while there that he attempted to join the army, but was rejected because of his youth.

In the spring of 1861 he returned to California Dutch, but soon joined an expedition for the far west, traversing the pony express route and landing in Sacramento just before the floods of 1861. During the winter he was employed on General Hutchinson's ranch, and in the spring he started for the Caribou mines in British Columbia. A short stay in Victoria convinced him of the futility of the enterprise, and he returned to the states, arriving in Portland in June, 1862.

He engaged in the bakery business but soon afterwards went to Canyon City, Grant county, Or., where he followed mining and prospecting at first, and then opened a meat market, conducting the same and a general mercantile business until 1890.

Story of Arrival Told.  
An interesting phase of his landing in Portland and his first impressions here are told in a letter which he wrote to his parents August 1, 1862.

"I took passage on a steamer to Victoria on Vancouver island, a British possession in North America. My trip lasted four days. At this time the news from the mines was not encouraging and I concluded to remain here and await developments and if possible to engage in business.

"Nothing suitable presenting itself, and being tired of waiting, I concluded to proceed to Portland. This city is the fitting-out place for another mining section, and I arrived here on June 8 after a two days' ocean trip. The place seemed lively and I concluded to establish a bakery in partnership with a German baker, a business which was needed here, as there were only two bakeries who had to supply a population of 4000, besides the many strangers who were continually returning to the mines.

Floods Inundate Home.  
"We rented a house for \$25 a month. The building, being an old one and very much neglected, cost us considerable for repairs. We had worked on the building only one week when the river, owing to the melting snows in the mountains, rose to such a height that the oldest inhabitants, except Indians, could not remember such high water. This spoiled our calculations, for the lower part of the city, in which our house was located, was under water three feet. Through this experience we lost a full month and sustained a loss of at least \$300. On July 15 we started the second time, and one week thereafter were ready."

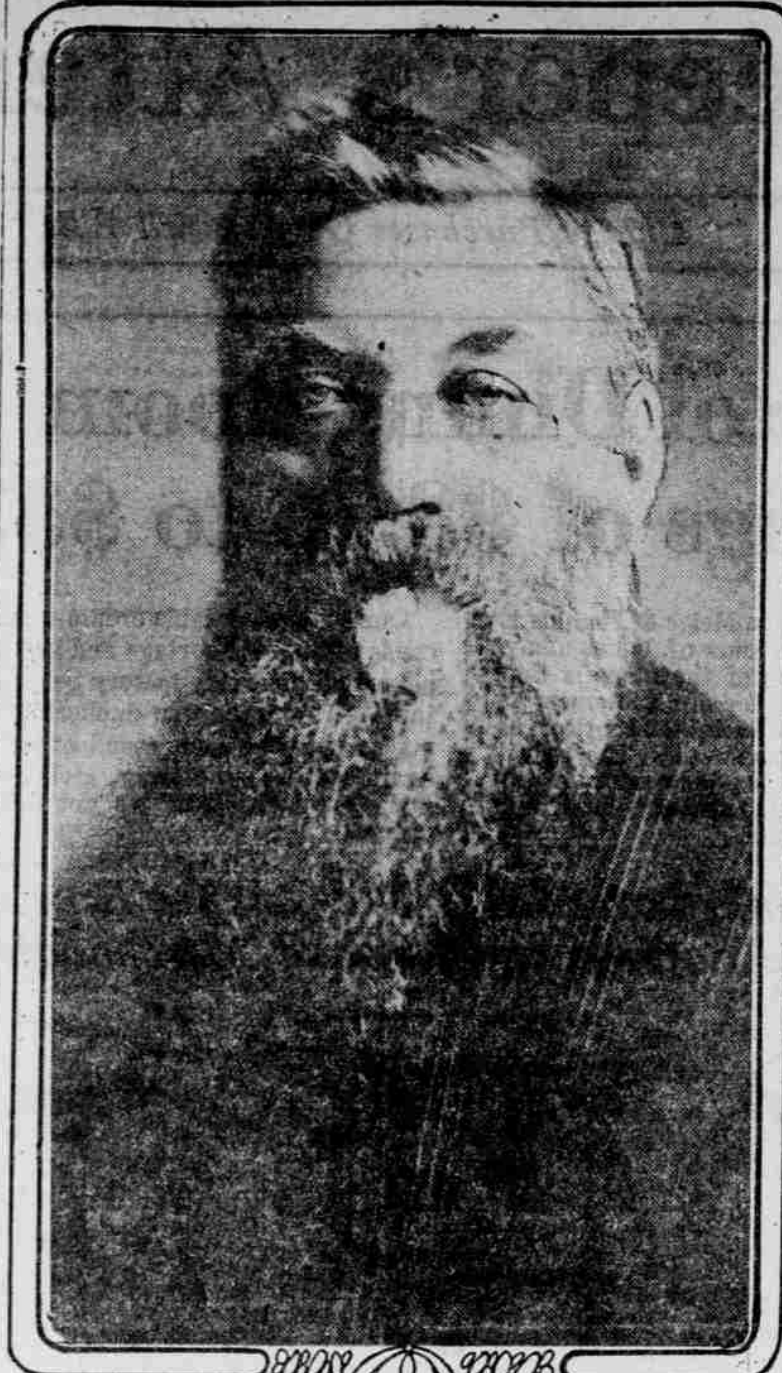
After settling in Canyon City Mr. Metschan married Miss Mary Schaub, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and died in Salem, Or., in 1895. His second marriage was in San Rafael, Cal., to Mrs. F. D. Sweetser, who was born in Canada and accompanied her parents to California. His children, all born of his first marriage, are: Frank Metschan of Portland; Mrs. Anna Cattasch, Canyon City, Or.; Mrs. Emelia Meredith, Salem, Or.; Mrs. Julia Griffith, Salem, Or.; Phil Metschan Jr., manager of the Imperial hotel, Portland; Otto W. Metschan, assistant manager the Imperial hotel, Portland; H. A. Metschan, treasurer of the Imperial hotel, Portland; Dr. E. L. Metschan, dentist, Portland; and Mrs. Lillian Flanders, Portland.

County Treasurer Office Held.  
For four years, while residing in Grant county, Mr. Metschan held the office of county treasurer, for two years served as county clerk and for four years officiated as county judge, after which, in 1888 to 1890, he again served as county clerk. In 1890 the republicans placed him on their ticket for state treasurer and he was elected by a majority of 6700, while at the same time a democratic governor was elected by 6900 majority.

Lodge Memberships Held.  
Mr. Metschan was a member of the Masons, Oddfellows, Workmen and Elks. He held the position of grand master of the grand lodge of Oregon, A. F. and A. M., during the years 1898-99. He was raised to the Royal Arch degree in Blue Mountain chapter No. 7, A. F. and A. M., of Canyon City. For a time he was connected with Oregon Commandery No. 1, Knights Templars, and he later became a charter member of De Bolay Commandery No. 5, Knights Templars, of Salem. He was also identified with Oregon Consistory No. 1 and Al Kader Temple of Portland.

Mr. Metschan was of a kind nature and very liberal. He gave away a fortune during his lifetime to various charities. During his later years, in fact since

HOTEL PROPRIETOR, LONG ACTIVE IN OREGON BUSINESS AND POLITICS, WHO DIED YESTERDAY.



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### BOOSTER WEEK CLOSES

LANE COUNTY STOCKMEN DISCUSS CO-OPERATION.

Breeders Gather at Chamber of Commerce in Engage for All-Day Meeting.

EUGENE, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—The pure-bred livestock industry in Lane county received a great impetus at an all-day meeting of stockbreeders at the chamber of commerce in Eugene today. This was the final rally of livestock booster week, and the last of a series of meetings held at different towns and communities throughout Lane county during the entire week.

At the close of the meeting it was announced that the farmers of Lane county during the past week have subscribed \$1750 to stock in the Pacific International livestock exposition at Portland.

W. M. Ladd, pioneer pure-bred livestock breeder of Portland, was one of the principal speakers this afternoon. Mr. Ladd told the history of the pure-bred stock industry in this state. O. M. Plummer, manager of the livestock exposition, explained the advantages of co-operation to the livestock breeder. Paul V. Maria, state leader of county agents; Ira P. Whitney, Lane county agent; J. E. Cornett, breeder of Shedd, Linn county, also were speakers.

Cecil B. De Mille's "Male and Female" is the latest sensation. It is a comedy in two acts, and is a masterpiece of farce and burlesque. It is a story of a man who is mistaken for a woman and a woman who is mistaken for a man. The plot is simple and the acting is superb. It is a must-see for all who love good comedy.

My Perfect-Fitting Glasses will please and satisfy you. Dr. Wheat, Eye-sight Specialist, Second Floor Morgan Bldg., Entrance on Washington St.

### SHRINERS APPEAL FOR CITY BEAUTIFUL

Clean House and Be Hospitable, Call Sent Forth.

70,000 VISITORS COMING

Care and Comfort for Journeying Caravans Chief Thought Which Now Concerns Local Brethren.

WHAT SHRINERS ARE ASKING OF PORTLAND.  
Don't raise prices on anything.  
Get your wood in early.  
Clean up your lots.  
Trim your rose bushes and set out new ones.  
Cut all weeds or tall grass.  
Keep all obstructions out of the streets in business or residential districts.  
Take down all "for rent" or "for sale" signs.  
Be a good fellow, ever willing to aid.  
Know your city, so you can direct a "lost" visitor.  
Don't park your auto in the business district.  
Give the strangers a "lift" in your car whenever possible.  
If you have a room to rent, call the committee at Main 3800 or Main 3501.

More than 70,000 visitors are coming to Portland the week of June 20. They will be arriving by the thousands in special trains Monday, June 21.

This is the estimate made by the executive committee of the Shriners of Portland, who are making every possible effort to care properly and comfortably for these thousands of people from all parts of the United States and territories. The Shriners are asking the people of Portland, 300,000 strong, to aid in this work in every possible way and have made a few suggestions that may guide the citizens.

First of all, with the hoteliers and caterers lined up against the profiteer, it is urged that there be no attempt to increase prices on anything during the week.  
Clean-Up Call Sent Out.  
In an effort to make Portland the cleanest city in the world at least during Shrine week, efforts to clean up lots, cutting weeds and tall grass, keeping wood piles off the streets and elimination of all debris in the residential and business districts, is an urgent request made by the Shriners of the people of the city.

As Portland's fame throughout the world is as "The Rose City," it is requested that the citizens put their beautiful rose bushes in excellent shape, cutting them back so that new growths may be given a better chance to show results during June. This should be done at once to get the best results. Grow as many roses as you can, in the place.

Take Down Signs Is Requested.  
The elimination from view of the visitors of all "for rent" or "for sale" signs is requested, thus giving to the visitor the fairest evidence that Portland is the city of homes, for which it is favorably known throughout the country. The realty dealer has realized the benefit of this move and though he probably will have many opportunities to rent or sell homes to many who will be so attracted to Portland, that they will decide to remain here, yet the campaign will not be made so openly by the unnecessary display of signs and over-crowding of the city.

Automobile owners are urged not to park their cars in the business sections of the city during the week of Shrine convention and Rose Festival.

Rooms in Great Demand.  
Then, too, last but not far from least, is the request by the committee that if any citizens can spare a room or rooms for the convenience of the visitors they are asked to call Main 3800 or Main 3501 and make known the fact, listing their vacant rooms with the Shrine headquarters.

"We cannot urge too strongly on the people of Portland the need for careful and proper treatment of the thousands who will be within our gates that week," said Mayor Baker yesterday. "It means more for the city than could be estimated. The coin of the realm and the city officials might add that they are in hearty accord with the efforts of the Shriners to make Portland's fame greater and wider as a result of the session of the imperial council and the 1920 Rose Festival."

French Nurse at Centralia.  
CENTRALIA, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—Miss Ollie Selneser, a French girl, arrived in Centralia last night to be nurse in a local hospital. The young woman served as a nurse during the war, and one of the first persons she met here after alighting from the train was one of her former patients, Herbert Parrish, a young marine who was severely wounded in action on the day the armistice was signed.

Lawyers Against Zoning  
Opportunities for Grant Districted in Spokane Proposal.  
SPOKANE, Wash., March 27.—Objections to a proposed city zoning system for restriction of building in residence districts were made at a meeting of the Spokane County Bar association today.  
"It may become a serious instrument of graft unless it is carefully watched," W. A. Monton declared.  
Several attorneys expressed the opinion that a state law would be required to permit passage of an ordinance providing for zoning. A committee was appointed to inquire into the legal phase of the matter.

Nurse Charged With Theft.  
Rose Richardson, nurse, 22 years of age, was arrested on a charge of larceny yesterday, after Mrs. B. C. Martin, house detective at the Oida, Wortman & King store, charged she had taken a silk camisole. She was released on \$10 bail.

Now! All This Week  
THE SEASON'S SENSATIONAL SUCCESS!

Advertisement for Cecil B. De Mille's "Male and Female" featuring a woman in a costume and the title "The Little House With the Big Show!".

Advertisement for Phegley & Cavender, Kirschbaum Clothes. Includes text: "In these suits you will see clothes designing at its newest and best. You will see fabrics and tailoring which will delight a keen judge of good clothing. You will see the kind of clothes that insure smart style—long wear—good value—all three!" and an illustration of people in suits.

Text block containing various news snippets and advertisements, including "The young woman served as a nurse during the war..." and "The prices on Kirschbaum Clothes range from \$50 to \$75".

Large advertisement for Phonograph Prices Smashed. Includes text: "The proof that this is the greatest sale of Phonographs ever inaugurated in the Northwest is shown in the unprecedented number of sales within the past week. Numerous phonograph buyers have prospered at our expense." and a list of closing out prices for various phonograph models.