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FIVE KILLED IN AUTO CRASH AT CRESWELL

Four Children Die Almost Instantly and Driver Succumbs to Injuries This Morning

WERE ON THE WAY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Shasta Limited Crew Ignorant of Tragedy Until Engine is Stopped Miles Away by Hot Box—Church Bells Are Told

Four children from six to 12 years of age were almost instantly killed and the driver of the car was so badly injured that he died this morning as the result of a collision between an automobile and the northbound Shasta Limited in the southern outskirts of Creswell yesterday morning at 9:30.

The dead:
Beulah Morss, aged 12.
George Robinett, aged 8.
Vincent Treanor, aged 8.
Dorothy Treanor, aged 6.
F. E. Sly.

News of the tragedy came to Springfield early in the day, and this morning Miss Altha Shaub, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Townsend, received a letter from her mother giving brief details of the accident.

It seems that Mr. Sly had started for the post office and offered to take the children up town to Sunday school.

The accident happened in front of the Sly residence, and just a few moments after the children had clambered into the machine. Apparently he had looked up the track and found it clear, but before he could get going after the children were in the train appeared around a butte and was upon him, just as the front of his automobile was on the track.

The horrified witnesses heard a crash and saw the automobile hurled high into the air and then tossed one side, wrecked. The train sped on without stopping, the crew unconscious of what had happened.

The car was literally torn to bits. It was tossed 30 feet or

more from the road, and near it lay two children's slippers.

On 150 feet farther lay a tiny girl's glove, a Bible torn almost in two. Nearby was the mangled body of the little Morss girl. Although she had been hurled nearly 200 feet, she lived for 15 minutes after the accident. The other children apparently were killed instantly.

Pieces of skull bone were picked up along the track by Rev. A. M. Prater of the Presbyterian church. The body of the Robinette boy lay between the wrecked car and the road. The body of the Treanor boy was 15 or 20 feet farther north, and 10 feet farther Mr. Sly was picked up unconscious. Thirty feet beyond him was the body of little Dorothy Treanor.

The people of Creswell were paralyzed by the tragedy. At the Presbyterian church Sunday school had gathered and was waiting the coming of Beulah Morss, the 12-year-old organist. The two Treanor children attended the same Sunday school and the Robinette boy attended the Christian church Sunday school. All services at both churches were suspended and the church bells were tolled.

The fireman states that he had detected a hot box on his side of the engine, and just at the moment of the accident, which was on his side of the engine, had crossed to tell the engineer of the hot box. When the train was brought to a stop a few miles north of Creswell, bits of flesh and blood were found on the engine. The mail

clerk, who had come to the door of his car with a sack of mail for Creswell, witnessed the accident.

City's Spellers Are Selected

Springfield's representatives in the big county spelling contest, which is to be held in Eugene the middle of May, were selected by a spelling bee in the various rooms last Friday. In the fifth grade there is a tie, Mildred Miller and Carl Bauer both having spelled correctly every word in the book.

Following are the other delegates:

Third grade—Miss Dunlap's room, Jack Webb; Miss Smith's room, Blanche Thorpe.

Fourth grade—Mrs. McLean's room, Ellen Tomseth; Miss Staniger's room, Allen Mortensen.
Sixth grade—Thelma Crouch.
Seventh grade—Jessie Coe.
Eighth grade—Carmen Harwood.

Observe Mayday With Pretty Fete

Appropriate May Day exercises will be held at the Springfield schools on Friday, April 31. At the Lincoln school the program will begin at 1:30 and will be as follows.

- Grand March.
- Crowning of Queen.
- Folk Dance - English
- May Pole Waltz.
- Folk Dance - Danish
- Dance of Greeting.
- Folk Dance - English
- Parasol Dance.
- Game - English
- Looby Lu
- Folk Dance - Russian
- Snow Flake Dance.
- Folk Dance - Swedish
- Oxdansen.

Folk Dance - American Indian Dance.
Folk Dance - English Ribbon Dance.

The News Founder Visits Springfield

J. F. Woods, "Frank", founder, 13 years or so ago, of the Springfield News, was among the newspaper men here for the convention Saturday, and he took occasion to make a circuit of the town meeting old friends of other days. He bought the old Springfield Nonpareil, and changed the name soon to "The News." Later he sold to people who disposed of the plant to Mr. Beebe, the owner until a year ago.

Mr. Woods is now superintendent of the ready print department of the Portland Newspaper Union, where he prints two or more pages every week for 110 newspapers of the Northwest.

VALLEY EDITORS ENJOY MEETING AT SPRINGFIELD

Guests of the Development League Shown Town and Given Fine Dinner

ENDORSE UNIVERSITY PRINTING

Will Hold Next Meeting at Forest Grove—Old Officers are Retained.

A score of newspaper men, members of the Willamette Valley Editorial association, held a meeting in Springfield Saturday, and in leaving expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the busy town and with the reception they had been given by the Springfield Development League. Mayor Scott and Dr. N. W. Emery, members of the entertainment committee, and M. Fenwick, took dinner with the newspaper men at the Elite, where a splendid dinner was served. Immediately afterward the guests were taken for short automobile rides into the surrounding territory, and the business sessions were begun before 2 o'clock.

The discussion of the assigned subjects, the amount of editorial matter required in a paper, and the little worries of the editor, brought out many views.

Secretary Elbert Bede reported on house bill 270, which was intended to codify the matter of legal charges for notices in the newspapers.

J. P. Hurley, editor of the Forest Grove News-Times, was continued in office as president and Elbert Bede of the Cottage Grove Sentinel as secretary-treasurer until these two officers can prepare a constitution and by-laws, which they are expected to have ready by the time the association holds its next meeting at Forest Grove.

Al Jones, newly elected secretary of the State Fair board, addressed the meeting and invited the newspaper men to attend the Fair on press day.

After the close of the regular program, M. Fenwick, representative from Springfield, and Col W. G. D. Mercer, of Eugene, sargeant at arms in the senate for the past two sessions, were

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Wood Blocks for Pavement

Western Communities Have Neglected Opportunity to Develop Home Industry—Wood is Cheaper Ultimately, Easy to Lay, Gives Much Better Traction and is More Sanitary

Paper by CARL FISCHER, Read at the Banquet of the Springfield Development League, Tuesday, April 20, 1915.

I was assigned the subject "Manufacturing Industries as Town Builders, but with the consent of the program committee I have changed this to the "Towns as Builders of Manufacturing Industries." I asked this change because we all realize the place of industries as town builders but many of us fail to realize the necessity of our Coast towns supporting our home industries. This applies to all industries but I'll confine myself to the lumber business as this is our chief industry, the one which at this time needs the most support and the one with which I am the most familiar. I am often asked the question: "What is the trouble with the lumber business." This is an easy question to answer, as we might with truth say the war, the tariff or wood substitutes. There is no doubt about the war interference and in the opinion of the Republicans there is no question about the injury being done by the tariff. These, however, may be temporary but that which may become a permanent injury to our community and the entire coast is wood substitutes. Those who are interested in wood substitutes have spent millions of dollars in making sentiment against wood construction. They have created a false sense of security in these substitutes and are adding greatly to the high cost of living. They have induced thousands of property owners to build their entire buildings of brick and concrete in places where wood in a large portion at least if built right would cost much less and obtain a lower rate of insurance.

prising statement to most here but easily comprehended when you consider that fires start in the contents and not in the buildings, that a heavy smooth surfaced wood ceiling or wall not incumbered by joists or studding, will stand as much fire as almost any other known material, as a fire can burn against such a post or wall for a long time without weakening it and when water is applied the fire is easily extinguished, whereas in a building of steel and concrete the steel expands, twisting and warping out of position thereby wrecking the structure to which it is attached. The concrete checks and disintegrates with heat and water. This was demonstrated in the burning of the Thomas A. Edison buildings which had been considered so fire proof that insurance was practically unnecessary.

this evening as I wish to say a few words about wood block paving.

In advocating wood block paving, I do so not so much because of what it means to the development of our community but because it is sound business economy. This paving was given a "black eye" years ago because of the use of round cedar blocks set on a plank foundation.

Wood Blocks Last Long.

You can imagine how rough this was and the deplorable condition as soon as the plank decayed. But the present day pavement of treated wood blocks set on a concrete base is admitted to be the best and most economical paving there is. A few years ago Mr. Smeede of Eugene, while in England, noticed a gang of workmen repairing a wood pavement. Being curious he asked the foreman how long the blocks had been down. He was informed that they had been placed 34 years, and that they were of Oregon pine. The foreman may have been mistaken about the kind of material as I understand England has been using Norway and Russian fir. Our fir, however, is as good if not better than the Norway and Russian. It is to the life of the blocks I wish to call your attention to. How many think our asphalt pavements will last that long? Our Main street has been down 3 or 4 years and see its condition. Already in many places it is worn through to the base. But it is no worse than asphalt pavements in other towns or cities. Until recently many of us thought there was no wear out to asphalt streets but we are learning at a heavy cost. Now a perfectly constructed and smooth, even wearing surface of creosoted wood blocks will wear almost indefinitely. The reason is not far to seek. Granite, brick and asphalt pavements are brittle and pulverize under traffic. Wood, on the other hand,

Now keep in mind that I do not mean the flimsy "balloon" and air space construction but of the solid wall construction. When fire attacks the balloon or kindling wood type, it eats them up. When it attacks the solid beams it merely chars and forms a charcoal as an insulator. Any child understands the difference in the results of trying to burn a solid piece of timber and then chopping the same into kindling. I'd like to give other reasons favoring wood and also explain the type of construction to which I have referred but our time limit does not allow me

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Clean-Up Days Are Fully Observed

Springfield citizens rallied well for the clean-up days of Friday and Saturday, following the call issued by M. M. Peery, chairman of the council health committee. Bon fires were going early Friday morning, and until late that night. Saturday saw a repetition, and by Saturday night the greater part of the refuse had been cleared away from back yards and vacant lots. What was not burned was hauled away by teams employed by the city.

Burning of an old chicken house on the Dunlap property at Sixth and D created a little local interest Friday evening, and central was notified to give a fire alarm. The call was headed off, however, before the bell was rung.

Chief of Police Staniger received a very severe glass cut in the palm of his hand as he was helping lift a barrel of refuse into a wagon. Continued probing Friday did not locate all of the glass, but the wound is now healing nicely.

Hoboes Return.
W. L. McCulloch, I. D. Lari-

mer, A. Middleton, H. M. Stewart and Howard Woods, who went to Salem Thursday to attend the "hoboes Convention" of the Elks, returned Friday. Governor Withycombe and Judge Harris were among those in attendance and among the speakers.

SPRINGFIELD DEFEATS IRVING BALL TOSSERS

Springfield baseball team defeated the Irving nine at Midway park Sunday by a score of 19 to 1. Springfield's line up was as follows: McPherson, pitcher; E. Meats, catcher; J. Meats, first base; Arne Neet, second base; Roy Cairns, shortstop; C. Mulligan, third base; Earl Ellison, left field; Max Green, center field; V. Meats, right field. The Springfield team will play Marcola at Marcola next Sunday.

Fishing Found Expensive.

Dr. Rehhan and D. S. Beala went fishing up the McKenzie last week and secured 17 fish. While they were away someone entered the doctor's house and stole \$16.50 in cash. This loss, together with that of a hat which was lost in the river when the boat hit a snag, made the fish rather expensive.

Eugene cannery has \$4,000 advance order for vegetables.