

BRIDGE COLLAPSE--FIVE DEAD; FIVE INJURED

A SAD ACCIDENT

Umpqua Bridge Collapses With Fatal Results.

FOUR MEN SERIOUSLY INJURED

Remains of the Dead Are Brought Here Preparatory to Burial

Five well known members of the Douglas county bridge gang met almost instant death, and five others were more or less injured at about 3:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon...

The dead are: Gary Brown, Roseburg; single, neck broken. Peter McFarland, of Curry county; single, scalp injuries.

William Acusta, Perdon; single, internal injuries and scalp wounds. William Gardner, Peel; single, scalp injuries.

William Belleu, Roseburg; scalp wounds and internal injuries. The injured are: Ki Thornton, Green Valley; single, spinal injuries.

Ray Wilson, Wilbur; single, spinal injuries and scalp wounds. Glenn Wilson, Wilbur; single, leg broken between the thigh and knee.

Henry Van Hynning, Umpqua, married, leg broken. Frank Gilliam, Winchester; married, bruised about the head and face.

All of the dead and injured were members of the Douglas county bridge gang, and had been at work repairing the ill-fated structure under the direction of A. Fields...

They had only partly completed the task, however, when the structure suddenly quivered and an instant later crashed to the water below.

The entire crew was at work removing the floor planking when the collapse came, and none was able to escape.

Farmers Respond Promptly. The report of the falling bridge was heard by neighboring farmers, who immediately rushed to the scene of the accident and began the task of rescuing the unfortunate men.

Gary Brown, who was acting as foreman in the temporary absence of County Bridge Builder Fields, Peter McFarland and William Gardner were dead when found, and it is believed that they were instantly killed.

William Acusta was alive when removed from the wreckage, but expired before he could be carried to a nearby farm house. William Belleu, whose skull was crushed, lived until about 8 o'clock when he passed away.

With the bodies of the dead recovered, the rescuers directed their attention to caring for the injured. With splendid discipline, the farmers

A DEATH TRAP

Testimony at Coroner's Inquest Condemned Bridge.

MANY MAIN TIMBERS ROTTEN

Eighteen Months Ago County Authorities Notified Structure Was Shaky and Unsafe--Jury Brings In Verdict.

The coroner's jury called to bear the evidence concerning the disaster at Umpqua bridge yesterday, consisting of Dave Shambrook, E. N. Ewart, W. D. Bell, Sam Miller, Frank Churchill and E. Murphy, first visited the morgue and viewed the bodies of the five victims of the terrible accident, and then heard the testimony at the court house.

Throughout the entire hearing there was but one story--a defective structure had collapsed. The evidence of every witness examined was conclusive in this respect, and it was shown that as early as eighteen months ago county authorities were told by a reputable farmer in that vicinity that in his opinion the bridge was dangerous and would collapse.

Mr. Fields, in the employ of the county, gave direct testimony to the effect that the timbers in the structure were rotted and had served their time. The first witness called was:

Dr. Vincel, who testified that he was summoned to go to the scene of the accident about 4:30 p. m., and left at 5 o'clock, arriving there at 7:30. Said he found two of the victims badly hurt. In another house were Wm. Belleu, who died shortly after, and the two Wilson boys. Saw the bodies of the five dead men this morning. All had died from concussion of the brain, except William Belleu, whose neck was broken.

Injuries were a result of the fall. D. R. Shambrook said he was acquainted with all of the parties killed except McFarland. William Brown was a son of Ray C. Brown, who lives west of town.

Mr. Murphy, also a jury man, testified to having known Peter McFarland, and that it was his body which he saw in the wreckage today.

Mr. Ellison, a farmer living on the Palopala, said he was at the Umpqua bridge store at about 4 o'clock, and saw the men working on the bridge together, and soon after heard the timbers cracking and the bridge go down. Running down to the river saw Gilliam, one of the survivors, get up out of the wreckage and also saw another man clinging to a beam.

Old man knew any of the men except Gilliam and Thornton. Was unable to tell which end of the bridge was torn first, and the opinion that the piers on the east end first gave way.

Wm. Vinson, of Coles Valley, said he was at the scene of the wreck in the evening, and two bodies had just been recovered. Knew all of the men killed but Peter McFarland, who he had heard of the dead. Was acquainted with part of the injured men. Bodies were all taken out from under the debris which was resting on surface of the river. Said he had known the bridge ever since it was built and some of the bridge supports were rotten and from the condition of the wreck was of the opinion that the bridge fell toward the east side. The trusses had all collapsed and fallen in to the bridge.

Mr. Clark, a saw mill man, said he got to Umpqua shortly after the accident, and helped to remove the injured and dead bodies. Three men were instantly killed and two others died soon after rescued. Knew all of the injured men. The bridge appeared to have collapsed in the center, dragging the east piers down and breaking loose from the west piers. Many of the timbers were splintered and showed rotten condition, showing that they had been left there too long.

Mr. Fields was the next witness, and said he was a bridge builder and was in charge of the crew repairing the Umpqua bridge. The west end of the bridge was to receive new beams and only one on the east end. The structure was known as a truss bridge, built largely of wood, and the span was 320 feet. The 14 eye beams were to be replaced, as all were rotten at ends. Witness was not at the bridge when the bridge fell, having left the place at noon on Wednesday. The men were getting ready to place falsework under the east end of the bridge. While he could not say what caused the accident, but was of the opinion that it was defective overhead timbers at the extreme east end of the bridge. An examination, Sunday, of the structure led to this belief, and the work was laid out to replace those timbers.

George Brown was in charge of the crew in absence of witness, and the men had carried out the orders left by witness when he came to Roseburg. The men were engaged in taking up planking preparatory to placing false work, and were doing what witness would have probably ordered done in event of his presence there.

Brown, who was in charge, was a trusty man, and was competent. Said the bridge was closed to all heavy traffic about three weeks ago, but light rigs were permitted to use it. Foreman Brown knew of the dangerous timber in the east end, but so far as witness understood, the other men did not know of their dangerous and weakened condition.

Frank Gilliam, the unborn survivor of the accident, said he had worked on the bridge for two weeks, that he had been engaged in work of this nature for 10 years, and that his home was at Winchester. In the ab-

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STRIKE COMING

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REFUSE TO GRANT DEMANDS

Men Want Increased Pay and Shorter Hours--Harriman People Fail To Recognize Union Shop Men.

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Kruttschnitt said that the proposition laid before him by Kline was too radical for the company to recognize, or even grant, and his statement is taken to indicate that the company may decide to fight instead of granting the demands which the federation of shopmen have requested. The demands were for shorter hours and a wage increase.

Reports today from the Pacific slope state that Southern Pacific shop men in practically all large centers have already taken strike ballots, and it is rumored that they have voted to strike if the company does not accede to their demands.

It is known that the men on the Southern Pacific, the O.-W. R. & N. Central, the Oregon Short Line, Houston and Texas Central, San Pedro and Salt Lake and the Illinois Central are discontented, and that only a spark is needed to bring on the threatened disturbance.

Never Reform. LONDON, Aug. 25.--After thirty years' investigation covering 10,000 cases, R. W. Brantwaite, chief inspector of inebriates says he has yet to find a single case of a reformed drunkard remaining sober as a moderate drinker.

Miss Cleveland to Wed. NEW YORK, Aug. 25.--It is generally believed that Miss Ester Cleveland, eldest daughter of the late president, is soon to wed Randolph West, son of President West, of Princeton University. It is said the marriage will take place some time in October, that the young couple will live in New England.

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LOCAL NEWS. The Roseburg Business College, date, September 4; place, Marks building. That's a pointer, if

Miss Mary E. Leverich, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Miss Francis, also of Phoenix, arrived in this city this morning and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Jewett.

H. B. Church, the local baker, was exhibiting a couple of pair of deer horns yesterday, the result of a week's hunting in the mountains some seventy miles east. That the bucks were husky fellows is evidenced by the "head gear" taken from them.

Mr. Austin, a prominent hotel landlord, of Bank City, Minn., and Mr. Auden, of Cottage Grove, left for their homes this morning after

George Kohlhausen has returned from Myrtle Point and vicinity where he spent a couple of days attending to business matters.

Among the Coles Valley people in Roseburg are William Emery, H. F. Hebard, William Kamp, E. D. Evans, Frank Churchill and Bush Clark.

George L. Backstrom, of Winchester, spent the morning in Roseburg attending to business matters. While in town he called at The News office and renewed his subscription for a year.

Lafe Eagles, of Peel, spent the day in Roseburg attending to business matters. He was accompanied here by Mr. Gardner, whose son was killed in the bridge wreck, at Coles Valley, yesterday afternoon.

County Judge Wonaocott and two sons, Edward, of Estacada, and Charles, of Portland, arrived here Wednesday evening after spending a couple of weeks on a hunting trip. They succeeded in killing three large bucks.

Frederick Murphy, aged 33 years, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alton B. Frye, in Umpqua, this morning after a lingering illness. The deceased was a native of Ohio and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Frye to Douglas county about four years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Frye will accompany the remains to Kent, Ohio, where the funeral will be held upon their arrival. They expect to leave here tomorrow morning.

HOSIERY advertisement for Interwoven Toe and Heel and Harth's Toggery, Home of Regal Shoes.

Advertisement for R. Stubbs & Co. Grocers, featuring 'The Underselling Cash Grocers' and a list of products like lemons, pickles, and various meats.

Advertisement for 'Specials--August 21-28, 1911' by THE LEADER, listing various goods and services like hair dressing, manicuring, and market conditions.