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HARPER DEAD AT PENDLETON

CAUGHT IN CREAMERY MACHINERY, CRUSHED TO DEATH BY THE WHEELS

WELL KNOWN IN LA GRANDE

Former La Grande Businessman Meets Death Yesterday at Pendleton as He Was Working With Machinery in Creamery—Caught by Set Screw and Twisted About the Pulleys Striking Head on the Cement Floor.

Pendleton, June 24.—(Special)—O. E. Harper, formerly manager of the Blue Mountain Creamery company in La Grande, where he made his home for several years, and more recently at the head of the local creamery company was battered and crushed fatally yesterday while at work in a basement of his creamery plant here. He lived less than 12 hours after the injury. Mr. Harper came to Pendleton about two years ago, having disposed of his interests in La Grande where he was interested financially and at the helm of the Blue Mountain Creamery company. The affair was so tragic and so sudden that the many friends of the Harper family are deeply shocked and grieved over the incident.

Mr. Harper had a family of a wife and two children, the oldest a girl of twelve years and a baby boy of about one year old.

The Pendleton East Oregonian of Thursday said:

O. E. Harper manager of the Pendleton creamery company was seriously injured at the local plant about 9:15 this morning. He is now at St. Anthony's hospital and it will be several hours before the physicians will be able to determine the extent of his injuries.

While stooping over to examine some part of the machinery in the basement of the creamery a wedge-key in the hub of the big drive wheel on the compressor caught him in the seat of his pants. In a twinkling he was hurled over backwards, striking on the concrete floor with his head. He was then drawn up under the drive wheel between it and the concrete floor and it was in that position that he was found by Wess Maple, the butter maker.

Hearing an unusual noise, Maple looked around from another part of the plant to see the big drive wheel grinding against the face and chest of the prostrate man and apparently crushing his life out. Maple attempted to pull him out from under the wheel but could not do it with the machinery in motion so he shut off the power as quickly as possible.

Unconscious and bleeding at the nose, Harper was rushed to the hospital where two physicians began working over him. In addition to the blow on the side and back of the head, his right ear was nearly torn off, his left ear was cut and the entire front of his face was badly bruised. One arm was also bruised but no bones were broken.

By the time the doctors had dressed his wounds he was beginning to regain consciousness.

This makes the second life that Maple has saved in the same plant within two weeks. About ten days ago, Loren Harris, an employee of the plant, was caught by a set screw while attempting to put on the belt for the pump. The butter maker cut him loose from the shafting with a large butcher knife, leaving him almost as innocent of clothing as a newborn babe. That he escaped with his life is due to the miraculous manner in which his legs flew around, knocking a belt off the pulley. The two accidents happened within a few feet of each other.

The conditions existing in the machinery of the plant reflect

somewhat on the deputy factory inspector who was there a few weeks ago and who reported the machinery as safe.

BROTHER CLAIMS REMAINS

Webb and Mrs. Kersh Will Likely be Indicted Today.

Portland, June 24.—Walter Johnson, a brother of William Johnson, whose murdered body was found in a trunk at the Union Depot, arrived last night from Twin Falls, Idaho, and claimed the body. It will probably be buried in a local cemetery. Johnson likewise will claim the \$1900 that Mrs. Kersh got from Johnson before he was killed. The grand jury is today listening to testimony in the case. Both the woman and Webb will likely be indicted as already charged with murder.

AFTERTHAT OF SPEECH

Egypt Starts Movement to Change Egypt's Rule.

Manchester, Eng., June 24.—The Manchester Guardian today carries a story tending to confirm dispatches recently carried by the United Press from London to the effect that Sir Eldon Gorst, British agent in Egypt, will be recalled. It says: "We have good authority for the statement that the foreign office has decided to recall Gorst and appoint Sir Arthur Hardings, present minister to Belgium, to succeed him. Roosevelt is not responsible for the reported change as it is said, as Gorst had resigned before Roosevelt spoke at Guild Hall."

Insurgents Winning Again.

Bluefields, June 24.—General Mena, commanding the main insurgents force, routed the Madrid troops who occupied Acoyapa, a strategical position for an attack on Managua. Acoyapa will be used by the revolutionaries as a base for a campaign against the Nicarapuan capitol, according to today's reports. Interior reports show the battle's tide has turned in favor of the insurgents again.

Kitchener May be Promoted

Loudon, June 24.—Viscount Kitchener of Khartoum, who is today celebrating his sixtieth birthday, has resigned the Mediterranean command to which he was appointed last August, succeeding the Duke of Connaught as inspector general of the Mediterranean forces. Since he returned from his world tour, during the course of which he visited the United States, there has been much agitation to have him promoted to a more important position.

Harvard Commencement

Cambridge, Mass., June 24.—Commencement week at Harvard was inaugurated today with the class day exercises. Diplomas and degrees are to be conferred next Wednesday when former President Roosevelt is expected to be there. The class of 1885 is in charge of the program.

Fined in Cotton "Leak"

Washington, June 24.—Moses Haas, of New York and Frederick Peckham, of Cincinnati, pleaded guilty in the government cotton leak cases. Advance information of government reports given certain brokers allowed a big cleanup on cotton. Both men were fined today in federal court.

Midsomer Day in England.

London, June 24.—In London and throughout England the birthday of St. John the Baptist, or Midsomer Day as it is called in this country, was celebrated today with the customary festivities.

Montreal Observes Day.

Montreal, June 24.—French Canadians of Montreal and throughout the province of Quebec today observed the birthday of their patron saint, St. John the Baptist. Celebrations were held in nearly all the towns and cities by the St. Jean Baptiste Society.

The Chautauqua committee will go to Pendleton in the near future to make arrangements for a special train Folk's day, July 7th.

JOHN JONES DIES FROM BURNS SUSTAINED IN BRIDGE ACCIDENT

Death at 6:30 last evening ended the suffering of John Jones, the Cove man who was frugally burned at an early hour near Cove yesterday, while en route to La Grande with the Chambers traction engine. The engine crashed through the bridge approach, tilting backward and throwing steam on his body in such a way as to burn his limbs in a frightful manner. Death came last evening, the attending physician, Dr. Martin of Cove, realizing soon after the accident occurred that the sufferer had few chances for recovery. The death has been a severe blow to the family and large circle of friends in and near Cove.

Deceased is survived by a wife and five children, the oldest about fifteen years. They have lived near Cove for many years and the family is well known throughout the county as thrifty and enterprising. Besides the immediate family, Mr. Jones

is survived by three brothers, one at Boise, one at Vale and one at Portland. No funeral arrangements will be made until these men are communicated with.

Front Wheels Had Cleared.

It was learned today from Cove people that the front wheels of the engine had reached terra firma after crossing the bridge, but when the heavier drive wheels were about to pass off to the ground, the structure gave way. This accounts for the fact that the engine was tilted upwards. Jones was pinned between the engine and the water tank which was trailing.

Used No Planks.

It is said that no planks were used in crossing the bridge. It is claimed that the accident could not have happened had the structure been reinforced by cross planks, as is commonly done in such instances.

INSANITY PLEA STARTED

Charlton May Yet Escape Trial For Murder in Italy.

Hoboken, June 24.—A hard battle will be fought in the American courts against the return of Porter Charlton to Italy to stand trial for the confessed murder of his wife whose body was thrown into Lake Como. Powerful relatives of Charlton have already set machinery in motion to prevent extradition. Eminent lawyers have been employed by his father, Judge Charlton. The father says his son is insane and will try to prevent extradition on this ground. Captain Scott, a brother of the woman, says he is sane. Attorney Clark, Charlton's representative has forbidden any more interviews. Alienists are to examine the slayer.

WILL ENTER HARVARD.

Son of Local State Representative to Take Higher Course

Joel Richardson, son of Hon. and Mrs. S. F. Richardson, will enter Harvard next fall. He will spend his vacation on his parents' ranch and next fall leave for the East to avail himself of the bigger opportunities offered by the bigger and more advanced institution. His many friends here will be delighted to know of his intentions to continue his college career and bespeak success for him.

Defective in Trouble.

Spokane, June 24.—Joe Currey, who was shot through the leg by Detective Downey Wednesday night, has a fair chance for recovery. Pending an investigation the officer has been suspended. A dozen witnesses say he shot the 20 year old youth deliberately. Downie says his feet slipped and the weapon was discharged accidentally. The men had an altercation in a saloon where Currey was ordered to move on by Downie who was in civilians clothes. He refused to do so and the shooting followed.

Expect Constitutional Election

Phoenix, Ariz., June 24.—Governor Sloan will arrive here tomorrow and it is believed that he will call for an election to choose constitutional convention delegates, election to be held in two months.

Troop Train Runs Away.

Mexico City, June 24.—Thirty-seven persons were killed and 50 severely injured today when a troop train was wrecked at Colima. Four cars broke away on a down grade and pitched over an embankment, the occupants being crushed to death.

Driven Insane by Heat.

St. Louis, June 24.—Two men and two women were driven insane by the heat at Sterling, Illinois, today. There was one death and one prostration at East St. Louis.

shaving set which was bought by Evelyn a short time before she was cut off her husband's credit list entirely.

ALASKA ROADS FREE.

Are Not Under Control of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, June 24.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today decided that it has no authority over railroads and steamship lines in Alaska. The Commission holds that Alaska is not territory of the United States in the sense in which the term is used in the acts regulating interstate commerce. The decision relieves the Morgan Guggenheim syndicate operating railways and steamships in Alaska from the Commission's supervision.

DIPHTHERIA PATIENTS BETTER.

Both Patients at George Stoddard's Are Improved Today.

TAFF PLEASED AT YEAR'S WORK

AFFIRMS PARTY PLEDGES HAVE BEEN MET IN EVERY INSTANCE TO DATE.

ROAD REGULATION IS URGED

Taft Writes Signed Article for Brother's Paper Affirming he is Well Pleased With the Work of Congress Thus Far—Party Pledges Met in Every Instance—Wickersham Advocates New Plan.

Cincinnati, June 24.—Pres. Taft in a signed statement received by the Times and Star, his brother's newspaper, expresses great satisfaction with the accomplishments of the present session of congress. He declares that all party pledges have been fulfilled.

"I am elated with the legislation which has been enacted by this congress. It has fulfilled its pledges, and it is great satisfaction that we have accomplished so much. The republican party has a good record to take before the people."

Wickersham Expresses Opinion.

Chicago, June 24.—Federal regulation of railroads, stock and bond issues were advocated by Attorney General Wickersham while addressing the Illinois bar today. It was argued that congress is empowered constitutionally to exercise such control. He said economists' courts condemned reckless issue of railroad stocks and bonds—which are certainly as demoralizing as lotteries. The record of railroad receiverships and of foreclosures the last twenty years testify to the effect such issues have upon the ability of railroads to perform their functions. Watered stock and bonus stock is the greatest abuse connected with the management of corporations.

Wickersham declared that the government's prosecution against the indicted packing companies will continue despite the courts ruling that the indictments are faulty. Wickersham declined to discuss the matter regarding causes for the faulty indictments. The packers will be tried as individuals instead of under joint indictments by the grand jury.

Bathing Day in Mexico.

City of Mexico, June 24.—It is a safe proposition to wager that no other nation on the globe has a population as clean as that of Mexico today. It is possible that this may not be true of other days of the year, but today that is a real "spotless town," so far as personal cleanliness is concerned. It is the day set aside to St. John the Baptist and the example of immersion set by him is followed every June 24th by all pious Mexicans.

This allows for a population of a half million and allows ten gallons to each bath. For many this may be too much, but it has been figured as the mean average. Besides there are many thousands who will go to the creeks and river to bathe.

Anniversary of Baptism.

St. Johns, N. B., June 24.—A tercentenary celebration of the first baptism of a Miemac Indian was held today and was marked by one of the most interesting religious ceremonies ever held in Canada. All of the principal Roman Catholic orders of the North American continent were represented and many high church dignitaries and civil authorities were in attendance. It was just 300 years ago that the aged chief of the Miemacs, then about 100 years of age, was baptised into the Christian faith and his conversion was soon followed by the baptism of the entire tribe.

About 4000 head of cattle were shipped out of Ontario last week.

Vermont Log Rolling.

Rutland, Vt., June 24.—Rutland donned its gayest attire today in honor of the Woodmen, who are today holding the annual meeting of the Vermont Log Rolling Association.