

PYRAMID WILL HOLD SECRETS

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (NEA Special)—A huge concrete pyramid that will preserve records of present-day civilization for millions of years, if necessary is being built among the back hills of the Arkansas Ozarks by William Hope (Coln) Harvey, wealthy resort hotel owner.

On the passageway leading to the central crypt will be a copper tablet for some archeologist of the year 121,997, or thereabouts, to decipher. It will read:

"When this is read, go below and find a record of and the cause of the death of a former civilization."

A friend of Bryan. Harvey, who was a close friend and co-worker of the late William Jennings Bryan, and a leader in the free silver movement that Bryan espoused in the "nineties," believes that some day our civilization must pass away—just when, he doesn't pretend to know, except that it will be a great many years hence. And he wants future generations, who poke around in our ruins, to have as full and complete an account of our customs and inventions as possible. Hence the pyramid.

"Our civilization of today is rich in intricate inventions and cultural devices, but it can leave little if anything in the way of lasting records for the ages to come," he says.

"This pyramid, which I regard as the greatest undertaking of my life, will preserve records of the world of the present for the greater civilizations of the future, and these nations and civilizations may have the opportunity to build up a happier world through finding out the mistakes and advantages of the life of our age."

"I have decided to erect my pyramid here because geologically the Ozarks are among the oldest mountains in the world. The process of erosion has diminished their original height of more than 14,000 feet to less than 1400 feet above sea level. The hard limestone base, which I have effectually protected from the action of ground water, is as enduring as any substance known, and the hills have already become so worn that it is impossible for the pyramid to become buried through erosion of the nearby mountains."

Work Already Begun. Work on the foundation of the big pyramid has already begun, and construction of the main body will start within a few weeks. The pyramid is to be 120 feet high, 40 feet square at its base and six feet square at the top. Its construction will require 16,000 sacks of cement along with 29,000 cubic feet of sand and 18,000 cubic feet of gravel. The total cost is estimated at \$50,000.

The top of a rounded hill has been excavated to bed-rock limestone for the foundation, and approximately 150 holes have been drilled 25 feet into the rock, in which cement shafts will be sunk as protection against erosion.

In the center of the pyramid there will be a room 20 feet square surrounded by a solid concrete wall eight feet thick. This chamber will contain two vaults from which the air can be exhausted by a system of pipes leading to the outside.

Samples of Machinery

In these vaults will be placed various examples of this generation's achievements—miniature airplanes, radio sets, phonographs, linotype machines, steamships, automobiles and other mechanical devices. Magazines and newspapers, their pages covered with waxed paper to prevent the ink from fading, will be placed in the vaults as will a copy of "Common Sense" a book by Mr. Harvey.

There will be nothing to perpetuate the names of any people aside from the records in the books and magazines. No names will be engraved on the walls.

After the vaults are filled they will be hermetically sealed and the air will be exhausted by means of the pipes. Then the mouth of the shaft leading to the crypt will be sealed—and the pyramid will be left to wait for the prying eyes of some curious scientist, scores of centuries in the future.

PARK PERSONALS

THE PARK, Ore. (Special)—Mrs. Urrina Wilson, of La Grande, is visiting her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hunter.

Frank Wigglesworth is helping Bert Vandevanter hay this week.

Robert Miller was a business visitor at Medical Springs Thursday.

Charley Green and Chester Green, of Union, were at the Park Tuesday looking at some vealers.

Edward Wulf and A. J. Vandevanter were Union visitors Tuesday.

John Green, of Union, was calling on friends here recently.

Huckleberries are scarce near The Park. Many have sought the berries but few have been successful. The spring freeze got most of the small fruit.

Clarence Vanorder and daughter Elta were at Union on business Monday.

Bobby Hunter is slowly recovering from an attack of flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Bidwell, of Island City, and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Brown, of Medical Springs, and several others picnicked at The Park Friday evening.

It is difficult properly to finger-point bricklayers because the edges of their fingers are worn off by their work.

Burglars, Beware! This Girl Can Shoot



Miss Florence Shapero, sophomore at Carnegie Tech, is no person for burglars or holdup men to trifle with. She's the champion rifle shot of the whole school. This photo shows her on the range, where she scored 195 out of a possible 200.

SUPREME COURT BUILDING OUSTS OLD GHOST HA'NT

(By Charles P. Stewart)

NEA Service Writer.

WASHINGTON—Tearing down a ghost's "ha'nt" and checking the ghost out into the cold seems like a mean trick.

Nevertheless that what's the government's talking about doing to one of the best known "ha'nts" in Washington—the old house at 25 First street, Northeast, close to the capitol, where the National Woman's party has had its headquarters for the last half dozen years.

The government wants the site for a new supreme court building. Major Henry Wirz' ghost's prior claim doesn't appear to enter into the government's calculations at all.

Major Wirz was superintendent of Andersonville prison, where Union prisoners were kept, in the south, during the Civil war.

The horrors of Andersonville were a by-word of the period and for long afterward. The captives died there like flies. Wirz was held up as an arch fiend. Who knows now? Was he as black as he was painted? Or had he excuses to offer, which, in the state of feeling at the time, weren't recognized?

They weren't recognized, at any rate.

Wirz was caught when the confederacy fell. They hanged him from the side garden of that house at 25 First street, northeast.

The building was in use as a military prison at the time. White prisoners were kept in the upper rooms. Colored spies were locked in the vaulted brick cellar underneath.

Wirz was not the only one put to death, but he was by far the most famous. Mostly they died facing firing squads. He died by the noose, not like a soldier, but as a common murderer.

STARKEY PERSONALS

STARKEY, Ore. (Special)—An Independence Day picnic held here July 5 was a big success. Many attended and also enjoyed a dance that night at the John Wells place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, of Allou, have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, Jr.

H. A. Thornburg, fire warden, was called to a fire Monday on the forest reserve. The fire, which covered an area of 160 acres is now under control.

Jess Plunket was a business visitor in La Grande the first of the week.

Joe Chung, Jr., accompanied by two brothers, is spending a few days here on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Noyse, of Pendleton, are visiting at the home of Jack Starco.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ruckman, of Alice, spent Monday at Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong and children and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Barnett and children enjoyed a picnic on the river Sunday. They drove as far as the home of R. A. Thornburg.

John Wells and Jack Starco have purchased a new threshing machine.

W. L. Briggs and Dale Hagoy are employed on the fire patrol.

John Wells made a trip to Hillsland after a new binder recently.

Jess Plunket is shipping two cartloads of beef to Portland.

L. H. Russell, of La Grande, made a trip to Starkey Friday to receive a report on the Beaver creek fire.

S. P. TO BUILD TERMINAL. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. July 13, (AP)—Application for a building permit for \$325,000, covering construction of terminal buildings here, was made late Saturday by the Southern Pacific. The plant does not cover construction of trackway or cost of changes in land contours, expected to bring the total to approximately one million dollars, according to estimates of Southern Pacific engineers.

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