

# ST. JOHNS REVIEW

## A Tragic Occurrence

This community was shocked Monday morning when it was learned that Al Harris had shot his wife to death and had then fired a shot into his own head that ended his life, the shooting taking place at their home, 417 Bristol street.

The real cause for the tragedy is more or less uncertain. It is said that Mr. Harris has been acting a little queer of late, and it is presumed that in a moment of insanity he committed the frightful deed. It is said, however, that the deed was premeditated, because Harris had made out a will a few days previous in which he willed his property to his children.

The shooting took place early in the morning in the bedroom where Mr. and Mrs. Harris slept. The former had risen and his wife was in bed. The couple is said to have begun quarreling over something.

Rose, the 12 year old daughter, heard the quarrel and ran into the room to protect her mother. The father had drawn his revolver from his hip pocket and was striding up and down the room with the weapon in his hand.

"Don't you kill her," shouted Rose. "Only God has a right to take her life." The girl seized the father's arm, but he thrust her out of the room and she heard the shooting as she stood shivering outside the door. The two other children, Mary, aged 9, and Raymond, aged 7, were upstairs in bed.

Neighbors heard the shooting and called the police. Deputy Coroner Goetsch took charge of the mother's body and the Ambulance Service Company took Mr. Harris to St. Vincent's hospital, where he died at 7:10 A. M.

Al Harris was a well known resident of St. Johns, coming here some years ago and operating the tobacco store at the corner of Jersey and Alta streets. He has a brother living at Rock Creek, Idaho. Albert Harris was aged 60 years. Mrs. Harris formerly lived at Maupin, Or., where she had a sister, Mrs. C. E. Molette. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Rondermel, who live near Milwaukie, Oregon.

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Harris were held at Miller & Tracey's parlor Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Dr. E. P. Borden preaching the sermon.

Mrs. Harris was born in Springfield, Oregon, in 1888. The two younger children will make their home with their grandparents on their ranch near Milwaukie. Rose, the eldest child, will reside with her aunt Mrs. F. A. Newman, at Port Townsend, Wash., who will educate her and provide a good home.

## Will Make a Survey

One of the first official acts pertaining to establishing parks and playgrounds in the city by City Commissioner Pier, will be a survey of sites which the voters at the recent election passed upon by a large majority in its favor. These sites will be established in close proximity to the public schools, so as to afford plenty of playground for the school children. Seven acres of ground directly in front of the Franklin school will in all probability be converted into a handsome park and the Albina, Peninsula and Irvington districts will also be assured of additional recreation beauty spots. The Irvington Club has made a proposition to Commissioner Pier that if the city would take over the Club's indebtedness of \$15,000 the city could have it and it is very likely that Mr. Pier will accept the offer.

As soon as the City Planning Commission has made its final recommendations and report, Mr. Pier will immediately proceed to notify the Park Bureau, which is now in his department, to make all necessary arrangements to clear off the grounds and put them in condition before the rainy season sets in.

Mr. Peter McIntosh, the purchasing agent for the City, declared in open meeting before the Council last week, that owing to a "Gentlemen's Agreement" between certain business firms in this city, he is unable to buy supplies as cheap under the competitive system which the ordinance provides as in the open market. Whatever re-

## Accident Results Fatally

A serious accident in which young St. Johns people were involved took place at Lombard and Greeley streets early Tuesday morning. The following account of the tragic affair is taken from Wednesday's Oregonian:

A motorcycle carrying four persons early yesterday collided with a milk wagon at Greeley and Lombard streets, with the result that Mrs. Ethel Hughes, 27, of 1606 Olin street, was fatally injured and Mrs. Nora Bolman, 28, of 1817 Drummond street, was seriously injured. Mrs. Hughes died on the way to a hospital. The women were on the motorcycle with Ralph Beden, 19, of 405 Alta street and Roy Massey, 28, of 602 Charleston street, both of whom escaped with slight injuries. Beden was driving the machine while sitting on Massey's lap. Mrs. Hughes was on the tandem and Mrs. Bolman on the handlebars. The collision threw Mrs. Hughes under the feet of a horse attached to the milk wagon and the horse kicked her in the head. She died of a fractured skull on the way to the hospital. Mrs. Bolman has cuts and bruises and probably internal injuries, although authorities at St. Vincent's hospital last night said the extent of her injuries was uncertain.

Beden told the police that the party had been riding around the St. Johns district since 11 P. M. He was taking the woman home, he said, when the milk wagon suddenly appeared on Greeley street. He said the wagon stopped in the middle of the street, and started up as he was riding around it. The front wheel of the motorcycle ran under the body of the wagon. Mrs. Bolman was crushed between the handlebars and the wagon. Beden bumped his head on the wagon with such force that he was dazed. Massey was thrown from his seat but had no serious hurts. Patrolman Fleming, who arrested Beden, and W. H. Beck, fireman, who witnessed the accident, say the driver of the milk wagon went on a few minutes after the accident. He had not reported to police at a late hour yesterday. Coroner Smith will hold an inquest tonight to fix responsibility for the wreck.

Mrs. Hughes was born in Kelso, Wash. She had lived in Oregon 14 years. She was working for the Standard Box company. Her husband, Everett Hughes, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gross, and three sisters and a brother survive her. Funeral services will be held in Finley's chapel tomorrow at 2:30. Interment will be in Rose City cemetery.

course the City Commissioners will take in regard to this matter is problematical, as the tendencies of the times is to organize and reorganize not only among employers, but also among employees. Consequently it terminates in an endless chain, and as is always the case from past experience, it is only a question of time when it will eventually run its course and disintegrate from its own opulence and "want of Balance." When combinations, associations, and organizations become selfish, greedy and arrogant they are a detriment to the interests of society and usually find their level, and whenever they do, Public Opinion sends for the Undertaker to remove the remains to the scrap heap of innoxious desuetude. Then, and then only, will reason and sanity be restored to its normal balance.

The City Commissioners have appointed a committee to make a thorough inspection of the water front as a result of the recent fire destroying over \$100,000 worth of property. The committee consists of G. B. Hegardt Engineer for the Dock Commission, City Engineer Laurgaard, Fire Marshal Grenfell, Building Inspector Plummer and W. A. Eatchel for the county and H. P. Boardman representing the Fire Underwriters. There is no doubt but that the City Council will adopt any recommendations the Committee may see fit to make for removing the "eye-sore" which confronts the East-sider and which is a constant menace to the "open door" of the West-sider.

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## Will Look for Oil

Last Saturday's Journal contained the following relative to J. J. Hurlbert, former well known citizen of St. Johns:

Jess J. Hurlbert, of Hollywood, Cal., will make a number of geological surveys in Benton and Yamhill counties during the next two weeks looking for new oil fields. On his way to Portland from Salinas, Cal., recently, he noted the formation in the two counties named were much like a number of the world's richest "gasoline gardens." As there is an acute shortage of oil, new fields are being sought everywhere. Hurlbert made a record run from Salinas to see his 10 year old daughter, Alta Irene, who is ill at Good Samaritan hospital. The child recently fell and broke her left arm, running a large splinter into the limb at the same time. An infection has set in. The father left the California town at 8 o'clock Tuesday night and reached Portland about midnight Thursday night. He has visited every oil field in the United States. He once owned the rich Monte bello property, which is now operated by Standard Oil company and is worth \$10,000,000. He gave it up when a friend advised against drilling there, but now Hurlbert puts down a hole wherever he thinks there is a likelihood of finding the liquid mineral. He is drilling the James Irvine ranch of 130,000 acres and is expecting gushers. Hurlbert is also interested in Texas and Oklahoma properties. He is accompanied by Cyril Taylor, consulting engineer, who will aid him in combing the Oregon field. It is thought that if oil is found in this state it will be

## Contract Has Been Let

Contracts for digging a channel from the Columbia river to the Columbia river slough, to increase the flow of the slough and make it possible to use that water way as a sewage outlet, was signed by Mayor Baker, and City Commissioner Barbur on behalf of the city of Portland and by the Pacific Bridge Company. Work will begin at once, according to Commissioner Barbur. At least one year will elapse before the job can be completed. The contract price is \$309,000. Commencement of this work is also the signal for the beginning of the huge reclamation project planned by the Multnomah county drainage district No. 1. For more than a year the district has waited its opportunity to reclaim 8000 acres of land along the Columbia slough, but has been held up principally by opposition to construction of a dam in the slough. As quickly as the channel is completed the city will begin to build lateral sewers in the Peninsula district which will empty into the slough, says the Oregonian.

Died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Denlove, 1673 Haven street, July 6th, Fannie McConnell, aged 82 years. Beloved mother of Mrs. Denlove and John McConnell, of Spokane, Wash. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 8th, at 2 p. m. at the residence. Remains were forwarded Wednesday, July 9th, at 10 a. m. under the direction of Miller and Tracey, to Milwaukee, Wis., for interment. She had resided at the home of her daughter the past 8 years. Paralysis of the right side was the cause of her death.

## Will Be Kept Busy

Arrangements have now been completed whereby the entire manufacturing implements and devices of the Thomas Engineering works have been taken over by the American Marine Iron works. The Thomas Engineering works ceases as a manufacturing concern and will hereafter devote its entire force to designing, engineering and marketing. The deal was consummated by C. J. Farmer, who recently came here from Seattle to take a financial interest, as well as the general management of both concerns. Contrary to previous report, the two corporations were not merged. Each business will continue separately, excepting that the working arrangement exists between the two companies and that they are both under the same general management.

It is planned to make the American Iron works a large producing corporation, manufacturing articles that will have a world wide distribution for other corporations, as well as subsidiaries that will act as feeders for the iron works. The first step in this direction was taken when arrangements were made to manufacture the various devices of the Thomas Engineering works. Chiefly among these is the Thomas all steel constructed gasoline drag saw and power plant. This is a new departure in drag saws and is result of years of experience in designing wood sawing equipment by Edwin E. Thomas, inventor and designer of a large number of practical milling machines on the market. It is not only a drag saw, but is built so that it can be used for general power plant purposes. Selling agencies for this device have been established in all important foreign countries. In the United States it is sold direct to the user, the company prepaying freight through their own distributing depots throughout the country.

The Thomas Engineering works is also placing on the market two unique lawn sprinklers, for which they have already received a contract for 75,000 to be supplied during the next year. Other articles that will be manufactured by the American Marine Iron works include the Beers Victory Pipe bending machine, which will bend any size pipe from one-half to six inches in diameter. The machine has been adopted for use by the United States government. The company will also manufacture the valveless pump, which was being manufactured by the corporation before the plant became engaged in work for the shipbuilders, and an oil meter belonging to the Automatic Meter company, one of Mr. Farmer's corporations. With these various articles for manufacture, as well as other lines that will be added, it is expected to build a substantial and permanent manufacturing institution.

The plant of the American Marine Iron works is finely situated, having four and one-half acres at St. Johns on the water front, at the foot of Richmond street, with a double deck, deep water, wharf with water frontage of 600 feet. Being on the river below the bridges, the facilities for marine repair work are excellent. Good rail and switching connections are available. A modern electric 15 ton traveling crane and modern moulding machines have recently been installed, making the plant capable of handling as large castings as any plant in the city and doing excellent machine work.

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## Multnomah Attractions

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Sunday, July 20th—WALLACE REID in "THE ROARING ROAD"—Paramount.

Monday and Tuesday, July 21 and 22—DOUG FAIRBANKS in "AMERICAN ARISTOCRACY"—Triangle. Also sixth episode of "The Tiger's Trail."

Wednesday, July 23—THE GREAT NAZIMOVA in "THE RED LANTERN"—in seven acts.

Thursday, July 24th—VIVIAN MARTIN in a "HOME TOWN GIRL"—Paramount.

Friday, July 25th—BRYANT WASHBURN in "SOMETHING TO DO"—Paramount.

Saturday, July 26th—ETHEL CLAYTON in "VICKEY VAN"—Paramount.

Sunday, July 27th—DOROTHY GISH in "PEPPY POLLY"—Paramount.

Monday and Tuesday, July 28 and 29—BESSIE BARRISCALE in "ROSE OF THE RANCHO." Also seventh episode "The Tiger's Trail."

Wednesday, July 30th—CONSTANCE TALMADGE in "MRS. LEFFINWELT'S BOOTS"—Select.

Thursday and Friday, July 31-Aug. 1—MARGUERITE CLARK in "COME OUT OF THE KITCHEN"—Paramount.

Saturday, August 2—ETHEL CLAYTON in "PETTIGREW'S GIRL"—Paramount.

Sunday, August 3rd—BIG BILL HART in "MONEY CORRAL" or "THE NIGHT WATCHMAN"—Arterial.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, to be announced later.

Thursday and Friday, August 7 and 8—HARRY CAREY in "RIDERS OF VENGEANCE." A great six act Western picture.

## Notice to Creditors

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah. Department of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Nancy C. Barton, Deceased.

Notice is given of the death of Nancy C. Barton, and that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of her Last Will and Testament and of her estate, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said decedent, or her estate, are notified to present same to me at the office of my Attorneys, Perkins & Bailey, 117 Board of Trade Building, Portland, Oregon, with proper vouchers, duly verified as required by law, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to wit: July 18th, 1919.

WILLIAM J. WELDON, Executor.

## Notice of Hearing Final Account

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah. Department of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Eric P. Peterson, Deceased.

Notice is given that William J. Weldon, executor of the Last Will and Testament of Eric P. Peterson, deceased, has filed with the County Clerk of Multnomah County, Oregon, his final account as such executor, and that Monday, August 18th, at 9:30 A. M., at the Court House of Multnomah County, Oregon, Department of Probate, and before Honorable George Tazewell, Judge, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and the settlement of the same, and to the distribution of the property belonging to said estate. Any person having objections to said account may be heard at the time and place aforesaid.

WILLIAM J. WELDON, Executor.

## Notice to Creditors

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah. Department of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Stanley Borusiewski, Deceased.

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