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FOUR LIVES TAKEN AWAY

BERT B. GARRETT KILLS HIMSELF AND THREE OTHERS WITH DYNAMITE.

TRAGEDY AT MARQUAM

Well-Known Man Becomes Insane and Succeeds in Exterminating His Wife and Two Daughters.

Disappointed over ill health, due to a loathsome disease, Bert B. Garrett set off a charge of dynamite, killing himself, his wife, their 4-year-old daughter and fatally injuring Miss Villa Brown, Mrs. Garrett's daughter by her first husband. Miss Brown was fatally injured and died within 24 hours after the explosion.

In Marquam, where the tragedy occurred, the people were shocked beyond expression at 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning, when a terrific explosion under the floor of the kitchen at the Garrett home blew three people into eternity. Garrett and his daughter were killed instantly. Mrs. Garrett lived more than an hour and though her lower limbs were blown off, she retained her consciousness while she lived and died without knowing there were other victims of her husband's act.

Garrett was 55 years old, and his wife five years older. His illness had caused him much worry and he had been receiving treatment in Oregon City and in Portland.

Several days ago he borrowed a shot gun and stated that he was going to shoot gophers. He bought eight shells, filled with No. 7 shot, at the Marquam store, the largest size he could obtain there. His brother learned of this and advised the man who had loaned him the gun to see that it was returned immediately. But Garrett, with his unbalanced mind bent on murder, took another crack, and secured a quantity of dynamite. He attempted to buy powder at Ridings' store in Marquam, but none could be obtained.

Thursday morning while his wife and their little daughter and Miss Brown were in the kitchen, Garrett went to the bed room of his wife's older daughter, Miss Gladys Brown, aged 15 years, and told her breakfast was ready and to come downstairs. It was well, she declined to get all of the members of his household in one room together and accomplish their destruction at the same time.

But Miss Brown declared she knew it was not breakfast time and as she was not feeling well, she declined to go down. Garrett stole quietly into the house and went to the outside wall of the kitchen, where he dug a hole and planted the murderous charge.

He was seen by Roy Ridings and Mrs. Chapman, his next door neighbors, who supposed he was digging a hole in which to plant something. A minute later the whole village was startled by the explosion.

Garrett was blown 35 feet. His head struck a tree and the force of the impact shattered his skull. His heart was blown out of his body, which rolled and bounded further on. The little girl's head was blown off, and Mrs. Garrett lost both limbs. Her daughter, Miss Villa, was injured internally. The kitchen was completely demolished, but the children escaped with but a few broken windows, and Miss Gladys Brown was unharmed.

News reached Oregon City by telephone and Coroner Holman, accompanied by Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges, went to the scene and held an inquest. The following jury was impaneled: J. T. Drake, G. W. Bentley, Adolph Meyers, S. G. Nicholson, J. W. Falconer and W. A. Shaver. The evidence was indirect, but it was established beyond doubt that Garrett had intended to kill his whole family along with himself, and had nearly succeeded.

Testimony at the inquest developed that Garrett had been acting queer of late. He had inquired about the surest and quickest way to put any one out of the way and had avoided his neighbors and associates.

Garrett comes from a highly esteemed family, and was commonly accepted black sheep. He was married seven years ago to Mrs. Brown, a widow with two children and their life had been reasonably happy.

Villa Brown, the fourth victim of the murderous crime of Bert B. Garrett at Marquam, died shortly after 4 o'clock Sunday morning after a day and night of agony. The girl was 15 years old and was the daughter of Mrs. Garrett by her first husband. Her injuries were known to be fatal from the first.

The funeral of Garrett took place at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The affair was very simple. Rev. Stockwell, a retired Methodist minister living at Marquam, said a prayer for the dead and the remains were interred in the Marquam cemetery.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Garrett and her daughters, Villa and Gladys, took place Sunday night at the Methodist Episcopal church at Marquam. Rev. Chapman, the pastor, officiating, and were attended by many friends of the family. The bodies were interred at Scott's Mills.

A new development of the case in the information that the dynamite which was used for the awful crime of Bert Garrett was purchased several days ago by Garrett at a store in Mount Angel. He bought 12 sticks of the explosive.

KNOWLES FILES SUIT AND ASKS FOR \$1,000

OAK GROVE MAN WANTS DIVORCE AND SAYS HIS WIFE HAS BEEN UNLADYLIKE.

Thomas F. Knowles has filed a suit for divorce in the Circuit Court against Missouri A. T. Knowles, to whom he was married at Portland, Oregon, December 5, 1907. He charges that she is possessed of an ungovernable temper; that she has treated him in a cool, rude, unkind and un ladylike manner; that she would not speak to him for one or two days at a time, which caused him great men-

UNVEILING CEREMONY IS HELD BY WOODMEN

SIX MEMBERS OF CAMP HAVE PASSED TO BEYOND IN TWO YEARS.

The annual unveiling ceremonies of Willamette Falls Camp, No. 145, Woodmen of the World, were held Sunday afternoon in the Woodmen of the World hall and were attended by many members of the order. The affair was public and the families of deceased members were invited. Council Commander G. L. Snidow had charge of the ceremonies, assisted by the Uniform Rank under Captain M.

LUMBERMEN WIN FIGHT

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO MAINTAIN SHIPPING FACILITIES THAT ARE ADEQUATE.

VICTORY FOR BROWNELL

The Railroad Company Will Establish Sidings and Switches to Allow Shipments of Lumber in Car Loads.

State Railroad Commissioners West, Campbell and Aitchison were in the city Saturday with Secretary Goodall to hear the complaint of the lumber manufacturers of Clackamas County against the Southern Pacific Company. The lumbermen complained that the railroad company does not provide adequate facilities at Oregon City for shipping carload lots. Attorney George C. Brownell represented the lumbermen and Attorney R. A. Leiter and Superintendent Fields appeared for the Southern Pacific. The company's officials agreed to establish sidings and switches in the vicinity of Green Point, in the north end of the city, within three weeks and the manufacturers agreed to wait for that time without an order from the railroad commission. The matter is still before the commission and will be pending awaiting the action of the company.

THESE TEN MEN TO SPEND MONEY.

The Board of Governors of the Oregon City Commercial Club has appointed an advisory committee of 10 members from among the contributors to the advertising fund that has been subscribed to boost Clackamas County. This committee will work in connection and in harmony with the members of the publicity committee of the commercial club. It is the intention in making the appointment that the publicity committee shall seek the opinion and advice of the advisory committee before taking any action which would involve the expenditure of any considerable sum of money. The following committee was named: C. H. Caulfield, W. A. Huntley, E. A. Sommer, Franklin T. Griffith, Joseph E. Hedges, Duane C. Ely, Grant B. Dimick, Harvey E. Cross, William Anderson, James I. Campbell.

ANNUAL ROSE SHOW COMES NEXT WEEK

BEAUTIFUL BLOSSOMS WILL BE AT THEIR BEST FOR FINE EXHIBIT.

The third annual rose show of the Clackamas County Rose Society, which will take place in Willamette Hall next Thursday and Friday, June 17 and 18, will unquestionably eclipse the shows of previous years. The beautiful blossoms never looked better in Oregon City and growers do not hesitate to say that the roses at the show next week will outshine those exhibited at the Portland fe-

ENOS CAHILL WINS FORMADELHYDE SUIT

JOHN A. HOWLAND LOSES DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST FORMER COUNTY TREASURER.

In the second trial on the \$2000 damage suit of John A. Howland, former County Treasurer Enos Cahill, the jury Friday returned a verdict for Cahill, who was represented by Attorney George C. Brownell. Howland's attorneys were C. D. and D. C. Latourette. Howland sued Cahill for alleged damages to his stomach, caused by drinking from a bottle of formalde-

SWIFT ROAD IN BALANCE

PROMOTER IS DISCOURAGED AT HIS RECEPTION BY LOCAL BUSINESS INTERESTS.

MORE MONEY DESIRED

People in Country Between Marquam and This Point Have Responded With Subscriptions That Total \$80,000.

Is Oregon City going to lose the Molalla Valley railroad?

This is the question that is agitating the minds of the business men of Oregon City and the farmers between the city and Marquam and the question has arisen because of the seeming indifference upon the part of many of the professional and business men to the proposed line. F. M. Swift, who is promoting the proposition, is becoming discouraged over his failure to secure \$25,000 in subscriptions to the road in Oregon City. He has so far obtained about \$15,000, and is just about at the end of his rope.

In the country leading out of Oregon City to Marquam \$80,000 has been subscribed by the farming community. The people in the country are very anxious to have an electric line constructed and are willing to do almost anything in reason, realizing that their property will be greatly enhanced in value after the line is in operation. About a month ago when Mr. Swift commenced to solicit subscriptions here there was little doubt of his being able to raise \$25,000 in Oregon City, but the enthusiasm that was born of his approach, was evidently short lived.

Swift announced at a meeting held Tuesday night in the Commercial club rooms that if he could not get more encouragement in this city, he would have to go to Canby, where he had been made liberal offers to make the road come in that direction. How much of this is bluff and how much reality only time will tell. There is no doubt that the Canby people are anxious to have the line come their way but whether or not this is a desirable route is another matter. The grade down through the Molalla Valley leads naturally into Oregon City and the engineers say this is the most feasible way of construction. The idea has been advanced that the line may come down Milk Creek and cross the river to Wilsonville, but right here it would enter in competition with the Oregon Electric and this plan is hardly worthy of consideration as the route into Oregon City would ward off competition.

Fred Schaffer, who operates a large sawmill at Canby, has told Swift that Canby is by all means the place to go if money cannot be raised here. Mr. Schaffer may be talking for himself, or he may be for the people of Molalla, who, having done their part, believe that the business men of Oregon City should meet them half way, and there is certainly reason in their argument.

Mr. Swift has set out to raise \$100,000 by subscription. He already has nearly this amount pledged and he has practically all his right of way to Molalla. He proposes to interest Eastern capital and build an electric line from Oregon City to Silverton, running through Beaver Creek, Highland, Multnomah and Liberal, Molalla, Marquam and Scotts Mills, tapping all of the principal points en route. He states that he does not expect to experience difficulty in financing the road.

It was the original idea of Swift to come into Oregon City through the Abernethy canyon, where a grade of 1 1/2 per cent can be obtained. Through the intervention of the residents of Mount Pleasant and Ely these plans have been altered to bring the road through these sections across the Latourette bridge over Newell Creek and into the city along Sixth street to Center street, on Center to Eleventh and on Eleventh to John Adams street to Green Point. This will give about three per cent grade, which is not too heavy for an electric line. If the freight traffic of the road becomes heavy, a branch could easily be constructed down the Abernethy to handle the bulk of the freight business.

The people of Oregon City are not asked to pay one cent of their respective subscriptions until the road is completed and in operation 10 miles from the city, then one-half of the amount pledged becomes due. The remaining half is payable when the road is in operation 20 miles out from Oregon City. County Judge Grant Dimick, who is active in the promotion of the railroad scheme, presided at Tuesday night's meeting, and George Randall, W. M. Smith, Ed Gottberg and others volunteered to assist Mr. Swift in securing additional funds in this city.

TWO JURYMEN TRY CASE.

O. S. Boyles and John Bradley Do Work of Twelve Men

Two jurymen tried a case in the Circuit Court Friday. The case was instituted by Isaac S. Miller against Oscar and Rosina Mahler for the payment of a promissory note. The defendants filed an answer but made no further appearance in the case and O. S. Boyles and John Bradley were drawn as jurors on the evidence for Miller. Boyles was the witness for Bradley, and a verdict for \$258.70 was brought in. The proceeding, while very unusual, was perfectly regular. Grant B. Dimick appeared for Miller.



WALTON C. MCKEE, Superintendent of Oregon City Schools, which were closed last Tuesday for the summer vacation.



MRS. VIOLA M. GODFREY, Principal of the Willamette School, the commencement exercises of which are to be held tonight.

tal anguish; that she refused and neglected to cook and prepare his meals, after he had been working hard all day, and as a consequence he had to prepare his own meals; that she had locked the house and refused to give him a key and he has been compelled to obtain his meals elsewhere; that she ridiculed and belittled him to their neighbors; that she placed noxious in his coffee and that she poisoned a dog belonging to J. J. Kelly, a neighbor.

D. Phillips, Rev. A. H. Mulkey of Gladstone, delivered the principal address, and a quartette rendered music. The following members of the camp have joined the great majority during the past two years: Harry Stevens, W. D. Curran, J. M. Bruner, J. E. Williams, H. N. Waldron and William Berline.

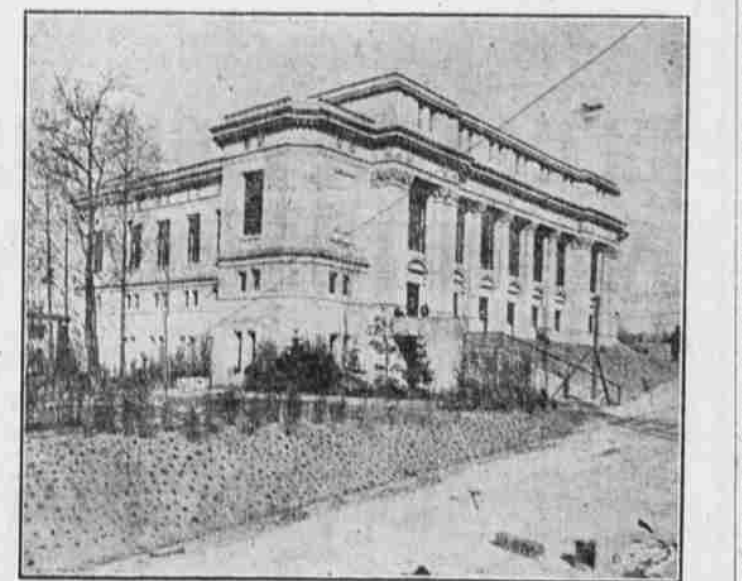
Following the ceremonies a committee composed of Elmer Lanfink, George Ely, G. L. Snidow, C. B. Willson and C. Curtis went to Mountain View cemetery and decorated the graves of Woodmen.

Miss Lotta Livermore, of Pendleton, has arrived here for a month's visit with friends and relatives.

Circuit Court Cases.

The following cases have been set for trial in the Circuit Court by Judge Campbell: May 14, Quinn vs. Willamette Pulp & Paper Company; May 15, Adkins vs. Greenwood Lumber Company; May 16, Bradt vs. Sharkey; May 17, Clackamas Milling & Mining Company vs. Early; May 18, Baker vs. Baker.

In talking with some who have signed a paper being circulated in opposition to the removal of the McLoughlin Home to the Park on the hill, I find that a wrong impression of the entire plan is had by many. In order to correct this, a true statement of the intention of those engaged in this work is perhaps desirable. The work now



THE AUDITORIUM.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, occupying 250 acres of the campus of the University of Washington, will result in benefits for Washington's seat of learning that the University could not have hoped to secure in many years, had not the great fair of 1909 been planned. So the exposition that will exploit Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines and emphasize the importance of the growing trade with the Orient will leave, after its gates have closed, a large number of permanent structures to constantly remind the people of the Northwest of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition and the place it will occupy in the history of the Pacific as the medium through which one-half of the world was brought in such close touch with the other and a tremendous impetus to commercial intercourse given.

Seven buildings on the exposition grounds will be left for use of the University and the auditorium, one of the finest of this group, cost the State of Washington more than \$300,000. While the exposition is in progress this building will be used for conventions, congresses and conferences, and its hundreds of seats were in place and the building turned over to the exposition management three months before the opening date of the fair.

REMOVAL OF McLOUGHLIN HOME

E. G. Caulfield Corrects Wrong Impressions That Have Gone Abroad and Explains the Plans of the McLoughlin Memorial Association.

laid out and to be completed at once contemplates the removal of the building to the Park on Center and Seventh streets, placing of new sills entirely around the building and supporting the same on heavy timbers resting on concrete piers, resubling the entire roof, renewing cornice to correspond with original section still on the building, all defective boards on the siding of the building to be removed and new ones replaced, the space between the building and the grounds to be enclosed, all the window spaces to be filled with new sash, made to correspond with the original sash now in the building, and finally the entire building to have two coats of paint. This work will cost approximately \$1,000, all of which will be raised by private subscription, most of the money being subscribed by people outside of the city. When these repairs are made the building will be in good shape for permanent preservation and will not be in any way unsightly. Some objections have been raised that the building being located on this block might at some time interfere with a public building, should it be considered desirable to place one there. The site selected by the council committee had in view leaving plenty room for that purpose, but in case any future plan of the city would prove that the building was an obstruction no objections would be raised to its removal of any other part of the block where it would not be in the way.

The care and maintenance of the building would be provided for by the "McLoughlin Memorial Association," and would not be a burden in any way on the city. All we ask of the city is the privilege of using a small part of one of the many park blocks donated to the city by Dr. John McLoughlin as the permanent location for his old home. After the work described is accomplished only a beginning has been made. It is the intention to at once organize an association with members over the entire northwest coast and begin a systematic raising of funds to completely restore the interior of the building to its condition when occupied during the last days of Dr. John McLoughlin. While those engaged in this work are spending their money from a purely sentimental standpoint with a desire to preserve the building as a constant reminder to coming generations of the founder of our city, the

tival. Only a few of the early blooms will be gone.

The members of the Rose Society display great judgment in not determining the date of the show until they know just how the blooms are progressing, and as a result the roses are seen at their best.

Dozens of fine premlums have been given to the society by Oregon City business and professional men and will be offered as prizes for the exhibits. Premium lists may be procured at Harding's drug store or at Barlow's grocery.

William Hammond left Monday for Salem to take the examination for admission to the bar.

Gifts for Milwaukie Teachers.

Mrs. Mildred Rueger Eisert, Miss Estella Niles and Miss Ella Casto were the recipients of gifts Friday from other teachers in the Milwaukie schools. These three teachers will not be in the corps next year. Miss Niles and Miss Casto were given hand some china plate, and Emille C. Shaw, the principal, presented Mrs. Eisert with a beautiful Royal Dalton plate. The Milwaukie school year has closed after a very successful term.



A PORTION OF THE CASCADE COURT.

The Palace of Oriental Exhibits forms one of the twelve mammoth display buildings first completed by the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Its lines are in pleasing contrast to the Agricultural and Manufacturers buildings, with which they are grouped, and their position overlooks the beautiful formal gardens and water display of the Cascades and Geyser Basin.

The exhibit placed within the walls of the Oriental building constitutes one of the most gorgeous displays of Far Eastern art and manufactured articles ever shipped from the Orient, and is bewildering in beauty and extent. Not a country of Asia is without representation, and treasures of old and modern art, never before permitted to leave the lands in which they were created, will be seen for the first time in the land of the Occident. The matter of arrangement of the Oriental exhibit has been placed in the hands of the most competent and artistic men at command and its display will be worthy of the magnificent collection.

About the Oriental building are gathered the great buildings housing the United States exhibit and the Alaska, Hawaiian and Philippine displays. One of the largest bandstands is within close distance, and from its doors the most noted musical organizations of the world will be heard daily.

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