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## PORTLAND'S FIRE CHIEF IS KILLED

### DAVID CAMPBELL DIES LEADING MEN IN BIG OIL TANK BLAZE.

### JOHN YOUNG, ASSISTANT, INJURED

Oregon City Man Sees Charred and Mangled Body of Hero Taken From Ruins—Others Hurt.

The big fire in Portland in which David Campbell, fire chief, was killed and John Young, assistant chief, was seriously injured, was witnessed by several residents of this city. T. H. Cross, who has a harness shop at 511 Seventh street, saw the recovery of the chief's body. The body was so badly charred the features of the chief were hardly recognizable. The plant of the Union Oil Company, of California, was destroyed, causing a loss of about \$100,000.

With every fire company in Portland, the fireboat crew and many volunteers working, it was more than three hours before the fire, which was in the Union Oil Company's distributing plant, could be subdued and the debris sufficiently cleared away to permit the finding of Chief Campbell's body.

Terribly burned and bruised, the life apparently put out in an instant, the body of Chief Campbell was found 50 feet from the nearest entrance. He had reached the entrance before the severest explosion came. His last order before re-entering the building saved the lives of the crew of engine No. 1, for they had been where the north walls would have crushed them, and at the chief's orders they moved beyond the danger zone. The remains were taken to the morgue.

The Union Oil Company distributing plant's location is East Salmon and Water streets. Current had been turned into the motor, used for pumping oil into the tanks by an employee in the office. Gas is supposed to have accumulated in the motor pit. The burst of flame was followed by the upheaving explosion of the first of three tanks. It was the explosion of the second tank immediately following that hurled the north wall outward and caught Chief Campbell under the falling roof.

Several hundred men were about the building at the time of the explosion. They were hurled, on the west side, into the street, and on the north side against heaped up cobblestones. The fact that the blast of the explosion carried the men with it probably saved their lives, for the concrete wall of the building, a foot thick and 40 feet high, covered the space on which they had been standing.

Assistant Fire Chief Young was about to re-enter the burning building when the second explosion came. He was hurled across the street, his head terribly gashed and his body bruised. Undaunted by his injuries he struggled with ambulance attendants, trying to stay on the ground in command of the fight against the flames, rather than be removed to the hospital.

Hero Hurt Saving Men. Lieutenant George Johnson of engine company No. 1 was another hero of the furious fire. Men from the fireboat George H. Williams, from engine No. 1 and from several other companies had carried lines of hose within the building from the north entrance. Word was shouted that the explosion would come in an instant and nothing within the walls could survive it. With this knowledge Johnson dashed into the building, forced the men outside and followed them beyond a few bruises all were uninjured. Several other men were slightly injured.

"I did only the best I could," was his modest way of disclaiming special credit. The distributing plant of the Standard Oil Company adjacent to the destroyed Union Oil Company. By concentrating several streams of water upon it, it was saved from damage.

Among the last to see Chief Campbell enter the building was Officer L. K. Evans, who heard the chief order the removal of engine 1.

## POSTAL DEPOSITS SMALL FIRST DAY

### ONLY SIX PERSONS PATRONIZE NEW BANK—TOTAL RECEIVED \$203.

The first day's business at the Oregon City Postal Savings Bank was disappointing. There were only six depositors, the deposits totaling \$203. One man deposited \$100. One woman and one child opened an account. Postmaster Randall, however, declared that the business of the first day was not a fair test because of the inclement weather. There was a heavy rain almost all day, and many farmers who were expected to become patrons of the bank did not come to the city. Several persons, who for several years have deposited their money with the postoffice by purchasing money orders and keeping them, have signified their intention of depositing the money in the postal bank. There have been many inquiries regarding the new department and Postmaster Randall thinks that the deposits the first money will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

## Official Stops Tipping



SECRETARY OF STATE OLCOTT.

SALEM, Or., June 23.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Olcott has determined to disallow all requests for tips. He says the privilege extended to numerous state officials in the way of transportation are being abused, and that the tipping custom is the cause.

"The tipping evil has become so persistent and so universal, that it has passed the common nuisance stage and is now nothing short of an abomination," says the Secretary of State. "I believe it is time the state ceased to lend its moral support and spend the money of taxpayers to help perpetuate this evil.

"In the past it has been the custom of this office to pass expense items of the state officers, covering tips to porters and other employees of hotels and public service corporations. Hereafter, as long as I have anything to say about it, no claim of this character will be allowed to get through the Secretary of State's office. Any state official, regardless of his importance or position in the public service, who desires to spend money for tips will have to use his own funds for the purpose. The state of Oregon is through paying these kind of bills."

## CROSS MAKES GIFT TO CITY HE FOUNDS

### GLADSTONE DEEDED RIGHTS THAT WERE RESERVED AT DEDICATION.

### PARK ONE OF RECENT DONATIONS

### Privilege To Conduct Car Service, Gas and Ferry Concessions Are Among Those Granted.

Another magnificent gift has been made by H. E. Cross, the "Father of Gladstone," to that city. As president of the Gladstone Real Estate Association Mr. Cross has deeded to the city all rights that were reserved when the townsite was dedicated on October 13, 1893, excepting that of laying wires for furnishing electricity and motive power. The association owns the water rights in the Clackamas River and has started the erection of a concrete dam just above the railroad bridge and will erect a power plant. The townsite comprised 640 acres owned by Mr. Cross, which was a part of the Fendal C. Carson claim, and also the southern part of the Peter M. Rinearsen claim.

The following are among the rights deeded to the city by Mr. Cross: The right to lay railroad tracks and run cars on its streets. Right to lay gas pipes, water pipes and conduits, and wires for telephone, right to all ferry franchises and ferry privileges, which as owner of the soil bordering on the Clackamas River the grantor owned.

Right to erect and maintain a fence around the land or any portion of the land included in the dedication. The object of Mr. Cross in withholding the rights was to protect the property from deceptions, but now that the city has a new charter it will punish offenders.

Mr. Cross recently deeded to the city a strip of land along the Clackamas River for park purposes, and he has made other donations to the municipality.

The residents of Gladstone appreciate his generosity and efforts to build up the city, and at the same time preserve its many attractive features.

### \$4,800 BRIDGE BID ACCEPTED.

Contract Awarded For Span Over Rock Creek at Zion Church. Contract for a new bridge over Rock Creek at the Zion church was let by the County Court Thursday afternoon to the Coast Bridge Company for \$4,800. The structure will be a steel and wood trestle, 850 feet long, with 16 feet steel bents set on concrete piers.

### MRS. SEMARD'S ESTATE \$4,000.

Son and Daughter Cut Off With Only \$5 Each. Four thousand dollars is the value of the estate of the late Sofie Semard, who died last week at Mount Pleasant. Mrs. Semard left a will, in which she devised a half interest in 100 acres of land between Oregon City and New Era to her oldest son, Joseph B. Semard, Jr., who is named as executor of the estate. Peter, a son, and Mary, a daughter, will receive \$5 each.

## EXHIBIT OF CLUB ATTRACTS CROWDS

### SAMPLES OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY PRODUCTS MAKE FINE DISPLAY.

### GOLD AND SILVER ORE INTERESTS

Section of Knotted Bird's-Eye Maple, Big Egg, Berries, Cherries and Vegetables Are Among Features.

The exhibit in the new Promotion building of the Commercial Club, are attracting much attention. At least fifty persons from out of town call at the building daily to see the Clackamas county products. Secretary Lazelle said Saturday that all the exhibits expected have not been received, but the collection is already large and gives an insight into the resources of the county.

The display of the Ogie Mountain Mining Company, which consists of ore containing gold, silver and other metals probably attracts the most attention. The samples show conclusively that there is plenty of gold and silver in the mine, and when it is fully developed it will be one of the best producers in this part of the county. Bird's-Eye Maple Attracts. A section of the trunk of a bird's-eye maple, cut from the farm of C. C. Sannes, of Canby, is one of the features of the collection. The wood is beautifully knotted and knotted, and of that delicate color which makes the Oregon maple so highly prized.

A. H. Finnegan has a fine exhibit of seedling strawberries propagated by himself. The berries are large and of splendid flavor. He has named the variety "The Mount Hood." A lemon on a tree presented by Mrs. K. L. Newton, measures twelve inches in diameter. This is said to be the largest lemon ever grown in Oregon. M. Spagel, of Lawton Heights, has given the club what he says is the largest hen's egg ever laid in this state. The egg is seven and one-half inches in circumference.

Chinese Gives Head of Cabbage. Mr. Wing, the Chinese gardener, has presented the club a head of cabbage which weighs eight pounds. A head of lettuce, grown by O. E. Freitag, at Gladstone, is one foot in diameter. George DeBok, of Willamette, has a display of turnips, some of which are eight inches in diameter. One of the most interesting exhibits is a limb containing a cluster of cherries, which was cut from a tree which produces a ton of cherries a year. The tree is owned by J. S. Smith, of Kansas City.

## Mothers' Congress Head To Speak At Chautauqua



MRS. R. H. TATE.

Mrs. R. H. Tate, president of the Oregon State Congress of Mothers, will speak at the Willamette Valley Chautauqua, at 11 o'clock on the morning of July 14. Mrs. Tate is one of the most interesting speakers in the state and the organization of which she is the head has done much useful work.

Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, regent of the O. A. C., will also speak on July 14. Mrs. Waldo has just returned from an extended trip through Europe where she has studied the great questions pertaining to the home and the school. The Oregon Congress of Mothers was organized in 1905. There are in Portland twenty Parent-Teachers Circles as well as a great many more throughout the state.

The work is civic in its broadest and highest sense, and its aim is to give to every child the opportunity to develop his highest possibilities, physically, mentally, and morally—to bring into closer relation the home and the school that parents and teachers may co-operate intelligently in the training of the child.

All who are interested in the welfare of children should be interested in the Oregon State Congress of Mothers, and attend this meeting. The Kindergarten will be in charge of the Congress of Mothers. Miss Clara A. Ahlgren and two capable assistants will be in charge of this work.

### GRANGE SELECTS FAIR SPACE.

Committee From Logan Promises Fine Exhibit. A committee representing Harding Grange, of Logan, composed of O. D. Robbins and Mrs. W. P. Kirchem called upon Marshall Lazelle, secretary of the Clackamas County Fair Association, Saturday, and selected space for the grange exhibit at the coming fair. The committee reported that the crops near Logan are looking fine. The grange will have a fine display at the fair.

## PAINTER SURVIVES SHOCK AND FALL

### BRIDGEWORKER SUSPENDED ON WIRE CHARGED WITH 3,000 VOLTS.

### MILL-HANDS LOOK ON AS MAN DROPS

Hold of Fellow Workers Broken, Victim Strikes Floor—Injuries Consist of Contusions and Burns.

With scores of horrified millworkers, many of them women, on their way to their homes in West Oregon City, looking at him, Harry Henderson, a painter, dangled for more than a minute from an electric wire on the suspension bridge late Saturday afternoon, and then dropped into the arms of fellow workmen twenty feet below.

The force of the fall was broken, but Henderson sustained serious injuries in addition to the burns he had received from coming in contact with the wire, which was charged with more than 3,000 volts. That he escaped instant death is amazing, and what is still more remarkable he will recover.

### Man Lives in Portland.

Henderson, who lives in Portland, and is employed by a contractor of that city, had been working all day on the bridge, and just a little before quitting time the other workmen on the structure were attracted by a cry as if uttered by someone in pain. Looking up they saw Henderson swinging from the wire, which was under one arm. They hastened to a spot directly under him. A few more writhings released him from the wire, and he fell into the arms of the men below. They did not seize him securely, however, and he slipped through to the floor of the bridge. The man was conscious when he was picked up and hurried to the office of Dr. Meissner, and attend this meeting. The Kindergarten will be in charge of the Congress of Mothers. Miss Clara A. Ahlgren and two capable assistants will be in charge of this work.

Although in great pain Henderson insisted that he was not seriously hurt, and would be all right in a few days. After his injuries were dressed he was taken to Willwood Hospital, where another examination was made. It is thought that the painter first caught hold of the wire with his right hand, this one being more severely burned than the left. But for the other workmen breaking his fall it is believed that he would have been killed instantly for he struck on his head. The bridge was recently reconstructed, and the painting which completes the work, will be finished in a few days.

## Gymnastic Work to Be Feature of Chautauqua



A. M. GRILLEY.

Professor A. M. Grilley, who will instruct a class each day at the Willamette Valley Chautauqua which starts July 4, is one of the best known gymnastic teachers in the country. The gymnasium will be in the old auditorium, and the hours of instruction will be from 8 to 11.

Mr. Grilley will start a Boy's Marathon, on July 8, "Boy's Day." The boys will run for fifteen minutes each day for seven days. The winners will receive handsome gold, silver and bronze medals. The Portland Y. M. C. A. will give an athletic entertainment under Mr. Grilley's management on Saturday evening, July 15.

### PRICE BROS. BEAT MOLALLA.

### Game Is Attended By Large Crowd From This City.

There was a large attendance at the baseball game on Sunday at Molalla, when the Molalla team played the Price Brothers of this city. The game resulted in a score of 8 to 5 in favor of the Price Brothers. Many persons from this city attended.

## FOUR SISTERS SUE TO REVOKE WILL

### LATE W. P. WEISMANDEL SAID TO HAVE BEEN UNDULY INFLUENCED.

### PETITIONERS ARE CUT OFF WITH \$1

### Mrs. Ola M. Ogle, of Canby, Who Got Largest Part of Estate, Is Named As Defendant.

Declaring that the late William Phillip Weismandel was unduly influenced, when he executed a will, in which Mrs. Ola M. Ogle, of Canby, received the lion's share of his estate, Attorneys C. D. and D. C. Latourette on Thursday afternoon filed a petition in the County Court, on behalf of Nellie Lyons, Rose Howard, Emma Phillips and Rose Weismandel, for the revocation of the will.

The instrument was probated February 23 last. The value of the estate, as stated in the petition, is \$1,500, but it is understood that the real value exceeds this amount.

### Petitioners Left \$1 Each.

Mr. Weismandel bequeathed \$1 to each of the petitioners, \$5 to his mother, \$100 to Gertrude Kabourek, two lots and house at Condon, Or., to Bessie Wells, a watch and chain to Vivian E. Gurley, and the remainder of his property, including his expectation in the estate of his father, John Weismandel, to Mrs. Ogle.

It is charged that Mr. Weismandel was not of sound mind when he signed the will, and did not have sufficient understanding and intelligence to know what he was doing.

### Sisters Cited To Appear.

All of the four petitioners are sisters of Mr. Weismandel, and will make every effort to break the will. The beneficiaries have been cited to appear in the County Court with 10 days.

Their attorney is Joseph E. Hedges, who is absent in the East, but it is supposed that the heirs under the will will take the necessary steps to protect their interests.

### DIMICK TO BE JULY 4 ORATOR.

### Elaborate Program Arranged For Celebration at Liberal.

The following program has been arranged for the Fourth of July celebration at Wright's Springs, Liberal, Or. A sunrise salute of 15 guns. 9 a. m.—Auto parade, headed by Molalla band. 9:45—Concert at Band Stand in Grove, Molalla band. 10:45—Oration, Grant B. Dimick, followed by general exercises.

Afternoon. 2 p. m.—Races and athletic stunts. 3 p. m.—Dancing in big pavilion. 3:30 p. m.—Ball game, Maxzurg vs. Liberal. Evening. Grand Ball—Whitman's orchestra, four pieces. Fireworks, etc. Admission free to the picnic grounds. C. T. Howard, chairman program George Ogle, grand marshal. George Fraser, master of games. W. J. E. Vick, secretary, in charge of ground.

## SUSPECT, SOBER, EXPLAINS ACTIONS

### DAVE GREEN, ARRESTED BY POSSE IN AUTOS, TELLS OF WINE CAROUSE IN TENT.

### PRISONER ACCOUNTS FOR HIMSELF

Lineman Sought By Authorities, Is Believed To Know Something Of Quadruple Killing Near Ardenwald Station.

Dave Green, the suspect in the Hill tragedy, arrested near Cottrell, by a sheriff's posse, told Sheriff Mass Friday that he knew nothing of the quadruple slaying near Ardenwald Station. Green said that he left Portland last Monday in search of work and had followed the Bull Run pipe line. After walking two days without food, he came across the tent which had been abandoned by workmen, and finding a half barrel of wine decided to stay there until it was gone. The wine soon affected him, and for more than a day he declares he did not know anything.

It is thought that it was while under the influence of the wine he frightened the persons living in the neighborhood and made injury for the Barlowe trail over the mountains into Eastern Oregon.

### Man To Be Held.

The man still refuses to answer all questions put to him. He gave the number of the house in which he says he lived when in Portland and the authorities will go there to see if they can find anything new about him.

An electric lineman, until recently in the employ of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, is being sought in connection with the quadruple killing.

The man is said to have ceased his employment with the telephone company and to have gone to Portland from Polk county several days before the crime was committed.

The information placing the lineman under suspicion was furnished by an electric lineman in the employ of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company named Cook. Several days ago he wrote Chief of Police Cox from Polk county, where he and other men are now employed on telephone lines, asserting that the circumstances were of a nature causing him to believe he should inform the proper persons of his knowledge.

In this letter Cook said that for some time a man whom he knew only by his first name had worked with him and other electric linemen in Polk county.

One night, he declared, the lineman slept in a barn, and on that occasion had voluntarily told his companions that he once had been employed as engineer in an asylum for the insane. Cook volunteered the theory that the man was insane and had been a patient in some asylum.

The letter contained the further information that four days after the killing of the Hill family the man quit working for the telephone company and went to Portland, saying he hoped he would be able to find a job at some undertaking establishment. The admissions voluntarily made by him and the fact of his going to Portland so shortly prior to the Hill tragedy, said Cook, had caused the men with whom he formerly worked to arrive at the conclusion that he might be the fender for whom the authorities were searching.

### Attachment Against Sturgis.

The Portland Mercantile Company on Monday afternoon instituted attachment proceedings against A. H. Sturgis, having assigned claims of three Portland wholesale firms, F. S. Harmon & Company, \$191.70; Heywood Bros. & Wakefield, \$93, and May Hardware Company, \$23.18.

### Two Couples Get Licenses.

Licenses to marry have been issued to Kate L. Ingalls and Oscar F. Frenness, of Canby, and Sylvie Osborn and Fred C. Parker, of Gresham.

## TRAMP WITH AX IS THOUGHT HILL SLAYER

### FELLOW FIRED UPON PROVES HIS INNOCENCE AND IS GIVEN NEW SUIT.

A tramp, at first thought to have been the slayer of the Hill family at Ardenwald Station, caused much excitement at Milwaukie Saturday morning, and before he was captured by several men who pursued him, at least one shot had been fired at the suspect. The man proved that he had nothing to do with the killing, and the men, who only a few minutes before had pursued the fellow, furnished him a new suit of clothing, and gave him something to eat. The man was accompanied to Milwaukie by another tramp. There they separated, and the one, who was later suspected of knowing something of the quadruple crime, went to the home of Mrs. McIntyre to ask for something to eat. While talking with a member of the family he caught hold of an ax, which had been on a pile of wood near the house, and the rumor was at once started that he was the man who committed the crime near Ardenwald Station.

The members of the Hill family were brained with an ax. Sheriff Mass, who was summoned, questioned the man, and soon became convinced that he knew nothing of the tragedy.

## Chautauqua Will Open Next Tuesday

### Exceptionally Fine Program Is Arranged For Annual Assembly For 13 Days at Gladstone Park

- Opening Day, July 4th, 1911.
- All G. A. R. Veterans wearing the button will be admitted free.
- MORNING.
- 10:00—Spectacular Game of Baseball—Teachers vs. Lawyers.
- AFTERNOON.
- 1:00—Band Concert. Naval Reserve Band. G. A. R. Drum Corps.
- "The Star Spangled Banner," Rose Block Bauer.
- Reading of the Declaration of Independence.
- "The Red, White and Blue," Prof. W. H. Boyer.
- Oration—"The Evolution of Patriotism," Gov. Richard Yates, of Illinois.
- 3:30—Baseball—Price Bros. vs. Aurora.
- 5:00—Events for Clackamas County Boys. 100 yard dash. Putting 16 pound shot. Running Broad Jump.
- 5:30—Six-mile relay steepclimb, free for all. Portland Y. M. C. A. and Chemawa Indians have entered.
- 7:00—Band Concert. Naval Reserve Band. Lecture—"With an Irishman Through the Jungles of Africa," Dr. Gabriel R. Maguire.
- Second Day, Wednesday, July 5th.
- MORNING.
- 8:00-11:00—Classes.
- 11:00—Scripture Recital, Rev. Edith Hill Booker, of Emporia, Kans.
- Parliamentary Law, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit, Mich.
- AFTERNOON.
- 1:15—Band Concert. Naval Reserve Band.
- 2:00—Lecture—An Irishman's Trip Through Europe," Dr. Gabriel R. Maguire, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 3:30—Baseball—Dilworth Derbies vs. Gladstone.
- 7:15—Band Concert. Naval Reserve Band.
- 8:00—Dramatic Reading—"The Melting Pot," Mrs. Lulu Tyler Gates.
- Third Day, Thursday, July 6th.
- MORNING.
- 8:00-11:00—Classes.

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