

### BURNS TO DEATH IN LIGHTING PIPE

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### INMATE OF PATTON HOME

#### Companions in Institution Rush to Her Aid and Smother Blaze With Trugs, but Help Comes Too Late to Save Her.

When a smoldering match that she had used to light her pipe set afire the white muslin dress she was wearing yesterday morning, Mrs. Lorena McKinster, 88 years old, was so badly burned that she died three hours later. The accident occurred a few minutes before 10 o'clock, at the Patton home for the aged, 875 Michigan avenue.

After days of wasting sickness in her cot, at the home, where she had been an inmate for four years, Mrs. McKinster begged yesterday for just one more breath of fresh air and another look at the birds and live things from which she had been shut so long. Mrs. Lucille Lambert, Mrs. Lambert wheeled her in an invalid's chair to the front porch, where sat six other old women.

"May I not smoke my pipe?" quavered Mrs. McKinster of the matron. "Please let me this time." In the course of her hard life on a farm, Mrs. McKinster had learned to take solace in the soothing fumes of tobacco. The matron thought it best to humor her and brought the pipe filled with tobacco.

### Unconscious of Danger.

Mrs. McKinster's old hands trembled so she could hardly strike the match; finally it was done and she was puffing contentedly. No one noticed that the blazing splinter had fallen from her fingers to the center of her lap, and was scorching the flimsy cloth. Mrs. McKinster leaned back, unconscious of the peril.

An old lady suddenly sniffed curiously. "Something burning," she said. A second later one saw whence came the smoke. The whole front of Mrs. McKinster's gown was ablaze, and fire was licking up towards her face. "First fire!" she cried. "First fire!" the fearsome words almost precipitated a paroxysm of coughing.

The old ladies in frenzy of fear plopped up their heads and on the front porch flamed with their feeble strength. Two men walking up Michigan avenue, ran to help them. They wrapped rugs around the old woman till the fire was smothered. She lay back without a sound, as one dead. Gently they helped the matron carry her to the sick ward. It was found that she was terribly burned on her limbs and on the front part of her body. She had also inhaled flame.

### Beyond Medical Aid.

When Dr. D. H. Rand arrived half an hour later, at 10 o'clock, he found Mrs. McKinster almost past help. Her pain had lessened, but nothing more could be done. At 2 o'clock, without a sound, she died, but there was not the usual agony that accompanies death. Dr. Rand notified Coroner Finley, who will make a further autopsy. The body of Mrs. McKinster was taken to the home four years ago. She was just recovering from a severe sick spell of several months' duration. At one time she had been in the hospital. But, despite the efforts of the matron, she could not be found. Mrs. Butts' whereabouts today are not known.

### GRATEFUL TO THE PUBLIC

#### Board of Directors of Institute Club Express Their Appreciation.

PORTLAND, July 7.—(To the Editor.)—The board of directors of the Institute Club of the People's Institute desire to express their deep appreciation of all the many kindnesses extended to them during the weeks of preparation of "The House That Jack Built," and at the time of its presentation. Were it possible to express their gratitude to each individual personally, they would make every effort to do so, but in the accomplishment of so large an undertaking there are, of necessity, but a host of kind friends and helpers, many of whom it would be impossible to reach. The board wishes to thank each child, big or little, who by faithful and conscientious work and enthusiastic interest, helped to make the operetta a success. They wish to thank the parents for their generous co-operation in every plan, the remarkably able managers in which the musicals and singers among the older people for their faithful, untiring efforts and gifted services; the chaperones who devoted themselves for weeks to most exacting work; the friends who made and donated candy, and the young ladies who sold it.

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Unless something is done soon to preserve the grave of Lot Whitcomb, the founder of Milwaukie, it will soon disappear altogether. The grave itself has already been obliterated except for the moss-covered broken marble shaft that bears marks of the spot where he was buried 60 years ago. The shaft has been broken half way between the bottom and top. It stands in the grove in the center of Milwaukie in grounds formerly owned by P. J. Henniman, but who recently sold the site and was its leading owner. Whitcomb was an important man in his time. He came to Milwaukie in 1851 and was its leading citizen. He built a steamer called the Lot Whitcomb at Milwaukie and was interested in the Standard Flour Mills which made the place famous. He was anxious to make Milwaukie a big city and would probably have succeeded, but death cut short his career at the age of 50 years. George H. Himes of the opinion that the people of Milwaukie should not allow Whitcomb's grave to be obliterated.

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"I intend to put on the lid," said City Attorney Campbell, "and I shall notify all saloons that on next Sunday, July 14, they must remain closed during the entire day. I shall notify the owners of the few saloons in the state of Washington in which things are run wide open, and I propose to enforce the law by closing all the resorts that have the support of the Mayor, City Council and Police Department. In order to make convictions should the law be broken, during the month of August the licenses for saloons in which the dancehalls are run will come up before the City Council, and I shall try my best to get the laws which are taking in this city. This was more than most criminals then would the theft of the wood have been. The dealers, I understand, say that the reason for the present high price of wood is because there is only a limited amount of this fuel, for which there is a big demand. This is not the fact, for there is plenty of sawwood produced in Portland and vicinity, if properly marketed, to provide every family in the city with an abundance and at a reasonable cost.

"Such trouble in these days of trusts and monopolies is with the system which has been established. It gives those grasping interests the privilege and even tempts them to take the law into their own hands. We Socialists contend that the only remedy from the abuses from which we suffer, including high prices and the accumulating of excessive profits, lies in the repeal of the laws which have enabled such conditions to develop and the enactment of laws that will prevent men from receiving more than they are worth for the services they perform, but in the conditions by which they are surrounded. Even Japan, which has just come into international prominence, is to be seen with one hand reaching out to seize Corea, Siberia and all other land it is possible to grasp, while with the other hand she proposes to shut out the commerce of the world. She has absorbed the one idea which seems to govern every country and individual—the seizing by force of everything that may be possible.

### THOUSANDS ENJOY COOL AND SHADY NOOKS OF CITY PARK

#### Popular Recreation Place is Filled All Day by Crowd That Amuses Itself Viewing Animals and Flowers.

Americans do not know how to enjoy their holidays; they are too restless. That is a remark attributed to a foreign visitor to this country some years ago. If the author of the expression had been in Portland yesterday, and had spent the afternoon at the City Park, he would have amended his opinion one-half. He would have discovered that a large number of the residents of one of the most intensely American cities on the continent were in the municipal playground and that the adult portion of the assemblage was anything but listless. He could have made good his opinion if children only were referred to. In comfortable attitudes on the grass in shady places, on benches, on the cool pavilions, occupying seats overlooking the city and the river, with the distant snow-clad mountain peaks forming a background pleasing to the eye and inspiring to the imagination on a hot afternoon, there he would have found Americans enjoying to the full their Sunday half-holiday. And, excepting the children, again, there was no evidence of restlessness. It was too hot. Streetcars leading to the City Park carried hundreds to the heights all the afternoon, and it was not until his majesty the king of beasts lifted up his voice and announced to his keeper that it was supper time that the crowd began to thin out. Many family parties brought lunches with them and were thus prepared to remain until dark and enjoy the refreshing influences of a whole day's outing on the hills. There was an absence of band music, as the regular Sunday concerts are not to begin until next week, when De Caprio is to start a series to continue as long as the appropriation lasts, and longer in case additional funds are raised from private sources. A graph