

FREE CAR KILLS MEDFORD YOUTH

S. Vernon Fansher, 18 Years Old, Meets Almost Instant Death.

NECK BROKEN BY BLOW

Steps Out From Behind Passing Truck Directly in Front of Motor Car on Second Street—Motorman Read Is Arrested.

S. Vernon Fansher, 18 years of age, whose home is at Medford, Or., was run down and killed by a streetcar yesterday afternoon, a few minutes after 5 o'clock, at the corner of Second and Main streets. The young man walked in front of the car in some manner, yet to be explained, and although the police have taken into custody Motorman R. G. Reed, who was in charge of the car, to hold him pending the verdict of the coroner's jury, which will investigate, there seems to be much evidence to show that the young man's carelessness contributed more to his death than any other cause.

Fansher, according to the stories told by ten eye-witnesses, was crossing the street, walking from the west to the east. He left the sidewalk about 30 feet from the crossing, going in a truck that was going south. The car, No. 210, on the Fulton line, was going north at perhaps a little more than average speed.

The truck, behind which Fansher walked, was hooded and hid him from the sight of the motorman. Fansher was on his way to his lodgings, which are close by at 225 Main street, where he resided with his brother, Wilbur E. Fansher, who is a cook in the Grotto restaurant on Yamhill street, between Third and Fourth streets. The northeast corner there is an excavation being made in a vacant lot, where the contractors are operating a steam derrick. This derrick must have attracted Fansher's attention, who had all accounts, he was looking at it at the time he was crossing the street.

Hesitation Was Fatal.

He walked in a northeasterly direction and away from the car, but diagonally across the track. He paused a fatal fraction of a second on the north-bound track and there the car struck him. He was knocked down, his head striking the ground with great violence, fracturing the skull at the base of the brain and breaking the neck at its junction with the skull. The car step caught him and rolled and dragged him for perhaps 20 or 30 feet.

People on the sidewalk and those in the front part of the car who had witnessed the accident shouted with horror and the motorman brought his car to a sudden stop about 40 feet from where the unfortunate man was found. Passengers and pedestrians rushed to the youth's assistance and volunteers quickly carried him to the drugstore of Graden & Kohler, corner of Main and First streets. He was still alive, but Dr. Lloyd Irvine, of Third and Madison streets, found that he was beyond medical aid. Within 15 minutes the young man had expired.

In the forward part of the car were F. A. Scheppe, of 355 Grand avenue, North; J. G. Belorus, of 1624 Macadam road, and Robert B. Smith, of 100 Grand avenue, North. On the sidewalk were W. S. Boudeiman, of 177 Russell street; W. V. Cowne, of 380 Second street; J. Bogarth, of 323 Second street, and at the window of his office about three quarters of a block away was J. A. Finch, who has offices at the corner of First and Main streets.

Agree in the Main.

While the testimony of those witnesses varies in some slight degree regarding the speed with which the car was running and as to the ringing of the warning bell by the motorman, they all agree as to the main facts.

Some witnesses maintained that the car was going at a high rate of speed, far exceeding the city speed regulations, while others assert that the car was proceeding at the average rate. Some said that no bell was rung, while others say one was.

At any rate, when the car was stopped just after the accident a number of on-lookers who had not witnessed the accident, but had been attracted to the scene by the shouts of those nearby, grew indignant and shouts threatening violence to the motorman were heard. No violence was done him, however, and after a short delay the car was allowed to proceed on its way.

Fifteen minutes later, when it was learned by the company that the victim of the accident had died, the motorman and the conductor, J. W. Clark, of 529 Third street, were informed, and they went voluntarily to the police station, where they gave themselves up.

Motorman Read said that he was running at a little less than half speed and was ringing his bell constantly for more than a hundred feet before he struck Fansher on account of the truck and the three other wagons which were on the street at the time. He said that he did not see Fansher until he had come from behind the truck and that Fansher was then only about eight feet from the car. Read maintained that he applied brakes as soon as he possibly could and had stopped the car within twice its length.

He also pointed out that it would be impossible for the car to be going at the high rate of speed claimed by some of the witnesses because he had turned the corner at Madison street, only one block away and that it would have been impossible for the car to have accumulated any great speed in that distance.

Released on Bonds.

After hearing the evidence of one or two other witnesses, Chief Grzeschner decided to hold Motorman Read until the case had been brought into by a coroner's jury. The man was held under \$500 bonds, which were later furnished by E. F. Boynton, an official of the streetcar company. The coroner's inquest will be held today at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Coroner Finley endeavored to communicate with the young man's father, L. W. Fansher, of Medford, Or., last night, but the older Fansher could not be reached. It was said over the long-distance telephone that Mr. Fansher was absent from Medford attending a political meeting in some other part of the county. Mr. Fansher, who is a well-known fruitgrower in Medford, is a candidate for the county Tax Assessor of his county.

Home Phone in Independence.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—A home telephone company, composed of stockholders of Independence only, has been organized here. The company announces its intention to build, equip and operate a modern telephone plant known as the common battery system. Contracts have been let for the construction work and operations

will begin at once. It is understood that a long-distance line will be built into Independence immediately to connect direct with the automatic system of Portland.

OREGON DEBATERS BUSY

Two Teams Preparing for Interstate Contest, March 26.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The University debating teams are working hard in preparation for the interstate debates, which occur March 26. The Oregon speakers are being coached by Dr. Gilbert, assistant professor in economics. The teams are composed of the following men: Negative, which goes to Seattle to meet University of Washington—Whealdon, '10, leader; Townsend, '08; Kilpatrick, '08. Affirmative, which meets University of Idaho in Eugene—Bond, '08, leader; Eaton, '08; Nicholas, '10.

The judges for the Oregon-Idaho debate are Professor A. J. Pridoux, of Willamette University; President Crooks, of Albany College, and G. W. Montague, of Portland.

Mayor Alex Bethune, of Vancouver, B. C., and Judge Hadley, of the Washington Supreme Court, will act as two of the

ROGUE RIVER ROAD

Trolley Line Project Submitted to Ashland Club.

STOCK BONUS IS ASKED

Oregon Rapid Transit Company Proposes to Build Electric Line From Grants Pass to Ashland. Commercial Club Gets Busy.

ASHLAND, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Captain F. L. Evans, manager of the Oregon Rapid Transit Company, a company recently organized under the laws of Arizona Territory, appeared before

PORTLAND WOMAN SCORES SUCCESS IN VAUDEVILLE



VIRGINIA DREW TRESCOTT, WITH MELBOURNE MACDOWELL, AT THE PANTAGES THIS WEEK.

Virginia Drew Trescott, the emotional actress who is appearing with Melbourne MacDowell in "The Oath" at Pantages Theater this week, is widely known in Portland, having been a well-known local clubwoman when she abandoned social life here seven years ago to follow a strong inclination for the stage. These intervening seven years have been eventful ones in which she has been leading woman with Frederick Ward and other favorably known stars, touring every part of the United States, Canada and parts of South America and Mexico. These tours have brought her to Portland several times, but this is her first appearance in vaudeville. In fact, vaudeville is an experiment with her, as with Mr. MacDowell.

"I admit I was somewhat doubtful about how I would be received here in my own city in vaudeville," she said last night.

"But all doubt has been removed and I consider this week's reception by the local public of Mr. MacDowell and myself as a success long to be remembered. The public attitude towards vaudeville has undergone a marked change in the past two years and the best vaudeville houses are now claiming many of our best actors and actresses. Mr. MacDowell and I work quite as hard and faithfully in "The Oath" as would be possible. I am more than pleased with the success we have been meeting at all points where we have appeared. I may add that I have been pleasantly surprised this week by seeing a number of prominent ministers and churchmen in the audience. Every minute of my spare time has been occupied in receiving friends or my Portland days."

Mrs. Trescott lived in Portland for five years with apartments at the Portland Hotel. She was the wife of a wealthy canneryman. Prior to leaving for the stage her only experience in things dramatic had been in amateur productions. Her work, in the phrase she uses in explaining her quick rise to distinction on the stage; hard work coupled, of course, with the requisite of temperament. She has been with Mr. MacDowell since last June, and will continue on the Pantages circuit in Northwest cities for several weeks yet to come.

Judges in the Oregon-Washington Debate.

The third judge had not been chosen. The question to be debated by the three State Universities is, in substance: "Resolved: That the Same Restrictions Should be Placed on Japanese in the United States as Apply to Chinese."

Each University has two teams, affirmative and negative. The negative teams go from home, while the affirmative representatives remain at their own University. The championship is decided by the number of points each University wins. Oregon won the championship in eight states last year.

Schoolhouse Roof a Sieve.

SEASIDE, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The public school building is in a deplorable condition. Owing to the defective work done on the addition made two years ago, the rain beats in through the gabled sides and the roof, flooding the floors during every severe storm, so that the children can scarcely remain in the rooms. The new addition cost about \$5000 and the taxpayers feel as if it were \$5000 wasted.

Northwestern People in New York.

NEW YORK, March 19.—(Special.)—People from the Northwest registered at New York hotels today as follows: J. A. Pettit and wife, at St. Denis, from Portland; G. J. Good, at Park Avenue, from Tacoma; A. A. Denny, at Holland, from Seattle.

Vale Farmers Welcome Rain.

VALE, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Recent rains here have been beneficial, as the winter snowfall has been exceptionally light. The Malheur River has risen since the rain approximately two feet. This will obviate the necessity of immediate irrigation.

Ball Team at Condon.

CONDON, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Baseball enthusiasts have organized a team with Professor J. C. Sturgill, of the Condon Public Schools, as manager, and Pearl Jarvis, a baseball veteran, captain. The team will endeavor to secure a series of games early in the season. Condon has some baseball material which ranks high.

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the Ashland Commercial Club tonight in

behalf of a project for the building of an electric railroad line through the Rogue River Valley, starting at Ashland and extending to Grants Pass, a distance of 40 miles.

A committee of the club was appointed to investigate the feasibility of the enterprise and to see what Ashland would do toward encouraging it with stock subscriptions, the committee to report findings to a called meeting of the club to be held later.

Grant County Papers Organize.

CANYON CITY, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Representatives of four of the six newspapers of Grant County met at the office of the Blue Mountain Eagle Saturday and effected a local organization. O. L. Patterson, of the Eagle, was elected president; W. E. Weir, of the Long Creek Register, vice-president; P. F. Chandler, of the Grant County News, secretary. A committee on-by-laws consisting of C. J. McIntosh, W. E. Weir and A. M. F. Kirchner was appointed. The president, vice-president and secretary constitute the executive committee to determine the direction of the association's activities. The next meeting will be Saturday, March 28.

Expect Big Freshman Class.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Indications are that Oregon's freshman class of next year will be the largest in the history of the university. Registrar Tiffany has received so far over 250 applications for university entrance, while in previous years very few if any came in so early. University authorities predict an entering class of close to 500 next Fall. The present enrollment, exclusive of outside branches, is 418, and with the law, medical and music department the total is brought up to 730.

Candidate for Superintendent.

SEASIDE, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—J. W. Branstater, principal of the public school at Seaside, has announced himself a candidate for the office of School Superintendent of Clatsop County during next term. Mr. Branstater is a young man who has chosen the onerous profession of teaching as a vocation and has what every successful teacher must have—his whole soul in his work.

Given Large Audience at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The first political address of the year in Albany was delivered in the courthouse last evening by H. M. Calk, of Portland, candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

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