

TRIP BY AUTO TO BALL GAME FATAL

Rancher's Son Killed, Four Are Hurt, When Machine Refuses Curve.

PLANK ROAD ONE CAUSE

Vehicle With Five Occupants Drops 30 Feet After Crashing Through Viaduct on Way From Vancouver to Portland.

Refusal of a fast moving automobile to take a curve on the county viaduct yesterday afternoon caused the machine to break through the railing, plunge to the ground 30 feet below, kill one man and injure the four other occupants.

The injured are Benjamin Carpenter, Albert Lane, Norman Coryell and August Campen, all of Washougal. The party was on the way to Portland to attend the opening baseball game.

Coryell was at the wheel. His father recently bought the machine and the young man had contracted to take the others to the game.

The party left Washougal yesterday morning and stopped at Vancouver at noon for lunch. They left on the first ferry after lunch and when they reached the Oregon side of the river started at a good rate of speed toward Portland.

Four other cars left the ferry at the same time. One of these tried to pass the Washougal party. Coryell maintained the lead nearly a mile, when he turned aside to allow them to pass.

As they shot past him his speedometer registered 25 miles an hour. Campen occupied the front seat with Coryell and observed that the speed was diminished soon after the other machine passed and just before the curve at which the accident occurred was reached.

"We were not going very fast when we struck the railing," said Campen after the accident. "We couldn't have been going more than 20 miles an hour, and should have taken the curve easily. I don't believe that the steering gear responded to Coryell's turning of it, for just as we reached the curve he swore and I think said something about being unable to steer the machine."

"When we hit the railing I thought we would be thrown back into the road, but we went right through without stopping and the next thing I knew I was sailing through the air. It just seemed as if I had been lifted up and was being carried along by the wind. First everything before my eyes seemed black. Then it was red. I believe I saw every color in the rainbow in the short while that it took me to hit the ground. I must have been stunned and for a little while didn't know what I was doing. The first recollection I have of what happened after we struck the railing was when I found myself at a pond about 20 feet away washing my hands. Then I turned and saw the machine with the other boys struggling to get out of it and I realized what had happened. I hurried and helped Lane to his feet. His arm seemed to be twisted and caught under the wheel. I got it loose. He tried to help me get the others out, but was too badly hurt to do anything. By this time a crowd had gathered and they took all of us to the Vancouver ferry."

Campen is not badly hurt, only being stunned and bruised. He returned to his home at Washougal last night.

The body of Palmer was taken to an undertaking parlor at Vancouver, where his parents took possession of it last night.

Carpenter seems to be the most seriously injured. He is badly cut and bruised about the face and complains of internal pains. Lane also has abrasions on his face. He has no broken bones.

Coryell's left arm is broken and he has a severe cut in the hand. He is being treated at the hospital.

That the machine was running at a rapid rate is evidenced by the fact that its momentum after crashing through the railing carried it fully 30 feet beyond the point of contact. The top, the seats and the body are demolished, but the wheels, tires and running gear are uninjured.

A portion of railing 20 feet in length was torn away and the large 8x12 timbers were smashed into splinters. Remains on the viaduct were taken by a crew of men in the employ of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, maintained on the trestle for emergencies.

Danger always confronts automobilists at the point where the accident occurred. Of the many curves and angles in the long county viaduct between the Oregon shore of the Columbia and Hayden's Island, this is probably the sharpest. It is about a mile from the island and in running toward Portland turns to the right, at the same time being tangent with the elevated tracks of the electric line.

Board Road Prevents Turn. Drivers who frequently make the trip take the precaution to run slowly at this point. Although Coryell had traveled over the road before, he did not know of the necessity of running cautiously. Primarily there was nothing wrong with his steering gear but the speed at which he was going, it is believed, prevented it from turning the wheels on the board road.

SCENE AT COUNTY ROAD TRESTLE WHERE AUTOMOBILE'S PLUNGE COST LIFE OF ONE MAN AND INJURY TO FOUR OTHERS, AND SKETCH SHOWING HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED

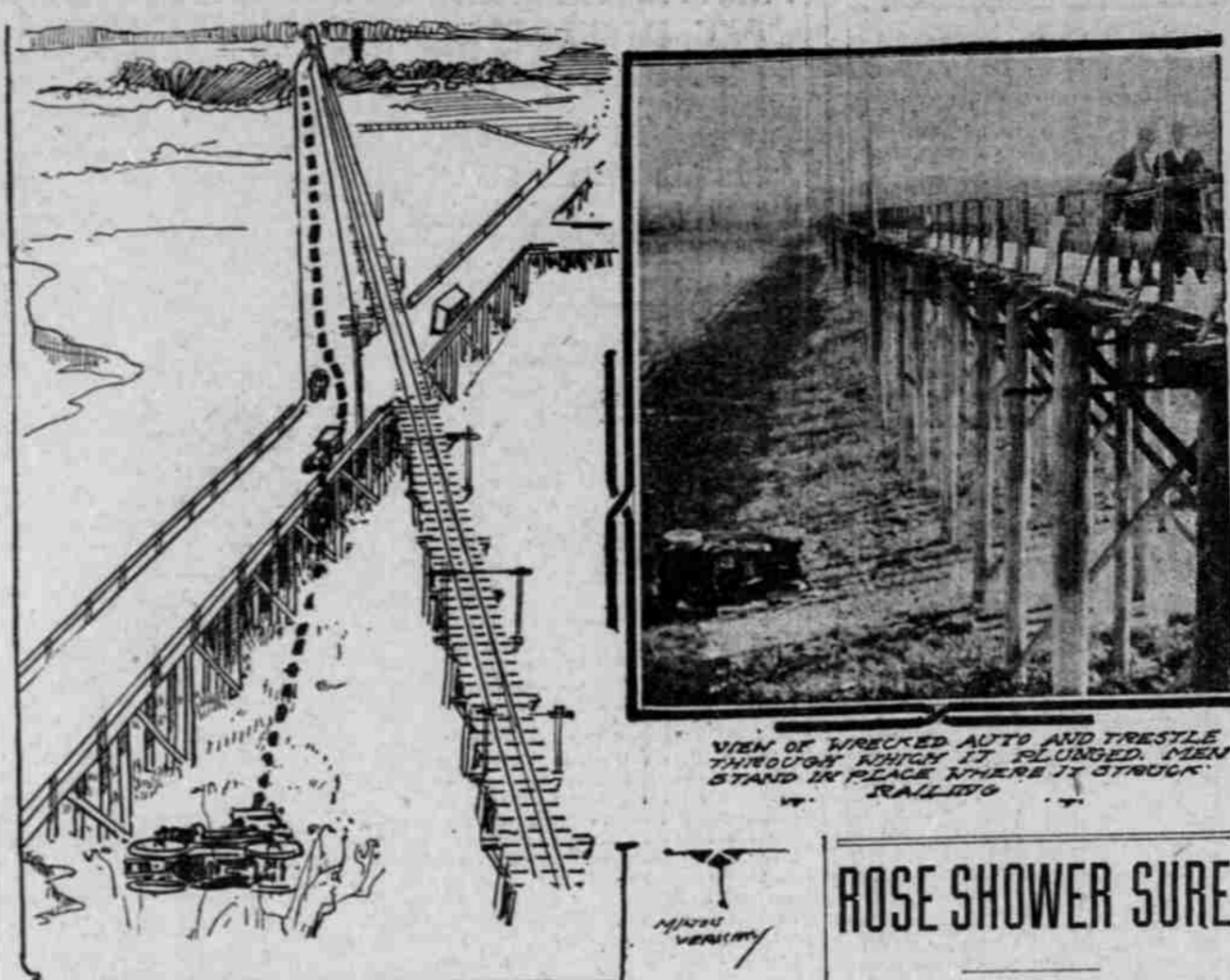


DIAGRAM SHOWING COURSE OF CAR FROM HAYDEN TO AND WASHOUGAL AND PLUNGE AFTER BREAKING THROUGH RAILING

VARIANCE IS WIDE

Half of Block S Valued From \$125,000 to \$267,907.

INCOME IS ESTIMATED

Witness for Owners Uses 6 Per Cent Return as Basis—Effect of Bridge Terminal Subject of Testimony.

PORTLAND WOMAN, WHO CROSSED ISTHMUS OF PANAMA IN 1850, PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Mary Mayer, widow of the late Jacob Mayer and one of the oldest and most highly respected pioneers of Oregon, died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 424 Morrison street, at the age of 84. Since the death of her husband two years ago, Mrs. Mayer had been in poor health. Within the past month her health failed rapidly and on account of her advanced age her death was not unexpected.

System of Valuation Explained.

Henry E. Reed, the first witness for the defendant, placed a valuation of \$267,907 on the property. Asked how he arrived at this amount, he said that he used a system in use in New York for figuring the value of real estate. He placed the value of the inner 25 by 100 feet of the east half block at \$30,000, he said, and added 10 per cent for each 25 feet on each side until he reached the corners. Then he added 5 per cent for platage, he said. He explained that the platage was added because a building constructed on the whole half block was more valuable than several buildings constructed on the sections.

Existence of Marsh Denied.

Charles K. Henry and H. W. Fries, witnesses on behalf of the Government, said that block S was partly filled ground, formerly a marsh. This was contested by Mr. Reed, who said the block is now, he said, in swimming several blocks north of block S, on what is now the terminal ground, but that a grove of oak trees covered the property where block S now is. He said he thought the west half of the block worth \$125,000.

FIRST COOS LAWYER DIES

Judge David J. Lowe, of Marshfield, Dead at 87.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—Judge David J. Lowe, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. D. Wolcott, in this city, was one of the oldest of the pioneers of Oregon. He was 87 years old and had been resident in the development of Coos County. Judge Lowe was born in Maryland and came across the continent in 1849 to California. He came to Oregon in 1866.

ROSE SHOWER SURE

Peninsula Residents Unite to Make It Successful.

QUEEN CONTEST PLANNED

Young Woman Who Receives Most Votes Will Be Ruler of Rose Shower—Persons Asked to Contribute Flowers.

The Peninsula rose shower and rose booths at the North Bank and Union depots are now assured for Portland during Rose Festival week, said E. S. Dyer, president of the Peninsula Rose Association, yesterday. Success of the past three years is to be equalled, "if not surpassed this year, as the committee in charge of these features are receiving more encouragement than in the past."

Attitude Is Encouraging.

"The attitude of the depot officials and members of the Portland Rose Festival Association," said Dyer, "is also encouraging, as they have given valuable assistance in furthering the plans of the Peninsula committees."

Interest Is Wide.

"Of special interest to the residents of the Peninsula is the wide interest that has been already displayed by the people of this state and even of visitors from other states who have witnessed the former parades of the Peninsula rose train. Letters have been received by members of the Peninsula Rose Association from persons living in Astoria, Eastern Oregon and some Eastern states, asking about the Peninsula. The tone of these communications plainly shows that the visitors are impressed with the wholesale scattering of choice roses."

COURT PROTECTS RANGE

Company Enjoined From Grazing Cattle in Forest Reserve.

Federal Judge Wolverton issued a preliminary injunction yesterday against the Chewaucan Land & Cattle Company, restraining it from allowing its cattle to run at large on the Deschutes National Forest. J. B. Haggin and A. Tevis, California capitalists, and Wallace T. Taylor, agent, and A. W. Fitzpatrick, manager of the company, are made parties in the order.

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Alleged Wife Deserter Freed.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—Clarence W. Negahay, arrested here on the request of the Sheriff of Douglas County, Wash., on the charge of wife desertion, was ordered released. He was a former resident in this city, and employed Mayor Brownell in his defense. Mr. Brownell secured his release on a writ of habeas corpus.

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"GATEWAY PLAN" GROWS

It is noteworthy that all three organizations regard Oregon as part of their own territory. Omaha and St. Paul especially have this idea, while the Kansas City wholesaler also looks upon Oregon as part of his own. Oregon will be benefited trebly from the work.

Omaha contends that it originated the idea of the Western Development Congress, which held a session recently at Salt Lake City. A later organization in known for the present as Western Development Congress No. 2. The name will be changed to Northwest Development Congress, when the delegates meet in Helena, Mont.

All three associations agree in their purpose to divert travel from Canada, Omaha and St. Paul are united against Kansas City.

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