

GEORGE W. BATES, LOCAL BAKER, DIES

Funeral Will Be Held Friday Afternoon From Flanders-Street Residence.

CAREER IS CONSPICUOUS

Rise From Bridge Carpenter to Presidency of Clearing-House Association Marked by Many Constructive Enterprises.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

There is a closed desk in the main office of the Lumbermen National Bank. On it, yesterday afternoon, stood a vase of white roses and fifty fern, ribbon-tied. Officials and clerks looked often at the desk and the flowers, and looked away.

George W. Bates, 64, president of the banking institution, died at St. Vincent's Hospital yesterday morning at 3 o'clock.

On Sunday evening he cheerfully entered the hospital. The following day, at 9:30, he submitted to the operation, which terminated at 10:30. Surgery was employed for the removal of gall stones, and was attended by no difficulties or complications.

Mr. Bates rallied promptly after the operation and was in good condition until 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, when symptoms of sudden general failure became apparent. No efforts were spared for his relief, but he failed to rally.

Dr. Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie, who operated, had been his physician for some time.

His death seemed to be due to natural changes, and to heavy continuous drains upon his reserve forces from prolonged and acute suffering. Dr. Mackenzie said yesterday.

Rise Is Picturesque.

The rise of George W. Bates, from bridge carpenter to great financial power, is the most planned and unattended by aught that could be construed as smallness of character. His life pace reads like the old-time Alger books, in which energy, steadiness, plus sincerity and kindness of spirit, won the business battle.

In 1879 the young man who was to become a pillar of Portland's prosperity came to this city as a bridge carpenter, working at day wages. Sheer pluck and sense of opportunity raised him from the beginning, the friendless boy from the Iowa prairie.

His first venture was the forming of a partnership with Lee Hoffman, under the firm title of Hoffman-Bates Bridge Company, engaged in the contracting business.

It was this firm which built the first bridge to span the Willamette, at Morrison street. In similar fashion was the first bridge across the Columbia at Pasco, Wash.

He was actively identified with pioneer railway engineering. Under his supervision were planned and constructed snowsheds of the Cascade range for both the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railways. The O.-W. R. & N. bridge, spanning an arm of the Coeur d'Alene Lake, is another monument to the builder.

Public Starts New Career. The panic of 1893 launched Mr. Bates, without anticipation, upon his banking career. He had purchased stock in the old Albina Bank, at 10th and Northwick streets. When the alarm sounded he threw his reserve forces into the gap to save the institution from collapse.

When the financial whirlwind subsided he incorporated the business as George W. Bates & Co., bankers, and subsequently absorbed the Albina Savings Bank. The combination, for that time, was regarded as a large institution. Afterward a branch was opened at Williams and Knott streets, and is still operated. George W. Bates, Jr., is in control, and Lloyd Bates, the eldest son, is vice-president.

In 1905 he established a West Side branch in the Henry building, which was bought out in March, 1908, by the Lumbermen National Bank. The election of Mr. Bates to the vice-presidency of the latter concern was followed in May, 1913, by his election to the presidency.

The apex of his banking career came by the conferring of the highest honor from his associates, when he was chosen as president of the Portland Clearing House Association in January of the year.

The business activities of the banker and financier were of wide scope. At one time he was interested in the Union Laundry Company. He also controlled the Diamond Brick Company, of Vancouver, Wash., since disposed of.

Interests Here Diverse. He was chief of the Bates Sand & Gravel Company, recently dissolved. This business is now represented by the Columbia Digger Company, managed by Lloyd Bates, at the brick concrete dock on the Willamette, constructed by Mr. Bates at the foot of Burnside street, is used by the latter company.

Political service was accepted by him in the old days, and it is recalled that he served as fire and police commissioner in the regime of Mayor Joseph Simon. He served in the Legislature as a member of the Senate, in addition to innumerable instances of Mr. Bates' service to the city and his devotion to the public interests of the district and state are cited by his legion of friends.

That the financier may have had an inkling of his closing career is evidenced by the haste with which the past year the majority of his interests were transferred to the Bates Real Estate & Investment Company, of which his son, Lloyd Bates, is manager.

He is survived by his widow and three sons, Lloyd, George W., Jr., and Bruce A. Bates. Mrs. Bates is the daughter of a pioneer family. Her father, Captain James W. Menzies, of Scotland, sailed his vessel to the Pacific Coast and remained in the Willamette valley.

Associates' Regard High. At the Lumbermen National Bank those who worked with him and who knew his kindly, modest ways, have funds of recollection to which the departed president is friend and counselor.

He was approachable and genial, both in speech and manner, one related. "We are going to miss him greatly, for he was a big-hearted father to all of the boys."

They speak of the strange friends, unknown to them, rough clothed and rugged, who came to the bank and talked long friendly talks with the president. They tell of the times he chose to inconvenience himself by the performance of services to those who are generally relegated to the clerks.

He was calm and unperturbed when vexatious banking problems arose, the staff say. When the storm signs of anxiety or excitement were rife he smiled and told them: "You've got to take things as they come, boys."

Loss Is Regretted. In business circles his absence will be long regretted. The directors of the Lumbermen National Bank met at noon yesterday, and expressed by resolution their sentiment toward Mr.

Bates and his connection with the institution.

A similar meeting was held yesterday afternoon by the Portland Clearing-House Association, of which Mr. Bates was president.

"He was distinctly a self-made man," commented R. R. Giltner, of the firm of Giltner & Sewall, which transacted much of Mr. Bates' legal business.

"His death is a great loss to the community, for he was a builder, constantly engaged in building up the city and state."

For some time past Mrs. Bates has been in ill health, while Lloyd Bates is now convalescing from a recent severe illness.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence, 725 Flanders street, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Dr. J. H. Boyd, of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bates was a member of that congregation. The interment will be at the cemetery.

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—Photo by Grove. George W. Bates, Financier, Who Died Yesterday.

ment will be made at Riverview Cemetery. Holman & Co. have charge of the funeral arrangements.

STUDENTS WILL DRILL

150 UNIVERSITY MEN VOLUNTEER AT EUGENE.

Two Captains Are Selected, and Work Begins Wednesday—Militia Affiliation Is Planned.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 22.—(Special.)—Rising on masses of 150 men students of the university this afternoon signified their voluntary enlistment for a military drill company when the chairman called for a standing vote.

As the chairman gave the request Dean Straub, for more than 30 years dean of men, jumped to his feet and shouted, "I am first," and as he looked around and saw the number standing he added, "and I will be captain of a freshman company."

The volunteers will be divided into two companies. J. D. Foster, general secretary of the campus Y. M. C. A., and a graduate of the University of California, where he was captain of a company, was elected captain of one, and Edward Harwood, of Alaska, a sophomore in the university, was chosen captain of the other.

Wednesday evening in the War Armory in Eugene, Colonel C. C. Hammond and Lieutenant Shipman, of the Coast Artillery, have offered the services.

The meeting this afternoon was presided over by A. C. Shelton, who has had experience in military drill. One student, in urging all to join, said he had served in Wisconsin and Oregon in infantry and cavalry, and was now ready to serve in the Coast Artillery at the university.

The companies will hold volunteer drill until next Fall, when an endeavor will be made to affiliate with the Oregon Coast Artillery Militia Reserve.

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RIVER DRAGGED FOR BODY

Suicide Theory for Disappearance of William Porter Investigated.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 22.—(Special.)—Porter, whose sudden disappearance from Milwaukie Wednesday night has not yet been accounted for, may have committed suicide by drowning, according to Sheriff Wilson, who is investigating.

Porter spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland, drinking rather heavily, according to the Sheriff, but he was at work Tuesday and Wednesday. Friends noticed that he appeared rather moody. Search was made of the river and log rafts at Milwaukie today. No clew, however, was found.

SCHOOL MEETING PLANNED

Milwaukie Board to Put High School Up to Taxpayers.

MILWAUKIE, Or., March 22.—(Special.)—The question of the erection of a high school building on the site owned by the district or an addition to the present schoolhouse on Main street, will be submitted to the vote of the taxpayers at a meeting to be called within about 20 days.

At the meeting of the Board of Education last night the matter was considered at some length, and it was decided to call this taxpayers' meeting as soon as the requirements of the law have all been complied with.

HORSETHIEF IS SENTENCED

Man Taken From Army to Face Charge Gets Forgery Term, Too.

ONTARIO, Or., March 22.—(Special.)—Leland Smith, 22 years old, yesterday pleaded guilty before Judge Biggs, of horsestealing and forgery and was sentenced to one to 10 years on the one charge and two to 20 years on the other.

Smith was indicted in January for raising a check and selling a borrowed horse at West Fall. He escaped and enlisted in the United States Army at San Francisco, whence he was returned three weeks ago.

CLUB MAY REBUILD HOME

Albany Commercial Body Is Investigating Plans.

ALBANY, Or., March 22.—(Special.)—Having completed the deal for the purchase of a local building for use as club headquarters, the Albany Commercial Club is now investigating the matter of changing and rebuilding the structure.

A special committee, consisting of Dr. C. V. Litterer, F. M. French and Charles H. Wiedler, is now investigating the plans proposed for changes in the building.

WOMAN SOBS IN TELLING OF KILLING

Mrs. Elsie Hunter Relates How Shots Were Fired at Family All Day.

WATER CUT OFF, SHE SAYS

Witness Testifies She Saw Levelled Rifle in Hands of Mrs. Kuehne and Fired—Defendant on Stand in Own Behalf.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 22.—(Special.)—Guy Hunter and his wife, Elsie, were the only witnesses called today by the defense in the Lawrence murder case now on trial in Circuit Court here. Most of the day was occupied in the examination of Mrs. Hunter, and some of the most dramatic testimony was brought out.

Mrs. Hunter at times broke down and sobbed as she told of the trouble last December which resulted in the death of Alma Kuehne. She told how she first became acquainted with Mrs. Kuehne in the summer of 1913, while she and her husband were living in the Dodd Hollow neighborhood and Mrs. Kuehne was her dinner guest.

She related how young Kuehne came to the ranch house before the shooting on Monday, and demanded a room. This she was obliged to refuse him as all the rooms of the house were occupied.

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Monday morning, after Hunter went with the team and two barrels for water two miles distant, young Kuehne, armed with a gun in each hand and his mother bearing a shotgun, proceeded to post "No Trespass" signs on all the four gates in an effort to prevent Hunter returning home with water.

Young Kuehne then returned to the ranch house in which Mrs. Hunter and her four young children and Lawrence were, and marched around and around the house for an hour armed with two guns.

Husband Driven Around by Fire. On Hunter's return Kuehne opened fire and drove him from gate to gate before Hunter could come upon the premises. Lawrence by this time had taken his station on the front porch of the ranch house and she joined him there, whereupon Kuehne alternated his fire between them and Hunter. Mrs. Hunter then entered the house, and looking through the window toward Mrs. Kuehne's cabin, saw her just a short distance away leveling her gun toward Mr. Hunter through the window. Mrs. Hunter hurriedly aimed and fired, and Mrs. Kuehne took two staggering steps backward and fell down in a heap.

Just then her husband drove up and she remarked to him that she fired at Mrs. Kuehne, and thought she had shot her. About that time Lawrence ran from the front porch to Mrs. Kuehne and wrested away the shotgun she carried. Hunter and Lawrence then went to the basement of the ranch house, where the small child, Edna, was placed, and watched young Kuehne carry his mother to her cabin.

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SUTHERLIN GETS PROMISE

Steel for Sugar Plant to Be Ordered if Acreage Is Secured.

SUTHERLIN, Or., March 22.—(Special.)—George E. Sanders, vice-president of the Oregon-Utah Sugar Com-

pany, who is here now, last night said that his company would place an order not later than October of this year for 78 carloads of structural steel for a factory to be erected in Sutherlin.

This promise was made contingent upon the company's assuming pledges that 5000 acres will be devoted to beet culture next year. Approximately 100 acres already have been promised, and the taxpayers at a meeting held last night in Oakland.

E. G. Young, of the Young banking firm, and Judge A. E. Stearns, both large landholders, pledged considerable acreage, at a meeting held last night in Oakland.

Gift Conditions Eased. EUGENE, Or., March 22.—(Special.)—James J. Hill, multi-millionaire rail-

road builder, has extended the time limit upon his conditional gift of \$50,000 toward an endowment of a quarter of a million dollars for the Eugene Bible University 60 days, according to an announcement made today by President E. C. Sanderson, of the uni-

versity. When the campaign to raise a subscription of \$200,000, necessary to obtain the part of the endowment to be given by Mr. Hill, was begun last Fall, it was with the understanding that the entire amount would be secured not later than March 31, 1916.

There is a parish in Paris which has had only three priests during the last 100 years.

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