

SON KEEPS PLEDGE TO DYING FATHER

Mother's Remains Conveyed on Horseback to Their Last Resting Place.

PIONEER GRAVE OPENED

Rough Diagram of Burial Place Is of Little Assistance. Owing to Changes in Country Since Journey Over Plains.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Bearing with him on horseback, securely tied to the pommel of his saddle, a narrow box containing a skull and a few crumbling bones, all that remained of the body of his mother, Henry Johnson arrived in Roseburg last night at sunset. He had traveled from the old Boise-Kelton trail and was on his way to his ranch in one of the small and isolated valleys and mountains of Douglas County, to keep a promise that his mother should rest beside her husband and son in the burial lot near their present home.

Mrs. Johnson's mother died from fever 24 years ago on the journey in a wagon from Iowa to Oregon. Alone on the desert far from human habitation, he and his father sadly fashioned a grave, which they carefully marked. A rough diagram of the immediate surroundings was made, but the desert and his father continued on the long trail across deserts and mountains until they reached their destination in a valley on the Oregon coast.

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The father died two years ago and his last request to his son was that he return to Idaho as soon as possible, and obtain the body of the mother that it might rest beside him.

The son started on his long journey four months ago and although he possessed the rough diagram made long ago, he had great difficulty in finding the spot.

I found that many changes had taken place in Idaho since I came over the trail nearly 30 years ago," said Mr. Johnson in speaking of his journey. "When we passed that was the Boise-Kelton trail, which extended through the great unbroken desert, covered with sagebrush and with no habitation. On my recent visit I found that the desert was dotted with many towns which had an air of prosperity about them, and the lands, formerly unproductive and any vegetation except grass, and being irrigated by canals and splendid crops were being produced.

"Instead of an old uncertain ferryboat, I found a substantial bridge at a place called Highway, which extended across the Snake River to Burley, a town of apparent prosperity. A few miles south of Burley I struck the old Boise-Kelton trail. In many places I found the trail blocked by fences which enclosed farm lands, and it was with great difficulty that I was able to get my bearings. I spent a week on the trail between Burley and Rock Creek before the search for the bones of my mother was rewarded.

Return Trip Lonely. The return trip has been a sad and lonely one. After securing the remains of my mother I went to Twin Falls, a city of 500 people, which has sprung up on the desert within the past five years. There I had the little narrow box made that I might convey my burden safely over the long trail to Grangeville. My love nature—the great forests, the mountains, the open plains, prompted me to make the journey on horseback, and during my absence of nearly four months I have slept in the open every night. A few days more and the long trip will be ended, and my last sad duty to the memory of a mother will have been performed. Johnson removed his horse and pack and continued his journey toward the southeast.

COOS APPLE CROP LARGER

County Inspector Making Fight Against Sale of Bad Fruit.

MAIRSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 3.—The apple crop in Coos County this year is a large one according to present indications. P. M. Hall-Lewis, the new county fruit inspector, has been making trips of inspection and reports that in the Coos Bay district of the county alone the yield this year will be about 15,000 boxes and of this probably 500 boxes will be Gravenstein. This is an estimate of what will be produced in the Coquille Valley section of the county.

The Gravensteins are of an especially good quality and size are such that they should command the best prices. The fruit-growers' organization both on Coos Bay and in the Coquille Valley are adopting their own labels and the apples going out of this county this year will probably largely be handled through the organization.

Inspector Hall-Lewis is making a vigorous fight on diseased fruit. All that comes in from the market the dealers are required to send back if it is not perfect and any bad fruit which is offered for sale the inspector makes useless by the application of coal oil. The fruits sent here from California are carefully watched and much of this has been ordered off the market. Mr. Hall-Lewis says that he will insist upon a rigid observance of the laws in order to keep up the standard of the Coos County fruit. Besides there has never been much disease in this locality and it is thought that by allowing only perfect fruit to be brought in or offered on the market the San Jose scale and other fruit blights may be kept out.

\$200,000 SPENT ON ROADS

Coos County Makes Record Outlay for Public Improvements.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 3.—The County Court of Coos County meets this week to conclude the business of the year which represents the largest outlay of money for public improvements in any one year in the history of the county. Much has been done for the advancement of the rural districts.

There are 700 miles of roads in Coos County and work of some kind has been done on all of these roads. Some of the work was extensive, consisting of resurfacing of the roads to get rid of bad hills and mountains. Especial attention was given to the roads leading from Coos Bay to Roseburg, and used by the stages and autos. With the money that was appropriated by the county and that which was raised by special assessment and donated by property owners there has been ex-

VETERAN OREGON EDUCATOR DIES AFTER EVENTFUL CAREER



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MAY MAY BE MURDERER

GARRISON HELD FOR PERKINS' ABSENCE AT MARSHFIELD. Men Work Together, Quarrel, Start for Town, Shot Is Heard, One Is Not Seen Since.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—How Perkins has mysteriously disappeared and Frank Garrison is in jail here on the suspicion that he may know something of the missing man. They had worked together digging claims and peeling chittam bark, but fell out and had a quarrel.

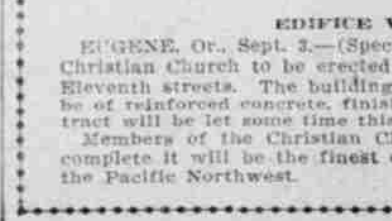
At Sumner, last Wednesday, they had some words and Garrison, it is said, drew a gun on Perkins. The latter started on foot to Marshfield for the purpose of securing a warrant and Garrison left on the same road shortly afterward. Perkins never arrived and Garrison did. The officers believe that Garrison may have murdered Perkins, and they placed him under arrest.

Today they searched the woods along the road and learned that a shot was heard by a farmer Wednesday night after Garrison was seen following Perkins. The woods are thick with underbrush and it would not be difficult to conceal a body.

Garrison will not talk about his arrest further than that he knows nothing of where Perkins went. He will be held until the mystery is cleared.

Miss Mattley Gets New Position. OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Miss Maude Mattley, formerly vice-principal of the Eastham School, of this city, has been appointed teacher of the sixth grade in the Alvin Home-stead School. Miss Mattley was re-elected this year in the Oregon City schools as instructor of mathematics of the new high school.

NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN EUGENE TO BE ONE OF FINEST OF THAT DENOMINATION IN NORTHWEST



EUGENE, Or., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The above is a drawing of the new Christian Church to be erected soon on the corner of Oak and East Eleventh streets. The building alone will cost at least \$50,000. It will be of reinforced concrete, finished in Portland white cement. The contractors of the Christian Church believe that when this edifice is complete it will be the finest church building of the denomination in the Pacific Northwest.

HADLEY CHOSEN COMMISSION HEAD

Taft, Just Prior to Starting on 3000-Mile Trip, Makes Announcement.

THOROUGH PROBE PLANNED

Stock and Bond Commission Will Investigate Question of Bringing Issues of Railroad Securities Under Government Control.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Sept. 3.—President Taft announced today his appointment to the new stock and bond commission, which will investigate the question of bringing future issues of railroad securities under the supervision and control of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The announcement was made shortly after the President left Boston for St. Paul, where he will speak before the National Conservation Congress. Mr. Arthur T. Hadley, president of Yale University, is named as chairman of the commission.

Prominent Men Members. The other members are Frederick N. Johnson, of St. Louis; Frederick Strauss, of New York; Walter L. Fisher, of Chicago; and Professor B. H. Meyer, of Madison, Wis. The President is particularly gratified at obtaining the consent of all these gentlemen to serve. More than 200 names were considered before he arrived at a final choice.

Mr. Taft regards the commission as especially important both as to conservative and progressive thought in railroad legislation. The President's train had hardly pulled out of Boston today before he was in the thick of a series of political conferences. Senator W. Murray Crane, his most intimate political adviser, boarded the train here to go to Pittsburg, and Governor Hughes, of New York, rode from Pittsburg to Albany.

Thorough Investigation Due. Regarding the work of the new stock and bond commission it is stated that its investigation will be thorough. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Yale, the author of several books on law, taxation and interstate commerce, and in 1890 acted as special counsel for the United States in the prosecution of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad and the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company for giving and receiving rebates.

Frederick Strauss is a banker and a member of the firm of Seligman & Co., of New York City. Walter L. Fisher, of Chicago, was attorney for that city in the settlement of the Chicago Traction dispute. He has been president of the City Club of Chicago and vice-president of the National Conservation Commission.

Professor B. H. Meyer is head of the chair of political economy at the University of Wisconsin, and is chairman of the Wisconsin Railroad Commission, expert special agent for the Census Bureau, and is in charge of the physical valuation of railroads. As an authority on railway matters he is well known.

No Stops Scheduled. No stops are scheduled on President Taft's 2000-mile journey, either going or returning, and Mr. Taft will be back in Beverly late Wednesday afternoon. The President has prepared his St. Paul speech with much care. It will stand as a defining accurately and finally his position on the subject of conservation.

Colonel Roosevelt is to be in St. Paul on Tuesday, but will not meet the President, and Mr. Taft will leave for Beverly Monday evening.

PORTER FAILS IN QUEST

Pastor-Doctor Asks for Reconsideration by Board. SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Charles H. Porter, of Portland, Or., who was requested to drop out of the Methodist ministry by the annual conference at St. Paul's last Wednesday, failed to secure a favorable consideration of the action this morning. A telegram was received from him asking for continuation on the supernumerary list, but the proposition was voted down immediately.

He is practicing medicine as a "chiropractic and epinephrine" in Portland and was dropped for that reason.

SETTLERS GO TO IDAHO

NEW LAW WILL OPEN 320,000 ACRES FOR DRY FARMING. Restrictions Are Less Severe Than Formerly—Continuous Residence Is Unnecessary. BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The recent act of Congress which set apart 320,000 acres of dry farming land in Southern Idaho to the state for settlement is attracting settlers.

Under the new law entries are entitled to take up 320 acres of land, using thereon a homestead right and continuous residence on the land is unnecessary. Before entries can be made under the new law the chief of the field division must first designate what part of the tract can be irrigated. In his opinion and instructions to the registers and receivers of the General Land Office says in part: "Lands containing merchantable timber, mineral lands, and lands within a reclamation project, or lands that may



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PARADE IS FEATURE

Norwegian Singers Conduct Historic Pageant.

PORTLAND MEN IN LINE

Saengerfest at Eureka Most Successful Ever Held by Society—3000 Hear Concert and Applaud Local Vocalists.

EUREKA, Cal., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The second day of the big Norwegian Saengerfest was given over to a grand historical pageant. This evening occurred the first concert of the week of music at Occidental Pavilion in the presence of 3000 people. President Engbrethsen, of the Association of Singers, and director Carlo Sperati, state it is the most successful Saengerfest in the history of the organization. The morning and afternoon were taken up by rehearsals and sightseeing trips about the city. The same programme is announced for tomorrow morning.

The grand pageant started at 7:30 on Tuesday, where a great concert was held in Northern California. All singers, 600 in number, bearing banners and torches, formed a procession more than half a mile long. Historical scenes and many other were featured. Many societies in costume made the color effect brilliant.

Portland delegation had a yell which called great attention to that portion of the parade. Representatives of the Rose City carried individual banners and extolled the virtues of Portland.

Following the parade all marched to the pavilion, where a great concert was held. The immense hall, with a seating capacity of 2000, was filled and hundreds were turned away. Representatives of the Portland society who appeared in two individual selections, entitled "Nær Fjordene Bliant", Paulsen, and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia", received great applause, the first-named selection being one of the best of the evening.

Tomorrow afternoon another big concert will be held in the theater. This to be the last of the saengerfest concert. Following the concert tomorrow awards will be given the society adjudged the best. This is an annual custom. Eureka holding honors at present. Northern societies are making big efforts to secure the award this year. The singers are manifesting the most intense interest in this feature. The business meeting will be held on Monday, when officers will be elected and a place for the next saengerfest selected. Spokane was a manifesting of enthusiasm, is making a good campaign for the next festival. It is understood that that city will be successful.

REBEL CHIEF IS CAPTURED

Fugitive Filipino Governor Turned Over to Troops by Natives.

MANILA, Sept. 3.—The uprising in Nueva Vizcaya, led by Simon Mandac, former Governor of Ilocos Norte, collapsed today when Mandac, who had been seized by the people of the Province among whom he had sought to stir up trouble, was turned over to the constabulary.

A few of Mandac's right-hand men also were arrested and his other followers dispersed. It is estimated that the band of outlaws originally numbered 500, but it dwindled soon to 200 and these had few arms.

An interesting feature of the uprising was the co-operation of the natives in running down the disturbers. Mandac will now probably serve the 14 years' imprisonment sentence which has been hanging over him since his conviction for killing a prisoner while he was Governor.

SOCIALISTS SEEK BEQUEST

Court Asked to Sustain Will of Mrs. Randolph, Whose Son Contests.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Declaring that the Socialist party is legally authorized to accept and receive money, property and bequests, its representatives here have filed an answer in the Superior Court to J. Randolph, who is seeking to break the will of his foster mother, Mrs. Ellen R. Randolph, who recently died, leaving \$1000 to the National Socialist political organization, and similar bequests to the Prohibition party and the Methodist Church.

FOREST GROVE MAN SHOT

Coroner's Jury, However, Declares Death Is Accident.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 3.—George W. Parker was found dead 60 yards from his home, one and a half miles southwest of this place, by his son George, at 9 o'clock this morning, with a charge of shot in his head. He had been sought by his family since yesterday, having left the home at 9 A. M. for the purpose of killing a hawk, and the shot that killed him evidently came from his own weapon, aammerless shotgun, apparently by accident. The coroner held an inquest and the jury decided that death was due to an accidental shot.

Parker came here from Texas last May and bought the A. W. Russell place near town. He was 58 years old and a native of Illinois. He leaves a widow, one son, George, and a daughter, Frances.

The inquest showed that there was no reason for premeditated suicide, nor could any evidence be found indicating that he had an enemy, and the accident theory was the only tenable one.

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HOOD RIVER HAS NEW RECTOR.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 3.—Rev. D. T. Simpson will come here next week as the new rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Rev. Mr. Simpson brings his family direct from Honolulu, where he has been for the past four years. Before going to Hawaii he was engaged in work in Portland and Corvallis, having come to Oregon from Sioux City, S. D.

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