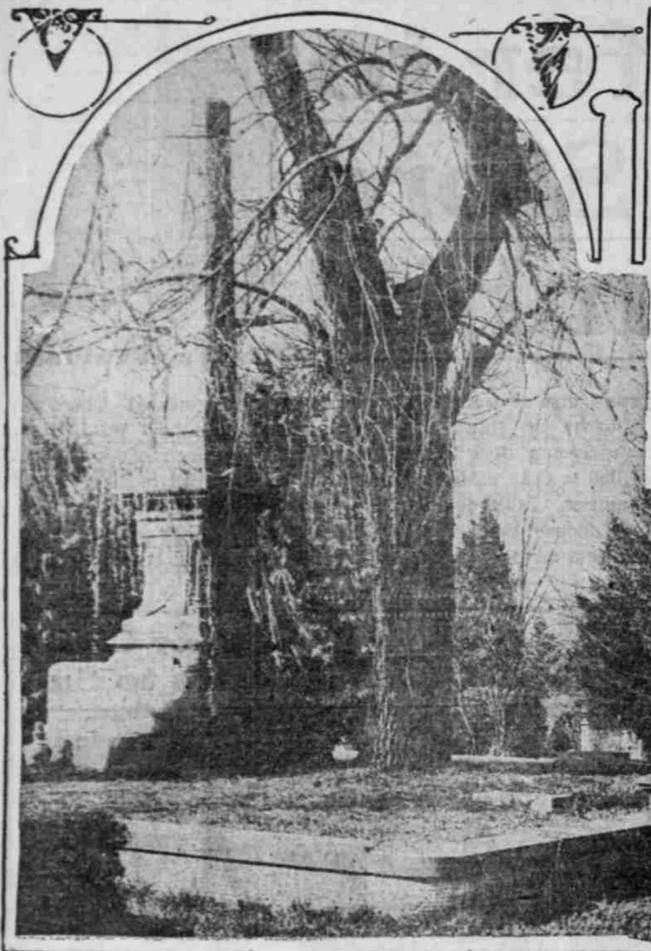


LONE FIR CEMETERY RICH IN HISTORIC INTEREST

Many Stories, Tragic, Pathetic and Heartwarming, Could Be Told by Those at Rest in Portland's Pioneer Burial Tract—Graves of Famous Men of Oregon Are There.



THAYER MONUMENT



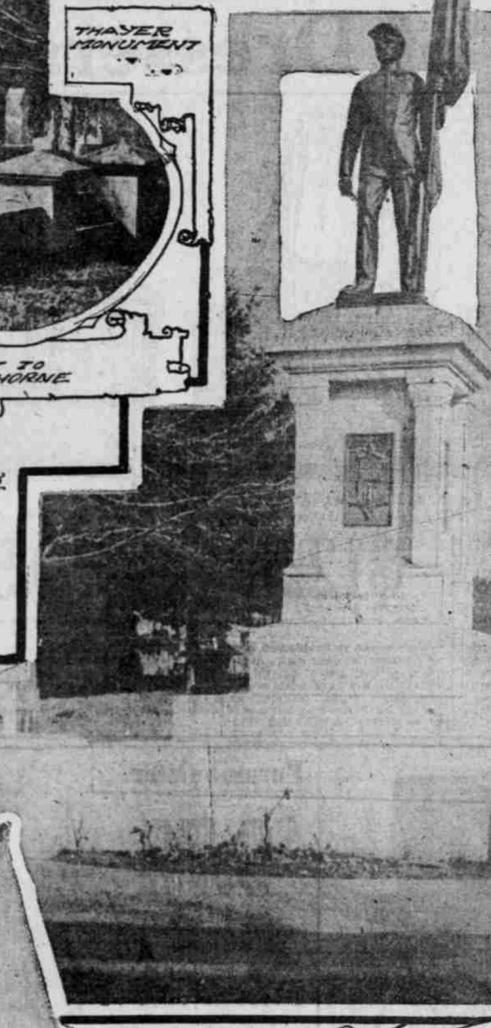
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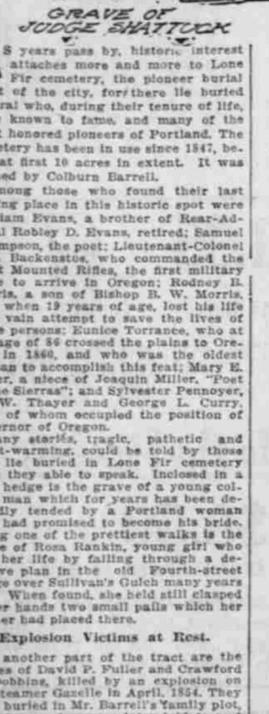
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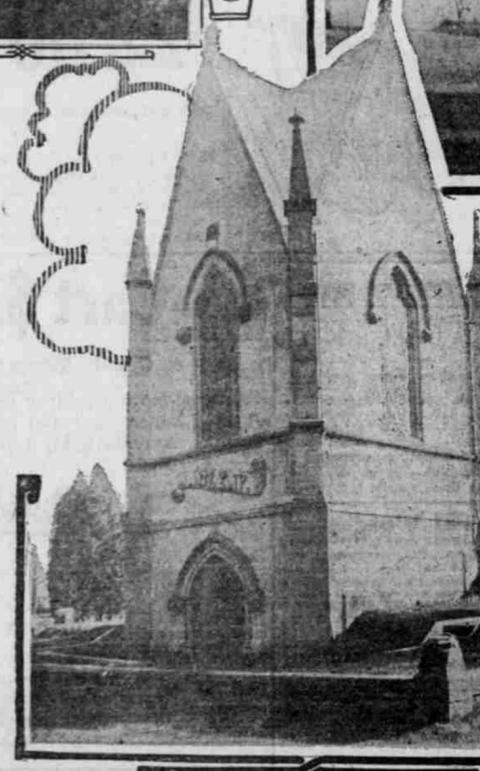
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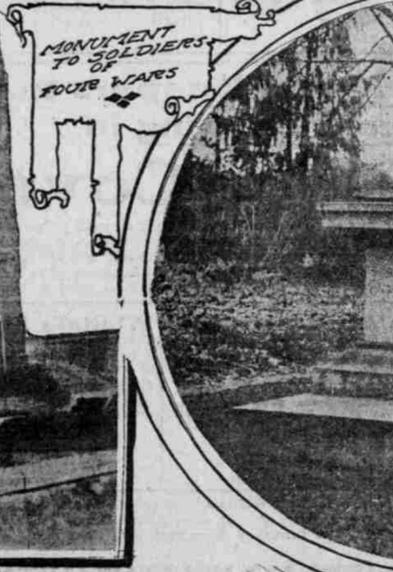
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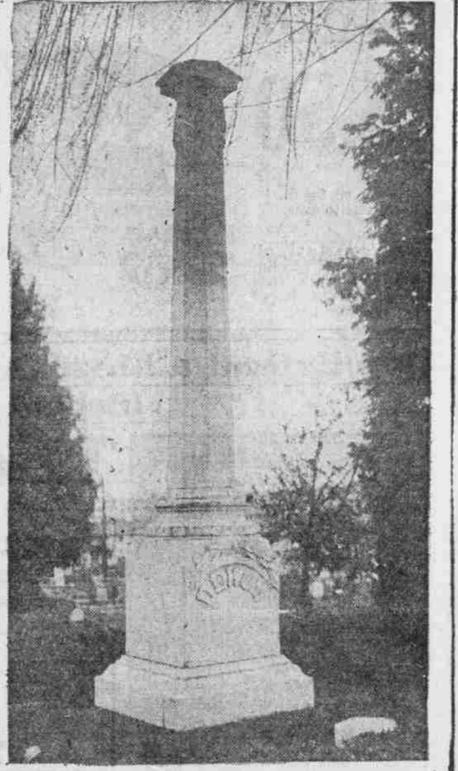
THE MACLEAY MAUSOLEUM



MONUMENT TO SOLDIERS OF FOUR WARS



MONUMENT TO SYLVESTER PENNOVER



THE DEKUM MONUMENT

As years pass by, historic interest attaches more and more to Lone Fir cemetery, the pioneer burial tract of the city, for there lie buried several who, during their tenure of life, were known to fame, and many of the most honored pioneers of Portland. The cemetery has been in use since 1847, being at first 10 acres in extent. It was opened by Colburn Barrell.

Among those who found their last resting place in this historic spot were William Evans, a brother of Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, retired; Samuel L. Simpson, the poet; Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Backenstos, who commanded the First Mounted Rifles, the first military force to arrive in Oregon; Rodney B. Morris, a son of Bishop B. W. Morris, who when 19 years of age, lost his life in a vain attempt to save the lives of three persons; Eunice Torrance, who at the age of 86 crossed the plains to Oregon in 1848, and who was the oldest woman to accomplish this feat; Mary E. Miller, a niece of Joaquin Miller, "Poet of the Sierras"; and Sylvester Pennover, W. W. Thayer and George L. Curry, each of whom occupied the position of Governor of Oregon.

Many stories, tragic, pathetic and heartwarming, could be told by those who lie buried in Lone Fir cemetery were they able to speak. Inclosed in a neat hedge is the grave of a young college man which for years has been devotedly tended by a Portland woman who had promised to become his bride. Along one of the prettiest walks is the grave of Rosa Rankin, young girl who lost her life by falling through a defective plan in the old Fourth-street bridge over Sullivan's Gulch many years ago. When found, she held still clasped in her hands two small palls which her mother had placed there.

Explosion Victims at Rest.

In another part of the tract are the graves of David P. Fuller and Crawford M. Dobbin, killed by an explosion on the steamer *Gazelle* in April, 1854. They were buried in Mr. Barrell's family plot, and his remains were later laid to rest beside theirs. Many strangers and friends were interred by Mr. Barrell at his own expense and in many instances he also erected headstones to their memory. He erected neat monuments at the graves of the victims of the *Gazelle* explosion.

A pathetic feature of the *Gazelle* tragedy was the fact that Mr. Fuller was soon to have married the daughter of a pioneer Portland family, a very beautiful young woman. Her heart broken, the young woman lived only a few months after the death of her fiancé.

In 1850, William M. Evans, a young lawyer, was taken sick with typhoid and pneumonia. He was attended by his dearest friend, Dr. John T. Wells, of the United States Navy. When Evans breathed his last, the physician wept at his bedside. The two men had sat side by side on an old bench in a Virginia schoolhouse and had come to the Northwest together. Soon after his friend's death Dr. Wells also passed away. The bodies of the two men lie side by side in Lone Fir cemetery.

Lone Fir contains the graves of John-son and Brown, two desperate young men who, detected in a robbery, lost their lives for committing murder. In shooting at the officers, they killed an innocent boy who was crossing the street. They were hanged in this city. Every bit of an iron fence which enclosed their graves has been carried away by relic hunters.

In 1862, a well-known character named Mitchell, who made his living by jig dancing, was frozen to death on an extraordinarily cold night, January 13. His friends placed a monument to his memory on which is engraved the following: Here lies one who has taken steps That won the applause of men; But grim death came and took a step Which he could not withstand.

Several young men who lost their lives in defense of the Stars and Stripes during the Spanish-American War are interred at Lone Fir. The first to be buried was Eliot Ordway, a youth of 19. He was given a military funeral which was attended by more than 2000 citizens of Portland. Others, all members of the Second Oregon Regiment, also buried in this tract, are: Jesse M. Robinson, Harry Anderson, Guy Millard, William Allen, Guy Packard and Joseph L. Berry. A beautiful monument stands in commemoration of those Oregon men who par-

ticipated in the Spanish-American, Civil, Mexican and Northwest Indian wars. Among the pioneers of Portland and Oregon at rest in Lone Fir Cemetery are Captain John H. Couch, Dr. J. C. Hawthorne, Valentine Brown, James W. Robb, Judge Earl C. Bronough, Sr., Dr. William Weatherford, Dr. J. B. Pilkington, Dr. W. H. Watkins, Dr. Justin Millard, Judge E. D. Shattuck, James B. Stephens, Frank Dekum, Miss Emma Millard, Matthew Kiehl, Mrs. James H. McMullan, Lewis Estes, Bishop B. W. Morris, E. J. Northrup, Howard Northrup, Rev. Crawford Rockwell Thoburn, W. W. Spaulding, Captain Turnbull, Captain James Strang, George E. Cole, J. A.

Strowbridge, Sr., A. G. Cunningham and W. A. McPherson. Mr. Thoburn was a noted missionary and college president. Born in India in 1802, he died in Portland in 1892. "Ever a good and faithful servant" is the inscription on the headstone erected in his memory. John W. Robb was murdered at Astoria, April 25, 1881. Miss Millard was organist of a Presbyterian church which stood on the ground now occupied by the Dekum building. Mr. McPherson was a well-known state editor, having edited the Roseburg Plaindealer and the Ashland Times. George E. Cole, at one time, was Postmaster of Portland.