

# NELSON BENNETT'S CAREER NOTABLE

### Death at Tacoma Takes Pioneer Constructive Genius of Northwest.

### BIG ACHIEVEMENTS MANY

From Mule Driver to Contractor, Railroad Builder, Publisher, Banker and Civic Leader, Few Steps in Strenuous Life.

In the life of Nelson Bennett, pioneer freighter, Indian fighter, contractor, railroad builder, banker, newspaper publisher and citizen, who died at Tacoma early last week, is exemplified one more of the soundness of the theory that the gift of industry and the force of confidence are sufficient to advance a young man to the topmost pinnacle of the proverbial ladder of success. The story of his life and death will serve in future years as a hope and an inspiration for the rising generation in its struggles for fame and fortune.

### Achievements Were Many.

Mr. Bennett probably was best known as the builder of the Stampedo tunnel of the Northern Pacific through the Cascade Mountains. Among his principal other construction achievements are the Palmer cut-off of the Northern Pacific, the Grays Harbor extension to Moelaps, the Alaska and Yukon Railroad, the great Fall (Mont.) electric power plant, the Spokane & International Railroad, the Twin Falls South Side Central Canal in Idaho and the Point Defiance tunnel of the Northern Pacific near Tacoma.

Preparation for the career of usefulness in the Northwest was made on a farm in Ontario, Canada. Born October 14, 1843, his father died when he was 7 years old, leaving a widow and six children. Young Nelson was early initiated in the life of a farmer, and when 14 years old was doing a man's work on the farm.

His education was obtained in the country school, which he attended six months in the year, the remainder of the year being devoted to farm work. At the age of 17 he went to Orleans County, New York, where he worked and attended school one year. When 20 years of age he was employed by the United States Government in the construction of the

**Oil Industry Invaded.**  
His next move was to the oil regions of Pennsylvania, where he became a factor in the development of the oil industry.

In 1867 he went to Missouri. As a miner, Indian fighter, railroad builder and freighter, he opened the career which has made him one of the striking figures in the history of the Northwest.

About 1875 he established a mule freight team and for a time after that was located at Hills and Idaho. In 1880 he came over to the terminus of the Utah Northern Railroad. It was there that Mr. Joslyn met him. He had met with financial reverses. At this time he bought a freight outfit and engaged in the freight business from Red Rock (now Lima), Mont., to Butte, Mont.

**Constructive Genius Proved.**  
It was while engaged in this business that he took the contract for delivering the machinery for the Moulton Mining Company, which was controlled by W. A. Clark, afterwards United States Senator from Montana. In the year 1881 Washington Dunn, who had been connected with the mule team system, took a contract for building a piece of Northern Pacific track about 150 miles long. He associated with himself Mr. Bennett and later took under the firm name of Washington Dunn & Company. It was on this work that Mr. Bennett demonstrated his constructive genius and his ability to handle men.

About this time the Northern Pacific was getting ready to drive the Stampedo tunnel. Mr. Dunn went West to look over the ground. On his return to Missoula, Mont., he died in the Pullman sleeper. Mr. Bennett then took up the work and secured the contract. He completed the job in remarkable time—just 24 hours in advance of the time specified.

This achievement brought him into considerable prominence. When he had finished he moved to Tacoma and at once became active in affairs there. He bought the Tacoma Ledger and successfully conducted it for a while. He became president of the Merchants National Bank and a director in other banks. Meanwhile he continued his contract work. Yet he found time to acquire the Tacoma Hotel and became president of the Metropolitan Park Board, which prepared the plans for Tacoma's excellent park system as it has been built up to the present time.

**Traction Railway Built.**  
In 1889 he became president of the Fairhaven & Southern Railway, a line projected for the development of the Bellingham Bay country. He also became interested in numerous other enterprises and engaged in steamboating between Tacoma, Seattle and Bellingham Bay.

He built the first street railway in Butte and afterwards sold it at a profit to Senator Clarke. He also built and operated a line in Tacoma.

At one time he was interested with C. X. Larrabee, of Portland, in the Holiday estate in this city, part of which property was sold a few days ago. He and Mr. Larrabee also engaged in development work at Fairhaven, Wash., near Bellingham.

Just about the time the panic broke Mr. Bennett had sold out his heavy banking and real estate holdings in Bellingham to C. X. Larrabee for several hundred thousand dollars.

As a railroad builder Nelson Bennett took rank among the most noted of his class in this country. He built the Grays Harbor extension of the Northern Pacific to Moelaps and the Palmer cut-off from Palmer on the main line to Auburn on the line between Tacoma and Seattle.

## PIONEER FREIGHTER, RAILROAD BUILDER AND BANKER, NOW DEAD, HAD REMARKABLE CAREER.



NELSON BENNETT.

world. He always insisted he would try his hand in building one more tunnel and he did that in the Point Defiance job which is now practically finished.

He had intended that this should be his last work. A few weeks ago, when Mr. Joslyn was in Tacoma, he saw Mr. Bennett.

"I am tired, Jos," he said. "When I get through with this job I am going to rest."

He had hardly finished it when he entered upon his last rest. It was always believed Nelson Bennett capable of leveling down the Rocky Mountains," said Mr. Joslyn when he learned of his death. "He was one of the most remarkable and most useful men the West ever has produced."

Mr. Bennett is survived by a widow and four daughters. Of the latter, Mrs. Stephen Appleby, Mrs. Minot Davis and Miss Charlotte, all of Tacoma, were with him when he died. His daughter Ceta, Mrs. Brackett Munsey, lives in Boston.

He was a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 104, of Masons at Tacoma, also of Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templars, and of Affil Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

### SCHOOL CHANGE PROPOSED

Speakers at Eugene Conference of Educators Suggest New Methods.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, July 25.—(Special.)—The division of the American school system into eight years of grade work and four years of high school was declared all wrong by Dr. Jean du Buy, the last speaker at the conference of educators which closed today at the university.

Dr. du Buy advocated the introduction of an intermediate or junior high school for the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. This, he said, is sound psychologically, putting under different conditions the youth when in the early adolescent period and providing a transition between the method of one teacher in the elementary school, to the method of four teachers for four subjects in the high school.

E. F. Carlton, assistant state superintendent of schools, in an address, compared the amounts expended for school purposes in different parts of the state, showing that in many cases one district might afford a high-priced

teacher for eight months in the year, while another district, with the same number of pupils, scarcely could keep school open six months. His remedy was to have the state levy provide for the maintenance of the schools.

### READING COURSE IS SAME

State Superintendent Announces Books for Teachers' Circle.

SALEM, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—Announcement was made today by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchhill that the same course that was used last year will be used until June, 1914, for the teachers' reading circle. All teachers who register their certificates between the third Monday in June, 1913, and the third Monday in June, 1914, must satisfy the county superintendents that they have read one of the books in this course. The books composing the course are as follows:

- William Harvey Allen—Civics and health. c1909. Ginn, \$1.25.
- George Herbert Betts—The reclamation. c1911. Houghton, 50 cents. (Riverside educational monographs.)
- Perceval Chubb—The teaching of English in the elementary and secondary school. c1904. Macmillan, \$1. (Teachers' professional library.)
- Harold Waldstein Fought—The American rural school; its characteristics, its future and its problems. c1910. Macmillan, \$1.25.
- Frank Morton McMurry—How to study and teaching how to study. c1909. Houghton, \$1.25.
- William Hawley Smith—The evolution of Dodo; a pedagogical story. c1884. Rand.
- George Herbert Palmer—Self-cultivation in English. c1908. Houghton, 25 cents. (Riverside educational monographs.)
- A. W. Wray—Jean Mitchell's school. c1902. Public School Publishing Co., \$1.

### FARRELL IS AT RIVERSIDE

O. W. R. & N. Head and Party Have Good Weather After Venator.

BURNS, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—President Farrrell, of the O. W. R. & N. Co., and party got no further than Venator, 50 miles from Burns, last night, and about noon today reached Riverside, 18 miles from Juniper. The weather cleared last night and sunshine prevailed today.

### FINAL ATTEMPT OF PORTLAND'S FIRE CHIEF TO GET GOOD PHOTO RESULTS IN EXCELLENT LIKENESS.



FIRE CHIEF DOWELL.

At the urgent request of members of the fire department, Fire Chief Dowell posed for a picture a few days ago for the first time in more than two years. The Chief is now supplying copies to friends who have been trying to get him before the camera man for several months past.

The last two times the Chief had his picture taken the result was far from satisfactory. The Chief refused to pose after that on the ground that the camera does not do justice to his face. The latest attempt, he says, is entirely satisfactory.

## REUNION IS SOUGHT

### Attempt to Reassemble Army Corps Projected.

DOZEN ONLY ARE IN MANILA

Newspaper Desires to Gather Together Survivors of First Expedition to Philippine Islands.

Heavy Artillery, that saw much service in the early days, since that time he has been associated with the internal revenue and has arrived next to the top notch.

SALEM, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—Labor Commissioner Hoff's report for June shows that there were 318 accidents, seven of which were fatal. Five persons were injured in construction work, ten in electrical work, 28 in logging, 32 in machine, foundry and boiler shops, 33 in paper mills, 20 in railroad construction, 25 by railway trains, 38 in railway yards, 27 in sawmills and 18 in sawmill yards.

### Salmon Run Is On.

KELSO, Wash., July 26.—(Special.)—Immense numbers of salmon trout are making their appearance in the Cowlitz River and local anglers are getting out their fishing tackle. Salmon are also beginning to run.

### Gunns Mistaken for Salute.

It is true that the Chaverson fired a few shots that were interpreted as a salute by the Spanish commander, who apologized for making the mistake. Nevertheless, the dispute as to which company of the Oregonians appeared the most, the veterans of both husky representatives of the famous Second Oregon. Captain H. L. Heath commanded Company A, that supported Company B in making the display of strength before the fortifications at Guam that resulted in the prompt surrender of the island to the United States.

The second name received was that of Captain Albert J. Brazier, who was Battalion Adjutant of the Second Oregon, and later Captain of the Thirty-fifth Volunteer Infantry after the War had put down the insurrection and the regiment was sent home. He is now associated with Captain Heath.

"Dear Bill—It'd like to be there if there's any chance," he wrote. "I hope I can get away still in the hands of the Spaniards."

The above intimation of surviving capacity was received yesterday from Jerry Klauok, of Webfoot fame.

Joe Dellberg, who holds down the chief clerk's desk in the hull division, manufacturing department, at the Cassidy naval station, also sat up and took notice. Joe offered some reminiscences of a pleasant character in his letter, and is in any kind of a reunion.

Mr. Leburgh was credited to Company F of the Second Oregon, that magnificent body of "coffee-coolers" that held down the Ayuntamiento as a guard of honor to General O'Neil. He also was recognized by the California Volunteers by joining that organization, and it and his during 1893 and 1894. Then he decided to remain to see the thing through. He is now one of Manila's leading citizens.

George W. Simms, also of the California regiment, first saw Manila Bay June 30, 1898. Since that time his ambition has been to control as much of that beautiful sheet of water as possible. With this end in view he engaged in the stevedoring business, and while his ambition is far from satisfied, he has demonstrated what concentrated effort can accomplish.

Captain Henry Steers, who now holds down the position of Deputy Collector, first saw the islands on that eventful June afternoon. He was an officer of the California

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## COURT EXEMPTS CITY

### PLAINTIFF HELD NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR BAD SIDEWALK.

Plaintiff Must Look to Engineer, Property Owner, Mayor or Commissioners Says Kavanaugh.

Preparatory to departing for the seashore, Circuit Judge Kavanaugh yesterday announced decisions in several cases on which he has been working. The most interesting is that of Anna Humphrey, who sued the city for \$25,000 for injuries sustained from a defective sidewalk. The judge decided that the city itself cannot be made a defendant in a suit involving defective sidewalks, but that action can be brought against the City Engineer and the property owner involved, and possibly against the Mayor and Commissioners also, although on this latter point he will hear more argument.

Other decisions follow: Ed R. Stockton, doing business as Yalo Market & Grocery Co., vs. M. E. Barrett et al., suit on a grocery bill; judgment and findings for plaintiff; H. W. Strong for plaintiff; J. H. Hitchings for defendant.

M. S. Friendly vs. Thomas Burford, P. Pearson, Warren Construction Company and Robert Shaw, temporary injunction restraining defendants from operating gravel pit on Patton Avenue on the Peninsula; Sidney Teiser for plaintiff; J. S. Cleland, C. W. Huntington, H. B. Adams for defendants.

Mary Hamm vs. Gertrude McKenny, et al., suit to quiet title; decree for plaintiff; Masters, Brice & Masters for plaintiff; Westbrook & Westbrook and A. Hansen for defendants.

C. W. Knowlton vs. William Hull, action for wages; judgment for defendant; Arthur Tift for plaintiff; T. H. Whitfield for the defendant.

In the matter of the liquidation of the American Bank & Trust Company, of Portland, Or., judgment for A. S. Finley and E. A. Lynds for the return of certain notes for \$24,000 upon the payment of a guarantee; Sidney J. Graham for bank; B. S. Fague for claimants.

Isabella Stewart vs. Anna Kalk et al., suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$1600; defendants proved tender of money before suit commenced; judgment for defendant and suit dismissed; William M. Gregory for plaintiff; Sutter & Clark for defendants.

T. A. Sutherland vs. C. W. Taylor et al., suit to avoid a building restriction; suit dismissed without prejudice; G. Evers Baker for plaintiff; Kenneth Fenton for defendant.

Mrs. J. D. Wilson vs. J. D. Casey, J. H. Hutchinson and Leroy Lomax; judgment in third amended complaint overruled; J. A. Jeffrey and Book Karon for plaintiff; Leroy Lomax for defendant.

William B. V. Bailey vs. Island Empire Company, action on a promissory note; judgment for plaintiff for \$10,000 for 3754 attorney's fees and costs; Jesse Stearns and John Hall for plaintiff; Corey & Kerr and E. C. McCalllock, defendants.

Milan Commachen vs. Virna S. Lee and Flora M. Sams; motion for judgment notwithstanding verdict overruled; Tucker & Rowe for plaintiff; J. Leroy Smith, for defendant.

## ASHLAND DENTIST IS EDITOR.

ASHLAND, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—The editorship of the Pacific Dental Gazette, a monthly publication, issued at San Francisco, has been offered to and accepted by Dr. Julio Endelman of this city. He will continue to reside in Ashland. While a resident of Philadelphia, Dr. Endelman gained journalistic experience as assistant editor of the Dental Cosmos.

## OLD SETTLERS TO HOLD REUNION.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 26.—(Special.)—The annual reunion of old settlers of Southwest Washington will be held at Rochester, August 15. Herbert Robinson, secretary of the Centralia Commercial Club, yesterday received a letter from Governor Lister declining an invitation to speak at the reunion.

## PORTLAND MEN DEVELOP BIG ORCHARD AT ORTLEY

Mark A. Mayer Announces Retirement From Active Business to Enjoy Life at Fine Country Home Near Mosier.

Country Home of Mark A. Mayer

ORTLEY, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—One of the largest plantings of orchards in the state of an individual company is at Ortley, where Devlin & Firebaugh, of Portland, are developing about 1600 acres. It is the purpose of the company to subdivide the land and to build an ideal town at Ortley. A fine country hotel has been built there, and several modern homes have been completed.

On a bench above the Columbia, just a mile and a half east of Mosier, is probably the finest country home in the state. Mark A. Mayer, the owner, who declares that he is going to retire from all other business activities and become a country gentleman, is spending a snug fortune in developing an estate of 200 acres. To stand at the west end of his orchard and look up

the driveway leading between an avenue of young trees toward the handsome mansion, with its colonial pillars glistening white in the sunshine one could think himself in the far South. If the eyes could be closed and again opened on a roadway leading between rows of tall cotton plants, the metamorphosis would be complete.

Mr. Mayer, who has spent most of his life and made a fortune in the mercantile business, although a native Oregonian, was for many years a resident of New York City. He is now connected with Portland business concerns, but spends the greater portion of his time at Mayerdale, as he has christened the village surrounding his newly completed colonial mansion, the cottages which house his farm employes, his chickens and his fancy horses

SEE THAT CURVE

## Lenses Must Be Changed

—Lenses do not wear out, but eyes do.

—Every part of the body changes with advancing years, and our eyes in common with the rest of our physical being show the effect of age.

—We must, therefore, meet the changed conditions of the eyes.

—The glasses that you bought ten, or even three years ago, are not giving your eyes the proper assistance.

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