

OFFICER WHITE IS FREED OF BLAME

Coroner's Jury Criticizes Manner of Running Down Speed Law Offenders.

RIDER ADMITS ERRING

Stand Maintained, However, That Right Side of Road Was Being Followed at Time of Accident That Killed Two.

Exonerated Eugene D. White, county traffic officer, named yesterday when a coroner's jury completed its investigation of the death of John and George Hollander, who died as the result of injuries received in a collision of a motorcycle on which they were riding and that of Officer White on the night of September 11.

The verdict of the jury was that responsibility for the death of the two brothers did not rest on Officer White. However, methods of speed officers in riding without lights in the chase of offenders were condemned, and the recommendation was that the present system be changed.

Yesterday's session of the coroner's jury took place at the home of Mr. White, 522 Madison street. Coroner Dammasch conducted the inquiry and present were Chief Deputy District Attorney John A. Collier and Deputy C. C. Hindman, while the legal firm of Giltner & Sewell, both members of the partnership being present, represented Mr. White.

Methods of Chase Condemned. The injured speed officer was able to walk on crutches from his bed to a chair in the dining-room, where his testimony was taken. Following the hearing of the evidence, the jury went to the morgue at East Third street and Hawthorne avenue, and deliberated for a short time when the verdict was reached. It was as follows:

"We find that John Hollander and George Hollander came to their deaths as the result of an accident due to a collision with Eugene White, a county officer, while he was in the pursuit of his duty.

"While we do not place the responsibility for the deaths on Officer Eugene White, we emphatically condemn the present method of pursuing violators of speed laws. We believe that human life is worth enough to discountenance the method of chasing speed officers in exceeding the speed limits and riding without lights at night.

Citizens Without Autos Judged. We recommend that some better methods be adopted, similar to those used by other cities, even if necessary to employ additional officers."

The jury was composed of business men. Coroner Dammasch picked a group of citizens, not one of whom owned automobiles or motorcycles, so they were believed to be wholly without prejudice in the case under investigation.

Fred Speer, manager of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, was chairman. Other members were: Jacob Lutz, paying teller; Scandinavian-American Bank, J. E. Riech, of C. C. Bradley & Co.; F. Nicklas, florist; Arnold Keller, secretary of the Master Builders Association; and H. E. Koon, a civil engineer.

Verdict was rendered. Traffic Officer White admitted he was riding without lights on the night of September 11. He said this was his usual custom and he admitted the possibility of arresting speed violators with a light and he had no inkling of their approach until the collision occurred.

Mr. White was warned before he began his testimony by District Attorney Collier that anything he might say might be used against him in the event that the coroner's jury returned a verdict charging him with manslaughter as a result of the deaths of the two brothers. Having been advised fully of his legal rights, Mr. White told freely of the accident.

Last Saturday night about 11 o'clock, he said, "I was stationed in the Burkeley road at the intersection of the Sandy road, when an automobile passed going toward town at a rapid rate. I got on my motorcycle and followed. In a short distance I met and passed a motorcycle and had gone only a short way further when the collision happened.

Accident Described in Detail. "The motorcycle could have had no lights or I would have seen them. I was knocked unconscious and when I came to, somebody was dragging me off the road. They took me to a hospital and found two men had been hurt. Soon I could walk about and I asked the men why they had taken me to a hospital. They told me they had no lights. I walked over to their machine and examined the lamp. Before trying to light it I asked the man who had been involved in an automobile to examine this lamp with me before I tried to light it. When I struck a match one of the gas jets glowed just as the light. The flame was no bigger than the head of a match and there was no reflector. This could not be seen 50 feet away.

"How fast were you going?" was asked. "About 25 miles an hour." "Was your own light burning?" "No, I never have lights when I go after speeders. The County Commissioners never told me to ride without lights, and if it comes to that in this case I suppose I am guilty and will take the punishment.

"I have been riding after speeders at night without lights for three summers. The first month I worked I was told by the Commissioners not to make arrests, but to warn people who drive too fast. I did so, and the first month there were 50 cases of speeders whom I warned.

"Then they said to make arrests and I have been doing so ever since. I tried to catch speeders at night with lights on my motorcycle, but that was hopeless. I was not told not to carry lights, but I was put on the job to catch speeders, just as you are now. I installed an electric light on my machine, so that by pressing a button I could see my speedometer, and tell how fast the machine ahead of me was going.

City Methods Same, It Was Alleged. The city speed officers work the same way. The police do not put their lights on when the motorcycle squad goes out to catch burglars and in this same system I was used in this place. I started to work in July, 1913, and this is my first accident.

Members of the jury pointed out that Officer White was himself exceeding the speed limit, was riding without lights and without a license tag on his motorcycle, and he was asked what authority he had thus to violate the law in three particulars at once. Mr. White held to the theory that officers have

this authority to go beyond the letter of the law in order to check violations. The first session of the coroner's jury in the case was held at the coroner's morgue last Thursday night. At that time Officer White was unable to be present because of his injury. He is still suffering from the shock and a badly sprained ankle, but will recover.

Place on Road Held Right. G. C. Marks, another county speed officer, was questioned as to whether he had ever received instructions to ride without lights. He said he had not received any.

Coroner Johnson, who examined the spot on the Sandy road where the collision took place and made measurements, testified as to details and the location of all spots on the pavement, which seem to indicate the position of the two motorcycles after the accident.

It was desired to learn positively whether Officer White was on the right side of the road. He declared on his



Sir William Van Horne, Who Died Yesterday After Risks From Obscurity in United States to Top of Canadian Railway Leader.

Testimony as to the location of the ground spots was somewhat inconclusive. Chief Deputy District Attorney Collier said last night he would investigate further the accident by which the Hollander brothers met their death, what action will be taken depends upon the findings.

"I am going out to the scene of the accident and check up the details with the testimony brought out at the two hearings of the coroner's jury," he said. "Whether there will be a prosecution resulting from the investigation cannot yet be known."

CHURCH GROWTH SHOWN

METHODISTS SOUTH REPORT INCREASE OF 50 PER CENT.

Presentation Made Rev. E. H. Mowbray, 12 Years Elder, Upon Retirement. Corvallis Chosen for 1916.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Following the assignment of pastors for the coming year the 50th annual session of the Columbia conference of the Methodist Church South, which has been in progress here since Wednesday, will reach its close Sunday night.

The attendance was exceptionally large. The reports submitted by the visiting ministers indicated that great progress had been made by the Methodist Church South during the past year. It was the opinion of Rev. E. H. Mowbray, the retiring elder of this district, that the membership of the church had increased 50 per cent since the last conference a year ago. As an appreciation of the accomplishments of Mr. Mowbray, during the 12 years he held the title of elder, those present at the conference yesterday presented him with a gold fountain pen and watch fob.

The presentation address was made by Bishop W. H. Lambuth, of Nashville, Tenn., by District Secretary of the Methodist Church South, Dr. E. B. Chappell, Sunday school editor, W. A. Vaughn, editor of the Pacific Methodist Advocate, Rev. D. B. Price, of Louisville, Ky., assistant secretary of the board of church extension, Rev. H. S. Shandley, of Milton, Or., financial agent of the church college there; Dr. Ford, of Oregon City, fraternal delegate of the Oregon conference; Mrs. D. M. John, of Corvallis, and Mrs. C. I. Clapsdell, of Portland.

The annual sessions of the Women's Missionary Society were held in conjunction with the conference, with Mrs. M. John presiding. Mrs. Clapsdell, of Portland, was district secretary.

The next session of the conference will be held at Corvallis in September, 1916.

WIRE IS CUPID'S AID

SALEM MARRIAGE LICENSE CLERK REQUIRES PARENTAL CONSENT.

Groom Has Permission of Accompanying Father, but Girl Has to Await Word From Home.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The telegraph and cupid collaborated here today with the result that Miss Ferry Elaine Brower, of Marion, became the bride of Hugh Frances Cook, a farmer of that town. But for the great invention of Mr. Morse, it is doubtful if the license would have been issued until Monday.

The couple applied at the office of County Clerk Gehlhar early today for the license. The bridegroom-to-be admitted that he was only 29 years old, but his father, who accompanied the pair, said he was willing for his act to become a benedict. The bride-to-be said she was only 17 years old, and asked her age again, said: "I'm 17, going on 18, but my parents are perfectly willing that Mr. Cook and I get married."

County Clerk Gehlhar, however, informed her that it would be necessary to have the consent of her parents to the issuing of the license, and that it must come to him directly from them. "Then, Mr. Gehlhar, we had better telegraph to papa and mamma. Will consent by telegraph be satisfactory?" Mr. Gehlhar said it would be, and soon thereafter a message was received from Mr. and Mrs. Brower giving their consent to the marriage and their blessings upon the couple.

"It's all right," said the County Clerk to the young couple, "the telegraph is your friend."

Serbia Decorates John D. NISH, Serbia, via London, Sept. 11.—The decoration of the grand cross of the Order of St. Sava has been conferred upon John D. Rockefeller, in recognition of the relief work done by the Rockefeller Foundation in Serbia.

RAILWAY KING DIES

Sir William Van Horne Succumbs After Operation.

CAREER BEGUN IN YARDS

Hill and Harriman of Canada? Also Noted as Financier and Knighted by Queen, Although Born in United States.

MONTREAL, Sept. 11.—Sir William Van Horne, Canadian railroad and empire builder, died at 2:10 today. Hope for his recovery was abandoned several days ago. He was 72 years of age, was born in the United States and virtually from boyhood had been connected with railroad work in both the United States and Canada.

Sir William had been seriously ill at the Royal Victoria Hospital more than two weeks. He went there for an operation for abdominal abscess. The operation was successfully performed and for a time there were indications that he would recover. Grave symptoms, however, developed earlier this week and since then Sir William had been falling gradually.

He rose from the foot of the ladder to wealth and fame as one of the so-called empire builders of Canada. Although he gained railway experience through many years' connection with railroads in the Central and Western United States, it was after moving to Canada and becoming general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1882 that he achieved his most noteworthy triumph by pushing the railway to completion across the continent.

First Job in Railroad Yards. It appears he was fascinated from the first with the life of a railway man for his first job was in the railroad yards. He soon afterward became a telegraph operator on the Illinois Central, and his strides were rapid. He came to the Chicago and Alton Railway and the Chicago & Alton brought him up to his first important executive position as general superintendent of the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern in 1872. Before going to Canada he also served as general manager of the Southern Minnesota Railway and general superintendent of the Chicago & Alton and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

He superintended the extension of the Canadian Pacific to the Western Coast, and was present at the signing of the last mile on November 7, 1885. The total mileage which later came under his control was more than 3500. He was said to be the "Hill and Harriman" of Canada.

Reputation Opposed in 1911. Aside from his fame as a railroad builder, Sir William became a master of finance and was often pointed out as one of the score of men who formed the foundation of Canadian money. He was interested as an officer or director in a large number of corporations in Canada, the United States and Cuba.

He was knighted by Queen Victoria in May, 1894, in recognition of his remarkable work in Canada, which included not only his railway and industrial interests, but semi-public service as a governor of McGill University, the Royal Victoria Hospital and numerous other institutions.

During the advocacy of 1911 of reciprocity between the United States and Canada Mr. Van Horne was conspicuous as one of those who opposed the idea. One of the illustrations which he gave in his speech was that: "Our trade is 37 per cent; that of the United States is 33. In other words the trade in our mill runs from 87 to 100, and they want us to take away the dam."

RAILWAY BOND SUIT IS ON Foreclosure Action Taken on Idaho & Washington Northern.

LEWISTON, Ida., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—With the object, it is declared, of justifying the Idaho & Washington Northern railroad as a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system, suit has been filed in the Federal Court at Boise by the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank to foreclose on bonds, notes and mortgages of the former road.

The Idaho road is being operated independently of the Milwaukee, but the latter road is said to have guaranteed the securities. The bank complains that the Idaho & Washington Northern has failed on the payment of the principal of bonds amounting to \$3,200,000.

FAIR AT KLAMATH PLANNED

Schools Expected to Participate in City Exhibition.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Klamath Falls is to have a district fair this year in addition to the one now being planned to take place at Merrill and Fort Klamath. The fair here probably will take place during the week of September 27-30, according to the Business Men's Association, which is for the first week in October. It has been customary heretofore to hold the district fairs at Merrill and Fort, but it is thought it would be a good thing for the county if one should be held here also, but later than the other.

It is hoped that in addition to displays of agricultural and dairy products, the schools will have domestic science, manual training, and other exhibits.

MILITIA SHOOT ARRANGED

Company G, of Aberdeen, and M, of Centralia, to Compete.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—Rifle teams of six men each representing Company G, of Aberdeen, and Company M, of Centralia, will compete here on Sunday, September 26, according to arrangements now completed.

Members of both commands will be eligible for their team, and this will allow both competitors to enter several teams. The Aberdeen company last two of her best shots through a state shoot rifle.

Teachers to Be Albany's Guests.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—All Albany will welcome the teachers of Linn and Benton Counties when they come here next week for the annual joint teachers' institute of the two counties. On Monday evening a public reception will be tendered them at the new central public school building in this city. The Commercial Club is assisting the county school superintendent in the reception and it is planned to make it a big event. Almost 400 teachers of the two counties will attend the institute.

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PRINEVILLE ASKS CASH

MERCHANTS MAY ASSIST IN ORGANIZING DISTRICT.

Booster Hold Another Meeting, and Plans Are Made to Entertain Governor in October.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—The Prineville Boosters held their second meeting this week at the Oregon Hotel Grill to perfect plans to form an irrigation district of 12,000 acres on what is commonly known as Poverty Flat, immediately north and adjacent to the City of Prineville. Reports from the committee on irrigation and from the committee on road roads were made, and an additional committee consisting of W. P. King, E. F. Hoelcher, E. J. Wilson, Oscar Hyde and A. Kelly was appointed to arrange for joint meetings with the farmers in the district within the next two weeks, and also to raise the sum of \$1000 from the merchants of Prineville to assist in the preliminary work of organizing the district.

W. F. King, from the good roads committee, reported that the County Court of Crook County had promised to spend \$5000 if the business men of Prineville would contribute an equal amount in money and labor to improve the river road between Redmond and Prineville, and shortly after the annual Crook County Fair, during the first week in October, the boosters will try to secure the services of 200 men for two days' work each to gravel the road from Prineville to O'Neil, a distance of ten miles.

This will give a water-level road for the greater part of the distance to the railroad, and when completed automobiles can make the trip to the railroad station in less than an hour, and it is hoped the freight rate, which is now from \$5 to \$6 a ton, can be cut in half.

A committee consisting of W. F. King, Guy LaFollett and Jay H. Upton was appointed to arrange for the entertainment of Governor James W. W. W. W.

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5 OF 7 SUITS DROPPED

Actions Against Jesse Hazel Are Settled Out of Court.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 11.—(Special.)—All except two of the actions instituted in the Justice and Circuit Courts against Jesse Hazel, president and general manager of the Northwestern Association, have been dismissed, and a motion to strike was filed today in one of these cases.

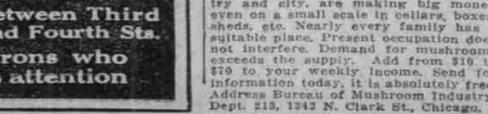
In the last three months two suits have been filed in Justice Court and five in the Circuit Court. The following suits have been dismissed: Charles Hohne, charging sale of mortgaged property; R. E. Andrews, on notes; Collidge & McClaine, to foreclose, and John Deers Blow Company to collect on sale, and Alice Snyder, alleging fraud.

Livestock Show to Be Bigger.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. 11.—(Special.)—"Bigger and better than ever" is the way Secretary Smith, of the Northwest Livestock Association, expressed his opinion of the show to be held at Lewiston November 23-December 4 this year. Mr. Smith was jubilant over the progress being made and he says that the show here will rank with the Chicago International and the Kansas City Royal, as well as the Denver show.

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