

MANY AT FUNERAL

Olympia Accommodations Taxed
by Cosgrove Mourners.

WAS GIVEN A MILITARY BURIAL

Exercises in the Capitol Were Simply
Conducted, According to Ritual
of Methodist Church.

Olympia, April 1.—Yesterday afternoon in a driving rain storm, all that was mortal of the late S. G. Cosgrove, governor of Washington, was laid to rest at Masonic cemetery, near this city, following funeral exercises which were attended by hundreds of prominent citizens representative of all parts of the Northwest.

From early morning, when the remains were taken to the capitol to lie in state, until the last volley over the grave at the cemetery, the throngs of sorrowing friends overtaxed the accommodations that had been provided. Not one-quarter of those who assembled could gain entrance to the house chamber, where the services took place, and it required nearly all the express wagons in the city to transport the floral tributes to the cemetery.

The funeral sermon, an eloquent address, was delivered by Rev. C. E. Todd, of the First M. E. church, of Olympia.

Brief services were held at the grave, with military honors, taps and the firing of a salute.

HARRIMAN GIVES VIEWS.

Favors Government Supervision and
Protection of Railroads.

Chicago, April 1.—Edward H. Harriman arrived here tonight. While his car was waiting to be hitched to a train for New York, he discussed the tariff, saying:

"If the government had revised the tariff or given the country a good currency law, or both, we would not have had the Landis decision, and we would not have had all this wasteful prosecution of corporations, nor all of this hostile legislation against railroads and the country would be going along swimmingly.

"I have been quoted as criticizing the government and our ex-president for having prosecuted me and the interests which I represent. I have never spoken bitterly regarding either and I have no criticism to make. The prosecutions were all right, for there is nothing about the railroads which I represent that I desire to conceal.

"I have been in favor of government supervision and regulation, but not just because it has come. I am on record in Washington as being in favor of this, and I told Mr. Roosevelt so early in his campaign. But, mind you, I told him I was in favor of regulation if combined with protection; but we have been getting regulation without protection, and that is bad for the railroads and bad for the people, for after all it is the people who have to pay for the mistakes of the government."

PREPARE FOR ROOSEVELT.

Lions and Elephants Reported as In-
vading Towns.

Mombasa, British East Africa, April 1.—The preparations for receiving Mr. Roosevelt here are nearing completion. Sir James Hayes Sadler, governor and commander in chief of the protectorate, who has been transferred suddenly to the Windward Islands, is much disappointed that he will not be able to receive the former president. This duty will devolve upon Frederick John Jackson, lieutenant governor of the protectorate.

Since the advent of the rains, lions have been terrifying the natives within four miles of Kilindini. An elephant made its way yesterday into the bazar at Masingi and played havoc. The natives at Masingi have been assured that they need have no further fear, as Mr. Roosevelt is on his way to the protectorate to hunt. They are awaiting his arrival contentedly.

No Anthracite Strike.

New York, April 1.—The following statement was given out today in behalf of the anthracite coal operators: "At the request of Thomas L. Lewis, who headed the committee of anthracite miners at the recent conference with the operators at Philadelphia, the operators have agreed to continue the present agreement in force on and after April 1, pending further conferences. The communication from Mr. Lewis came in the form of a letter to each member of the operators' committee of seven."

To Increase Capital.

New York, April 1.—It is reported in financial circles here that all preliminary steps have been taken by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey for the increase of its capitalization from \$100,000,000 to \$500,000,000. The change is prompted by the desire of those in control of the affairs of the corporation to bring the nominal capital close to value which the shares of the company command in the open market.

Iowa Wet for Two Years.

Des Moines, April 1.—Constitutional prohibition was defeated today in the senate. This is the end of the matter for two years.

FOR CHILD PROTECTION.

Great Britain Puts Law Into Force to
Correct Many Evils.

London, April 2.—What is termed the "children's charter" became effective in Great Britain today. The law is a source of keen satisfaction to all classes of society. "Baby farming" is subjected to strict supervision, and no child may be kept on premises that are overcrowded, dangerous or unsanitary. Foster parents found to be negligent, ignorant, drunken, immoral or criminal will be deprived of their charges.

Insurance companies are forbidden to insure the life of a nursing child, and any person convicted of cruelty resulting in the death of a child in which the person is financially interested may be fined 200 pounds (\$1,000) with five years penal servitude. Severe punishment is provided for death by overlying while the parents are under the influence of drink.

Children under 7 years may not be left in a room containing an open fire insufficiently protected. Begging or receiving alms on the streets and juvenile smoking are suppressed. Policemen must confiscate cigarettes and cigarette papers found in the possession of persons under 16 years of age, and tobaccoists selling such property to them are liable to a fine.

Throughout the country the authorities are busy arranging to enforce the law.

CONVICTS SEE DAYLIGHT.

Georgia Abolishes Lease System, to
Their Joy.

Atlanta, Ga., April 2.—At sunrise today Georgia shook off the last rag of her convict lease system. The 1,600 human beings were led from the mines, choking kilns and damp factories into the sunlight, from the control of harsh and often brutal taskmasters into the service of the state. Georgia has no state penitentiary. For years her convicts have been sold to those who would buy.

The prisoners, most of them negroes, now will work on the public roads.

Though shackled and ironed, the convicts greeted the change with shouts of joy. Negro preachers were at most of the stockades and led the blacks in the impromptu praise services. Some convicts wept at leaving scenes which had been a part of their daily life for years.

The new system, it is believed, will not only improve the health of the convicts, but will assure Georgia the finest turnpikes in the South.

AHEAD OF STEEL TRUST.

Independent Steel Men Pay \$50,000,
for Coal Land.

Pittsburg, April 2.—Anticipating the United States Steel corporation, which, it is said, had been intending to procure the property, a deal was closed today by independent steel concerns for 100,000 acres of Pittsburg coking coal land lying in Greene, Fayette and Washington counties, Pennsylvania, at a cost of \$50,000,000. The property was held by J. V. Thompson, of Uniontown, Pa., and associates.

The sale was made to a holding company, representing, it is said, every important independent steel company in the country except Jones & Laughlin, of Pittsburg, who are said not to be interested in the deal. Charles M. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel company, is said to be at the head of the new concern and it is rumored that John W. Gates was behind the deal.

C. P. R. Officials Adamant.

Winnipeg, April 2.—Officials of the Canadian Pacific railroad told the road's mechanics at a conference today that they would insist on a separate schedule for the east and west divisions of the road. The firemen joined the mechanics at the conference. Talk of the possibility of a strike is heard on all sides. It is expected that the miners will quit tomorrow. Today all the miners had a holiday celebrating their eight-hour day anniversary. It is expected that 1,000 men will go out at Lethbridge, Alberta, in the morning.

Kokovseff to Make Tour.

St. Petersburg, April 2.—Finance Minister Kokovseff will make an extended tour through the Far East this spring to investigate trade conditions and to look into the construction of the Amur railroad and the operations of the existing Manchurian lines which are showing large deficits annually. His report will serve as a basis for Russia's answer to the Chinese proposal to purchase these lines before the expiration of the contract period. This will be the first time in years that a minister has visited Siberia.

American Rule All Over.

Havana, April 2.—The last emblem of American domination over Cuba disappeared at noon today when the garrison flag at Camp Columbia fluttered down the pole and was replaced a moment later by the lone star red banner of the Cuban republic. The ceremony took place in the presence of the garrison of Camp Columbia, consisting of two battalions of the Twenty-seventh infantry and three companies of engineers and one battalion of Cubans.

Texas Negro Lynched.

Waco, Tex., April 2.—Because he was accused of writing an insulting letter to the wife of a young farmer near Dawson, Joe Roddy, a negro 20 years of age, was hanged yesterday by a mob of 300 men.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BIG IRRIGATION CONTRACT.

New York Capitalists to Water Large
Tract in Baker County.

Salem—The state land board has made the most advantageous contract looking to the reclamation of arid land in the history of the state. The contract was executed with O. P. Sinklenburg, representing Evans, Almirall & Co., New York, and unless there is some hitch in the proceedings will lead to the reclamation of from 30,000 to 50,000 acres of arid land in the lower Powder river valley near Baker City.

Whether the contract is carried through to fruition or not, there is no chance for the state to lose. The New York concern agrees to make topographic maps of land in the Powder river valley to locate all necessary canal lines and prepare plans and specifications and estimates of cost of constructing a great irrigation system involving storage in the Thief valley reservoir site.

The maps, specifications and estimates are to be submitted to State Engineer Lewis inside of six months. One thousand dollars in cash has been deposited with the state board pending the execution and delivery to the state within 30 days of a \$5,000 bond.

Upon completion of the estimates the board agrees to consider the application of the Powder river lands under the Carey act. If the demands of the company are reasonable, the board will enter into a contract with the concern which will be required to put up a bond of 5 per cent of the lien allowed to guarantee the completion of the contract. Reasonableness with respect to the lien is defined to be a profit of not to exceed \$20 per acre, above the estimated cost as approved by the state engineer, and in no event to exceed \$61 per acre.

BUY FRUIT FARM.

Minneapolis Capitalists to Plat Doug-
las County Ranch.

Roseburg—One of the biggest deals ever made in Douglas county was closed at Roseburg recently, when the Cobb Real Estate company sold the Round prairie ranch to a company of Minneapolis capitalists and bankers, the consideration being \$54,000 cash. The Round prairie ranch is a part of the James Burnett donation land claim, and comprises several hundred acres. It is situated on the South Umpqua river, eight or 10 miles south of Roseburg, and on account of its freedom from cold winds and the quality of the soil, ranks with the best fruit land in the country.

Last year the land was platted and placed on the market. It is the intention of the purchasers to adopt this plat for their own use and to continue the sale of lots from their offices at Minneapolis. They will first select from the entire tract 20 sites for summer homes for their own families. These homes will be built before the end of two years. By that time, they predict, they will have 20 other families on the place. The buyers figure on a new city, the name of which has not yet been decided.

Wants Gun From Battleship.

Pendleton—The city, the commercial organization and the local organizations of the G. A. R. and Spanish War veterans are co-operating in an effort to secure for this city one of the cannon being removed from the battleship Oregon. A telegram signed by the heads of these organizations was sent to the Oregon delegation and formal application will also be made to the War department. The cost of transporting the gun, if secured, from the navy yard to this city will be borne by public subscription.

Carries Long Petition.

Ontario—Walter Griffiths will leave for Washington in a day or two to put the petition of the landholders under the Malheur project before the Reclamation department. He will take with him petitions of over 90 per cent of landholders under the project or approximately involving 150,000 acres of land. With the signing up of the land companies the success of Mr. Griffiths' mission seems almost assured.

"Varmints" Going Rapidly

Roseburg—The records in the office of the Douglas county clerk show that the wild animals, such as cougar, panther, coyotes, wolves and wild cats, are being exterminated at a rapid rate in this county. Numerous trappers have been spending the winter at Peel, and other mountain towns, catching the animals, and in most cases the trappers have made a good thing financially of their winter's work besides killing the animals.

School Funds Apportioned.

Albany—Superintendent Jackson, of Linn county, has completed the apportionment of school funds for April. The Albany district receives \$5,444, the largest amount of any district in the county. Lebanon comes next, receiving \$1,993. The per capita is \$4.40 for each child, and \$5 for each teacher attending the annual institute.

Seventeen Year Case Settled.

Albany—The final account in the estate of Richard C. Finley has just been probated here. The case has been running for the past 17 years and could not be settled until the death of Mrs. Finley. The estate comprises several thousand acres of land, located in this county; also some realty in Crawfordville.

BIG FUND FOR UMATILLA.

Plan to Raise \$50,000 for Publicity
is Adopted.

Pendleton—Business men from all parts of the county, with the exception of the east end, met in Pendleton recently to form a county publicity bureau and partake of a banquet prepared by the Pendleton Commercial association. Arrangements were made for raising \$50,000 to carry on the work of the bureau for a year. This is to include the salary of a secretary, who is to conduct a press bureau similar to those used in exploiting exhibitions.

Half of this sum is to be raised in Pendleton and half in the county outside. A certain portion is to be allotted to each section, and committees were appointed to see that the assessments are raised.

Enthusiasm prevailed and there is no doubt the desired amounts will be raised in the 10 days allowed. It was practically decided to discontinue the promiscuous sending out of pamphlets and to spend more money in newspaper advertising and the expenses of a publicity agent, who will take care of inquiries, sending information and personal letters when requested.

Frank L. Merrick, of Portland, who has been connected with the publicity departments of the Portland and Seattle fairs, is being considered for publicity agent. He was present at the meeting.

Uncle Sam to Aid Crater Road.

Medford—According to letters received by Will C. Steel, the Crater Lake road enthusiast, the government will send as soon as the Crater Lake road commission is appointed by the governor, engineers from the Department of Agriculture to take charge of the construction of the boulevard to the lake. These men will be in the employ of the United States, the only expense to the commission being the livery service to enable the men to be in the field. Their other expenses will be paid by the department as well as their salaries.

High Cattle Prices.

Burns—Large cattle sales are reported daily. Buyers, local as well as outside people, are buying all grades of cattle and paying better prices than have been paid for a long time. Many stockmen are selling their entire herds. The Pacific Livestock company is buying for home range and for outside people to ship to other feeding grounds. Interior Oregon is experiencing an era of prosperity, the like of which has never been before. Horses, sheep and cattle are at top prices and growers are jubilant.

Strawberry Outlook Good.

Roseburg—The Douglas county fruit growers are making a special effort this season to break all previous records for early strawberries. There is great rivalry between this section and the growers of Riddle, and several of the most enthusiastic growers are going to make an extra effort this season to see who can have the first shipment of ripe strawberries to the Portland markets. Prospects for big crops are good.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.22 1/2 @ 1.25; club, \$1.10; red Russian, \$1.08; bluestem, shipping, \$1.17 1/2; valley, \$1.10.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$39 @ 40.
Barley—Feed, \$31 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$13 @ 15; Eastern Oregon, \$16 @ 18; clover, \$12 @ 13; alfalfa, \$14.50 @ 15; grain hay, \$13 @ 14; cheat, \$13.50 @ 14.50; vetch, \$13.50 @ 14.50.
Apples—65c @ \$2.50 per box.
Potatoes—\$1.40 @ 1.50 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4 c per pound.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1 per sack; carrots, 90c; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound; artichokes, 75c @ 90c per dozen; asparagus, 8 @ 12 1/2 c per dozen; beans, 25c; cabbage, 30c @ 4c; cauliflower, \$2.50; celery, \$4.75 per crate; lettuce, head, 85c per dozen; onions, 40 @ 50c per dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; peas, 15c per pound; radishes, 35c per dozen; rhubarb, \$1.75 @ 2 per box; spinach, \$1 @ 1.10.
Onions—Oregon, \$1.75 per hundred.
Butter—City creamery, extras, 32c; fancy outside creamery, 30 @ 32c; store, 18 @ 20c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 cents per pound under regular butter price.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 20 @ 21c.
Poultry—Hens, 16 @ 16 1/2 c; broilers, 24 @ 25c; fryers, 18 @ 20c; roosters, old, 10 @ 11c; young, 14 @ 15c; ducks, 20 @ 22 1/2 c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 18 @ 19c; squabs, \$2.50 @ 3.
Veal—Extras, 10 @ 11c; ordinary, 7 @ 8c; heavy, 5c.
Pork—Fancy, 9 1/2 @ 10c; large, 8 @ 8 1/2 c.
Hops—1909 contracts, 10 @ 10 1/2 c; 1908 crop, 7 @ 7 1/2 c; 1907 crop, 3 @ 4 1/2 c; 1906 crop, 1 1/2 @ 2c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, contracts, 16 @ 18c; valley, 16 @ 17c; mohair, chieve, 23 @ 23 1/2 c.
Cattle—Top steers, \$5.25 @ 5.50; fair to good, \$4.75 @ 5; common to medium, \$3.25 @ 4.50; cows, top, \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.50 @ 4; common to medium, \$2.50 @ 3.50; calves, top, \$5 @ 5.50; heavy, \$3.50 @ 4; bulls and stags, fat, \$3 @ 3.50; common, \$2 @ 2.75.
Hogs—Best, \$7.25 @ 7.50; fair to good, \$6.75 @ 7; stockers, \$5.50 @ 6.50; China fats, \$6.75.
Sheep—Top wethers, \$5 @ 5.75; fair to good, \$4.50 @ 4.75; ewes, 1/2 less on all grades; lambs, top, \$6.50 @ 6.75; fair to good, \$6 @ 6.50.

ONE GREAT TRUST.

Harriman Would Put Every Railroad
Under One Head.

Denver, March 31.—If E. H. Harriman could have his way, he would bring all the railroads in America into one giant combination, under one head, and begin immediately the expenditure of \$250,000,000 or \$300,000,000 in improving the weaker roads, both physically and financially. In this way he says he believes he could do the greatest good to the government, the people of the United States generally to the shippers individually and finally to the owners of railroad stock.

Mr. Harriman spent two hours in Denver today as the guest of the chamber of commerce, then departed on his eastward journey.

"If we could, we would throw our cloak over the weaker lines throughout the country and begin immediately the expenditure of between \$250,000,000 and \$300,000,000 to improve them," said Mr. Harriman in an informal talk at the chamber of commerce. "It ought to be done immediately and I think I can qualify as an expert on these matters. This should be done openly and under some sort of government supervision. But we would all be put in prison if we tried it."

STRIKE THREATENS C. P. R.

Twelve Thousand Machinists Dead-
locked on Negotiations.

Winnipeg, Man., March 31.—Alarming reports are current here that another big strike of machinists on the Canadian Pacific railway is imminent. The company, it is alleged, refuses to negotiate jointly with the men on the Eastern and Western systems, and as that is strongly favored by the men, a deadlock has been reached in the negotiations. Last night more delegates arrived from far Eastern and Western points and Grant Hall, head of the mechanical department in the West for the company, who was summoned to Montreal a few days ago, wired last night in very discouraging terms.

The present schedule expires in a few days and a new one must be at once agreed upon. If the men strike this time they will have the backing of the American Federation of Labor, with whom they affiliated this winter, and will be in a better position to secure funds to fight the company. Some 12,000 men will be involved from Moncton, N. B., to Vancouver, B. C.

SERBIA EATS CROW.

Accepts in Full Demands of Powers
on Balkan Trouble.

Belgrade, March 31.—The formula agreed upon by the powers of Europe and Austria-Hungary for settling the dispute between the dual monarchy and Serbia was accepted by the Serbian government today. The formula was presented at the foreign office by the British, French, German, Russian and Italian ministers, and Sreva, through her minister in Vienna, will deliver to the Austrian government tomorrow a note to the following effect:

"First, Serbia declares that her rights have not been violated by the annexation by Austria-Hungary of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and accepts the powers' decision to annul paragraph 65 of the treaty of Berlin.

"Second, Serbia will not protest against the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

"Third, Serbia will return her military forces to normal conditions by discharging the reservists and volunteers and will not permit the formation of irregular troops or bands."

This note has been prepared at the suggestion of the powers and will be sent with the object of terminating all misunderstanding between Austria-Hungary and Serbia.

Indian Leader Captured.

Guthrie, Okla., March 31.—Crazy Snake has been captured. He is being held under heavy guard at Thompson's farm, west of Checotah. This was confirmed by telephone message from Checotah at 1:30 this morning. He will be taken to jail in Muskogee at daybreak. Crazy Snake is badly wounded in the thigh. Nine prisoners were taken to Muskogee tonight and placed in jail there, and seven to Checotah. Frank Coker, a Seminole, has been arrested charged with the killing of Marshal Baum and Deputy Odom.

Irish Very Land Hungry.

London, March 31.—Chief Secretary for Ireland Burrell re-introduced the Irish land bill in the house of commons today. The bill is in exactly the same form as when it was crowded out last session. The chief secretary said again that it would require an expenditure of \$915,000,000, at least, to satisfy the land hunger of the Irish and of this total parliament had still to provide \$775,000,000.

Cruisers Get Tangled Up.

Mare Island Navy Yard, March 31.—The cruisers Raleigh and Cincinnati sustained some damage today in Mare Island channel. The vessels had been moored abreast of each other and while the navy yard tug was attempting to move them, the propeller of one of the cruisers caught in the shaft of the other, causing a leak. The leak has been closed temporarily and a diver will be sent down to ascertain the extent of the damage.

Buried in Mexican Mine.

El Paso, Tex., March 31.—Thirty-eight Mexican miners are entombed in the coal mine at Minor, Mexico, operated by the Coshulla Mining company, as the result of an explosion last night caused by firedamp. It is probable that all are dead.

TRUCE IS EXPECTED

Agreement Probable Among
Northwestern Railroads.

WILL BE NO TERRITORY CONTROVERSY

Harriman-Hill Interests Make Con-
sultations and St. Paul Road Enters
Agreement With Harriman.

Chicago, April 3.—There will be no contest between the St. Paul road and the Harriman lines over territory to be occupied by either interest in the Pacific Northwest. This was decided during the brief visit of Edward H. Harriman in Chicago Wednesday. While in his private car, which stopped in the Park Row station of the Illinois Central road, Mr. Harriman was visited by President A. J. Earling, of the St. Paul road, and arrangements were completed for the joint use of certain tracks by the St. Paul and the Harriman lines.

Although none of the officials interested in the deal would say anything concerning it, it is understood that tentative agreement will obviate the necessity of Mr. Harriman's building a line between Seattle and Tacoma, as he contemplated doing as a part of his line from Portland to Seattle. The two men had only a few moments' conversation, but it was sufficient to clinch an agreement regarding what they had talked several times before.

In this connection also it is stated that the conference between Mr. Harriman and Louis W. Hill in San Francisco is likely to result in a better understanding between the Hill and Harriman lines in the Pacific Northwest. It is stated that all three interests realize the benefit which would come should there be a truce among them with respect to territorial aggression in the Northwest. As the price of peace, however, Mr. Harriman is said to insist upon the opening to his line of the Portland gateway, and it is thought by many that concessions will be made in this direction by the Hill people.

FORT'S BASE IS SINKING.

Artillery Officers Alarmed at Condi-
tions at Fort Stevens.

Fort Stevens, Or., April 2.—Recent surveys have made it apparent that land adjoining Battery Russell, the most modern and best equipped battery at Fort Stevens, in fact, on this coast, is rapidly sinking. In places it is at least one foot lower than formerly.

Various hypotheses are advanced to account for this unusual occurrence. Some advance the theory that earthquakes, so prevalent on this coast, are the active cause; others, that the land on which this battery is located, being of such a swampy nature, sinks from the enormous pressure exerted by its unusual weight. The cost of this battery approximately \$1,500,000; hence considerable interest and some alarm are manifested as to the ultimate outcome of a most unusual condition.

FARM SELLS FOR \$95,000.

Lafollette Orchard on Snake River
Sold to Lewiston Firm.

Spokane, Wash., April 2.—W. L. Lafollette, "the fruit king" of Wawawai, has given an option on his fine farm at Wawawai, 14 miles south of Pullman, on the Snake river. The consideration is placed at \$95,000. While Bros. & Crum, of Lewiston, Idaho, fruit buyers and shippers, are the purchasers. They have made a payment to hold the option.

The land consists of about 900 acres, of which 250 acres are in bearing fruit. This is the largest fruit orchard on Snake river, and one of the largest in the Inland Empire. Shipments from this orchard run from 60 to 100 car loads annually.

Money in 2-cent Fare.

Jefferson, City, Mo., April 3.—Two-cent fares have earned more money for the railroads than the three-cent rate did, according to a statement made by Attorney General Elliott Major, of Missouri, who is on record today as favoring the lower fares. Major declared that if the railroad carried out their announced plan of putting the effect on April 10 the three-cent fare, the Missouri legislature would rescind on April 11, a bill compelling the corporations to publish itemized statements of their receipts.

Run Trackless Trolley.

Santa Barbara, Cal., April 3.—The Pacific Improvement company petitioned the city council tonight for the right to construct a power line to the Brea ranch, four miles west of the city. The company announced its intention of installing a "trackless trolley" system on the ranch. This is a new Australian invention, never before tried in America. An overhead wire supplies power to a motor, the same as with a trolley car, but the cars use no tracks.

Methuselah Dead at 1000.

New York, April 3.—Methuselah died today at his home in the Bronx zoo. He was 1,000 years old. His death is ascribed to ill health due to old age. Methuselah, also known as Ramezes II, was a toad which was discovered in a rock pocket in a cave 500 feet below the surface at Beni Moret, two years ago. His age was carefully computed by the zoologists and geologists.