

THE DEATH REAPER BUSY

PIONEER DIED LAST EVENING

Peter Robertson Succumbs to Paralysis and Others Ills After Long Sickness.

Peter Robertson, a well known pioneer of Coos county, died last night at Mercy hospital after a three months illness of paralysis and other diseases incident to his advanced years. He was 78 years old.

He was taken to Mercy hospital the day before yesterday and it was then realized that he could not long survive. For the past year, since the death of his wife, he had resided with his daughter, Mrs. Maggie McDougal at Millington. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to the United States with his parents when a young boy. He was married here and his wife passed away a year ago.

They came to Oregon in 1873. Twelve children were born, of whom seven are still living. Twenty-five grandchildren also survive. The children are: Mrs. August Lakenen of Ten Mile; Mrs. Maggie McDougal of Millington; Mrs. Kate Freeland of North Bend; Edward Robertson of Riverton; Walter Robertson of Eastside; Robert Robertson of Haynes Inlet; George Robertson of Millington.

Peter Robertson was born near Glasgow, Scotland, April 15, 1837. He left Scotland when 10 years old and lived for a time in Nova Scotia, and later lived in Maryland, Kentucky, and Nebraska before coming to Coos Bay in 1873. He was married in Kentucky in 1857. When he came here, he went to Ten Mile to locate and then there were only four other residents in that section. He followed coal mining and ranching. Besides his children here, a sister, Mrs. Barbara Cook, at Newberg, W. Va., survives him.

The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Marshfield Baptist church, Rev. Bamford and Rev. Hall officiating. The casket will be open from 12:30 to 1 o'clock at the church.

COQUILLE THEATER CHANGE.
M. P. Long, who has been associated with the Royal Theater, has sold his interest in that concern to Charlie Hart and will now devote his entire attention to the management of O. K. Creamery.—Coquille Herald.

PASSES AWAY ON SEA TRIP

Mrs. Thomas Barrows, En Route from England Here, Dies on Breakwater.

Mrs. Thomas Barrows, aged forty-four, died of heart disease on the steamer Breakwater at sea yesterday morning about 10:15. She was en route to Coos Bay from England with her husband and daughter to visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Vernon, of Isthmus Inlet.

Mrs. Barrows had been suffering from heart trouble for some time and the long journey from Trent county, England, to Coos Bay was hard on her. Yesterday morning, she began to complain and her husband and daughter were caring for her in her stateroom, when she suddenly passed away.

Miss Mabel Barrows, their only child, who was with them, is about twenty years old. The death came as a great shock to them and was especially hard on Mrs. Vernon, who is eighty-four years old, and who had looked forward to see her niece whom she had not seen for many years.

No arrangements have been made yet for the funeral. Mr. Barrows and daughter this morning going to the Vernon home. They planned to make their home with Mrs. Vernon, who had no close relatives here.

CHILD'S WELFARE DAY.
Governor West has issued a proclamation setting aside Monday, February 17, as Child Welfare day, and calling upon the people of the state to join with the National Congress of Mothers in its work. The day has been fixed as one of National observance by the National Congress of Mothers and its affiliated organizations in connection with child welfare work.

SENTENCED TO HANG.
Humphrey Brothers Must Die for Murder Near Philomath.
CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 13.—Charles and George Humphrey, confessed murderers of Mrs. Ellen Griffith at her home near Philomath 20 months ago, were re-sentenced by Judge Hamilton. The sentence is that they shall "hang by the neck until dead within the confines of the state penitentiary at Salem, March 21."

LOGGER DIES DURING SLEEP

Thomas Milligan Succumbs Suddenly at Smith-Powers Camp on South Slough.

Thomas Milligan, a logger, died suddenly last night at the Smith-Powers camp on South Inlet of apoplexy. He was apparently in good health when he retired and evidently died while asleep without making a struggle. Bankmates sleeping alongside of him did not hear a word from him and did not know that he had died until they arose this morning when they found him cold and lifeless.

Milligan was about 50 years old and had worked in logging camps around the Bay for some time. He was a member of the Falls City Lodge No. 148, I. O. O. F., and Coroner Wilson is today communicating with the lodge as to the location of relatives and about the funeral. He had no relatives here.

Plan Hak Funeral.
The funeral of John Hak, who was killed the day before yesterday by a log in the Smith-Powers camp on South Coos River, will probably be buried from Wilson's chapel tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Father Munro will probably officiate. Mr. Wilson has not yet received any word from Hak's relatives.

Chas. Bery's Funeral.
The funeral of Charles Bery, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Bery of Empire, will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Wilson's chapel, the Rev. J. E. Ostlund officiating. Mr. Bery was killed in a logging camp accident near Eugene last week. The body was brought here this morning on the Breakwater, being accompanied by the father, August Bery, and sister, Miss Annie Bery.

COUNTRY ROADS GOOD.
W. H. Thomas, Bert Folsom, Lans Leneve and John McVey were in a party taking a trip to Dora Sunday in one of Claude Moon's autos. They report the road in fine shape, being all planked excepting one short stretch which was gravelled and has some muddy places.—Coquille Herald.

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GREAT DEVICE IS MADE HERE

J. L. Koontz to Win Fame and Fortune by Remarkable Invention.

J. L. Koontz of Marshfield has just perfected an invention that promises to win him wealth and fame. It is an automatic safety device for stopping trains. He has made application for a patent. Sometime ago, some of the Eastern railroads offered \$10,000 cash for an idea that would lead to a contrivance such as Mr. Koontz has perfected.

Mr. Koontz has been working on the contrivance quite a while and is certain that it will be a success. He has tried it out on toy trains at his home and the plan will apply to the larger trains. The device is designed to work with the semaphore system and will stop the trains when they come to the semaphore in case the engineer should accidentally miss the warning signal to stop. Mr. Koontz's invention will set the air brakes and close the throttle. He has devised it so that either air pressure or electricity will operate it, the latter pressure being developed when the locomotive passes by the semaphore.

Mr. Koontz will probably go east soon to demonstrate it.

BETTER TRAIN SERVICE PLAN

Additional Trains Between Coos Bay and Myrtle Point Proposed.

Additional passenger service between Coos Bay and Myrtle Point may be provided on the local railway this summer when the Smith-Powers Logging road beyond Myrtle Point starts operations. Superintendent Miller is now considering the matter but has not made any definite arrangements yet.

Mr. Miller has been trying to arrange a better passenger schedule for the road than is now afforded by the two trains a day, but has found it difficult. For a time he considered the advisability of putting on a motor car, such as is used on the branch lines of the Southern Pacific in California and on the Union Pacific in Nebraska, but found this was not practical.

The opening of traffic on the Smith-Powers road will mean a marked increase in the business between Coos Bay and the valley points both in passenger travel and freight shipments, in addition to the log shipments.

It is expected by the Smith-Powers Co. to have the new line ready for service in July and a change in the local train service will likely be made about that time.

In addition to the increase in the weekday service, Sunday service may be inaugurated on the line.

Along the Waterfront.

The A. M. Simpson will sail from San Francisco for North Bend about March 1, according to word received at the office of the company here. The repairs will be completed by that time.

Captain Erickson of the steamer Redondo yesterday recalled that just twenty-one years ago he went to sea, making his first trip from Coos Bay. He was then sixteen years old.

The Millcenna is laid up for a few days receiving a coat of paint. The red buoy marking the entrance to Carlton Bay is reported to have washed about 150 feet out of place and the old spar buoy is damaged so that the small boats have more or less trouble navigating there now.

Danny Roberts left yesterday for Coquille to take a position as engineer on the launch Dispatch on the Coquille river. Mrs. Roberts and baby will join him there as soon as he is able to secure a suitable home.

The traffic through the Suez Canal last year showed an increase of 404 vessels over 1911. The increase in receipts amounted to \$330,000. The reduction of canal dues to 6.25 francs per ton went into effect January 1, 1913.

A Handsome Income.
NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The Hamburg-American line announces that the total operating profits for the year 1912 have been \$14,125,000 as compared with \$11,000,000 for the previous year. The new issue of shares has netted a profit of \$875,000, which was added to the reserve fund. The net earnings, after allowing interest on prior loans has been \$13,375,000, against \$10,125,000 for 1911.

Year's Sea Losses.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—Official returns indicate that 1912 was the most disastrous year for shipping since marine insurance began, 250 years ago. Losses now aggregate \$35,000,000 and the belief is that when undetermined claims are met, the total will be \$40,000,000. This excludes countless casualties to vessels not exceeding 500 tons.

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NO MORE BLUE SKY DEALING

Oregon House Passes Measure Providing for Prosecution: Kill Smith's Bill.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—The house passed a number of bills for the reform of legal procedure of which the judicial committee was the author, probably the most important of which was the one repealing section 1541, chapter 9, of Lord's Oregon laws.

It is claimed that this repeal will do more to prevent fraud of all kinds in Oregon than any "blue sky" bill that would be passed as it removes a barrier which criminals, frauds and sharpers have made use to prevent prosecutions.

This section stricken out reads as follows:

"Upon a trial for having by any false pretense, obtained the signature of any person to any written instrument, or obtained from any person any valuable thing, no evidence can be admitted of a false pretense expressed orally and unaccompanied by a false token or writing; but such pretense or some note or memorandum thereof must be in writing, and either subscribed by or in the handwriting of the defendant."

Among other bills passed for the reform of legal procedure was one providing that a grand jury can be kept in session until its work is completed, with a time limit of six months; and another providing for the charging of more than one crime in the same indictment in separate counts, and still another providing for the releasing of courtesy or dowry of husband or of person of unsound mind.

Kill Smith's Bill.
With only ten senators voting in favor of the measure, the anti-merger bill, introduced in the senate by Smith of Coos and Curry, at the request of Attorney General Crawford, failed to pass. A hearing debate, in which personalities were indulged in bitterly, attended the killing of the bill.

President Malarkey opposed the bill, and that he might have freedom to talk on the measure gave the chair to Senator Miller. When his name was called the president brought down upon himself the wrath of Senator Smith, who protested that instead of explaining his vote he was making a set speech against the bill. Chairman Miller ruled that the president had a right to go into the measure in detail in explaining his vote.

While on his feet Malarkey took to task those members who talk about "the lineup" when they are opposed by other members who happen to hold different opinions from themselves.

"It is unbecoming the dignity of his body," he said, "to speak of a fellow senator as a champion of the demon rum if he differs on the liquor question, or to call him a friend of the corporations if his view chance to incline a certain way on that question."

The bill under discussion was designed to prevent one corporation from acquiring the properties of another corporation in bankruptcy.


ASKED \$50,000 FOR GRAY

Woman Said Doctor's Dismissal Tuberculosis Worried Her
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 13.—Mrs. Harry A. Rea of North Hollywood, who sued Dr. Charles Sheppard for \$50,000 damages was in turn made defendant in a suit for \$125 medical fees by the litigation by paying the \$1, the amount of damages awarded him by a jury in the state court.

The original complaint was that the physician had discharged Mrs. Rea's illness as tuberculosis, whereas she was suffering from hay fever, and that the doctor's verdict caused her to turn gray.

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