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A FATAL ACCIDENT.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Weltin and son Earl, Mrs. L. A. S. Luckey, mother of Mrs. Weltin, and Roy Robins, the latter's son, returned last Friday from Corvallis to their home near Eddyville. They were crossing the bridge over the Yaquina, about 400 yards north of C. C. McBride's store, when it collapsed and precipitated them into the water, twenty-four feet below. Mr. McBride heard the crash, immediately followed by Mr. Weltin's calls for help. Hastening to the scene, he lent his assistance to Mr. Weltin and Roy Robins in getting the less fortunate members of the family from the water, which at that point is 5½ feet deep. The body of Mrs. Luckey came to the surface, limp and lifeless. She had evidently been instantly killed by a blow on the head from one of the broken bridge stringers. Earl, the 3-year-old son, was unconscious when rescued by Roy Robins, but by prompt action the little fellow was resuscitated. He was not much injured by the fall, but narrowly escaped drowning. Mrs. Weltin sustained many painful bruises, and these combined with the nervous shock make her condition very serious. Mr. Weltin was but slightly injured, while Roy Robins came out of the awful mishap unharmed. The horses were not much injured and the wagon and harness but slightly damaged. Coroner Carter was summoned to the scene of the accident and empaneled a jury, which returned the following

VERDICT:

EDDYVILLE, OR., August 4, 1900.

We, the jury empaneled to inquire into the cause of the death of Mrs. L. A. S. Luckey, find deceased came to her death by the breaking down of a bridge across the Yaquina river at a point near Eddyville, Lincoln county, Oregon, a piece of the bridge timber striking deceased on the head, which, in our opinion, caused instant death.

We further find, upon examination, that the main cords of the bridge were rotten and totally unfit for use.

F. M. CARTER, Coroner.

A. B. HUNT,
Z. T. MCGUIRE,
F. C. HORICE,
CHARLES RATSCH,
IRVIN MCGEE, } Jurymen.

Careful inquiry by THE LEADER develops the following facts regarding the collapsed bridge: It had a 60-foot span; its stringers or main cords were about fifteen years old, and were first used in a temporary railroad bridge; the upper parts were rebuilt about five years ago, under the direction of Commissioner Bristow. One stringer broke first at the southeast end of the bridge, followed by the parting of the other near the center. The wagon had passed over both points of breakage and was about two-thirds of the way across when the bridge went down. Other particulars of minor importance might be given, but it is unnecessary to say more regarding the sad affair.

The funeral of Mrs. Luckey occurred at Eddyville Sunday, Rev. C. M. Brown of Toledo conducting the service. The unfortunate family has the earnest sympathy of a large circle of neighbors and other friends.

Speaking of Mrs. Luckey, the Corvallis Times says: "The previous day the lady had been in Corvallis. Here she contracted for the Witham house and nine lots in Jobs addition, and this week she was to have returned with the money to close the deal and to get

the deed to the property. The transaction was made with Frank Elgin, to whom Mrs. Luckey said she desired the property as a home for herself, and that she expected to occupy it in a short time. A son and daughter in Nebraska, together with others of her family, were to come to Corvallis to reside with her."

W. E. Ball of Johnson drove in Saturday evening.

Clerk Brown of the Agency was over on business last Saturday.

James Doty of Yaquina made a brief business call on Toledo Wednesday.

Dr. Daniel and Miss E. M. Dyer of the Agency were over on business Wednesday evening.

Justice Collins will hold down Attorney Hawkins' office during the latter's absence "way down in ol' Arkansaw."

D. A. Hodge of Independence, representing the Oregon Fire Relief Association, was transacting business in Toledo Wednesday.

J. Blower and J. H. May of Mill 4 were up among us yesterday. The former left some samples of his fine apples and peaches on exhibition at Lewis' store.

C. M. Brown came down from the cascara fields in the vicinity of Norton's the fore part of the week, looking just as well as a man who has been having a good time.

Irvin McGee of Eddyville was down Wednesday on business before the county court. He called at this office and got in on THE LEADER and Pacific Homestead proposition.

Assessor and Mrs. F. M. Wadsworth returned last Friday evening from a ten-days' stay at the beach, where they made their headquarters while Mr. Wadsworth performed his official duties in Newport and vicinity.

S. A. Sanford, cashier of Ladd & Bush's bank at Salem, returned to his home Wednesday. While here he located a homestead under the guidance of Ade Crosno, who also showed him some good trout fishing up on Depoe slough.

Mesdames D. P. Blue, C. E. Hout and George Hoefflein and Misses Precilla Hoefflein and Gertie Litchfield walked over from Yaquina Tuesday—just for fun. The former two returned on the evening train, the others going earlier by the celebrated "short line."

Rite Dedrick, accompanied by Al Hall, George Baumann, George Schenck and George McCluskey, left Saturday afternoon with a scow load of lumber for the bridge across the Big Elk at Ramsdell's place, under tow of the steamer Ruth. George McCluskey came down to attend the teachers' examination which began Wednesday, but will return tomorrow and remain until the bridge is completed.

Mrs. Etta Jones, district superintendent of the Oregon Children's Home society, the object of which is to take all neglected, orphaned or abused children and place them in good family homes, without the expense of an institution. This is generally believed to be better for the children, as they do not come in contact with the bad influences to be found in the institutions. Mrs. Jones is meeting with encouragement at all points. She went down the bay Wednesday evening.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Common council met in regular session. Absent: Mayor H. W. Vincent. Present: Aldermen J. Ofstedahl, William Alexander, E. F. Gaar, C. C. Kubler, Beal Gaither, A. T. Peterson.

Moved by Alderman Peterson that in the absence of the mayor, Alderman Ofstedahl act as chairman. Seconded by Alderman Gaither and unanimously carried.

Minutes of last meeting read by recorder. At this time Mayor Vincent entered the council chamber and presided during the remainder of the session.

On motion minutes as read were approved.

Petition of certain property owners, signed by J. Anderson, V Thiel, J. C. Altree and J. Ofstedahl, praying that the council cause the grading on Hill street from intersection of Hill and Fifth streets to junction of Hill and Seventh streets to be finished at once, before the rainy season sets in, read by the recorder. Moved by Councilman Alexander that petition be referred to committee on streets. No second. Motion withdrawn. Moved by Councilman Peterson that the petition be accepted and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Gaar and unanimously carried.

Moved by Councilman Alexander that the grading referred to in above-mentioned petition be completed within 60 days, and that recorder notify all property owners abutting on said streets. Seconded by Councilman Kubler and unanimously carried.

Report of ways and means committee on status of city hall lot read by recorder, in which it was reported that the city of Toledo had paid \$200 for said lot; that said lot had been sold thereafter by certain judgment creditors of original owner; that said sale had been confirmed and time for redemption had expired; that the city of Toledo had been damaged in the sum of \$200 by reason of said purchase by said city, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent from date of said transfer, and recommended that the city demand said sum and said interest from said original owner through the city recorder, and if same is not paid, that city recover judgment therefor. Moved by Councilman Alexander that report be adopted as read and placed on file. Seconded by Councilman Ofstedahl and unanimously carried.

The claim of George Toole, referred to committee on claims at last meeting, was presented by said committee to the recorder with the recommendation that it be reduced to \$2 and allowed. Moved by Councilman Kubler that claims be allowed as recommended and warrant drawn for same. Seconded by Councilman Peterson and unanimously carried.

Councilman Gaar reported that the committee on streets was unable to do anything toward ascertaining costs of grading and laying sidewalk by the city on Third street, and asked for further time in which to investigate and report. Moved by Councilman Peterson that such time be allowed and the committee have until next meeting in which to report. Seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried.

The committees on ordinances and elections had no reports.

The committee on fire and police reported through Councilman Of-

stedahl that considerable correspondence of great length had taken place between the committee and certain parties, and read a certain letter from R. S. Chapman of San Francisco. Moved by Councilman Peterson that reading of other letters be omitted at this time, as the matter needed further investigation, and said committee be given further time. Seconded by Councilman Ofstedahl and unanimously carried.

Claims of C. H. Young, J. A. Hall, B. F. Swope, F. T. Horning and H. R. Fant were, on motion of Councilman Ofstedahl, referred to committee on claims.

Moved by Councilman Ofstedahl that council adjourn to meet August 20, 1900. Seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried.

D. F. SWOPE,
City Recorder.

Dr. Darnell killed a big two-point buck Monday on the tide-land just this side of the Olalla bridge. Section Foreman Gannon and his crew happened to be working near the spot and discovered the animal. Mr. Gannon got some salt from his dinner pail and slipped up and sprinkled it on the buck's tail, thus keeping him quiet until the doctor and John Ofstedahl arrived with their artillery. The doctor's first shot happened to be enough. Being well up in sportsmen's etiquette, he divided with several other nimrods, and his name is now on the roll of honor.

The Ladies Aid society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. William Marshall and accomplished more than at any previous meeting this season. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. F. Stewart one week from next Tuesday, when the question of holding weekly meetings will be decided. It is hoped every member will be present and have a voice in the matter.

The Cissie Kelton company played to light houses in Toledo the fore part of the week. The company is at Newport now, but will return and try it again at Theil hall next Thursday night. The price has been put down to 25 and 15 cents.

According to the Albany Democrat, George Myers recently passed through that place en route from Cape Nome to his home at Morrison, this county. He is glad to be back, and gives Nome the usual hard name.

County Judge Stewart and Commissioners Stanton and Wakefield went up to Eddyville yesterday to inspect the collapsed bridge. County court is still in session. Proceedings will be given next week.

Our stock of clothing is complete in every respect. We have an immense assortment to select from, and our prices are always correct. Y. B. M. Co.

The worms which have been doing so much damage are said to be dying of old age and other disorders. Important—if true.

Dick Casteel returned to Yaquina Wednesday from the east end, where he had been relieving a sick fireman for a few days.

If you want bargains in harness, buggies or wagons, you may find them at G. R. Schenck & Co's.

Harry Eyer went up to Elk City Tuesday for a visit with friends.

Smoke the General Steedman cigar, at Landreth's.

Proposals for Sale of School Bonds.

SEALED BIDS, addressed to JOHN OFSTEDAHL, Chairman of the Board of Directors of School District No. 2, Lincoln county, Oregon, and endorsed on the outside of the envelope: "Bids for the Purchase of School Bonds," will be received at his store at Toledo, Oregon, until

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at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., for the purchase of \$2,000 worth of School Bonds of said District, said bonds to become due in ten years from date and to bear 5 per cent interest, payable annually.

For further particulars address John Ofstedahl, Chairman Board of Directors, Toledo, Oregon.

The right to reject any and all bids or to call for new bids is expressly reserved by the Board of Directors.

JOHN OFSTEDAHL,
Chairman Board Directors.

Hoxie Simmons of Siletz was in town yesterday.

Jack Alphin made a business trip to Eddyville Monday.

Ed Meaker of Yaquina had business in Toledo Wednesday.

Harry Davis of Yaquina was a passenger for the valley Wednesday.

Just take a little time and see that elegant line of roasters at Schenck & Co's.

Attorney B. F. Swope departed Tuesday to join his family in their outing at Otter Rock.

The farm home isn't complete without the Pacific Homestead. If you want a good offer, let us know.

G. A. Landis returned from Newport yesterday. He reports that the work of removing the channel rock has commenced.

Commissioner Wakefield arrived from Waldport Wednesday morning to make connection with the August session of county court.

Henry Maine, the C. & E. painter, came through from Yaquina Tuesday morning under orders for work along the line in the valley.

Lugger & Pruett have a very large assortment of clothing, dry goods and furnishings. New goods are constantly arriving. Come and see them.

The rising generation of Hon. C. B. Crosno's household, accompanied by their cousin, Miss Jennie King, departed at an early hour this morning for Otter Rock.

Lester Waugh was up from his ranch the fore part of the week and purchased Cy Copeland's cattle and hogs. We are informed that Mr. Copeland will go to California soon and enter the Soldiers' Home.

The teachers' examination is in progress. The only teachers taking the examination are Misses Mamie Wakefield of Eddyville, Anna L. Goodwin of Tidewater, Fay and Edith Norton of Yaquina. George McCluskey and Eli Gaither are engaged in examining the papers.

Attorney C. E. Hawkins and family departed yesterday morning for a summer vacation "abroad."

Mrs. Hawkins will attend the grand session of the Women of Woodcraft at Salt Lake, Utah, and the children will visit friends in Albany during her absence, or about three weeks. Mr. H. will visit at his old home, Morrilton, Ark., and will be absent about six weeks. Naturally, he expects to enjoy himself, and it is safe to say that he will have no trouble in striking "a hot time" down there in August.