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### NEWPORT

Died at the Minthorn Sanatorium, December 16, 1915, of acute peritonitis, caused by the bursting of an abscess on the right side of the body, George Gurnee, aged 16 years, 7 months and 14 days. The abscess was no doubt caused by playing football. The abscess was the primary and the peritonitis the secondary cause. He was operated on Wednesday morning, but it was too late. The operation was performed by Dr. Jessen of Toledo, assisted by Drs. Belt and Faucett of Newport. The patient died at nine o'clock Thursday evening. The funeral took place Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., at the Episcopal Church, conducted by Rev. E. T. Simpson, rector of this charge. The members of the family all were present, the father, mother, two sisters and two brothers. George was a generous-hearted, good boy and very popular among the young people. He was a student in the High School a member of the High School Glee Club and one of its best singers. He also belonged to the basket and football teams and was one of the best players. He was one of the newsboys and his deep, musical voice could be heard every evening at the boat landing crying out for the Portland Daily Journal; his brother, "Skinny" at the same time selling the Oregonian. These boys with their sisters did all they could to help their mother. Miss Harkelroad, his music teacher, said George had a most magnificent bass voice and a large lung capacity to support it, and had he lived and received the proper training he would have made a great singer. He had a splendid physique and was an athlete and one of the star ball players in the team. It is sad that so promising a boy should be called away so young. The pall bearers were selected from his associates, consisting of the following young men: Frank Sheffield, Raymond Lindten, Mark Jerome, Lyle Colver, Verden Haskett and Fred McDonald. The songs and service at the funeral were singularly impressive and appropriate. "Lead Kindly Light," and "Asleep in Jesus," sang by the audience, accompanied by the organ, presided over by Miss Harkelroad, was very impressive and solemn. The floral offerings were rare and pretty, some of the most beautiful wreaths coming from Corvallis. Mrs. Heron also furnished some beautiful wreaths and designs. The Newport Commercial Club, out of respect for the death of young Gurnee, postponed their annual ball till Saturday evening. George was a member of the Episcopal Church and tried to live a Christian life. The words of the Master gives hope of future life, "I am the Light of the World; I am the Alpha and Omega; I am the good Shepherd, I am the Door; I am the Way, Truth and the Life; I and my Father are One; no man cometh to me except by the Father; he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father and he that believeth on me shall never die." George believed this and some day we will see each other face to face and know each other, and there will be no more death and no more sorrow in the beautiful city of God.

"Settled Out of Court," a drama staged by the Newport Dramatic Society Thursday evening at the Midway Theatre. Although the weather was bad a good audience greeted the new troupe, which is composed of home talent. The training was done by Will E. Gwynn. Where all did well it would be invidious to make comparisons, but for dramatic effect and pose I think Dr. Berry and Mrs. Bid Boyle are entitled to the honors. Mrs. Boyle practiced her part a good deal at home. Ike Coffield made a dramatic appearance on the stage. He did exceedingly well for an amateur, and if he continues to improve will make a star on the stage. Newport

may well be proud of her dramatic society and the large audience that greeted them on their first appearance show how well they were appreciated. This same play may be staged at Waldport in the near future.

The musical concert given at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening was very fine, twenty-five persons sang in the choir. The leader, Elmer Patrick, did the training. "The Holy Night" sang by a quartet would have paid anyone for going to the Church that night, although the weather was very bad.

Tuesday night a musical concert was given at the Midway theatre, the proceeds to be used to buy presents for persons who are in need and not able to buy presents for their children. The committee that has charge of this matter wants to bring cheer to every home in Newport by giving presents to every child in the city.

Saturday night the Rod and Gun Club will give their annual ball at the hall. A good time is anticipated.

Sheriff Geer was in town the latter part of the week. He had arrested a man at Winant, a kind of hobo or faker, going through the country beating his way, preying upon the kindness and sympathy of the people by pretending to be sick. When no one saw him he would walk like a soldier; when he saw anyone he was as deaf and dumb as an oyster. He would draw his left arm in the sleeve and pretend it was paralyzed, crook his knee and pretend he could not straighten it out. He had a paper with him stating his horrible condition. In Newport he met Wm. Matthews, editor of the News. Mr. Matthews felt sorry for him and gave him a letter of introduction to a rooming house but the landlady could not see it in that light and fired him out. He was then taken to the city inn and from there he was taken to Toledo, where I lost track of him. He was charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. His name was White.

Hon. B. F. Jones, with his family, will again locate in Lincoln county, where Ben spent more than forty years of his life. He will continue the practice of law and help to boost Lincoln county. He will live in Newport.

I. W. Gill and H. H. Guild were down during the week and took the press and fixtures that belonged to Mr. Kershaw, who published a paper here some years ago, and moved them to Toledo, where he will publish an independent paper—a free lance—devoted to the interests of Lincoln county.

J. K. and Mrs. Weatherford came in Saturday and spent Sunday at Newport, guests at The Abbey.

We will give away the Big \$5.00 Boy Doll. One chance with every 25c. purchase. Toledo Drug Co.

### LITTLE ELK

We are still having winter weather.

The Watkins medicine man passed through Little Elk valley last Saturday.

W. F. Wakefield, Irvin Magee, Bert Willoughby and S. T. Loudon are hauling lumber for the horse shed at Eddyville this week. We will have a public shed before a great while. M. D. Weltin gave the ground and most everyone in and around Eddyville are subscribing money and work, so we will soon have a long needed shed to tie our horses under when at Eddyville.

Our school closed Friday, the 17th, until after the holidays, as Prof. Miller went home to visit friends and relatives at Newport.

Leland Wakefield went to Siletz last Saturday to visit friends for two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hodges of Big Elk were visiting friends and relatives here last week.

Several of the Little Elk young folks attended the dance at Arthur Sparks Friday night, the 17th. All reported a very good

time.

We did not say last week that Eddyville Grange elected a treasurer, but they did.

There was a rousing time at Eddyville Grange ball Saturday, the 18th, when a goodly number of grangers from different parts of the county held Pomona grange. There were about sixty members present. There were twenty-nine initiated into the mysteries of the fifth degree. Grange was called to order at 10:30 o'clock with Master Archie Brooks in the chair. The forenoon was taken up with general grange business and at 12:15 adjourned for dinner. The dinner was one of Eddyville's picnic dinners, and all know what that means. The first thing after dinner was the literary program, which was in charge of Mrs. Robbins, and to say it was good is putting it very mildly. "The Scissor-Grinder was the scream of the day. There were resolutions passed that is of interest to everyone in the county. There were six granges represented—Salmon River, Lincoln, Toledo, Waldport, Elk City and Eddyville Granges. The next meeting will be held with Elk City Grange. The granges throughout the county are getting along nicely and are doing some good work.

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### SALADO

George Hodges is home again until after Xmas. Mr. Hodges has been very fortunate in getting off from his duties at Portland, this being the third time since November 1st.

M. S. Durbin, the forest ranger, with his son, was in our community Monday. Mr. Durbin is a very efficient officer, always attending to his work promptly.

Well, well, poor old Newport and Elk City correspondents, don't think we should be peeved when some wire-pullers misrepresent us by their trickery. As for our private opinion, we haven't any. We think our opinion is public, that is we look farther than the end of our nose. We are not kicking the fish hatchery. No; far from it. Hatcheries are no doubt good things. We are not sore, as the Elk City scribe puts it, because we don't run the hatchery. No, our grey matter is not stiff enough to handle Mother Nature's affairs. We have enough to attend to our own affairs. If the Elk City people insist on my giving my reasons for being opposed to the racks being kept in the stream for the last three seasons, it might put some of their best neighbors in bad light with the fish laws. I can tell you why some very prominent people signed that petition—not for the good of the fish, but for private gain alone. Newport must have been dreaming of the days of his youth when he roamed along the streams with the red boys and girls, for our girls are civilized and can't shoot a gun nor get out along the streams to slaughter the fish for hog feed and fertilizer. No, there has not been fish nough come up Big Elk to feed a snipe in the last two or three years. But they are slaughtered at the racks and not by Big Elkers either. Get both sides of the question, boys, and take the blinders off your eyes.

Our holiday stock is more complete than ever. Come and see our line before you purchase. Toledo Drug Co.

### ELK CITY—Proper

J. C. Dixon received a car of feed the latter part of last week. Accidents seem to be rather too plentiful around this place. As reported before, Mr. Abbey lost a horse, then a cow and now two calves. Mr. Graves lost a calf in the river, and now comes Herman Schmitt with the loss of his horse. His horse was feeding beside the creek running through his place and in trying to get upon the high bank where

Mr. Schmitt had driven some posts and woven them with brush, he lost his balance and rolled into the creek. He was found Wednesday.

J. E. Van Allen is busy clearing away some of the trees around his house, getting ready to make garden there this coming Spring.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Washburn's little daughter. He has sympathies of this community.

Mrs. Knapp left for Salem on Saturday morning.

Miss Anna Jackson, who has been teaching school at Storrs, left on the Saturday morning train.

Clyde Van Orden returned from lower bay points Saturday morning.

Several Toledo people passed through this place on the train Saturday morning enroute to the Grange meeting at Eddyville.

J. E. Van Allen and Henry Matteson made a round trip to Toledo Friday afternoon.

Geo. Hodges came in on the Saturday evening train from Portland, where he has been sitting on the Federal Grand Jury. He expects to return in a few days.

A. B. Clark and Carl Bristlin were passengers Saturday morning for the Eddyville Grange meeting.

Jim Parks was trading in town Saturday morning. He also took some lumber home.

Wm. Enos and family have moved to Toledo and will make their home there for a few months.

The writer has just learned that Mrs. H. A. Norton, who has been absent about a week, was called to the bedside of her father, Dr. Feemster, who recently died of cancer of the liver, at his home in Santa Cruz, California.

Mrs. J. E. Van Allen, who has been sick for the past few days, is much better now. She was confined to her bed for a few days.

With every 25c. purchase we will give one chance on the big boy doll. Toledo Drug Co.

### POOLE SLOUGH

A Merry Christmas to everybody, and may Santa Claus be good to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Barker spent Friday afternoon visiting Mrs. Geo. King and daughters, Gladys and Mrs. Bessie Hanlon, at Oysterville.

Born—December 16th, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Roberts, a 10-pound-girl. Mrs. Richenson, Mrs. Roberts' sister, is visiting with her now.

Thos. Barker visited at the Roberts ranch Sunday.

Messrs. Edgar Hall, Thos. Barker and Archie Zeek took a scow load of wood to Newport Thursday. Chas. Brown did the towing for them. They started at 11 a. m. and was back at 8 p. m.

Thos. Barker has been busy clearing land for hay fields lately.

The wind and rain that raged from Sunday evening until Tuesday evening, was fierce. It blew a window out of the house of the writer and carried it about 20 feet then broke it into shreds.

Merry Xmas again, everybody.

Come in and see our line of Holiday Goods. We will gladly show you the line and give you price below any catalogue. Toledo Drug Co.

### BAY VIEW

We are having quite a bit of storms lately here at our little town, Bay View.

G. B. Ryan was over from North Beaver Wednesday transacting business with the J. C. Barnes Co.

Percy Twombly spent Friday last cutting wood for Frank Huntsucker.

Mrs. Frank Huntsucker and Miss Bartoes visited at the Turk ranch Sunday.

H. K. Henderson is doing some clearing and burning this week.

Chester Ryan of South Beaver passed through on his way to Linville, where he will visit

his brother, and also A. M. Wheelock and family.

Joe Johnson of Ona paid Bay View a short call Friday.

Herb Twombly was in Bay View Monday.

E. S. Oakland of this place was a Waldport visitor Wednesday.

Lorence Henderson spent Wednesday evening with Frank Huntsucker.

Burton Turk has been doing some work for J. C. Barnes the past week.

Mrs. H. B. Turk was made happy by the arrival of their son who has been absent four years.

H. B. Turk of this city spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Ryan of South Beaver.

Buy your Christmas Pop Corn at Al's Smokehouse.

### OYSTERVILLE

Merry Xmas.

Everybody around this vicinity seems to be getting ready for Christmas.

George Lewis made a flying trip to Corvallis Monday morning, returning Tuesday night.

This storm we are having surely damaged the telephone line. It will take a few days to put it in repair again.

The dance at Yaquina Saturday night was a failure. Nearly all the people there attended the dance at Newport. I think if they want to have dances there they will have to have select crowds.

Alma Boone spent Sunday night at home.

Mike Shermer and Johnny Emerson made a trip to Newport Saturday.

Francis Ferr visited a few minutes at the Van Boone home Wednesday.

School was delayed Tuesday, as it was too stormy for the teacher to cross the bay.

All kinds of Christmas Goods at the Esboniere.

### SILETZ

The heavy winds raised the frame of Earnest Bryant's new house off the blocks and set it over on the ground and twisted the frame all out of shape. This was the worst wind storm we've had for a long time.

The river is raising about 6 or 8 inches an hour. Its now 15 feet.

Miss Olson, teacher of the Jim Brown school, just below Mowery's place, closed a successful term on the 17th, and has gone to her home for Xmas.

James Brown came up to Siletz Monday on business.

Mrs. Wm. Metcalf gave a feather dance on the night of the 20th, commemorating the death of her mother, Mrs. Billy Sampson, one year ago. This is why these feather dances are so sacred to the Indians.

Mrs. Hary Fisk returned from Salem Wednesday, where she has been undergoing treatment for various troubles of the head and nose. She has recovered remarkably well and will go on down to her home on Lower Siletz as soon as the road is clear.

Louie Smith started with the mail Tuesday and has not returned yet, Thursday morning. Telephone connections are put out of commission down as far as Jim Brown's, so we can not find out what has happened. It may be only due to rough water and he has been unable to go on through. We are hoping so.

Mrs. Labour returned from Wyoming where her son, Bert Howe, had an operation for appendicitis, and says Bert is better and expects to come home by the 10th of January. He was able to go from the hospital back to Gillette, Wyoming, where he was before he was taken sick.

Eugene Eckerton, Don Morse, Edwin W. Powers, Elmer Wesley of Salem came over Saturday for a two-months' trapping and camping or outing and are staying in one of Dr. Morris' cabins on Cedar creek.

F. D. Jenkins and Francis A.,

his brother, came over to visit their father, S. D. Jenkins, near Taft. The boys came from Eatenville Pierce county, Washington, and haven't seen their father for twenty-five years.

### JOSHUA LOUIE DEAD

Joshua Louie died at Siletz yesterday after a lingering illness of several months. Louie was in the neighborhood of one hundred years old, no one knowing his exact age. He was a member of the Joshua tribe of Indians, having been brought here from the lower Rogue river. Louie was very prominent in all Indian affairs, was a good Indian and an up-holder of the law. It is said that in his younger days Louie was a "Big Chief" and was the proud possessor of six wives. Louie enjoyed a wide acquaintance and was respected by all who knew him.

L. V. Calkins of Big Elk was in the city Monday.

Peter Casey of Siletz was in the city yesterday.

John Buckley of Newport was in the city yesterday.

I. J. Pepin was down from Chitwood Wednesday evening.

P. H. Elting of Orton was a county seat visitor Saturday.

We wish our large family of readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wheeler Cline of Eddyville had business in the county seat Wednesday night.

Arthur Sparks of Eddyville was a county seat visitor Wednesday evening.

V. D. Graves left Wednesday morning for a week's visit at his old home near Portland.

L. F. Rasmussen of Yaquina was a county seat visitor on business yesterday.

Carl Moore was a passenger for Portland this morning, where he will spend Christmas.

Born, Saturday, December 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Johnson of Nashville, a nine pound boy.

Born, Saturday, December 18, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Averill of Newport, an eleven pound boy.

Mrs. Wm. Graham and children went to Kings Valley Wednesday morning to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Queen Freeman returned yesterday morning from Newport, where she had been assisting in the telephone office for a few days.

Hawkins Bros. had the misfortune to lose their boom and logs, at their Siletz mill, during the high water the first of the week.

The planer in the Moore company's sawmill was given its first tryout Wednesday and worked very satisfactorily considering that they were planing wet, sappy boards.

Miss Clara Larson came home last evening to spend Christmas with the home folks. Miss Clara with the home folks. Miss Clara is teaching school near Amity.

The steamer Bandon, Capt. Schillinski, arrived up from San Francisco last evening for another load of lumber. She brought an assortment of miscellaneous freight for Toledo and Siletz.

Earnest Bryant's new house at Siletz was blown off its foundation last Monday evening by the high winds and badly wrecked. The house was not entirely completed but was far enough along that it will entail a heavy damage to Mr. Bryant.

Mrs. Fred Overlander left this afternoon for her home at Waldport, following a week's visit here as the guest of old friends. Mrs. Overlander came to Corvallis last Saturday to attend the funeral of her father, the late D. C. Ross, and remained for a visit here. Her mother, Mrs. Ross, who came with the body of Mr. Ross, returned to her home in Medford today.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.