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YOUNG BUSINESS MAN TAKES OWN LIFE BY POISON

Vergil Porter, Member of Local Grocery Firm, Commits Rash Act; Leaves Note; No Reason Given for Action.

"No more Xmases in Toledo. For Heaven sake do not notify my parents. They would come west again and that is not necessary. Have W. B. Hartley of Newport embalm and send remains to Portland for cremation then forward ashes to 414 S. Main St., Findlay, Ohio. No flowers. Mr. Burcroff can send everything to Father."

The above paragraph was the entire contents of a note found in Vergil Porter's room Tuesday morning after doctors and friends had worked over his unconscious body for a considerable length of time endeavoring to bring him back to life. Upon investigation it was found that the young man had taken his own life by taking chloroform.

No Cause Known. No one is able to throw any light upon why the young man committed the rash act, although it is known that his health was not good; and it is also pointed out by some of those who knew him best that he had occasional spells of brooding. The news came as a shock to the community as he had the appearance of one who enjoyed life and was always a 'ready mixer' in conversation.

He ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Burcroff and later in the evening received a package from home according to Mr. Burcroff. About 9 o'clock in the evening he left the Burcroffs saying he was going to retire. Nothing more was heard from him until the following morning when he did not show for work. Mr. Burcroff went to his room in the Commercial hotel believing he had overslept. Mr. Burcroff immediately called medical aid but the unfortunate victim was too far gone.

Mr. Porter was a member of the firm 'Burcroff Mercantile Co.' having come to Toledo about two years ago. He was highly respected by all who knew him.

The body is at the Bateman Undertaking Parlor awaiting the arrival of his father, C. C. Porter, of Findlay, Ohio. According to a telegram from Mr. Porter burial will be made in Albany.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71 CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

School district number 71, of which Mrs. Bohanon is teacher had its Christmas celebration Friday, December 22. Every citizen of the district was present, also two visitors, Mr. Grant and Walter Uiman. There were songs, recitations and readings, a large Xmas tree light with candles and sparkling with glittering ornaments.

Nuts, candies, cakes and a splendid lunch was served. The greatest event of the day was the happiness and good fellowship shown. The children's happy faces were wreathed in smiles and their little hands and mouths were full as they could hold with goodies. Let us hope that the smiles of good fellowship, Merry Christmas happiness and love thy neighbor spirit, have in a great measure ironed out the lines of a sordid care which accumulate as the months of the year are filled on the calendar of the past.

To the teacher much credit is due. To the ladies of the district much praise and thanks should be given and those who assisted the teacher in the necessary labor involved should not be forgotten. Such fraternal neighborly meetings put the is in school district.

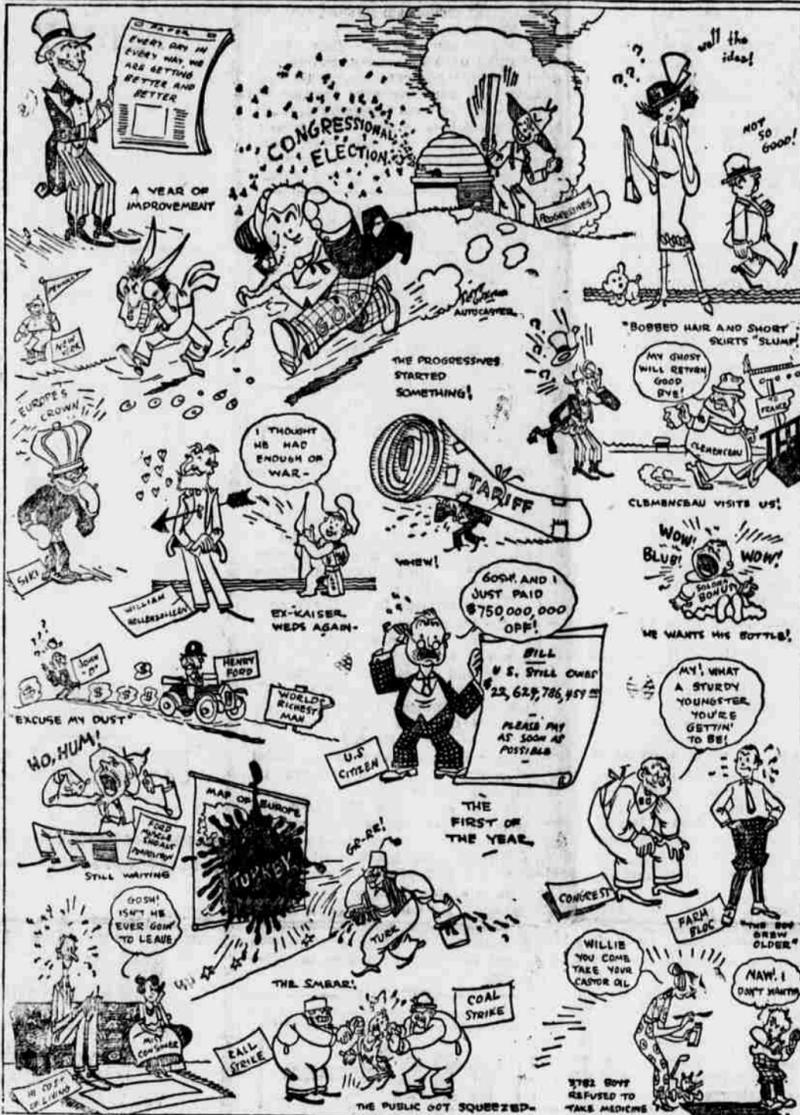
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"FATTY" ARBUCKLE WILL BE ADMITTED TO SCREEN AGAIN

Will Hays Announces That Former Screen Star Will Be Given Chance to "Come Back"; Popularity Questionable.

Los Angeles—Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle has been given a chance to "come back" and will return to the motion picture industry after the first of the year. Will C. Hays, chairman of the motion picture industry, announced today. Arbuckle films were withdrawn after his arrest in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe at a party in Arbuckle's room in the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, in September of last year. Though Arbuckle was acquitted his films were withdrawn.

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MRS. ARTHUR NYE DIES WEDNESDAY MORNING

The many friends of Mrs. Arthur Nye were shocked Wednesday morning when it was learned that she had passed away. She suffered an attack of grippe which developed into a severe case of peritonitis from which she lacked the strength to recover. Besides her husband, Arthur Nye, she leaves two small daughters, Margaret, age 9 and Jaunita, age 7; her mother, Mrs. Elne Ofstedahl; and a brother, Clarence, all of Toledo. Although a young woman, Mrs. Nye is a pioneer of this section having been raised in this city. She has a wide circle of friends who extend their heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing family.

Mrs. Nye is a past worthy matron of the local Eastern Star lodge and the funeral services will be conducted by them.

Funeral services will be held at the Masonic hall here at 10 a. m. Saturday under the supervision of the Eastern Star.

CORVALLIS MAKES ELABORATE PLANS NEW YEARS GAME

Toledo, Ohio, Football Stars Coming for Battle With Oregon Team; Complications Arise Over Game.

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 26.—(Special) Arrangements for the football game to be played here New Years day between the Scott high school of Toledo, Ohio, and the Corvallis high school are now completed. The game will be played on the college grounds and will be called at 1:30 in the afternoon, in order that it may be finished before dark.

The Toledo team left that city Christmas morning at 8:30 by special coach and will arrive in Portland, Saturday morning following at 8:30, stopping at various junctions in order to have short signals and scrimmage practice. They will be met at Portland by several dozen auto loads of Corvallis rooters and business men, who will conduct them through the business section to Portland. It is expected that Mr. Baker will cooperate by heading the parade with the Portland police band. The Corvallis high school band will also be on hand to welcome the visitors.

The demand for seats is beyond expectation, and the business men of Corvallis who under wrote the enterprise, will likely be most fully reimbursed. If there is any surplus, it will go into the high school athletic treasury. A banquet will be tendered the football teams and coaches on New Years night, and after the banquet the boys will be guests at a dance given by the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce.

The only thing that mars the complete happiness of the occasion in any way is the fact that there arose a misunderstanding with the Medford team concerning the game. The State Board of Athletic Control declined to permit Corvallis and Medford to play for the Pacific Championship, which left both schools in a position to make a bid for the game with Toledo, O., which school has the undisputed championship team of the east and Middle West. Medford 'ickered' with the Toledo athletic management for a week with out results. Toledo wired to Corvallis that the Scott high school team was unable to make any arrangements with Medford, and told Corvallis she could have the game, provided an expense deposit of \$4,000 was made. The deposit was made immediately, and the fact wired to Toledo. Scott high school promptly accented. The Corvallis school authorities acted in good faith and have no fear that the State High School Athletic Board, after hearing all the evidence, will bar the high school team from the conference.

ANOTHER PIONEER TAKES "THE LONG, LONG TRAIL"

Another of those sturdy pioneers who "crossed the plains in a schooner" has taken "the Long, Long Trail." Word has been received here that Mary Malissa Jane Derrick, a former resident of Lincoln county, passed away at Astoria on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Mrs. Derrick crossed the plains in '53 and was married to Zachariah Stillwell Derrick in 1857. Fifteen children were born to this union, eight boys and seven girls; ten of these are still living. Mrs. Derrick also has two sisters living. She has 33 grand children, 34 great grand children and one great great grandchild. She is the mother of Z. M. Derrick of Toledo. The Derricks came to Lincoln County in 1871 and Mrs. Derrick, following the death of her husband, removed to Astoria in 1914. She was born in Quincy, Illinois, May 22, 1839.

Funeral services were held at Eddyville Saturday, Dec. 23.

HARDING SELECTION OF BUTLER AROUSES STORM OF CRITICISM

Anti-Administration Republicans in Both House and Senate Claim Appointee is Biased in Favor of Corporate Interests and Not Fit to Sit on Supreme Bench.

Written Specially for THE LEADER By Edward Percy Howard

Washington, D. C.—Two days of intimate conversation with men who shape the nation's destinies in Washington discloses that the anti-Harding forces are jubilant over the nomination of Pierce Butler, of St. Paul, as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. They regard the nomination as the big blunder of the Harding administration.

The appointment of Attorney-General Daugherty aroused a good deal of discontent. Those who opposed Daugherty when he was named today made no ado about openly charging that Harding is saddled with an administration-wrecker in Daugherty, just as Taft was with Ballinger. The "I told you so's" have found certain pleasure in the warfare on the Attorney-General which has ended in his open arraignment, but this is as nothing compared to their attitude in relation to the Supreme court.

The anti-Harding men have looked sometime for an avenue of open and excusable attack on the activities and operations of the President. Now they feel they have found it in what they are pleased to term "principle and personality" rather than governmental party policy which, of course, they feel impelled to safeguard.

Butler's nomination caused a furore in both House and Senate. At first it aroused indignation, but as the anti-Harding men began to exchange views, irritation changed to elation, until the opposition to the nomination crystallized into what the progressive bloc regards as an opportunity.

Then, on top of this, came the report, not uncontradicted, that the much defeated Governor of the State of New York, Nathan L. Miller, also is being seriously considered for the Supreme Court. When the rocket was fired every anti-Harding man felt like a poker player who has just drawn his fourth ace.

Shipstead Says Butler is Not Qualified for Bench.

Openly the opposition to Butler is being led by senator-elect Shipstead, of Minnesota, who frankly says his constituents promise to produce ample evidence to show that Butler is not qualified to sit on the Supreme court bench.

Appearing before Senators Nelson, Cummins, and Walsh of Montana, Shipstead presented a letter in which it was stated that "any attempt at this time to place on the Supreme court bench a man biased in favor of corporate interests will arouse bitter resentment and criticism."

It is openly charged that Butler has been a corporation lawyer so many years and has so frequently sought to obtain special privileges for large corporations that he would be unable as a member of the Supreme court to act with an unbiased mind that he would in his decisions necessarily and inevitably be influenced by his past interests associations.

Shipstead contends that the appointment of Judge Gary of the United States Steel Corporation would not

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POSSIBILITIES OF FRUIT CANNERY HERE SAYS COUNTY AGENT

J. O. Holt, Manager Eugene Fruit Growers Assn., Assures Mr. Beck He Will Investigate Proposition Here.

During his visit to Corvallis to spend Christmas with his family County Agent Beck arranged an interview with J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers association, one of the most successful fruit canning companies of the northwest, and received assurance that his company will investigate the possibility and necessity of installing a canning plant here to take care of the fruit crop of Lincoln county.

Mr. Beck stated that Mr. Holt seemed enthusiastic over the proposition and will make a personal trip here for investigation. Mr. Beck will explain the details of his interview with the head of the canning company at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting.

LYCEUM NUMBER WELL RECEIVED AT LOCAL THEATRE

Ralston - Frosh Entertainers Make Big Hit With Local Music Lovers; Next Number January 31st.

The first number of the Lyceum course was presented last Tuesday evening at the Liberty theatre. The program which consisted of music and singing delighted and entranced the audience. In fact this is putting it mildly, as more than one was heard to say that they would be willing to listen to such talent all night long. The management of the theatre deserves praise for their selection of this entertainment, and if the other three numbers which will be given one each month, are of the same standard the people of Toledo should bend every effort to give them the support they deserve. The musical program given the other evening was without a doubt the finest and best ever heard in Toledo.

All proceeds from these entertainments are given to the Toledo high school, and we hope the students will make a thorough canvass of the city, so everyone may have an opportunity to secure tickets. The next number will be Dr. Lee Fitzpatrick on January 31st.

SAYS HARDING WILL BE 1924 CANDIDATE

Local and state conditions in the east are disturbing national politics more seriously than the national issues in the opinion of Ralph E. Williams, Republican national committee teaman and vice chairman of the national committee, who has just returned from a series of meetings of the national committee.

President Harding will be tendered the nomination for president in 1924, says Williams, and if he does not accept, Senators Borah and Johnson are looked upon as possible nominees.

The committee meetings centered attention upon internal affairs of the party rather than national issues, Williams said.—Ex.

TOLEDO IS VISITED BY TERRIFIC GALE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

No Serious Damage Done; Signal Post at Depot Falls Taking Corner from Depot; Other Minor Damage.

People of Toledo were awakened Wednesday morning at between 1 and 3 o'clock when a terrific gale swept through this section of the country, accompanied by a downpour of rain. Although not much damage was done many residents report that they were worried at times for fear they would have to pick themselves up at the bottom of some canyon.

The large signal post at the Southern Pacific depot was wrenched loose by the wind and hurled against the building knocking a part of the roof off and breaking a window; a section of the roof on the planing mill now under construction at the Pacific Spruce mill was torn loose and entirely dislodged; a shack being built on the wharf near the bay was demolished and a few signs were blown from places of business.

KIDS OUT-CIPHER GROWN-UPS AT THE KERNVILLE SCHOOL

G. Frank Glasier, teacher in the Kernville school, reports a little incident of interest. Some weeks ago his pupils issued a challenge to all grown-ups of the community to an old-fashioned "spelling" match. The challenge was accepted, according to Mr. Glasier, and much preparation was had by "the alumni" in order to not let the "kids" out-do them. The time set for the match came and a real battle ensued. The students managed to "down 'em all" with the exception of one certain former school teacher, who proved too much for the youngsters.

Following their defeat at spelling, however, the students issued a challenge for a "ciphering" match. This was accepted also and the "kids" wop out "downing" former school "marms" and all.

HUNDREDS ATTEND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SATURDAY EVENING

Little Church Crowded to Doors to Hear Children's Program; Trees Decorated Beautifully for Occasion.

The First Methodist church was taxed to its capacity Saturday evening when a Christmas program was rendered by the Sunday school pupils under the direction of Mr. A. Buedell. Mr. Buedell opened the program by thanking the parents and the people of Toledo for their excellent support of the committee in charge of the program not only by financing the celebration but by their attendance. The program consisted entirely of Christmas songs, dialogues and recitations by the children. All numbers were exceptionally well rendered and the committee is to be congratulated for the manner in which the entertainment was rendered.

Following the program each child was presented with gifts from the beautifully decorated Christmas trees.

"FRAMEUP CLAIMED BY GAME WARDEN

Philomath, Ore.—Stating that the charge brought against him by Chief of Police Robinson of Corvallis of having liquor on his person was a "frameup," F. A. McDaniel, deputy game warden, pleaded not guilty. His case is set for trial next Friday. The arrest was made during the trial of some Alsea men, who were charged with violating the state game law. McDaniel was a spectator at the trial.

MORE DECEMBER BIRTHS.

December 12—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Braasha a boy.
Dec. 14—Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rose a baby girl.
Dec. 16—Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Sperling a baby girl.

NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS.

The light plant will be shut down from 1 a. m. to 2 p. m. Sunday for the purpose of cleaning and repairing boilers.

YAQUINA ELECTRIC CO.