

Five Bodies Will Lie in One Grave

Chehalis Girls All New Employees

Pictures of five of the eight girls who were killed in the Imperial powder explosion. Top—Tillie Roebach, at the left, and Sadie Westfall; Bottom—Vera Mulford, at the left, and Eva Gilmore, in the center, Ethel Tharp.



Funeral to the Journal.
Chehalis, Wash., Nov. 1.—On his way to Chehalis to marry Nellie Roebach in Sam Patton of Pulaski City, Va., Miss Roebach's native town, who will find on his arrival that his intended bride is one of the eight victims of the Imperial Powder company disaster. Miss Roebach was 18 years old. While she was born in Pulaski City, her parents live in Blairmore, Alberta. She had just written to her people telling them of her work here and how happy she was on account of her approaching marriage. She came to Chehalis on August 9, and on October 19 began work for the powder company. Her body was identified by her brother-in-law, Harry Kanouse, by means of a missing tooth and by a false tooth.

Sadie Westfall, daughter of S. W. Westfall, was born in West Virginia, and was between 16 and 17 years of age. She had been working for the powder company for two weeks.

Vera Mulford, daughter of A. F. Mulford, was born in Harrison, Ark., and was 17 years of age. She had been working in the powder plant about two weeks.

Bertha Crown, daughter of W. M. Crown, was born in Iowa and was 16 years of age. She had worked for the company about three weeks.

A short time ago, Mr. Mulford lost another child and since then Vera Mulford and Bertha Crown had been almost inseparable. They lived in adjoining houses and went back and forth to work together daily.

End Worked Only Five Days.
Eva Gilmore, a sister of Mrs. James W. Wilson, was 17 years of age at the time of her death. She had been working for the powder company only five days when the accident happened. A brother and a sister live at Littell and the father is now in Leland, Okla.

Bertha Hagie was the daughter of Mrs. F. M. White and lived with her mother at their home on East Market street. She was 17 years of age at the

time of her death and was the main support of her mother, who was widowed for the second time about a year ago. She was born in Michigan, where her people lived until she was about 14 years of age. She had worked for the powder company at two different times, the last time for only three weeks. She and her mother had just completed arrangements to move to California to live with a sister there. The mother has been trying to sell their property on Market street for some time in order to get away. Miss Hagie was engaged to a man of this city but the date for the wedding had not been set.

Ethel Tharp, daughter of R. F. Tharp, was 20 years of age and was born in this city. She had worked for the powder company three weeks.

Mrs. Ethel Henry was a daughter of Mrs. Winnie Strobel and lived with her mother on Coal creek. They had just arrived in Chehalis from Ness City, Kan., about three weeks ago and Mrs. Henry began work for the powder company last Monday. She leaves a seven months old baby.

Now that the inquest is over arrangements for the burial of the victims of the disaster will go ahead. It has been arranged already to hold a funeral at the Methodist church, Saturday afternoon, when the bodies of Eva Gilmore, Vera Mulford, Bertha Crown, Sadie Westfall and Bertha Hagie will be taken to the Masonic cemetery and interred in one grave. The funeral of Ethel Tharp will be held Sunday from the Christian church and the bodies of Tillie Roebach and Mrs. Ethel Henry will be held for a few days. Reverend F. A. LaViolette will officiate at the funeral of the five younger girls at the M. E. church Saturday.

Jury Hearing Is White Open.
The investigation by Deputy County Attorney Bishop, who had it in hand, was made just as soon as possible. Jurors, private citizens, relatives of the deceased, in fact, anyone who wished, was permitted to question the jurors, so that the various ideas as to what certain witnesses might know were developed to the satisfaction of everyone so far as questioning went.

SIX STATES JOIN TO AID INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

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against the laws as counsel for Frank Kierman. Then the supporters of the laws—Crawford, attorney general; Grant, city attorney; Benbow, his deputy; George Fred Williams of Boston, and Jackson Halston, appearing for the Oregon grant—took a hand. The court having granted a motion that the two cases be heard together, refused to grant double the usual time for argument, thus necessitating the seven lawyers cutting and sewing the matter into rather fragmentary addresses.

Counsel supporting the initiative and referendum only fear that the court will refuse finally to decide the question, thus leaving the whole matter in an unsettled condition. They desire a final decision whichever way the court may hold.

Definition of Government.
Pillsbury's definition of our government as provided by the federal constitution was "representative government, democracy, with a legislature as an essential therein."

Senator Owen and George H. Shibley, of the Peoples' Rule league, filed briefs as friends of the laws, wherein they make forceful pleas for the upholding of the Oregon laws on the ground that they are constitutional, and that the question is political and not judicial, and that the people of the nation got gross misrepresentation under existing conditions.

Takes Same Ground.
Grant takes the same ground as to the legal phases. He and Benbow contend that the new system has worked with surprising success, curing civic political ills; that the people exercise power under the initiative and referendum with calmness, fairness and high intelligence.

Dunlavy exclaimed during the argument, "I want to ask if it is in the power of the supreme court of Oregon to take pen in hand and rewrite the constitutional amendment?"

Speaking to the question of Portland's right to operate under home rule provisions, Dunlavy vehemently declared it repugnant to the federal constitution. He said the Broadway bridge question is of only slight importance in this controversy, that the real serious phase was that it was proposed to destroy our government. Asked by Chief Justice White in his brief he argued whether this is a political or a judicial question, Dunlavy said "I have, your honor, and am in a comfortable position that this court cannot decide against me, as I took one position in the Kaderly case and another position in this case." Whereat everyone laughed.

Crawford plunged directly into the political and judicial question, finding support in the constitutional convention, in the supreme court opinions and in congressional declarations. He interpreted the guarantee of the republican form of government as designed to prevent monarchical or aristocratic government, and not designed to procure representative form.

The fact that congress admitted that senators and representatives were elected under the Oregon system was held to be congress' decision in the pending issue.

Referring to the direct election of senators under the Oregon system, Crawford cited the specific reservation in the state constitution enabling an act of the right of the people to instruct their representatives.

"This," he said, "is all our system of the direct election of senators. I wish to keep away from politics, but will say that such a senatorial election system was in response to the demand for a cure for abuses that grew into the purchase of senators and it has operated satisfactorily to the people of Oregon."

With the argument completed the case was submitted to the court late today.

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