

ACT WAS TOO REAL

'Desperate Attempt at Suicide' In Circus Arena Is Successful

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 19 (AP)—The Shrine circus band blared a fanfare and blue spotlights played on "the great Stanely" as the Dutch high-trapeze artist raced up a rope ladder to his platform 95 feet above Municipal auditorium here.

The aerial performer—Jan Vogel, 30, Amsterdam, Holland—danced back and forth on the lofty perch, flexed his muscles, and waved as the 9,000 spectators cheered.

Then he turned to the shining white "breakaway" trapeze bar, swinging back and forth from the loft of the arena.

The band did a fade-out, and the voice of Ringmaster L. Fred Stein came over the public address system.

"And now..." Stein announced dramatically, "...and now we present the dangerous aerial act by 'the great Stanely.'"

"It is, without doubt," he concluded, "the most desperate attempt ever made by man to commit suicide."

Vogel poised on the platform as the crowd watched breathlessly. Then he leaped for the bar, which was designed to break from its two rope supports and permit the trapeze

artist to plunge—in a seeming death dive—to the hardwood floor below.

The bar snapped as it was supposed to—and "the great Stanely" fell as the crowd gasped.

But a little-noticed black rope with elastic sections—which Vogel had tied to his ankles and which had snapped him back from the floor of the circus ring hundreds of times before—broke last night.

The Dutchman crashed to the floor with no safety net to break his fall.

Only a few persons in the audience knew that it was not "part of the act." Few knew that Vogel was fatally injured as other circus hands carried him from the ring and shouted for first aid.

Few knew, until today, that Vogel died an hour later in General hospital.

Shirley Grotton, a 10-year-old high wire walker, told authorities Vogel had complained that because of the auditorium's extreme height, his simulated death plunges had been hurting his back.

Two other circus employees, Jack Earl and R. C. Watkins, said he installed two new shock cords in his black safety rope yesterday, after performing the act seven times here this week.

But he had not tested his apparatus after working on it, they said.

Vogel, who reportedly earned \$500 weekly as "the great Stanely," had been in the United States 18 months on a temporary visa. He had begun seeking to obtain an extension so he could accept another six months of circus bookings.



Dr. Paul C. Packer

League to Hear Dr. Packer

Dr. Paul C. Packer, chancellor of higher education in Oregon, is to be in Salem next Wednesday evening to speak before a meeting of the League of Women Voters.

The program is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Collins hall on the Willamette university campus. "Whose Education Is It?" is the topic for Dr. Packer's talk, and he will discuss the issues and problems in higher education, also the growth and development of the state and its financial problems.

A question period is to follow the speaker's comments. Mrs. Arthur Bone will introduce the speaker.

The general public is invited, including members of the league, their husbands and all men and women interested in the state education program and its problems.

Mrs. Withycombe Dies at Sacramento

Information has been received here of the death in Sacramento, Cal., of Mrs. James Withycombe, widow of the late Governor Withycombe who died in 1919.

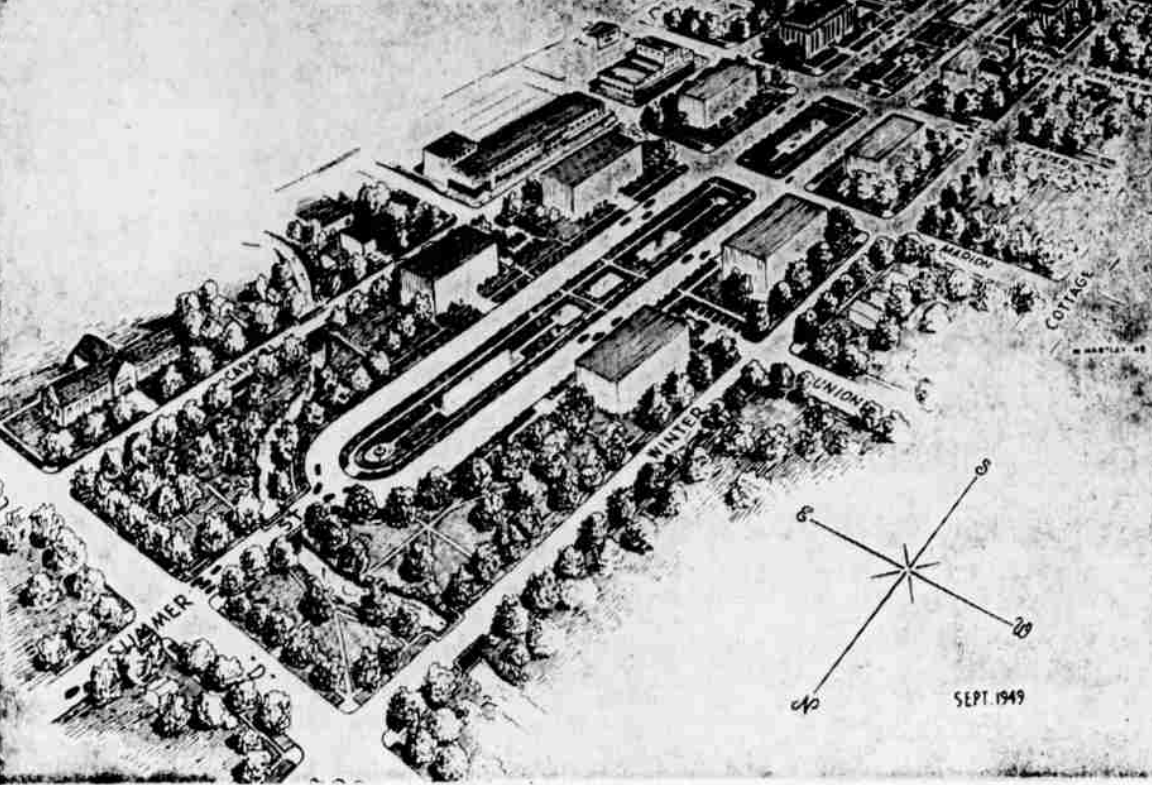
Mrs. Withycombe lived continuously in Portland after the death of Governor Withycombe until about a year ago when her daughter, Mabel Withycombe, with whom she made her home, passed away. She then went to Sacramento to live with her son, Earl, who is with the California state highway department. Another son, Harry, lives at Eureka, Mont. There are eight grandchildren.

Before her marriage Mrs. Withycombe was Miss Isabel Carpenter of Farmington, Washington county, Oregon.

The body will be brought to Salem and private services held at Mt. Crest Abbey mausoleum.

EXTENDED CAPITOL AREA

CAPITOL PLANNING COMMISSION



Enlarged Area

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W. W. Rosebraugh of the city commission said that agency was in sympathy with the purpose of the plan, "but we have property to meet. This is a battle for the ideal, against those who have property in the area and want to make money on it."

"If we can agree on the ideal," said Chairman Sawyer, "I think the state will support us."

Looks Ahead 50 Years
Reference was made to the construction of the telephone office building at Court and Winter streets, Rosebraugh and City Engineer J. H. Davis said this went in over the opposition of the planning and zoning commission and with approval of the state board of control. Sawyer said he hoped no more developments like the Capitol Shopping Center, on the fringe of the area, would be permitted.

Sawyer mentioned that the plan looked ahead 50 to 75 years, and Robert Stanley of the city commission wanted to know if "any district could remain static for 75 years."

Opposes Gas Station
Stanley then asked Sawyer's opinion about a proposed service station at Capitol and Center, within the capitol area. He said it would be designed to conform with the state capitol buildings.

"If it is in the extension area," said Sawyer, "my opinion is it shouldn't be allowed. But I'm not speaking for the commission."

Stanley said he would prefer it to apartment houses. The area and its fringe would permit home and apartment construction.

W. R. Metzler, Eugene superintendent of parks, spoke for the Oregon Association of Landscape Architects in support of the state commission's plan, but suggested that any business development considered by the Salem authorities to be necessary, might be incorporated into the state plan.

School Site
Relative to speculation that the state might acquire the Washington school grounds for car parking purposes, Rosebraugh said he doubted the wis-

dom of this and suggested instead that the state acquire property in the area and use it temporarily for that purpose, since it might be held many years before development.

By request Mrs. Gertrude Lobdell of the city zoning commission asked whether necessity of moving would face the First Presbyterian church in the near or distant future.

Sawyer indicated the necessity would not arise for many years.

Dean G. W. Gleason of Oregon State college commended the Salem long-range commission for having originated the plan under discussion.

Program Offered
The plan that the Salem city council will be asked to approve provides tentatively:

Bringing into the capitol zone district the enlarged area to D street.

Closing Summer street between Chemeketa and Center and approval of extension of East and West Summer to Center.

Closing of Chemeketa between Capitol and Winter.

If and when purchase of property between Capitol, Marion, Winter and Center streets is completed, closing of Summer street between Center and Marion and extension of East and West Summer.

Amendment of the Baldock plan to make Winter instead of Summer a one-way artery in the traffic grid.

Future closing of Waverly and Union streets.

Governor McKay did not attend the meeting, but said yesterday he would not favor extension of the area north beyond Center. If greater extension should be necessary, he said, he would favor taking it eastward.

why an injunction order should not be issued. District Attorney Ed Stadler will appear as attorney for the county officials with Carson assisting him on behalf of the proponents of the Idanha incorporation.

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Allan Carson to Represent Idanha

Lloyd Girod from the Idanha district in the city Saturday reported to the county court that the group favoring incorporation of that city has arranged with Senator Allan Carson to appear as an attorney in their interests in connection with injunction proceedings sought by Edison Vickers against the county clerk and county court to stop the Idanha election on question of incorporation on December 9.

Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell has set November 28 at 10 a.m., as the time for the court and clerk to appear and show cause

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Way One Sits at Work Can Affect Health, Attitude

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE

Cincinnati, Nov. 19 (AP)—This is about sitting down while you work.

If you want your brain to stay clear, you need a personal chair, the Southern Medical association was told today.

"Chairs," said Dr. J. R. Garner, Atlanta, "should be as personal as your clothing."

They fit for proper sitting. And if you don't sit right, Dr. Garner said, some surprising things—metal, physical and psychological—happen.

In this personal chair your rear will extend out back a bit, to prevent coccyxosis. This refers to your coccyx, a pair of bones, like stubby stilts, just at the base of your spine. They aren't real sitting bones, but lots of people use them for that, said Dr. Garner. This puts an extra strain on the end of the spine. A properly designed chair bottom will also do the work of the rear overhang.

The chair back needs a slightly curving area to press forward into the curve of your spine. Keeping that curve in position tends to reduce pot-shaped corsets.

The chair seat should not be long enough to press against the fold-back of your knees. That puts the feet to sleep.

Your blood pressure goes up, said Dr. Garner, when you sit with the familiar forward slouch.

Dr. Garner cites some serious deformities that sometimes come from prolonged improper posture in sedentary work.

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Quality at Its Best

J. M. Billings Dies at Home

Death Friday claimed James Marion Billings, who for many years was superintendent of the Gideon Stolz vinegar plant here. Ill for a long time, he died at his home at 1824 North 24th street.

Billings was born July 23, 1863, at Noble, Ill., and June 10, 1890, in the same town was married to Laura Ellen Segal, who survives him.

The couple moved to Salem in 1913 and the same year Billings became manager of the Gideon Stolz vinegar plant. He retired in 1935. Billings had been a member of the Modern Woodmen of America for 54 years.

Surviving besides the wife are four daughters, Mrs. Florence Foster of Portland, Mrs. Esther Mason of Eureka, Calif., Mrs. Agnes Schad of Portland and Mrs. Virginia Hammer of Aumsville; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Announcement of services will be made later by the Howell-Edwards chapel.

Funeral services will be held at the Howell-Edwards chapel Monday, November 21, at 1:30 p. m. with Rev. Walter Fredericks officiating. Concluding services will be at Mt. Crest Abbey Mausoleum.

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