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AWFUL EXPLOSION AT CAR SHOPS

Bursting Piston Head Kills August Gerlinger and Cripples His Brother, Carl—Apprentice Boy Badly Hurt.

The explosion of a heated piston head in the machine shop of the Salem, Falls City and Western Railway Company, Wednesday afternoon, resulted in the death of August Gerlinger, an engineer in the employ of the company, and the serious injury of his brother, Carl, master mechanic in the shops, and of John Cery, an apprentice.

The accident occurred about 5:30 o'clock. There were practically no eye witnesses, excepting the two men who were injured. William Richter, a machinist, was at work in a different part of the shop, and E. L. Smith, foreman of the sawmill, was just entering the door when the explosion occurred, but neither one was looking toward the group around the piston.

The piston had been brought over from the sawmill to be repaired, and the master mechanic and his apprentice had heated the head and were inserting the piston rod so as to shrink the head firmly upon it. August Gerlinger had just left his engine and stepped into the shop to make his regular report to the master mechanic, and was standing within a few feet of the place where they were working on the piston.

Suddenly the head burst with a terrific explosion, one fragment tearing a hole in the north wall of the building and falling in a field at a distance of about 200 feet, and the other crashing through the south wall and falling near the south east corner of the shop.

The room was filled with a cloud of dust and smoke, out of which Smith and Richter saw the young apprentice, Cery, staggering with torn clothing and blackened face, apparently severely injured.

Carl Gerlinger was found, lying near the scene of the accident, blinded by the blast, his left arm torn off at the elbow, and two fingers of his right hand carried away. The severed hand and wrist had been thrown clear across the shop.

His brother, August, was lying on his right side within a few feet of the place where the fragment of iron crashed through the northern wall. His body was scarcely marked, but the upper portion of his face was torn

almost entirely away. Death had apparently been instantaneous. It is supposed that he was struck by the flying piece of iron.

Under careful attendance Carl Gerlinger was resting easily yesterday, and it is believed that his sight will not be seriously impaired, although his eyeballs were severely burned by the explosion. An eye specialist came from Portland yesterday and will do everything in his power to save his sight. No other injuries excepting those to his arms and hand have been discovered. John Cery suffered no injury excepting a broken bone in his right arm, and several painful bruises about the body. It is believed that his recovery will be rapid and complete.

Although the cause of the explosion is not certainly known, it is believed to be due to the accumulation of steam in the cavity in the piston head. The head was made hollow to avoid unnecessary weight, and after being used for some time, water forced its way through the pores of the metal, partially filling this space. When heated to a white heat, preparatory to shrinking it onto the shaft, an enormous steam pressure was generated, causing the explosion whose effects were so disastrous.

August Gerlinger was a nephew of Louis Gerlinger Sr., of Portland, president of the Dallas-Falls City railroad, and was only 28 years of age at the time of his death. He was born in Germany and came to America about six years ago. For three years he was employed by the Southern Pacific Company, after which he moved to Dallas and served as an engineer on the Dallas-Falls City road. He is survived by a wife and two children.

George Gerlinger was in Portland when the accident occurred, but immediately upon receiving the message he secured a trained nurse and took the night train for Salem. He was met by R. McLennan with a rig, and they drove across to Dallas at once, arriving in this city about midnight. Dr. Butler was brought from Independence by special motor, and every possible attention was given to the two injured men.

president; J. M. Staats, vice-president; W. L. Bies, manager; C. C. Patrick, secretary and treasurer. Service will be established about June 1. J. L. Hanna was elected to serve on the board of directors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home Friday. The evening was pleasantly spent in social amusements, and light refreshments were served at its close. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were presented with a beautiful set of spoons by their guests.

POLK.

Mrs. Katherine Enns recently sold her 1907 prune crop.

Several cases of whooping cough are reported in this neighborhood.

Mr. Harris is building a neat and cosy cottage on the property recently purchased from C. A. Ramsey.

Many people are looking for property in this vicinity, which will be suitable for small fruit farming.

It is reported that the young men of this neighborhood will organize a baseball team for the coming season.

Peter Neufeld, of Richmond, Texas, who purchased a tract of land near here a short time ago, has returned to his home in the south.

Dr. Mark Hayter has planted gooseberries between the fruit trees on his farm near here, and is preparing to set out a quantity of strawberry plants also.

Mrs. Osborne, of Smithfield, died last week, her death being caused by a cancer. The funeral was held Sunday, and the body was buried at this place.

Mrs. J. R. Robbins is recovering rapidly from the effects of a broken ankle, received a few weeks ago. She is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Robbins.

MONMOUTH.

Messrs. Bridwell & Craven have sold their hardware business to a Corvallis firm.

H. K. Sackafosse has sold his property in this city to Mr. Neal of McMinnville.

Mrs. C. W. Leonard is recovering nicely from a severe attack of pneumonia.

N. Heffly has purchased property in Cooper Hollow and will engage in fruit farming.

W. B. Barnett is improving his orchard by grafting new scions on the old stocks.

C. T. Cornwell was quite seriously injured Tuesday, while shoeing a vicious horse.

REPORT IS UNFOUNDED

Polk County Legislative Candidate Stands Solidly on His Original Platform.

Independence, Or., April 1.—(To the Editor.)—While in Dallas today I was informed that certain parties are circulating a report that I was talking Statement No. 1, but meant it only as a vote getter. This is not true, as I have always endorsed the Primary Election Law, and two years ago signed Statement No. 1. In my petition now on file with the Secretary of State I have endorsed Statement No. 1 in the language of the statute.

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CONFERENCE IN SESSION

Many Pastors and Lay Delegates Attend Convention in Dallas This Week.

The Missionary Conference, of the Evangelical Church was held in Dallas, Wednesday, the Rev. S. E. Launer, of Independence, presiding. The earlier part of the morning was devoted to the examination of the junior preachers, after which the remainder of the day was consumed in the missionary program and in the business of the Missionary Society. During the afternoon, reports and addresses were delivered by the Rev. A. A. Winter, of Portland, the Rev. H. A. Deck and others.

The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: the Rev. S. E. Launer, of Independence, president; the Rev. G. L. Lovell, of Florence, vice-president; the Rev. A. A. Winter, of Portland, treasurer and Professor F. E. Fisher, of Dallas College, secretary. Bishop H. B. Hartzler, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, preached in the evening on the subject of "Missions."

The formal opening of the conference proper, was held yesterday morning, beginning with a prayer and communion service, which was followed by the preliminary work of organization, appointment of committees, etc. Bishop H. B. Hartzler delivered an address on "The Mission of the Evangelical Church," at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and the Rev. S. E. Launer preached at the evening service.

The regular business of the conference will be carried on today and tomorrow, and the appointments for the coming year will be announced Monday morning. The Rev. H. A. Deck will preach tonight, the Rev.

A. A. Winter, Saturday night, and Bishop Hartzler will conduct the Sunday services.

Among those who are attending the conference are Bishop H. B. Hartzler, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Rev. A. A. Winter and H. A. Deck, of Portland; Rev. G. L. Lovell, of Florence; Rev. S. E. Launer, of Independence; Rev. H. L. Pratt, of Portland; Rev. Guy Phelps, of Iowa; Rev. Wayne Phelps, of Mapleton; Rev. E. E. McVicker, of Layfayette; Rev. S. M. Woods, of Corvallis; Rev. C. P. Gates, of St. Johns; Rev. J. Bowersox, of Portland; Rev. S. J. Lindsay, of Hillsboro; Rev. C. A. Burris, of Sodalville; L. H. Simpson, of St. Johns; and O. P. Goettl, of LeMars, Iowa, and others.

The candidates for the office of councilman, whose names will be voted on in the city election to be held next Monday are as follows: First ward, Ralph Adams, Abel Uglow, and W. H. Boals; second ward, J. L. Brown and G. W. Myer; third ward, Frank Kerslake. The polling places will be: The office of the Dallas Flouring Mills for the first ward; the council chamber in the City Hall for the second ward and H. L. Crider's office for the third ward.

The district convention of Rebekah lodges, composed of Salem, Silverton, Jefferson and Scotts Mills, was held at Jefferson, Saturday by Mrs. Ora Cosper, secretary of the Rebekah Assembly. Mount Jefferson lodge entertained the visitors royally, followed by a fine banquet.—Salem Journal.

Dr. H. L. Toner went to Sheridan, Wednesday, after a day's visit in Dallas. He will remain in Sheridan during the greater part of the coming month, before returning to his claim on Salmon River for the summer.

George Gerlinger went to Portland, Wednesday afternoon, on business.

SPRING IS HERE

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CORRESPONDENCE

PEDEE HILLS.

The Spring term of the Cherry Grove school has just ended.

Born, Tuesday, March 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oleman, a daughter.

Pine Burbank assisted Robert Arnold in the work in his hopyard last week.

Mrs. John Ritner's mother and sister from Washington are visiting at her home.

Jesse Yost recently purchased a fine Jersey bull from Thomas Kinchin to head his dairy herd.

Spring promises to be late in the hills, and weather conditions thus far have been quite unpleasant.

The rural mail carrier finds it necessary to use a double team, because the condition of the roads in the hills makes travel exceedingly difficult.

The new subscribers to the telephone line recently built from Atrile are Riley Burbank, C. S. Craton, Rex Womer, Robert Arnold and Charles Kirber.

Goat shearing in this neighborhood is progressing slowly owing to the damp weather. Mr. Asher, of Aleso, is at present shearing about 300 head of goats for Joseph Brown.

Jesse Yost reports that several of his young goats have recently been killed by a wild cat. Six big cats have been killed in this vicinity by the Hanna brothers, but the goats still continue to be killed almost daily.

Louis Edwards will soon have his logging crews at work once more; the Spaulding camp will resume work as soon as crews can be obtained; the Simpson crews will commence Monday, and Hanna Brothers camp is already running full blast. The logging business will soon be placed in the same sound condition in which it stood before the recent industrial depression.

PEDEE.

Pedee is to organize a Dairyman's Association. Our farmers are busy plowing,

although the weather is unsettled.

Thomas Kinchin made a flying trip to the Capitol City on business this week.

Ernest Bush has finished his contract of clearing off the Scanlon hop yard.

Sheep and goat men are making an effort to exterminate the coyotes, wild cats, and other varmints that have been killing their stock during the winter.

It is reported that B. Pickens will return to the valley near Perrydale, and that Thomas Kinchin will take charge of the I. X. L. ranch in the near future.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kinchin last Saturday evening. Music and games were enjoyed, and an excellent lunch was served.

Miss Nellie Kinchin has finished a successful term of school in the Cherry Grove district and will be employed by L. Ritner to assist in caring for his wife, who is still in poor health.

The dairy business is looming up in our neighborhood, and Jerseys are in demand. J. W. Yost has purchased from the L. X. L. ranch a high-grade Jersey, which he will place at the head of his herd.

INDEPENDENCE.

J. Hilliard was a passenger to Portland, Wednesday.

Miss Mary Bartman has returned to her home in Ashland.

Mrs. O. M. Johnson, of Salem, is visiting relatives in this city.

M. C. Williams has purchased a half interest in the Dove drug store.

Mrs. M. W. Wallace is in Corvallis with her son, Edwin, who is ill.

F. Bergman has gone to California where he will make his home in future.

Miss Opal McDewitt is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Cooksey.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Kirkland entertained the Whist Club at their home Monday evening.

Lieutenant Williams, from the Philippines, is visiting relatives and friends in this city.

The officers of the new Home Telephone Company are W. E. Craven,

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