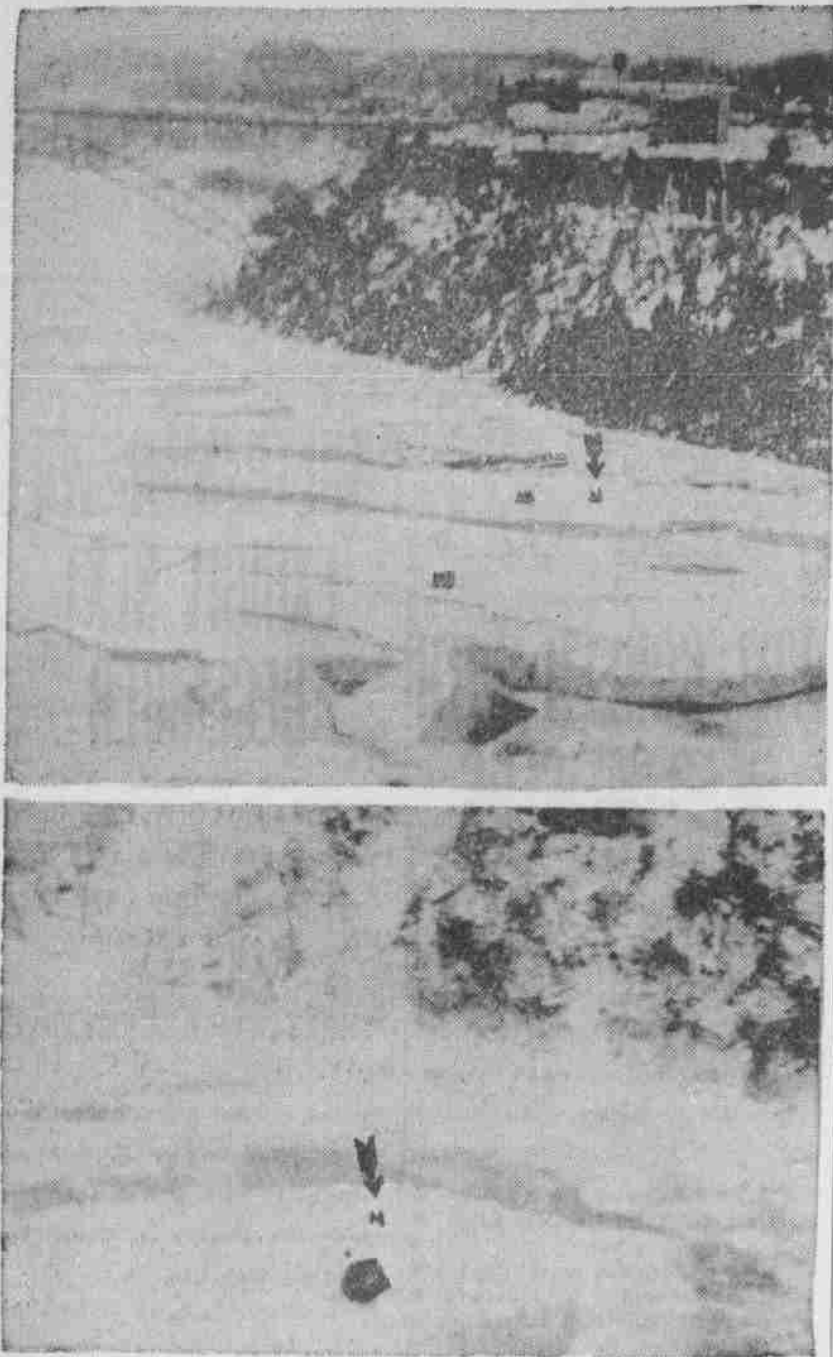


Remarkable Photographs of Niagara Ice Bridge Tragedy



Photos by American Press Association.

NIAGARA has been the scene of many tragedies, but of few if any more thrilling than that enacted there when the ice bridge which spanned the river below the falls went to pieces and carried three sightseers to death in the Whirlpool rapids. The day was bright, and among the crowds which watched the scene from places of safety was the photographer who made the extraordinary pictures from which our illustrations are reproduced. The two lonely figures indicated by the arrows were Eldridge Stanton and his wife of Toronto, and the two views show them as the ice floes on which they were imprisoned moved slowly to destruction in the grinding maelstrom of the great whirlpool. Mr. Stanton had an opportunity to save himself as the floe drifted under a bridge from which would be rescuers had let down a rope which he caught and vainly tried to fasten about his wife. The third victim, Burrell Heacock of Cleveland, caught on another ice cake, succeeded in grasping a rope thrown to him, but could not keep his hold upon it and fell back into the river.

A Great Queen's Letters.

"We may wonder if the world will ever be allowed to see the private correspondence amassed by the late Queen Victoria," says a writer. "It is stored away in a strong room built into the walls of Buckingham palace, and the queen shared her confidence with no one. So long as she was physically able to do so she opened and closed the safe herself and arranged its contents. When she was too feeble to do this she employed an old and trusted secretary, but even he had to work under the royal eye. He was never allowed to keep the keys nor to read the letters that he handled."

"Queen Victoria was always a voluminous letter writer, and she was in constant communication with most of the royalties in Europe. Every domestic secret and privacy of royalty during half a century is said to be represented by the contents of this wonderful safe, and it is easy to believe that the modern historian would find his hands full if he were permitted to browse among these letters."

"But probably he will have to wait a few hundred years, and then his popular audience will be a inquisitive one. It is one of the ironies of life that we can never have things when we want them."—Chicago News.

Snake Killing Ants.

It is difficult to believe that ants will kill snakes, but such is the case, and scientists have discovered that in certain regions this class of reptile has no more persistent enemy. The large red-brown forest ants are the most implacable, and a curious thing about the attack of these tiny creatures on the reptiles is that they kill it for food and not on account of natural antipathy. When some of these ants catch sight of a snake they arouse the whole community at once. In platoons and battalions the little fellows set upon it, striking their "nippers" into its body and eyes at thousands of points at once. So rapidly is this done that the snake has no chance of escaping. He soon becomes exhausted and dies ignominiously. The ants then tear off the flesh, gradually stripping off the skin and working inside it. Not until they have carried away everything except the bones and the skin do they abandon their prey.

When "Lloyd's" Was a Coffee House. The man who gave his name to the great maritime institution, Lloyd's, was not, as might be supposed, a financier or a shipowner, but only a humble coffee house keeper. Of his history nothing is known save that he kept a coffee house in Lombard street at the beginning of the eighteenth century, which, from its proximity to the Royal Exchange, came to be a favorite assembling place of the underwriters. The first mention of his house occurs in a poem, "The Wealthy Shopkeeper," published in 1700:

Then to Lloyd's coffee house to go he never fails

To read the letters and attend the sales.

In 1710 Steele dated some numbers of the Tatler from Lloyd's, and Addison also makes mention of the coffee house in the Spectator.—London Chronicle.

Flying Fish.

Flying fish swim in shoals varying in number from a dozen to a hundred or more. They often leave the water at once, darting through the air in the same direction for 200 yards or more, and then descend to the water quickly, rising again and then renewing their flight. Sometimes the dolphin may be seen in rapid pursuit, taking great leaps out of the water and gaining upon his prey, which take shorter and shorter flights, vainly trying to escape, until they sink exhausted. Sometimes the larger sea birds catch flying fish in the air. The question whether the flying fish use their fins at all as wings is not fully decided. The power of flight is limited to the time the fins remain moist.

Bright Boy.

"What is your name, little boy?" queried the street car conductor of a small passenger who was traveling alone.

"Willie Jones," was the reply. "What's your name?"

"John Wood," answered the conductor.

"Wood!" exclaimed the little fellow.

"Why, I thought wood was a nonconductor."—Chicago News.

Inherited, as It Were.

Professor—Yes, sir, your daughter is pretty well grounded in French, but it will, of course, take some time and trouble for her to acquire fluency. Father—Well, you know, that's rather strange to me. I had an idea that the fluency would have come sort of natural to her.—Exchange.

A Blase Kid.

"Do you love your parents, Reginald?"

"Oh, yes!"

"And why do you love your parents, Reginald?"

"Oh, it's the conventional thing!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

His Position.

"What was at the bottom of that fight between Thompson and Jimpson?"

"Jimpson was till Thompson was pulled off."

Then Every One Laughed.

"Yes," said a man who had just narrated a funny story. "It was enough to make a donkey laugh! I laughed till I cried!"

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR POLK COUNTY, DEPARTMENT NO. 1. F. J. COAD, plaintiff, v. GEORGE A. BERRY, defendant, No. 4009. To GEORGE A. BERRY, the above named defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and action, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before the 21st day of February, 1912; and if you fail so to answer the said complaint, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to said Court and take a judgment against you for the sum demanded in said complaint, viz.: for the sum of \$397.42, and for his costs and disbursements in this action.

And the plaintiff will take a further order and judgment that the property attached in said action be sold to satisfy the plaintiff's demand herein.

This summons, by order of the Honorable Ed. F. Coad, County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, made at Chambers in the city of Dallas, on the 6th day of January, 1912, is served upon you by the publication thereof for a period of six consecutive weeks immediately prior to the 21st day of February, 1912, in the Polk County Observer, a newspaper of general circulation, published at Dallas, in said County of Polk. The date of the first publication of this summons is January 9th, 1912.

OSCAR HAYTER,

Attorney for plaintiff.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern, that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the estate of August Martin Werner, deceased, by the Honorable County Court of Polk County, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned, duly verified, at Perrydale, Oregon, on or before six months from the date hereof, and all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate settlement thereof.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 1912.

FRED G. WERNER,

Executor of the estate of August Martin Werner, deceased.

SIBLEY & EAKIN,

Attorneys for estate. 2-20

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Department No. 1.

Merchants National Bank of Portland, Oregon, plaintiff, v. George A. Berry, defendant, No. 4006.

To GEORGE A. BERRY, the above named defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and action within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before the 21st day of February, 1912; and if you fail so to answer the said complaint for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to said Court and take a judgment against you for the sums demanded in said complaint viz:

1. For the sum of \$300.00, with interest thereon from the 7th day of August, 1911, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum until paid, and for the further sum of \$50.00 as attorney's fees upon its first cause of action herein.

2. For the sum of \$300.00, with interest thereon from the 6th day of September, 1911, until paid, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, and for the further sum of \$50.00, as attorney's fees upon its second cause of action herein.

3. For the sum of \$350.00, and interest thereon from the 16th day of September, 1911, until paid, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, and for the further sum of \$50.00, as attorney's fees upon its third cause of action herein.

4. For the sum of \$425.22, upon its fourth cause of action herein.

5. For the sum of \$495.36, upon its fifth cause of action herein; and

6. For its costs and disbursements in this action.

And the plaintiff will take a further order and judgment that the property attached in said action be sold to satisfy the plaintiff's demands herein.

This summons, by order of the Honorable Ed. F. Coad, County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, made at Chambers in the city of Dallas, on the 5th day of January, 1912, is served upon you by the publication thereof for a period of six consecutive weeks immediately prior to the 21st day of February, 1912, in the Polk County Observer, a newspaper of general circulation published at Dallas, in said County of Polk. The date of the first publication of this summons is January 9th, 1912.

GEORGE I. BROOKS,

OSCAR HAYTER,

Attorneys for plaintiff.

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Notice to Contractors, For Concrete Culvert Work.

Dallas, Oregon, February 12, 1912. Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the County Clerk at his office in Dallas, Oregon, to be opened on Wednesday, the 6th day of March, 1912, at 1 o'clock p. m., of said day for the construction of two concrete culverts with best of reinforcement; the culverts are 64 feet at base and 32 feet at top of culvert and 543 feet in clear inside measurement. The culverts are to be placed, one near the Wallace apple orchard and one about one-half or three-fourths mile north of the first one. Bidders are required to furnish plans and specifications for this work; the best character of reinforced concrete will be required, privilege of rejecting any or all bids is reserved. By order of the Court, T. M. SMITH, Clerk.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

The Eastern Immigration to Oregon will be greater this year than ever before. If you expect to sell that property, list it immediately. If interested in buying, read carefully the following list and remember I will be glad to show you what I have for sale and trade:

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No. 81. 83 acres four miles from Dallas, 2 and one-half miles from Falls City, one mile from school. 25 acres in cultivation, 2 and one-half acres in irrigation used for garden, balance in timber and pasture, small frame house, good hop house, goat barn, etc., 1200 straw-berries, soil good dark loam. Price \$60 per acre. Half cash.

No. 125. 221 acres of as good farm land as there is in the Willamette Valley, 180 acres in fine state of cultivation, 90 of which is fine river bottom and 90 gently rolling and suitable for either farming or fruit raising, balance pasture and woodland; has some fencing and river forms one boundary line; near railroad and school. Price \$60 per acre and very attractive terms.

No. 64. 80 acres 2 1-2 miles from Salem near boat landing and station on Salem, Falls City & Western Ry., 1-2 mile from school, church and store, 7 room house, barn 55x75, two good chicken houses, hog houses, water piped from good spring to house, all fenced with woven wire, large fish pond, etc. 60 acres in high state of cultivation, balance pasture and timber, five acres under irrigation and more can be irrigated. Price \$8,500. Terms if desired.

No. 46. 30 acres of land all level, soil dark rich loam and all in crop, on a good wagon road and joins railroad. Will sell all or in 10 acre tracts. Price \$110 per acre.

No. 54. 80 acres of level land all in cultivation, 7 miles from Corvallis, on the new Electric R. R. now building to Eugene, 1-4 mile from station, near school and good road to town. 5 room house nearly new, barn and other buildings, all fenced. Price \$60 per acre.

No. 33. 5 acres just one mile from town on a good road; plank walk all the way to town. All in cultivation and part in crop. New four room house, wood house, chicken house and good well; 24 young fruit trees and some berries. Price \$1700. Good terms.

No. A2. 14 1-2 acres 1 1-2 mile from town, Barn 20x40, lumber on place for house. Soil dark loam, all in crop. Price \$3200. Terms.

CITY PROPERTY.

No. A3. One of the best bargains in Dallas consisting of a strip of land 100x140 feet on Main St., near Court House. Two good 6 room dwellings with modern improvements, wood shed, and 25 bearing fruit trees. This is a very good investment. Price \$2500.

No. A1. Close in 6 room dwelling in first class condition. Lot 50x140 good new barn, wood shed, etc. This is a good home and the price and terms very attractive. Price \$1200.

No. 90 1-2. This is one of the best bargains on Hayter street or in Dallas; 5 room cottage, bath, toilet, city water, electric lights, etc. Large lot 60x150 facing east, some young trees and flowers, nice chicken park and garden land. Price \$1100.

No. 59. Large 2 room two story house, plastered and in good condition; cellar and cement basement, good well, chicken house, woodshed, 4 large lots, 50 bearing fruit trees. Price \$1500. One-half cash, balance easy terms. Will consider a trade.

No. 62. Choice lot 50x140, two blocks from Main street. Price \$250. Easy terms.

Large lot 75x144 on Shelton street, all fenced for chickens, small barn and some young fruit trees. Price \$200 and will sell on installments.

No. 52. Good high dry lot in Southwest Dallas 60x144, large barn 24x22 with shed full length on one side, desirable part of town. Price \$250.

No. 22. Two large lots on East Clay street, which is a very desirable part of town, 51x144, well filled. This property is very cheap and I will sell you both for \$285.

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