

# INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

AND WEST SIDE.

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## CHAS. BRICKER DROWNED

Steps From a Steamer at Ladue's Landing.

THE TALLEST MAN IN THE STATE.

His Home Was in Independence—Known Far and Wide as Polk County's Giant.

Friday morning a telephone dispatch reached this office from Portland stating that Charles Bricker, a well-known young man from Independence, was drowned accidentally in the Columbia at Ladue's Landing. How the accident occurred is best told by a dispatch to the Portland papers. It says:

"The body of Charles W. Bricker, a deckhand on the steamer Lurline, was brought to this city last night from Ladue's Landing, Washington, where Bricker was accidentally drowned Wednesday night. The dead man was a nephew of D. W. Sears, of Independence, who was the democratic candidate for secretary of state at the recent state election.

"Bricker was about seven feet tall, and was nearly 23 years old. His mother is Mrs. M. E. Bricker, of Independence. He was well-known around this city as the 'sandwich man,' because he frequently carried boards adorned with posters on his back. Bricker was anxious to get a position on a river steamer, and he began to work on the Lurline over a week ago, but after a short experience at Rainier, when he fell into the Columbia river, June 5, he said he had enough. Dripping with water after being rescued, he appeared to be strangely despondent, and said to one of the crew: 'Well, if I had gone down, the little lady would have got \$2000.' It is supposed he referred to his mother.

"Wednesday morning Bricker appeared on board the Lurline, at her dock in this city, and asked Captain W. E. Larkins for a position, which was given to him. Bricker worked hard on the trip down the river, and Wednesday night about 11:30 o'clock, two of the crew were unloading freight at Ladue's Landing, about 50 miles from Portland. They were carrying freight ashore on the wharf, and Bricker started to walk after them. It was a moonlight night, and there were several lanterns lighted on the steamer and on the wharf, but Captain Larkins, who was on the bridge, was somehow afraid that some harm might happen to Bricker, as the latter had an unlucky faculty of meeting with accidents, and the captain called out: 'Bricker, come back here. Don't walk ashore.' But Bricker paid no heed to the warning, and when he came to a sharp angle on the wharf, instead of following the incline he walked straight ahead into the river. 'Man overboard,' came from the steamer, but when the crew reached the place where the man had disappeared there was no trace of him. The grappling irons were placed in oper-



State Normal School Building.

ation, but the body was not found until 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Bricker was not married. His body is at Holman's undertaking parlors."

The remains were brought to Independence Saturday, and interment occurred at Dallas cemetery.

## THE ROSE FAIR.

Most Successful Affair of Its Kind Held Here.

Last Thursday and Friday evenings the ladies of the Presbyterian church inaugurated and brought to a successful close the most elaborate rose fair ever held in Independence.

On Thursday evening the ladies put on a colored minstrel entertainment. The up-to-date, well-rendered rag-time selections and the specialties by the "end-men" brought down the house.

On Friday evening a literary and musical program of high merit was rendered. Those present were also treated to ice cream.

The entertainment features, however, were not all of the fair. Elaborate displays of choice roses were arranged on tables in front of the stage and in the rear of the hall, and if ever there was a doubt of the Willamette valley being the spot where the world's choicest roses were raised, it was quickly dispelled by an examination of the tasty floral displays by the ladies. The gross receipts of the two evenings amounted to \$115.05, and as expenses were moderately light, the ladies will clear up a neat sum to apply to church work.

Herewith is appended a list of premium winners:

COLLECTION OF 10 VARIETIES.  
1st prize—Mrs. O. D. Butler, \$2.  
2nd prize—Mrs. T. W. Brunk, \$1.

COLLECTION OF 4 VARIETIES.  
1st prize—Mrs. A. S. Locke, \$1.  
2nd prize—Mrs. W. H. Craven, 50c.

SPECIMEN WHITE ROSE.  
1st prize—Mrs. D. A. Hodge, 50c.  
2nd prize—Mrs. J. D. Irvine, 25c.

SPECIMEN RED ROSE.  
1st prize—Mr. Chas. Macaulay, 50c.  
2nd prize—Mrs. T. W. Brunk, 25c.

SPECIMEN PINK ROSE.  
1st prize—Mrs. T. W. Brunk, 50c.  
2nd prize—Mrs. O. M. Jones, 25c.

SPECIMEN YELLOW ROSE.  
1st prize—Mrs. A. S. Locke, 50c.  
2nd prize—Mrs. O. M. Jones, 25c.

First-class wood work done at Hilliard & Plymale's.

## INSTANTLY KILLED.

Well-Known Former Resident of Polk County Meets Death.

DR. WM. J. MCDANIEL, OF PORTLAND

Falls From His Wheel and is Run Over by a City & Suburban Electric Car.

While on his way to the house of a sick patient, whom he had been hurriedly called to attend, Dr. Wm. J. McDaniel was run down and instantly killed by a City & Suburban electric car on Williams avenue, at 6:35 o'clock on Friday morning.

Being slightly deaf the physician did not hear the approaching car, which was going in the same direction. Unconscious of danger he crossed the track just as the car came up and in a moment was thrown off his wheel and under the car, the front truck passing over his body and mangling it in a frightful manner and causing almost instant death.

Dr. McDaniel was a well known physician in Albina. He had an office at 847 Mississippi avenue, over the Multnomah drug store. Shortly after six o'clock Friday morning he was called out of bed to attend a sick patient on Williams avenue. Taking his wheel the physician was soon speeding northward along Williams avenue. There is a double track along this thoroughfare, and the doctor rode between the two tracks, as there is a good, hard path there, and the rider was able to make better time than if he took to the side of the road.

At the corner of Shayer street a south-bound car stopped to take on some passengers. Whether Dr. McDaniel turned and started across the northbound track to avoid the car in front of him, or to get a smoother path is, of course, a matter of conjecture, but it was probably one or the other of these reasons, for he made a deliberate turn into the northbound track to meet almost instant death by the car behind him. According to those on the down car the rider could not have been aware of the close proximity of a second car. Had he been he would not have attempted to cross the track with the car so close to him.

P. Hill, of St. Johns, stood beside Motorman Thomas on the down car. Both men saw the wheelman and supposed, of course, he would keep between the tracks, as there was plenty of room, even though the cars passed simultaneously. However, the incident was sufficiently unusual to cause comment from Hill.

"What chances a man will run," remarked Hill, and no sooner had the words left his lips than the rider turned in front of the car behind him and was literally ground to pieces.

"He couldn't have known that car was behind him," said Hill afterwards. "He probably wished to avoid us, and so started to cross

the other track. As he turned he apparently saw the danger, but it was then too late. He jumped, or rather fell from his wheel, and rolled under the car."

The car which killed McDaniel was No. 47, of the Williams-avenue line. It was in charge of Conductor C. M. Pye and Motorman G. H. Kain, and was going at a speed of about eight miles an hour. Motorman Kain says he rang his gong repeatedly, and also yelled to the rider. Kain supposed the bicyclist intended staying between the two tracks, and so was hurrying along his car, that the two might not pass each other at the same time. There were no passengers on car 47. The down car was in charge of Conductor Hugh Love.

Edward Stansbury, a teamster, was driving near by when the accident happened. He confirms the stories told by Hill and the railroad men. The body, which was fearfully cut up, the wheels passing completely over him, was taken to Holman's undertaking rooms, and the inquest held by the coroner at 4:30 that afternoon.

Dr. W. J. McDaniel was a native of Polk county, Oregon. He was born February 9, 1853, and in 1880 he was graduated from the State University, and in 1883 from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. For five years succeeding his graduation he practiced medicine in Yamhill county. He then came to Portland and had practiced here for 14 years. His character was of the best type. He became a member of the Baptist church when nine years of age. He was married in 1880 to Miss Julia Adams, who survives him. Three children were born to them, but only one is now living.—Telegram.

## TRAINING SCHOOL.

The O. S. N. S. Grants Seventeen Diplomas.

The O. S. N. S. Training Department closed its work for this year with credit to both teachers and students.

State diplomas to those completing the eighth grade work were granted to the following:

Frank Butler, Robert Bruce, Milton Force, Minnie Clodfelter, Susie Fream, Alice M. Mack, Vera Murphy, Glenn W. Percival, Ray Groves, Frances L. Pettit, Verna Wentz, Lillian Cox, Cecile Wilcox, Madge Wheelock, Harry M. Stine, Peter J. Flynn, Lephah Hawley.

## Fiftieth Anniversary.

Sunday's Oregonian contained photos of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Shreve, old and respected pioneers of Dallas, who had last Wednesday celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Shreve are pioneers, having crossed the plains in the same caravan in 1851. The following year they were married, at what is now Smithfield, and have lived in Polk county ever since. Mr. Shreve was born August 27, 1825, and Mrs. Shreve September 12, 1829. Eight children were the fruit of this union. Those living are: Mrs. A. B. Muir, of Dallas; Lot L. Shreve, of Antelope, Or.; Mrs. Nellie Jacobson, of Portland; A. L. Shreve, of Stayton, Or.; W. Shreve, of Portland; and Miss Catherine H. Shreve, of Dallas.

## School Meeting.

Pursuant to notice given the legal voters of school district No. 29, of Polk county, the regular annual meeting was held on Monday, June 16, 1902, in the school building at Independence.

E. L. Ketchum, chairman of the board of directors, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last annual meeting held on March 4, 1901, and also of a special meeting held on September 28, 1901, and January 18, 1902, were read and approved.

G. L. Hawkins was elected to serve one year to fill the unexpired term of A. J. Goodman, resigned, and E. L. Ketchum was elected a director to serve three years.

J. D. Irvine was elected clerk to serve one year.

The school clerk made his annual report. It shows receipts as follows:

Bal. on hand Mar. 4, '01...	\$ 19 26
District taxes .....	4403 72
County school fund .....	3483 85
Tuition .....	14 00
All other sources .....	27 29
Overdraft in bank .....	1 23

Total receipts.....\$7949 35  
The disbursements were as follows:

Outstanding war. paid .....	\$7669 50
Insurance on building .....	240 00
Repairs on furnace .....	39 85

Total disbursements.....\$7949 35

## A New Thresher Outfit.

Special from Calvary.

Evans has purchased a new complete advance threshing outfit with all the latest improvements consisting of twenty-horse-power-compound engine and straw-burner, 36 x 60 separator, with self feeder and blower, with all new bundle racks. This will be one of the most complete outfits in the valley. Mr. Evans has had several years of experience in the threshing business and knows how to manage a thresher and crew about right. A good thresher outfit is something that has been needed here for some time and we predict for him a big run this summer.

## Ten Years in Bed.

R. A. Gray, J. P. Oakville, Ind., writes, "For ten years I was confined to my bed with disease of my kidneys. It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a Godsend to me." Sold by A. S. Locke.