

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT

Five Hundred People Precipitated Into the River Below.

It Was the Morrison Street Bridge -- Crowd Was Watching an Armless Man Swim the River

(Scripps News Association.)
Portland, July 31, 3:37 p. m.—The expected and long feared casualty has happened.

The middle span of the Morrison street bridge covered and crowded with men, women and children, fell this afternoon with a terrible crash, while shouts of despair and agony filled the air.

The crowd was brought together to see an armless man swim the river and was watching the performance when the old and rotten structure gave away.

Fifty people are reported lost, men, woman and children, though the figures may be double that number.

FELL ON BOAT HOUSE.

A half thousand would have been drowned but for the location of the Oregon Rowing Company's rowing and boat house directly under the wrecked span. The lowest estimate gives five hundred people as having went down with the wreck.

Many are seriously injured and not a few fatally.

The fire department was called out at once and is assisting in taking the injured from the wreck.

The crash occurred at 3:10 o'clock and was heard throughout the central part of the city.

Chinaman Suicided.

(Scripps News Association.)
Heppner, July 31.—Wong Hopg Quong, confessed Chinese murderer of his countryman Wong Ching a week ago at Heppner Junction, committed suicide by hanging himself in his jail cell here last night.

THE BRIDGE DISASTER

(Scripps News Association.)

Portland, August 1.—The fall of a portion of the Morrison street bridge with its load of human freight continues to be the absorbing topic.

An inspection of the bridge shows that rotten timbers in the middle of the span that should have supported the portion of the bridge used by foot passengers, gave way under its solidly packed load of human freight estimated at not less than seventy-five tons.

A 5x12 inch timber first broke and that allowed the walk on each side back to the next support, a distance of forty feet altogether, to fall, sink down like a V or funnel onto two small boushouses.

DEAD AND INJURED.

Miss Lottie E. Cameron, aged 16 years, was found under timbers at the bottom of the river with crushed hips. Eddie Shanks, aged 13, was crushed to death.

One hundred and twenty-one persons were injured, some fatally, according to attending doctors, and thirty seriously.

The hospitals are full of injured with many at their homes.

One woman had both arms and legs broken.

Four skulls were fractured.

Several persons are still unaccounted for.

Multnomah county owns the bridge and will have to stand many damage suits for injuries and loss of life.

The construction of a new bridge has been under consideration for some time, but the Suburban Street Railway, which has a lease on the privilege of running cars across the bridge, held up the project as under the new charter it would have to bear part of the expense.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic
has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c.
Enclosed with every bottle is a Ten Cent package of Grove's Black Root Liver Pills.

Rampolla Leads for Pope.
(Scripps News Association.)
Rome, August 1.—The secret conclave took two ballots today for a Pope to succeed Pope Leo.
There was no election.
Both ballots gave Cardinal Rampolla a large lead.

Railroad Merger Legal.

(Scripps News Association.)

St. Paul, Minn., August 1.—Judge Lechman in the United States district court for Minnesota, handed down a decision today in the suit of the United States against the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads brought under the interstate commerce law prohibiting combinations of public carriers.

Judge Lechman holds the merger of the two roads into the Northern Securities Company is legal in every particular.

It is a great victory for Jim Hill and will allow him to consummate his designs of a great Northwest road.

SIUSLAW LOGGING AND OTHER NOTES

All the Camps Doing a Prosperous Business in the Coast Section.

Mapleton, July 30.—Jesse Nickols has about finished logging the timber on the Brewer place. He will move his engine and teams to Mapleton and put in some he has cut here. He will then move up the river to Meadow, where he has about 9,000,000 feet to put in the river.

The Phelps Brothers, who have the largest engine on the river are running short handed but are putting in about 20,000 feet a day. They expect to make a new set next week where they will do much better.

The O. W. Hurd Company are fixing a large camp on Hadsell Creek and will soon have a large road engine doing business there and from all appearances will make things hum.

The O. W. Hurd Company's mill at Florence is nearing completion, and their tug, the Koscoe, will shortly be here when they will be able to push their business much faster.

Myer & Kyle have finished their dock at Mapleton and it is a credit to the company and the town.

Joe Siemens has just completed a large barn.

The Mapleton Hotel is doing a good business.

The capacity of the Mapleton feed stable will soon be doubted as it is proved that it is unable to supply the accommodations needed.

NEW BRIDGES TO CROSS MILL RACE

The street committee of the city council has made an examination of three bridges supported by the city crossing the mill race and find that they should be replaced by new structures. While these bridges are not in dangerous condition they will be in a few months' time and it is deemed best to replace them at an early date rather than wait for their deficiencies to be demonstrated by falling down with a heavy load and probably causing a heavy suit for damages.

The East Ninth street, East Eighth street and Patterson street bridges are the ones discussed. They were condemned by the street commissioner several months ago.

Councilmen J. D. Matlock, Geo. B. Dorris and T. B. Anderson are members of the street committee, with the Mayor ex-officio. They will work in conjunction with the street commissioner and have all the bridges replaced as rapidly as possible.

The new structures will be high enough over the water to permit easy boating beneath.

J. M. EDDY BOUGHT LUMBER YARD

Yesterday afternoon a deal was completed wherein Long & Bingham, of Cottage Grove, who have conducted a lumber yard at East Fourth and Pearl streets, just north of the railroad, sold the lumber and the business to J. M. Eddy, well known contractor.

Mr. Eddy will continue to conduct the yard and will have a man in charge of the same at all times.

C. F. Mitchell has been the local representative of Long & Bingham and has conducted the business along first-class lines.

FOUND THE LOVE GERM

Baker City Doctor Claims Love is a Disease.

No News of Folsom Escapes—The Usual Metropolis' Holdup.

(Scripps News Association.)

Portland July 31.—John Whitney was held up at Thirteenth and Alder streets, right in the heart of the city, last night by two masked men.

He was robbed of \$100 in gold and \$4 in silver.

When they left him it was with an oath and a threat to kill him if he made outcry before they got out of sight.

State Appointment.

(Scripps News Association.)

Salem, July 31.—Governor Chamberlain today appointed Oswald West, of Astoria, to the position of State Land Agent.

Mr. West succeeds J. W. Morrow who resigned to become tax agent for the O. R. & N. Co.

The Love "Germ."

(Scripps News Association.)

Baker City, July 31.—Dr. T. N. Snow, of this city, after ten years of study in Germany at the leading German medical schools, makes announcement that he has discovered a brain germ that is responsible for love, the same as other germs propagate disease.

Dr. Snow says the love germ has its seat in the brain. A company has been formed by New York and Berlin scientists to continue the investigations on the lines laid down by Dr. Snow.

Escaped Folsom Convicts

(Scripps News Association.)

Lotus Cal., July 31.—The escaped convicts from Folsom penitentiary, at least all that have remained in a crowd, have been located on Weber Creek.

A posse faces them on the other side of the creek but does not deem itself strong enough to move against them.

Messenger Taylor has been sent to Folsom for more help.

He says the Placerville militia are six miles away and lending no assistance.

The convicts cannot be taken without help.

OREGON ELKS IN THE EAST

The Oregon Elks who attended the recent grand lodge and carnival in Baltimore, went sight-seeing in Washington a few days ago. The party included Dr. E. B. McDonald, of Baker City, deputy district grand exalted ruler for the state; P. W. De Huff and wife, of The Dalles; George B. Small, of Baker City; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson and Robert Wallbrunn, of Baker City; Dr. W. H. Byrd, and daughter, Miss Winnifred, of Salem. The other members of the Oregon delegation John Lamont, and H. C. Hipple, of Portland; J. H. Pearce and Rev. L. Pryzbelski, of La Grande; are visiting in Philadelphia.

Throughout the grand carnival the Oregon contingent industriously distributed among Eastern Elks a vast amount of literature advertising Oregon and the Lewis and Clark expedition, and in the parade decorated their carriages with streamers bearing the words: "Oregon Elks, Lewis and Clark Fair, 1906." The delegation found that the fair is but slightly known in the East, and say it should be extensively advertised in order to give it the prominence it deserves.

A dispatch to the Portland Telegram from San Francisco says: Acting Chief of Police Martin has been notified of the arrest in Lane county, Oregon, of E. B. Hunsaker, who is wanted here on a charge of felony embezzlement. Hunsaker fled to the north and was arrested at Eugene by the deputy sheriff. A detective will be sent north for the prisoner. (Elks Hunsaker is held awaiting a San Francisco officer, in the county jail here.)

Both the young people are well and favorably known in this vicinity and the hearty well wishes of a host of sincere friends accompany them on their commencement of wedded life.

A WAYWARD GIRL TAKES MORPHINE

Roseburg, July 30.—Penniless, without friends and worried past endurance over a love affair, a pretty girl of nineteen summers who gives her name as Cecil Porter and home as Marshfield, attempted to leave this cold, unsympathetic world yesterday by the poison route, at the Central Hotel in Roseburg. By mere chance the girl was discovered in her room shortly after seven o'clock in the evening, lying on the floor unconscious. Dr. Dutias was immediately summoned and an investigation disclosed the fact that the girl had swallowed a large dose of morphine. In the folds of her dress was concealed a revolver taken from an adjoining room with which it is thought the girl at first determined to end her existence before changing her mind and using the poison. Only by the hardest kind of work was the girl's existence prolonged. About 9 o'clock this morning she regained her senses and expressed disappointment at the failure of her attempt, and at the same time declaring her intention to kill herself at the very next opportunity.

A WAYWARD LIFE.

The unfortunate girl is wayward. With another girl she came here from Coos county about ten days ago with the intention of proceeding on to Portland to join a minstrel troupe. Pursuant to instructions from her relatives Sheriff Parrott stopped the companion of the girl here, and she was taken home by her brother-in-law, Miss Porter declining to accompany her back. To Mrs. Krakenberg, the proprietress of the Central Hotel, Miss Porter confided a hard-luck story, but steadfastly refused to give her name until after her unsuccessful attempt to end her life.

LOVED A MARRIED MAN.

A letter was found in her room addressed to a married man at Marshfield, and formerly a resident of Roseburg, with whom she appears to be infatuated. In the letters she made insinuations of her intention to kill herself and stated that she would wait his arrival here till August 4th. The letter was signed: "You know who."

COMMERCIAL CLUB HELPS SIUSLAW

(Daily Guard, August 1.)

At a special meeting of the Eugene Commercial Club last evening the matter of Siuslaw improvement was presented to the assembled members by O. W. Hurd, the Florence merchant. He was here recently and gave an outline of his intentions.

He has prepared a petition to be presented to the Secretary of War and Congress embodying the sentiment of the signers that the improvements which were ordered stopped by the Secretary recently, be continued at the expense of the government. He has secured the endorsement of Congressmen Williamson and Hermann and is now visiting various bodies of influence to secure cooperation in the matter.

There was no difficulty about securing the unqualified endorsement of the Commercial Club, as a body and individually.

Mr. Hurd went to Portland today to lay the matter before people there. He will visit San Francisco for the same purpose later.

The Coos Bay League.

Bandon continues to lead in the Coos Bay baseball tournament, with 8 won and 2 lost. North Bend is next with 6 won and 3 lost, Marshfield 5 won and 4 lost and Coquille 10 straight losses and no wins.

By the way, they play good ball in that league. Every season the little towns, with a population ranging from 300 to 600, except Marshfield, which has 2000 or 2500, keep up teams and the scores indicate that they play just as good ball as any minor league on the Pacific coast.

Oats On Uncovered Soil.

In his hunt for seed sheaf, oats for the State and District Fairs, E. M. Warren informs us the best specimens seen is growing on a subsoil.

He found it on the Ames, formerly B. W. Baker place, three miles north of Eugene. A ditch had been dug several feet deep and in sowing the adjacent field seed oats had fallen on to the side. The stalks are large and tall while the heads are easily a foot long with very heavy grain.

Married.

Miss Carrie E. Pennington was married Wednesday evening, July 25, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Pennington, two miles north of Eugene, to C. C. Skinner. Rev. J. C. Richardson performed the ceremony.

Both the young people are well and favorably known in this vicinity and the hearty well wishes of a host of sincere friends accompany them on their commencement of wedded life.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Thunder Bolt Struck a Yachting Party at Mobile.

One of the Escaped Folsom Convicts Was Shot Yesterday—Russian Rioters Fired Upon.

St. Petersburg, via frontier, Aug. 3.—There are reports that there were fresh collisions between the troops and strikers on the Trans-Caucasian Railway, near Tiflis, last Thursday. Troops were ordered to fire on the rioters, who were using revolvers, with the result that 21 workmen were killed.

The removal of a rail by the strikers wrecked a Trans-Caucasian train. Twelve carriages were smashed and two persons killed. It is asserted that the Armenians are inciting the strikers.

Killed by Lightning

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 3.—The pleasure yacht Florodora was struck by lightning Sunday afternoon off the wharf at Point Clear, on Mobile Bay, killing three men. The dead are: Leonard Scott, ex-president of the Imperial University at Kosioga, Japan; Bruce Granville Lincoln, a wealthy young Englishman, visiting Mobile in connection with coal investments; William Brewster, pilot of the yacht. Mr. Scott's daughter and Charles Baldwin, engineer, were burned by the bolt, but not fatally injured.

One Convict Shot.

Dutch Flat, Cal., Aug. 3.—Two of the Folsom convicts were surrounded here Sunday evening and a fight ensued. It is supposed that one of the convicts was shot by Glen Wedgewood, who was shot in the hand by the convicts.

Big Corporation Pays Fees.

Salem, August 3.—The largest foreign corporation doing business in the state filed its declaration of intention to operate in Oregon the other day. The declaration was filed in the office of Secretary of State F. L. Dunbar, and the usual fee was paid. The corporation in question is the American Steel & Wire Company, of New Jersey and its capital stock aggregates the modest sum of \$30,000,000. The declaration fee paid was \$50, and the annual license fee \$200.

PORTLAND AND COAST SHIPPING

(Special Correspondence.)

Mapleton, July 30.—With a fleet of eight schooners and a large steamer making regular trips from this port to San Francisco, the gross injustice of stopping the improvement of the bar at the mouth of the river, becomes more and more apparent. Some day Oregon capitalists, and more especially those of Portland, may possibly awake to the fact that while they are trying to hog everything for Portland and the Columbia River, San Francisco is making friends along the whole coast and taking the pie from their very doors. Some day they may realize that the only way to make a thriving metropolis of Portland is to improve the whole state; but then?

The mills are all running to about their full capacity, vessels are coming and going in spite of the low water, logging camps are running as they were never before run here, new camps are being established, the hay crop is enormous and has been taken care of in good shape, but the supply is away short of the demand, and large quantities will be shipped here from California and sold for from fifteen to twenty dollars per ton. A large profit on all this industry goes to San Francisco.

This is a picture of what is being done at all of the Oregon ports from Tillamook down.

Why don't we buy Oregon hay when Oregon farmers have to burn?

Why do we buy so much California flour?

Why does all of our merchandise come from San Francisco?

Why does all of our lumber go to California?

And last, is there such a place as Portland in Oregon? And if there is do they do any business beside hogging?

Bridges-Briggs.

Miss Pearl A. Briggs, well known in Eugene, a niece of Mrs. F. A. Rankin, was married at Sodusville, Or., July 21, 1903, to T. B. Bridges, Rev. Beason, of the Evangelical church, officiating. The happy couple left Wednesday afternoon for San Francisco, their future home, where the groom has a position in the San Francisco Business College. The many friends of the bride in Eugene extend congratulations.

Born.

This morning, July 31, to Mrs. Rose Gilmore, of Salem, at the home of her parents, Mrs. and Mr. Noah Groes, a girl.

IMMENSE DEMAND FOR BRICK

With two big business blocks in course of construction, one just finished and the ground being cleared for another, the demand for brick is very great—greater than at any time in the history of Eugene.

J. M. Martin, proprietor of the local brick yard, says that his plant is taxed to its greatest capacity and he cannot begin to fill the orders that come in. He has just finished another kiln of 500,000 brick and says he could easily dispose of over 2,000,000 if he had the capacity.

Mr. Martin says that three brick yards, the ones at Oakland, Salem and his own, cannot keep the Eugene masons busy. All during the summer the builders have been lucky if they could keep busy two weeks at a time without stopping on account of lack of brick. Mr. Martin says that his retail trade—small orders—alone has been enough this summer to keep a good sized brick yard busy all the time. A certain amount of brick is used on every residence put up, and as there is a house going up on nearly every block, it is plain to see that the small order business in brick is of no mean proportions.

DEATH ADDS ITS STING TO MISERY

(Daily Guard, August 1.)

Mrs. Jane Wickham died yesterday at the Thurston poor farm where she had been taken about a week ago upon taking sick at her home near Henderson station. Her story has been a sad one.

Late last spring her husband, E. H. Wickham, eloped from home with his wife's sister and went to Washington, where all trace was lost. Mrs. Wickham sought for him for a while but finally gave up the search and returned to her little home to eke out an existence on the place. She has succeeded in a measure. But her purse could not stand the illness which came upon her a few weeks ago, and no longer able to do for herself, friends took care of her until she was taken in charge by the county and treated at the county poor farm. She was in poor spirits, grieving over her misfortune continually. Her condition is said to have preyed upon her mind and induced a sudden attack of heart failure which relieved her of all earthly burdens at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She died before medical assistance could be obtained from Eugene.

She was 54 years of age and was well known for her fine qualities throughout this part of the county. The funeral was held this afternoon at Thurston and burial took place there.

Captain Isaac Gray.

Capt. Isaac Gray was born at Arrington, Isle of Wight, England, Oct. 29, 1829, and died in Portland, Oregon, July 14, 1903.

He came to this country in 1830, with his parents who settled in Bush county, Indiana. In 1836 they moved to Adams county, Illinois, where they were pioneer settlers. Here the subject of this sketch grew to manhood, then left the old home and settled in Stillwater, Minnesota, where he engaged in various enterprises, but soon abandoned all to take up the steamboat and commission business which he followed for twenty years, his route extending from St. Paul to St. Louis.

In 1855 he married Miss Elizabeth Sheasby, who died in 1868, leaving six children, Isaac and Sara, of Portland, Wm. W., of Chicago, Richard and John of Eugene, and Elizabeth, of Stillwater, Minnesota. In 1872 he married Miss Elizabeth Bradford who died in 1880, leaving one son, George, of Arizona.

In 1879 he went to South Dakota, where he was extensively engaged in farming and stockraising. Here he erected a school building known as Gray's school house. In the fall of 1888 he moved to Eureka, Cal., where he remained, but one year, thence to Eugene. In 1881 he married Miss Dora Kinck who with five children, all of Eugene, survive him.

Capt. Gray was of a retiring disposition but those who knew him best knew a man of strictest integrity. Behind his mask of seeming coldness was a sympathetic heart and an abiding affection for all his family and friends who sincerely mourn his loss.

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BIG FIRE AT HALSEY

Business Portion of Town Completely Wiped Out.

The Loss is About \$100,000—Fire Occured Last Evening About Five O'clock.

Albany, Or., August 1.—By the largest and most destructive fire in the history of Linn county, the business section of the town of Halsey was almost completely destroyed yesterday evening. The loss was immense and is variously estimated between \$60,000 and \$100,000, the general estimate being \$70,000. With the exception of one store and warehouse every business house on the west side of the S. P. track was destroyed. One large warehouse, the postoffice, ten stores, several smaller business houses and one splendid residence went up in smoke. There were no serious casualties, only one man being slightly injured.

THE LOSERS.

The principal buildings burned together with the estimated losses follow:

Warehouse, owned by the Balfour Guthrie Company, of Portland; loss \$15,000.

Storehouse, owned by M. V. Kountz; loss, \$5,000.

Creamery, owned by Mr. Kauchplek; loss, \$3,500.

A. T. McCully's big merchandise store; loss, \$6,500.

Postoffice; loss, \$1,000.

General merchandise store of D. S. McWilliams, and Odd Fellow's Hall; loss, \$20,000.

H. W. Davis' drug store; loss, \$2,000.

E. Ward's confectionery store; loss, \$500.

Mrs. Ward's millinery store; loss, \$500.

Hardware store and tinshop, owned by J. A. Cross and Alex Powers; loss, \$1,500.

Gulliford's hay barn; loss \$10,000.

B. Wilson's bicycle shop; \$200.

Bennett's barber shop; loss, \$400.

H. S. Owen's residence; loss, \$1,500.

T. P. Patten's butcher shop; loss, \$300.

Part of these losses were covered by insurance.

The fire started at 5:20 in the Halsey creamery, and aided by a strong north wind, swept rapidly southward, sweeping almost everything in its path.

ALBANY HELPS.

As Halsey has no fire department the Albany Fire Department was sent for and responded promptly. The fire alarm sounded in Albany at 6:55 o'clock and within 25 minutes No. 2's fire engine was loaded on a flatcar and a special train carrying about 100 firemen and volunteers was pulling out for Halsey. The run of 18 miles was made in 22 minutes. The first half of the trip was not very fast, but the latter part of the distance was covered at a rate of less than a mile a minute.

By the time the Albany Department arrived the buildings which had caught fire had all fallen so all they could do was to prevent the fire from spreading further, but in this work they rendered meritorious service for two hours.

STRANGE DEFENSE FOR A MURDERER

Baker City, July 30.—Mrs. Cora Rockwell is bothering the county officials with a hypnotism defense for Pleasant Armstrong, who has been convicted of the murder of his sweetheart, Minnie Ensminger, last Christmas morning. She says another young man of Baker City did the crime and has Armstrong under control by hypnotic suggestion. She lays the Armstrong confession to the work of this mysterious young man. She has provided the county officers with a floor diagram of a house in Baker City in which she alleges three murders have been committed since July 1. She says the bodies of the dead people are now in certain rooms and offers to lead the officers there if they will follow. Robberies invariably preceded the murders. Mrs. Rockwell was formerly in the United States secret service.

Wm. Preston is preparing to move his residence now situated on East Fifth and Pearl streets to the lower end of his lot. He will build on the corner next spring.

The work of excavating for Moon & Tingley's new brick building on East Ninth street has been commenced. The building will be 60x114 feet and two stories high. J. M. Eddy has the contract for its erection.

Willamette street is blocked near Seventh street with building material. It is a healthy blockade, the kind that citizens will stand at any time. Brick, mortar, lumber, and all kinds of such material is welcome as long as it takes place in substantial buildings on our main streets. The Beckwith block and opera house have furnished their share of healthy blockades.