

**MRS. MYRTLE HATFIELD
DIED--CAUSE UNKNOWN**

CASE INVESTIGATED BY CORONER'S JURY

Was Apparently in Excellent Spirits Short Time Before Found Gasping for Air--Services Were Held Tuesday.

"We, the jury, find that deceased died from a cause unknown." Such was the verdict rendered yesterday morning by the coroner's jury which had been investigating the death of Mrs. Myrtle Pease Hatfield, who died at her home in this city last Friday evening about ten o'clock under peculiar circumstances.

Mrs. Hatfield was found a few minutes before six o'clock, three hours before she passed away, lying on a bed in her home and gasping for breath. Her mother, Mrs. Clinton Pease, who discovered her in a dying state, had left her but a short time previously in apparently good condition, and with no evident symptoms of the approaching shadow.

Dr. F. A. Bailey, of Hillsboro, who performed the autopsy assisted by Dr. R. E. Yenney, of Portland, and Coroner Barrett, of the county seat, gave an exhaustive report to the jury, in which he stated that every portion of the body, and each particular organ, had been carefully examined, without the slightest indication being shown as to the cause of death. The stomach of the dead woman was placed under a chemical analysis by Prof. Pernoe, of Portland, and found perfectly normal. No trace of a foreign substance, such as would cause death, was discovered. Dr. Bailey could give no reason for the sudden collapse and death of Mrs. Hatfield, other than apnoea, (cessation of respiration before the heart ceased to beat), and states that the contributory causes were unknown to him or the consulting experts.

The death of Mrs. Hatfield will be one of the peculiar mysteries of the medical profession, which occasionally are found. The case has proved puzzling in every respect, and taxed the knowledge of the best physicians of this and other cities.

Mrs. Myrtle Pease Hatfield was born in Newton, Iowa, in 1873. She came to Oregon with her parents who located in Albany, in 1899. She taught in the public schools of that city for five years, and after two years in the district schools of the rural sections, spent three years at Mt. Tabor, resigning to accept a position with the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. While connected with this organization she traveled throughout the state looking after neglected children, often undergoing great hardship and privation in the pursuit of duty. October 4, 1911, she was married to Charles Hatfield, a retired merchant of this city, and the couple lived here continuously since, in a bungalow adjoining one occupied by the father and mother of the deceased, who came to Forest Grove from Albany in the spring of 1912.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, and the remains were sent to Portland this afternoon for cremation.

Ten of the young people of the Congregational Christian Endeavor society got up Endeavor enthusiasm enough to walk out to Watts Sunday evening to help the young people there with their meeting.

Handsome New Store Front.

The new display windows and entrances to the Goff Brothers Hardware establishment have been completed and add a hundred per cent to the appearance of the building. Two entrances have been provided, one opening on the corner Pacific avenue and Main street and the other on Pacific avenue proper. With the increased space given by the new arrangements Goff Brothers will now be enabled to make one of the largest window displays of any store in Forest Grove.

**EXPERT DAIRYMAN
TO VISIT GERMANY**

Fred'k Schomburg, a wealthy resident of Hillsboro, and owner of the Mountindale farm, one of the most successful dairy enterprises in Washington county, is preparing to visit his old home in Germany some time in May. The State Immigration commission will provide Mr. Schomburg with a quantity of descriptive literature of Oregon, printed in German, which he intends to distribute among his countrymen in an effort to induce a number of families to come to America and the Oregon country. Mr. Schomburg will devote his efforts entirely among the expert dairymen of the mother county.

Mr. Schomburg came to the United States 33 years ago and landed in Oregon with a little over a dollar in his pocket. He is now considered one of the wealthiest men in Washington county, and a recent offer of \$22,000 for his dairy farm, which last year gave a net profit of \$3,475, was declined.

Wandering Dog Returns Home.

W. P. Arthur was in this city Saturday wearing a smile of wide extent, for the valuable Collie Shephard dog which recently disappeared from his farm near Banks had finally been found and was once more occupying its accustomed place beside the family fireplace. The animal had been roaming through the Tillamook range for several days and finally appeared among the residents on upper Gales Creek. Mr. Arthur was notified by phone and searched unsuccessfully for two days in an effort to find it. The dog, however, was on the lookout and finally discovered the trail of Mr. Arthur's pony, following it to the house and waking the family up in the small hours of the morning to announce a safe return.

Make Change in Business Firm.

Chris Lashem, a recent arrival in this city from Devil's Lake, North Dakota, is arranging to purchase a half interest in the tinning and plumbing business of Wm. Weitzel. Mr. Lashem is an experienced tinsmith and plumber and considered an expert in the installation and arranging of heating systems for private and public buildings.

Attractive Easter Displays.

Schultz Market and Grocery have an unique display of rabbits and chicks in one of their windows which is attracting attention from the passers by. The Pioneer Drug store has also arranged an attractive window containing a family of China Pheasants. Other windows in the business section have been arranged in a pleasing manner commemorating Easter.

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**Colonel Goethals, Panama Canal
Engineer, and His "Success Smile"**

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Of course a man ought to smile all through life. It makes things easier. It's about the most humane philosophy the wise men have given us. True optimism leads to true smiles. Take our worthy friend Colonel Goethals, for example. His is a smile that means something. It means the Panama canal dug successfully. It means the triumph of the U. S. A. It means the scream of the grand old eagle. All honor to the smile and its wearer, the man who put through the biggest, most important, engineering enterprise of the greatest republic on the face of the earth.

Graduate of Tualatin Honored.

Miss Florence E. Avery, president of the Women's Choral Club of the University of Oregon, which gave its annual concert at the university last Saturday night, has for three years been prominent as a leader in the musical circles of the Oregon campus. She bears the distinction of being the first woman who has ever appeared as a soloist with the Men's Glee Club, having sung with them this year on their tour to Hood River. Under her presidency the Women's Choral Club has been this year closely organized for the first time in its history and has been recognized for the first time by vote of the student body as one of the student organizations. In the concert of the Women's Choral Club last night, Miss Avery took the role of Margaret Richie in the sketch, "When Irish Meets the Greek," and also appeared in a quartet and other features of the program. Her voice is a dramatic soprano. Miss Avery is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Avery, of Hood River, and is in her junior year at the University. She is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity.—Sunday Oregonian.

Miss Avery is a graduate of Tualatin academy of this city and a member of the Kappa Delta Society.

Grathwell Champion Orator.

Last Friday night, in Newberg, Samuel M. Gaathwell enhanced the fame of Pacific University as an educational center by winning first place in the annual Oregon intercollegiate oratorical contest, with an oration entitled "The College Man and Social Service." Howard Zimmerman, of the University of Oregon, won second place and Miss Loraine Johnson, of the Oregon Normal School, won third.

Sire of the Bondsman Dead.

Baron Wilkes 2:18, the original "Futurity Sire," died at the Baron Wilkes Stock Farm, Emporia, Kansas, February 25, at the age of thirty-two years. Baron Wilkes was a remarkably successful sire, his sons and daughters being noted for their race-horse abilities. He was sire of 119 trotters and thirty-four pacers. The Bondsman, owned by Captain C. P. McCan, of this city, is one of Baron Wilkes most successful sons, with forty-three trotters and three pacers to his credit.

**PIONEER CAPITAL-
IST DIED SUNDAY**

Hillsboro, Ore.—John Foote, an aged capitalist, died here Sunday afternoon at the home of his brother, Perry Foote, of the Tualatin Hotel. Foote was born in Blenheim, N. Y., August 2, 1837. He came to Oregon in 1863, and amassed a fortune in farming. He was one of the original founders of the old First National Bank, and for many years was associated in farming and banking with John W. Shute, the retired banker and capitalist.

He leaves the following brothers and a sister: Perry Foote, Hillsboro; A. L. Foote, Fayette, Iowa; Mrs. Amanda Rector, Delaney, N. Y., and W. C. Foote, of Esperance, N. Y.

Mr. Foote leaves a considerable estate, a portion of which goes to the heirs of the late Mrs. Eliza Litchy. A few years ago Foote deeded these heirs some land, retaining a life interest in them. Since making the deeds, which were also covered at time with a will, ended in a victory for the grantees.

Banks M. W. A. Gets Banner.

The camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Banks, won the magnificent silk state banner, offered by the head camp of the order to the Oregon camp making the largest per centage of increase in 1912. The banner now held by Rose City Camp, No. 5466, of Portland, will be presented to the Banks Woodmen the evening of March 29, when a delegation of Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors will go to Banks on a special train from Portland. The banner is given to the camp making the largest increase in any one year, and retained until it is again awarded the following year. Any camp winning it five times in succession retains it as the permanent property of the camp.

Blacksmith Threatened Life.

Hillsboro—J. C. Wegner, a blacksmith of Forest Grove, was brought to the county seat Saturday charged with making threats against the life of J. G. Lenneville, another blacksmith of the same city, who swore to the complaint. Wegner was placed under bonds to insure his good behavior.

Taxes Are Pouring In.

Hillsboro—Sheriff Reeves' office force is kept busy taking care of the tax payments which are arriving in a steady stream. At the last report, \$17,423.69 had been turned over to the county treasurer. The total amount of cash from taxes received to date is \$248,209.97.

E. D. Curtis, of Portland, visiting in this city over Sunday with his brother, Wm. Curtis.

**GREAT CROWD COMING
FOR OPENING OF TRACK**

COURSE IS NOW IN SPLENDID SHAPE

Six Events Scheduled for Each Day and Over \$300 in Prizes will be Given—Professional Riders Feature.

Twelve entries have been received to date for the motorcycle races that will be held on the Forest Grove track Saturday and Sunday. This will make a very large meet, as the greatest number of riders that have ever entered a similar affair in the Northwest has been sixteen, and there is every probability that at least a half-dozen more contestants will enter the local races.

Captain McCan has had a force of men working on the track for the past ten days and it is like a paved street. The motorcycles must have a smooth track as the tiniest pebble will cause them to swerve and go off the oval, often through a fence or field to the injury of the rider.

Not one of the professionals that will be with the Premier racing crew but has had at least three years experience. Brant, the Northwest champion, riding the Flying Merkel, has been at the game seven years, being one of the pioneers.

Using the best grade of gasoline, Liberty oil from Pennsylvania for lubrication and shod with U. S. tires, there will be little danger of preventable accidents. The only thing that can mar the days' sport is the chance of skidding on the turns, and as the track has been especially banked for the races and is in perfect condition, such a possibility is reduced to a minimum. The riders expect to do better than a mile a minute and will clip several seconds off Oldfield's 1:04 2-5 record.

The machines that will be used in the races arrived in this city Wednesday and several are on display in the Hinman-Gordon Hardware company store window, where the wicked looking little racers are causing much interest. There is a likeness between the rakish appearing speed cycles and the ones that are being used by riders in the city. The Indian and some of the prizes that it has won with Maskell piloting it are on display in the local agent's, Amos Lahaies' window. Some of the trophies that the crew have won are being shown in the window of the Star confectionery and motion photos of the same racers that are here, in action, are being shown at the Star theatre.

At least six events will be on each day's program. One race for beginners, two novelty races and three fast professional rides for big cash prizes. Over \$300 in prizes will be given.

Hess Will Raise Blooded Stock.

M. S. Hess, formerly of the John Day country, and until recently one of the proprietors of the U. S. Livery, in this city, has purchased a 222-acre farm of Mike Wirak, near Amity, the consideration being over \$12,000. Mr. Hess will engage in the raising of blooded stock. Chas. Brown has purchased the U. S. Barns for \$5,900.

Have you been waiting for a chance to buy a bit of second hand furniture, or machinery, or an auto, or office appliance, safe or other useful article at a "right" price? Keep in touch with the "For Sale" ads.