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### HARNEY VALLEY ITEMS.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1903.

### T. H. TONGUE DEAD

#### Sudden End of Oregon Representative.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Representative Thomas H. Tongue, of the First Oregon Congressional District in the presence of his daughter Bertha and his secretary, Miss Ruane, died suddenly in his room at the Irvington, in this city, at 12:50 this afternoon. A few minutes before he passed away he lapsed into unconsciousness, and died without a word, without any suffering. His son, Thomas H., Jr., did not reside with his father, but was notified of his approaching end, and hastened to his father's bedside, but did not reach there until after he had passed away.

The physicians who were summoned, and the family physician, Dr. Bovee, as well as the Coroner, agree that death was due to acute indigestion, which superinduced paralysis of the heart. Mr. Tongue had been in unusual health, and except for occasional attacks of dyspepsia, to which he has been subject of late years, has not complained of feeling badly this winter.

The funeral train will leave tomorrow for Mr. Tongue's home. It is expected that the special car carrying the remains will arrive in Portland Saturday afternoon in time to permit of the holding of funeral services at Hillsboro on Sunday. The details of the funeral have been left entirely to Mrs. Tongue and the members of the family in Oregon.

Accompanying the body in the special car will be Miss Bertha and Thomas H. Tongue, Jr., the daughter and son of Mr. Tongue; Miss Ruane, his secretary, and Miss Marcia Paschal, of this city, an intimate friend of Miss Tongue, together with the Congressional escort consisting of Representatives Moody, of Oregon; Bishop, of Michigan; Davidson, of Wisconsin; Ramsdell, of Louisiana, and Bellamy of North Carolina.

Senator Mitchell said he found it impossible to go, as he has two important cases coming up in the Supreme Court, aside from important Oregon legislation pending, and his colleague, Senator Simon, says he has but recently come from Oregon and does not care to return so soon.

Representative Moody said that, in addition to his personal sorrow at the death of his colleague and the sad errand upon which he returned to Oregon at this time, he left Washington with great regret, owing to the fact that it left his state temporarily without representation in the House at a time when there are important matters pending in which the people of Oregon are deeply concerned, but he felt it was a duty he owed, not only to his late colleague, but to his family and his constituents. He believed that it would be the sentiment of the people of his own dis-

trict, as well as the First, that he at least should be a member of the Congressional escort to his former home, as otherwise his state would not have been represented thereon. He anticipates that there will be lack of attention to the state's interest in the House, as practically all of the Western members realize the situation and volunteered to give them their special attention during Mr. Moody's absence.

Mr. Moody will return to Washington directly after the funeral.

#### Career of Thomas H. Tongue.

Thomas H. Tongue, who had attained state prominence long before he became a National figure, was born in England on June 23, 1844. His parents were Anthony and Rebecca (Lawson) Tongue, and he was their only child. He was educated in England until his 15th year, when his parents emigrated directly to Washington County, Oregon, where they located on a farm several miles north of Hillsboro, where his parents yet reside. Young Tongue had had fairly good advantages in the English schools and as soon as he arrived in Hillsboro he worked incessantly to give himself a finished education. Attending district school on the North Tualatin Plains for a few years, he finally concluded to take a collegiate course and so entered the Pacific University from which place he graduated with high honors in 1868. Upon leaving the university he commenced the study of law under Hon. W. D. Hare, and so apt a scholar was he that he was admitted to the bar in 1870. Mr. Tongue soon became the leading attorney in Washington County, by close application to business, aided by natural ability. He early espoused the principles of the Republican party, by which party he was several times honored by nominations. In 1896 he was elected to Congress which place he has since held. During his six years in Congress Mr. Tongue did much good for his state.

Mr. Tongue was a past master Mason, an Odd Fellow and was a member of the Grange at Hillsboro.

#### County Court Proceedings.

In the matter of the survey of Silves Valley as a reservoir site John E. Johnson, who was employed by the county court to determine the practicability of constructing a reservoir in said valley for the purpose of storing water to be used in irrigating Government lands in Harney Valley this county, and and has delivered said report to county clerk, the clerk is authorized to forward same to the Oregon Irrigation Association at Portland.

In the matter of appointment of road master. Peter Clemens appointed for ensuing year.

In the matter of selecting a newspaper in which to publish the schedule of expenditures. At this time it appearing to the county court that the county judge had prior to the last election made certain promise to the Harney County News, a newspaper published at irregular periods in Burns, Harney county Oregon, to the effect that the said News should be the official paper of the county court, it was ordered and adjudged that said Harney County News is hereby designated as the newspaper, in which the schedule of expenditure shall be published during the ensuing year.

Jury list for 1903 drawn.

In the matter of the appointment of Stock Inspector. Newt Hoover appointed.

A meeting will be held in Burns this afternoon for the purpose of organizing a rabbit drive and fixing a date for action. A. A. Cowing has raised money to purchase wire netting for a portable corral and it now remains for a united effort among the settlers for the weeding out of the pest.

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Jorgensen, optician, jeweler and stationer.

Mart Baker was in from the OO ranch Monday.

Life is one continuous round of unfinished business.

J. L. Sitz came up from Lawen yesterday on business.

Charley Rann, of Harney, was over on business Wednesday.

Born, January 12, 1903 to the wife of H. A. Marten a daughter.

It takes the plowshare of effort to open up the furrows of success.

Born, to the wife of J. C. Welcome, Jr., January 16, 1903, a son.

Born, to the wife of Dan Harney, in Burns, January 16 1903, a daughter.

Receiver Chas. Newell has purchased the I. N. Hugbet place south east of Burns.

Polly, a Pinte squaw, died in the city jail Thursday evening from alcoholism.

C. E. Kenyon moved into his new residence north of the school house Wednesday.

Lee Thornburg and Miss Esther Smith were united in marriage Wednesday evening.

Don't forget the grand ball given by the Burns Fire Department, Friday evening, January 30.

E. B. Henley and Miss Elizabeth Holliday Rece were united in marriage at Portland January 12.

Jorgensen is still to the front with low prices. Call and see his line of watches, clocks, jewelry, stationery, etc.

Mrs. Geo. S. Miller is in Burns this week, having returned Tuesday from Salem, where she has been trying to secure a pardon for her husband.

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Surveyor John E. Johnson will leave today for his home in Vale, where he will spend the remainder of the winter. He will return to Burns in the Spring accompanied by his family.

Trying to fill a gasoline lamp and it still lighted, came near resulting seriously last night at the Capitol Saloon. Only prompt action on the part of a few present prevented what might have been a conflagration.

An alarm of fire was given from the residence of J. C. Welcome, Sr. Saturday night, but the fire had been extinguished before the fire boys were under way. The fire was caused by two electric wires coming in contact.

G. W. Clevenger is in the field with the highest prices for hides and pelts. He has fitted up a traveling conveyance and will make regular trips through the county this winter. Keep your hides and pelts for him and receive the highest market prices for them.

No withstanding the fact that services of a roadmaster is not needed, at this time of the year, and will not be for nearly two months the county court at its recent meeting made an appointment to fill the position drawing a salary of \$150 per month. Economy in smaller matters, might well be carried out by the court when the draft is in the region of three figures.

Harney County is again burdened with a debt of about \$30,000, with scrip worth 95 cents. The county court has made a levy of 13 mills for county purposes as against that of 6.7 mills last year, yet the present levy will not wipe out the indebtedness and the county at the present rate of extravagance will be still farther behind. The county at the expiration of Judge Sparrow's term last July was practically free from debt.

Geo. Buchanan came over from Buchanan Station Monday to make annual proof on his desert claim. He was accompanied by his brother Joe and Harry Clendenen, who were witnesses in the undertaking.

Mrs. Etta Horton, of Burns, the first woman ever convicted of adultery in the state of Oregon, has been pardoned from the penitentiary by Governor Geer.—Huntington Herald.

H. Y. Blackwell, of the Burns country, arrived in town Tuesday from Baker City and John Day on a visit to relatives. He is on his way to the National Livestock Association at Kansas City.—Long Creek Ranger.

Jason Bennett and S. Bridges, of Harney, were visiting in Burns Tuesday. Mr. Bridges is a cousin of Mr. Bennett and is in this country with a view to locating here permanently. Mr. Bridges' home is in Salt Lake.

Miss Katie Lamb the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lamb of Drewsey, died at the home of her parents in that city last Saturday evening, January 10, 1902. The deceased was 18 years of age and was born and raised in this county.

Daniel Lavery, of Agency Valley who is aspiring to the position of receiver in the United States Land office at this place, was a visitor in Burns last week. He expressed confidence of securing the position, stating that he has the endorsement of State Senator J. L. Rand.

Sam Mothershead and family took their departure for Portland Sunday morning where they expect to remain a couple of months. Sam is a candidate for the wardenship of the state bastille and thinks he has a good show of securing the place when the prizes are distributed.

The state legislature organized Monday. Brownell, of Clackamas county was elected president of the senate, and Harris of Lane county speaker of the House. A. W. Gowen, of Burns, was chosen sergeant-at-arms of the senate. Voting for a United States senator to succeed Senator Simon will commence next Tuesday. The Oregonian claims that Fulton is in the lead with 39 votes to Geer's 20. C. E. S. Wood will control 17 democrat votes. This however is a little beforehand and a ballot or two may change the situation considerably. It is stated that Hermann will throw what strength he has to Fulton in return for the latter's support for Congressman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Tongue.

The successful effort of Rep. Moody in securing an extension of the topographic work from the Sumpter district through southern Grant into Harney County, is taken here by a great many to mean a survey of the Silver Creek reservoir site, previously mentioned in the ITEMS as probably the first site to be selected for government irrigation works in this county. Should the above prove true, it of course, will be a great disappointment to many who wish to see some action taken on the Silves valley project. While we would much prefer the latter, there seems to be serious obstacles in the way, and those who should see that the way is clear for action by the government, are doing nothing to help remove these obstacles. This is a very bad condition of affairs and should this latter proposition fail of the attention we would like to see given it, there will be no one to blame but the citizens of this community. The department has laid down the conditions to be complied with, and if these conditions are ignored we need to expect nothing in this immediate section.

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