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## DR. F. W. VAN DYKE PASSES SUDDENLY

ILL ONLY ONE WEEK WHEN  
DEATH COMES.

### FIRST MAYOR GRANT PASS

First Mayor of Grants Pass; Born in  
New Brunswick, N. J., January  
12, 1852—Age 59 Years.

With house and grounds crowded to their utmost capacity this afternoon with friends and acquaintances who had come to pay their last tribute to the pioneer physician of Grants Pass, the still form of Dr. F. W. Van Dyke lay wrapped in its last great sleep at the home on North Sixth street, while the rites for the dead were conducted by Rev. Robert McLean.

A great wealth of fragrant blooms and floral designs covered and blanketed the casket, until the bier was a bower of beauty, the blossoms attesting in their silent loveliness the high esteem in which the dead physician was held.

In accordance with the expressed wish of Dr. Van Dyke while in perfect health, that should he receive the first call of the Reaper to cross the great divide, his funeral sermon should be delivered by Rev. Robert McLean. At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon this last wish was sadly fulfilled, the impressive service being conducted by Rev. McLean at the Van Dyke home.

After the services at the house the remains of the dead physician were carried to the last resting place in Masonic cemetery, escorted by a large concourse of friends, members of the Masonic lodge and the Commercial club band. The final service was in charge of the Grants Pass Masons, of which lodge Dr. Van Dyke was a charter member. The band, of which the physician was also an honored member, played softly as the casket was lowered in the tomb. The pall bearers were T. P. Cramer, H. L. Gilkey, Dr. F. D. Stricker, H. C. Kozien, R. W. Clarke, all of this city, and Dr. E. B. Pickel, of Medford.

Two brothers of the doctor could not be present at the funeral. These were T. S. Van Dyke of Los Angeles, and Dr. John C. Van Dyke of New Brunswick, who is Professor of Art of the University of New Jersey. He is at present in London. Mrs. Van Dyke arrived here Monday evening from San Francisco, where she has been touring through California with the H. C. Kinney family.

Dr. F. W. Van Dyke was born at New Brunswick, N. J., January 12, 1852. He died in Grants Pass, Oregon, Friday, August 14, 1911, at the age of 59 years, seven months and 2 days after an illness of less than a week.

Dr. Van Dyke graduated from Bellevue Medical college in New York in the year 1875. He was married to Miss Minnie E. Comstock, of Wabash, Minnesota, in 1877 and two sons were born to this union, one dying in infancy. The other, Attorney Edward S. Van Dyke and his mother, Mrs. Minnie Van Dyke, survive the dead physician, and are residents of this city.

The family of three moved to Grants Pass in the year 1884, and during their 27 years' residence here Dr. Van Dyke was one of the most prominent physicians of Oregon. Last year at the meeting of the Oregon State Medical association he was elected president of the association by acclamation, and only a few short weeks ago as he was retiring from the presidency he made his farewell speech before that body of physicians in session at Portland.

Dr. Van Dyke was the first mayor of Grants Pass and was re-elected to a second term. He has always been prominent in affairs pertaining to the welfare of his home town and today the business houses closed from 2 to 3 o'clock in honor of the distinguished resident now gone to his long, last home.

After an illness of less than a week, Dr. F. W. Van Dyke of this city, pass-

## GRANTS PASS BOY IS TAKEN BY BIG LEAGUE

Kenneth Williams, the well known and popular Grants Pass baseball player, received a telegram yesterday from J. P. (Patsy) O'Rourke, manager and captain of the Sacramento club of the Pacific Coast league, instructing the local boy to report at Portland August 21, to join the team from the city, where laws for the golden state are made.

Williams signed a contract two weeks ago through Frank L. Dickinson, "scout" for John I. Taylor's Boston Americans, and O'Rourke's telegram is in sequence, as Sacramento is the western "farm" for the American Athens, that city so strong on Emerson and so long on beans, and the real mother, once upon a time, of some high class insurgency. (The London Times is on our clubbing list.)

Williams is considered by many persons as the star player of southern Oregon. He is a splendid catcher, a circus infielder, and pitches winning games when such are needed, although he is not particularly enamored of the espringal stunt.

Williams is 20 years of age, six feet, weighs 170, is an aggressive player on the field and a gentleman off the field. He has an almost unrivaled throwing arm, and goes to first like a flash.

Williams bats left-handed and is what is termed a "straight-away" hitter. His position with the war club is a thousand times like LaJole's, except that the great Frenchman bats right handed.

Manager Wolverton was after Williams for the Oakland club, "Jud" Pernoll, the Grants Passon now pitching such sensational ball for the Earthquake city provincials, having recommended "Dinky," but the young local star could not secure his release from the man who owns the Boston Globe.

It is generally believed that Williams will make the major league in 1912 and remain for many years to come.

Williams' development is largely due to Fred Roper, president and manager of the Grants Pass club, and one of the closest students and shrewdest judges of a ballplayer, although he was "tipped off" to the Bunker Hill magnate by Doyle of Medford.

Dr. Van Dyke was taken ill with bowel trouble Saturday evening and on Monday his condition was so serious that he was taken to the home of Mrs. Colvig, where several of the Grants Pass physicians were called in attendance. The doctor has been a weakened state of health since his severe illness with pneumonia several weeks ago.

Edward S. Van Dyke, who is on a vacation at Crescent City, was notified this morning of the serious condition of his father and a telegram received from him this afternoon states that he has started home and will be in Grants Pass about midnight.

Dr. F. W. Van Dyke was born in New Brunswick, N. J., 59 years ago. He came to Grants Pass about 26 years ago from Waukesha, Minn., with his wife and son Edward. Since that time he has practiced medicine in this city being one of the most prominent physicians of the town, and was looked up to by all physicians of the state as one of the most proficient practitioners. At the medical state association a year ago he was elected president of the association by acclamation.

Dr. Van Dyke was the first mayor of Grants Pass, and has always been prominent in matters pertaining to the welfare of the city. In the year 1904 he made an extended trip to Germany and England, where he spent several months studying in the hospitals of those countries. A few years ago he made a trip to New York for the purpose of advancing his medical knowledge.

Besides his son, Edward S. Van Dyke, the dead physician is survived by two brothers, one residing in Baltimore and another in southern California.

## AT CALLED MEETING JOSEPHINE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE TO WITHDRAW PETITION FOR IRRIGATION DISTRICT

### Commercial Club Rooms Packed to Limit In Answer to Call-Resolu- tion Unanimous-Will Dissolve

At a meeting this afternoon, which packed the Commercial club assembly room and overflowed into the hall, the stockholders of the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company voted viva voce, without a dissenting voice, to withdraw their petition for an irrigation district, which petition is now before the county court.

The meeting was called to order by O. S. Blanchard. J. G. Riggs, secretary, read the purpose of the call. E. E. Blanchard, of the Josephine company, read a statement showing the action of the directors since the annual meeting in February, 1910.

E. E. Blanchard then made a few remarks and stated that this morning a committee of three, a total of six, representing each company, got together and formed a set of resolutions which will now be read to the stockholders by Attorney Edward Van Dyke, one of the members of the joint committee. Attorney Van Dyke then read the resolution as follows:

"At a meeting of the accredited representatives of the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company and the Chicago-Rogue River company, appointed by the accredited representatives of the said respective companies for the purpose of considering all the points and phases involved in a controversy between the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company through their board of directors and its officers and the said Chicago-Rogue River company, relative to certain steps taken by the said directors and officers of the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company preliminary to the organization of an irrigation district involving the lands tributary to the Grants Pass district, said meeting being held on Wednesday morning, August 16, 1911, after a due and full consideration of the facts and premises involved in said controversy and with a view to an arbitration of the rights and obligations of the respective companies, the following set of resolutions were unanimously adopted and are hereby recommended to the stockholders of the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company for their adoption at a meeting of the said stockholders to be held on Wednesday afternoon, August 16, 1911, at 2:30 p. m.:

"Be it Resolved, That we believe from verbal and written opinions and expressions of the business men and farmers of Grants Pass and surrounding district, that there is no considerable sentiment in favor of the organization of an irrigation district.

"Be it further Resolved, That we believe in the interests of fair dealing and justice that the petition for the organization of an irrigation district signed by the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company as an organization, should be withdrawn; and that the bond filed with the county

court with said petition and as a necessary adjunct to the same and signed by the officers of the said Josephine County Irrigation & Power company, be immediately withdrawn and invalidated and the officials of the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company are so instructed to proceed.

"Be it further Resolved, That the officials of the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company be instructed to at as early a date as possible secure the mortgage notes due from the Chicago-Rogue River company, distribute said notes to the stockholders entitled to the same, settle up its business affairs and proceed to dissolve the corporation according to law.

"E. E. BLANCHARD,  
"J. E. HAIR,  
"H. L. GILKEY,  
"GEO. W. SORENSON,  
"EDW. S. VAN DYKE,  
"M. J. ANDERSON."

The first three names represented the Josephine Irrigation & Power company; the second three represented the Chicago-Rogue River company.

On finishing the reading of the resolution and before the vote was taken Attorney Van Dyke made a happy speech in which he stated that differences and misunderstandings should be put aside and everybody work for a greater Grants Pass and Josephine county. The attorney paid a high tribute to George Sanders on one side and the directors of the Josephine company on the other.

O. S. Blanchard, president, then put the motion which carried unanimously.

Then G. H. Carner, of the board of directors of the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company, arose to a personal explanation and said:

"I am one of the members of the board of this company and have paid one-twentieth of the entire expense of money expended by the local company, and have given my services free. Now we are accused of defrauding the company out of a quarter million of dollars. It is hard to lay down without combating such charges. Now, what is to be done about it?"

E. E. Blanchard took the floor in reply and said:

"I do not think there is a man in this room who took that circular or dodger seriously. To me it looked like an attempt to get some advertising and, in fact, I thought it was advertising when I first saw it today."

Professor R. R. Turner made the following motion:

"Mr. president: I move that a vote of confidence be given the directors of the Josephine County Irrigation & Power company."

There were two seconds to this motion. Professor Turner himself then put the motion to the house, which was carried.

## FOREST FIRES BURN THREE CAMPS; MAN WALKS BAREFOOT 25 MILES

As the result of a blaze in the forest at the junction of the north fork and south fork of Silver creek, seven miles below the falls, three camps of settlers were wiped off the earth. The losers are Jack White, McGregor and Sims.

White had spent three years building and making his home and not a vestige of his camp property is left him.

Three prospectors are blamed for the disaster. The three men went to

White's place and asked him for permission to camp thereon. White was reluctant to grant the request, as he feared just what has happened. However, White gave them permission with the warning to watch their cook camp, that the woods and trash were as dry as tinder and any neglect or carelessness would result in disaster. Fire however, got into the trash and soon the woods were ablaze and Supervisor Fromme stated this morning

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## CRESCENT CITY HAS SOME ABLE BOOSTERS

CRESCENT CITY, Aug. 14.—Crescent City has its boosters as well as its knockers, as was shown by an enthusiastic meeting of the Commercial club.

They have \$1,200 a month pledged for three months as a publicity fund and the club is planning to issue a handsome booklet of Del Norte county information soon.

They are also paying each of the three weekly newspapers \$50 per month for publishing booster news.

The ladies have an auxiliary organization which will take up matters tending toward the improvement and beautifying of the city. One of their tasks will be the cleaning up of an accumulation of drift wood along the bay beach. The ladies have engaged teams and a donkey engine, and will start in the work expecting the men to take a hand when the time comes.

Mrs. R. H. Lee, Mrs. Harndon and Miss Ball, who are stopping at the Bay hotel are enjoying the sea.

## URGES UNCLE SAM TO DIG COAL IN ALASKA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Strong endorsement of the policy of government ownership and operation of the coal mines in Alaska and of government ownership and operation of colliers from Alaska through the Panama canal to Atlantic coast ports, was given here today by Congressman William Kent of California.

By William Kent:

I am strongly in favor of government ownership and operation of a coal road to the Bering fields of Alaska. I strongly endorse the policy of government ownership and operation of the coal mines, government ownership and operation of the colliers from Alaska through the canal to the Atlantic coast for these reasons: Alaska is the property of all the nation, bought with money from the national treasury. All the people should secure the benefits of the public domain. Inasmuch as it is impossible that each individual citizen should own a fraction in his own right of this territory, the obvious inference is that the whole territory should be developed in such manner as would yield its wealth in terms of commuted prices to the people; and further, that this wealth should be carefully developed without undue waste or destruction.

## MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT TAFT FROM OREGON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—A memorial to President Taft and congress from Governor West and 10,000 Oregon citizens, asking for the establishment of an Alaskan coal mining commission has been formally presented in the house by Representative LaFerty of Oregon.

The memorial was referred to the committee on public lands. It will be carefully considered this winter in formulating a bill providing for the mining of Alaskan coal.

The Oregon petition asks that congress enact laws providing that Alaskan coal shall be mined, transported and sold to consumers direct at cost by the federal government. Many members of the house expressed themselves as favoring the Oregon idea.

## JUROR SUES COUNTY WHEN HE GETS SICK

SEATTLE, Aug. 17.—Asahel Clementine, who was on the jury in the superior court last spring, has filed suit against the county commissioners for \$5,000 damages. He thinks this sum is due him because he contracted pneumonia while sitting on the jury. "The court house is full of germs," the complaint recites, "and the county commissioners are negligent and to blame for it."

## CITY TAKES STEPS TO END S. P. SUIT

PLANS TO ACCEPT OFFER TO  
OPEN FOURTH STREET

### WRITES LETTER TO O'BRIEN

Write Letter to O'Brien Proposes to  
Withdraw Litigation to Open 2  
Streets Across Right-of-way

A week ago at a called meeting of the city council that body took steps to amicably settle the litigation begun with the Southern Pacific company in efforts to open Fourth street and Fifth street, across the company's tracks. It was voted to accept a proposition made to the council some weeks ago by General Manager O'Brien, wherein that railroad official offered to allow Fourth street to be opened and in view of this decision City Attorney Clements was empowered to write to Manager O'Brien accepting the offer.

Mr. O'Brien's letter follows: "Gentlemen: Referring again to your letter of May 11th and my advice of the 16th:

"Beg to advise that I have instructed our operating officials on request of the proper city official to allow opening up of Fourth street across our station grounds, but it should be understood that the only expense which we will bear in connection with this matter, is planking of crossing between and outside of our rails, to make safe and satisfactory crossing.

"Also beg to advise that we will arrange to move our freight depot to location on Fifth street at the very earliest possible date.

"Yours truly,  
"J. P. O'BRIEN."

It will be noticed that the railroad official states that the company will soon move the freight depot across Fifth street. This phase of the letter will not be mentioned in the communication to be sent by Mr. Clements to Mr. O'Brien. The council will let the matter rest where it is.

Assertion of O'Brien that the company would not pay for improvements, etc., was reviewed briefly by the city attorney, who stated that courts over the land were generally deciding that railroads must pay their share of street improvements, and Mr. Clements anticipated no trouble on this score in future.

A question arises, will Mr. O'Brien consider his letter offering to give Fourth street an opening as binding since the city had not accepted his offer to date, in the meantime beginning legal action? However, there seemed to exist among the councilmen the belief that the letter was still binding and was so interpreted by the city attorney.

## S. F. GRAFT CASES HAVE BEEN DISMISSED

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—The United Railroad graft prosecution cases were today stricken from the calendar of the superior court here. Judge Lawlor, after a lengthy statement of the legal aspect of the decision of the appellate courts commanding him to dismiss the charges and after a long review of the graft prosecution charges affecting the alleged bribery of the Ruef-Schmitz board of supervisors of 1906, ordered the dismissal of the cases from the calendar.

The review of the graft prosecution entered into by Judge Lawlor was a summary of the charges involving Patrick Calhoun, Tiley L. Ford, William M. Abbott and Thornwell Mul-lalley. In addition to this, Judge Lawlor referred to the conviction of Ruef and M. W. Coffey, a supervisor.

From May, 1908, to date, there were 56 continuances in the graft cases.

## MISSING LOIS HALL TO BE TAKEN HOME

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 17.—Miss Lois Hall, the Berkeley girl, whose disappearance has kept the police of California on the lookout for more than a week, was found this morning in Sacramento. She will be taken to her home at once.