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S. P. WRECK TAKES TOLL OF 9 LIVES

Head-On Collision Near Bertha Results in Death or Injury to Many Washington County Residents.

Disregard of orders by Engineer Silas K. Willett and the failure of other members of the crew of Train No. 124, eastbound from Hillsboro to Portland, to take prompt and decisive action when this error was noticed, is held responsible for the loss of nine lives and the injury, more or less seriously, of more than 40 people when this train and train No. 107, west-bound, crashed in a head-on collision on the curve just east of Bertha siding at 10:23 Sunday morning. The coroner's jury in Multnomah County holds all members of the crew jointly responsible for the failure of this train to take the siding as ordered. The members of the crew were: Willett, the engineer, who was killed in the fatal crash and Austin Pharis, of Beaverton, conductor, and W. A. Fisch, brakeman, who are severely injured and are now at Good Samaritan Hospital, where their injuries are being cared for.

The collision came without warning and the two engineers had barely time to apply the emergency brakes when the trains came together with a terrific impact that drove the vestibules of each lead car back well into the passenger compartments. It was on train No. 124, east bound, that the greatest toll of life and suffering was taken. Here Engineer Willett and Newton Hoover, of Beaverton, were instantly killed together with six others, and the collapse of the heavy steel roof of the car under the immense impact of the west-bound train, drove steel beams, splinters of wood and pieces of glass down upon the helpless women and children below in such a manner that scarcely one of the crowded car escaped unhurt.

The eastbound train which was to have taken the siding at Bertha, stopped at Bertha station and took on three passengers. Conductor Pharis gave the stop signal to the engineer and he acknowledged the signal in the usual manner. The conductor proceeded to collect fares but soon noticed that the train did not stop on the siding. He hurried forward to learn the cause but before he reached the cab the airbrakes were set and the two trains crashed.

Telephone calls were sent promptly to Portland and Beaverton and within a few minutes physicians and nurses were at the scene of the wreck. Residents of the locality responded promptly, threw open their homes as first aid stations and gave freely of their time and supplies. Those of the passengers who escaped with minor injuries and some of those more severely hurt, worked nobly in relieving the suffering, while autoists gathered rapidly and many of these gave aid in transporting those less seriously injured to the hospitals. Ambulances from Portland worked rapidly and before the middle of the afternoon the injured had all been removed, the bodies of the dead had been cared for and the wrecking crew was at work clearing away the debris.

The list of dead is as follows: Mrs. Grace G. Arundell and son, Robert G. Arundell, wife and son of C. E. Arundell, special agent United States land office, 615 Postoffice building.

J. F. Peebler, engineer for Southern Pacific, riding as passenger, 304 Rose St.

Mrs. C. A. Crooks, Hillsdale. Fleurot Desch Joaslyn, aged 6, 309 North Twenty-third street. Newton Hoover, employe of S. P., Beaverton.

Silas K. Willett, 868 East Kelly Street, engineer of incoming train. Miss Ina L. Hatch, Hillsdale. Miss Camille Desch, Hillsdale.

Mrs. A. H. Spraner, and daughter, Miss Violetta, who were injured in the wreck Sunday, were cared for at the Hillsboro hospital and are now practically recovered.

R. A. Kirby, Southern Pacific employe, who was hurt in the wreck, is making satisfactory progress at the hospital.

Conductor A. Pharis came home from the hospital today.

WHY THE TIMES IS LATE THIS WEEK

Illness of Publisher, Shortage of Help and Mail Delays Prevent Publication at Regular Time.

The Times is late this week in reaching its readers. But there is a reason. On Monday evening the publisher contracted a pain in the right hip, which continued to grow worse throughout Tuesday. Doctors pronounced it sciatica. He has been unable to work since that time. There is an increased amount of work in the shop at this season of the year and with one less to do it the delay was inevitable.

All efforts to get additional help have been unavailing and copy sent by mail was delayed in reaching the printer, further aggravating the delay. But next week will see us in better shape and we trust to have the Times to you on time and a better and newer paper from week to week. We solicit your help in making this possible by sending us news and advertising copy as early in the week as possible.

FUNERAL OF NEWTON HOOVER HELD TUESDAY

The funeral of Newton Hoover, former section foreman for the Southern Pacific Company and victim of the wreck Sunday, was held from the Congregational church Tuesday, the Rev. Horace S. Wiley, officiating.

A very touching part of the service was the arrival of the section men who had worked under him. The Japanese spokesman approached undertaker W. E. Pegg, and informed him that they "Wanted to see the Boss." They passed in, devoutly viewed the body and deposited a large floral wreath, a silent tribute from the men of another race, who had worked with him.

He was making his home at Beaverton at the time of his death and after a short service at Beaverton his remains were brought to Dilley, where he formerly resided and where his mother still lives.

A large company, including members of the United Artisans, waited his coming at the church, where the services were held, Rev. J. M. Barber officiating.

Newton Hoover was born at Greenville, Washington County, Oregon, April 2nd, 1885; was married to LeVillia Kelly and to this union three children were born, one of them, Freddie, still living, who Clyde Davis, who has made his home with them since a child. Beside these he leaves a mother, father, one sister, Mrs. Al Leach, of Dilley, two brothers, Emmett and Guy Hoover, also other relatives and many friends.

He was a member of the United Artisans of Dilley and was held in high esteem by the order and by all who knew him.

His remains were placed in the Forest View cemetery.

L. O. STOCKDALE HURT

As a result of an auto crash with a motorcycle on which he was chasing law violators, last (Thursday) night at 10:30, L. O. Stockdale, deputy sheriff and traffic officer of Washington County, lies at St. Vincent's hospital with ribs broken and his bladder punctured and C. L. Dubois has lost the fingers of one hand and Mrs. Ruby Bergsirk is in Good Samaritan hospital with minor injuries.

The crash happened near Aloha. Stockdale was chasing a speed violator, also on a motorcycle, and lost control of his machine and crashed head-on into the light car in which Mr. and Mrs. Dubois and their daughter were riding. The traffic violator escaped. Mrs. Dubois, who was in the rear seat of the car, was not hurt.

CELEBRATED 51ST WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hocken had been married just 51 years last Tuesday and in honor of the event Mrs. Harry Pierce, a daughter, and Mrs. Willis Pierce, came out from Portland and spent the day with them and in the evening the families of F. J. R. J. and A. M. Hocken assembled at the parental home and spent a delightful evening. Music and recitations by the grand children furnished delightful entertainment and delicious refreshments of ice cream, cake, and candy were served.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY PLEASES AUDIENCE

Local Students Present "The Sky Riders" at Local Auditorium.—Other Attractious Coming.

"The Skyriders" afforded an excellent vehicle in which to display the talents of the Theatricals of our local high school last Friday night and a good sized audience greeted the students and applauded liberally.

The story is based on identity of names. An Easterner, visiting California, sees a famous aviator of the same name make sensational flights. His wife and daughter, in the East, hear of these exploits and determine to come West to bask in the sunlight of his glory. On the train they meet a young reporter, Saunders, coming out to cover Brown's attempt to fly to Honolulu for his paper. He falls in love with Helen. Teddy Nixon, a wireless operator, falls in love with Johana, who is also in the plot.

The part of Brown was cleverly taken by Freeman Rowe. Miss Violetta Spraner portrayed the hysterical wife with exceptional feeling, while Miss Edna Hocken played the part of the mother's favorite daughter in a pleasing manner. Miss Nellie Antrim as Juliana and Elmer Erickson, as Teddy Nixon, were ever alert to the possibilities of their parts. Hartwell Schroeder, as Saunders, the reporter, was just awkward and embarrassed enough in his love-making to be pleasing to the audience. Joe Morrill, as Koma, the Japanese servant of the Browns portrayed the comedy parts to the delight of his hearers.

The play was creditably done. As in previous presentations, the players betrayed that they had not learned their parts letter perfect, but most of these lapses were well covered and the audience was well entertained.

Musical numbers by Miss Florence Snider and Miss Crete Gray and a vocal solo by Miss Della Allen, added to the joy of the evening and were liberally encored.

LESTER RIDGE KILLED IN LOGGING ACCIDENT

Lester C. Ridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ridge, living two miles south of Beaverton, was killed in a logging accident at Cherry Grove, May 5, when a log in the camps of the Haskell-Carpenter company became snagged and rebounded, killing two men and injuring a third. He had been employed in the camp only three days.

William Lath was the other killed and Charles Crumick, of Gaston, had two ribs broken and his lung punctured.

Funeral services for young Ridge were held at the graves Friday, Rev. Horace S. Wiley, of the local Congregational Church, officiating, and interment in Crescent Grove cemetery.

Lester Ridge was 17 years, 10 months and 26 days of age. He is survived by his parents, four sisters and four brothers.

DISTRICT CONVENTION OF KNIGHTS

The District Convention of the Knights of Pythias Lodge will be held in Forest Grove on the evening of May 22.

The district is composed of Yamhill and Washington County.

While the gathering is a lodge affair the public is asked to lend their help in making this occasion one worthy of the community.

There will be a parade of the business section of the City, two bands the far famed D. O. K. band of Portland, and the Yamhill K. of P. Band.

The early part of the evening will be for the public and will be held either in the open or in the K. of P. Hall, depending on the weather conditions. This part will consist of music and addresses.

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL MEASURE RECEIVES ENDORSEMENT

About 300 Oregon organizations have endorsed the Higher Educational Tax Act, providing 1.25 mills for the State Agricultural College, State University, and State Normal School. These organizations include Granges, farm bureaus, commercial clubs, women's clubs, labor unions, and groups in every kind of occupation and every walk in life.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETS WEDNESDAY

Good Local Talent Program Prepared and Excellent Time is Assured.—Public is Invited.

Beaverton Commercial Club will meet Wednesday evening in Grange Hall in regular session at 8 o'clock. An excellent program of local talent has been prepared by the entertainment committee. The public generally is invited to attend this meeting and enlarge the acquaintance of the community. There is no admission charge.

THAT NEW HAT

O where is the hat they lately were making, The milliners here in our U. S. A. The greatest of pains for it they were taking As all states clipped in and helped so they say.

A new creation of their own designing, For the president's wife to be sent to France, Their offer he said they must be declining, For them to accept there was not a chance.

The fashions we make in that we are leading All over the world we send out the style, If we accept hints they will be preceeding To toss up the sponge and pass us the smile.

Right here we will state that five thousand dollars Is too much money to spend for a hat Our designers here would soon raise a holler If we accepted a present like that.

To keep it in place would hat pins be sticking, Into the trimmings which women would prize, Look at the plumage, the choicest of picking, Were taken from birds known as Paradise.

Such beautiful plumes, nine if they were counted, Each one of them worth nine hundred apiece, Not many swell hats so costly are mounted, To give for a present, we should say at least.

We are the big it they said in replying, To make new fashions we do not ask aid, No Mademoiselle will here be a trying, To show the new style Americans have made.

And when their reasons to us they've been showing From their fourteen points we get this idea, They know far better how fashions are going, And want not so help from over the sea. O. O. SMITH.

MOTHER OF MRS. GEORGE TEFFT DIES AT DILLEY

Mrs. Mary Jane Tucker, mother of Mrs. George Tefft, of Beaverton, died at the home of her daughter in Dilley, Saturday, and was buried at Crescent Grove Cemetery Monday, following services at the local Congregational Church, at which Elder W. W. Stewart, of the Seventh Day Adventist church of Gaston, officiated, assisted by Rev. Horace S. Wiley.

Mrs. Tucker was for many years a resident of Beaverton. For the past several years she has been blind but has been a very patient sufferer. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. G. W. Tefft, Beaverton; Mrs. Addie Anderson, Myrtle Point; Mrs. Eva Anderson, Bandon; George Tucker, Astoria; Ira Tucker, Bandon; Mrs. Henry Wolf, Dilley; Mrs. Will Barkdoll, Forest Grove; Wm. Tucker, Gaston; Carl Tucker, Seattle.

NEW SIDEWALK AT PARSONAGE

The parsonage of the Congregational church was recently greatly improved by a cement sidewalk from the front of the house to the street, a donation from M. C. O'Connell.

NICHOLAS KEMMER ANSWERS LAST CALL

Well-Known Cooper Mountain Resident Succumbs to Heart Trouble Sunday Morning

Nicholas Kemmer, well-known resident of Cooper Mountain and for more than 30 years a resident of this locality, died at his home there Sunday morning at 8:30. The funeral was held at the Cooper Mountain Catholic Church Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock, the Reverend Father J. M. O'Neill, officiating and interment was in the Cooper Mountain Catholic cemetery, adjoining the Kemmer farm.

Mr. Kemmer was 58 years of age. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna Kemmer, four sons, Joseph, Jacob, Clement and Albert, and by two daughters, Eva and Susie.

MEN KILLED NEAR CHERRY GROVE MAY 5

On May 5 while working for the Haskell-Carpenter Company of Cherry Grove, William Lane and Lester Wrede were instantly killed and Charley Crumick suffered a broken shoulder and two fractured ribs which entered the lungs. Mr. Crumick was taken to a Portland Hospital for treatment. On May 10th an inquest was held by Coroner Limber. The men were felling a tree when it struck another tree and that hit them, with the above results. Dr. Baker, of Gaston, was called to render medical assistance.

BAPTISTS HAVE EXTENDED TIME FOR CAMPAIGN

Baptist leaders of Oregon announce a short extension of the \$100,000,000 campaign of the Northern Baptist denomination, which opened on April 25 in 36 states of the Union. Instead of closing it on Sunday, May 2, as was originally planned, they announced that it would continue "until every cent of the \$100,000,000 has been subscribed." They have thorough faith, they say, that the entire sum will be subscribed during the week.

The total already raised, up to Tuesday noon of last week, was \$46,218,000, according to reports turned in to Dr. John Y. Aitchison, general director of the New World Movement of Northern Baptists, by the various states participating in the campaign. These reports are very incomplete, and the national leaders believe that several million dollars have been subscribed without having yet come to their knowledge. A. A. Protzman, field director of the western area of eight states, said today. Unremitted work should continue, he declared, until every state of the area has raised its entire quota.

Oregon has \$266,000 of her \$1046,000 quota raised, and her state leaders, W. O. Sims, campaign director, and Dr. O. C. Wright, state promotion director, report that Baptists of the state feel confident that they will raise the entire amount.

A RELIC OF THE DAYS OF LONG AGO

Mrs. Cynthia E. Smith, widow of the late Eli Smith, hands us the following interesting item which was written nearly thirty-five years ago on a board when the carpenter was at work making some repairs to the Smith house, up near Manning, and was discovered when the house was being torn down. The item is in itself self-explanatory and is as follows:

"This house, built 1884. This buttery built by Wm. Manning in August, 1885, for Eli Smith on his homestead claim. Smith and Manning both quit work August 7-8, to go to Forest Grove to attend Gen. Grant's funeral the 8. We both served in the war of the Rebellion under him. This is very dry and hot weather. Manning is living in the burnt woods on his homestead claim, known as the "Mountain View Farm." Just now the railroad land here has gone back to the Gov't. and there is big excitement here about land in this locality. This lumber was made at Lyda's and Son's saw mill on Gales Creek. Rough, \$9.00 per M., dressed \$18 and \$30 per M.—M. Manning."
—Forest Grove News-Times.

CANYON ROAD NEARLY COMPLETED

Shorter Thoroughfare to Portland Will Soon Be in Shape for Travel

Paving operations on the Canyon road were resumed this week and this popular thoroughfare to Portland will soon be open for travel as a paved highway.

This road is much shorter than the present highway and for summer travel for pleasure cars will be at once popular. It will also relieve the congestion now so apparent on Terwilliger Boulevard by diverting a large part of the travel of the Tualatin Highway away from the present route.

The new highway will be prepared for a speed of 35 miles and made perfectly safe by improved construction of curves, according to Jacob Schmitt, who is employed on the work. The curves will be made higher on the outside and the ordinary custom of making the center of the highway the highest will be avoided. A rock crusher is being put in and every preparation made to complete the work in record time.

COUNTY AGENT'S NOTES.

Holstein Breeders Plan Picnic

The Washington County Holstein Breeders Association at their meeting held in Hillsboro May 1st, decided to hold a picnic at the farm of one of their members during the month of June, and appointed a committee to arrange plans. The committee appointed, consisted of Wm. Hathorn, Thos. Carmichael, and W. Martin. They are making arrangements to hold the picnic at the farm of W. Martin, at Forest Grove, June 10th, and will invite Henry McCall, President of the State Holstein Association, S. B. Hall, of Clatskanie, State Secretary, and E. H. Pitts, of Corvallis, and the breeders associations from Tillamook and Multnomah Counties.

Among the special features of their meeting, will be boys and girls stock judging contest for which the County Association will award prizes. A judging contest will also be arranged for the Holstein breeders. The committee expects to make this a whole day affair, and asks the breeders to bring well filled lunch baskets.

Gaston Farmers Plan Drainage

Farmers in the Wapato Lake District, met in Gaston Saturday evening, May 8th, to discuss plans for better draining that area, and finally decided to have a preliminary survey made, to determine the best method of removing the flood waters.

A committee of three was appointed to take charge of the matter, of which T. E. Armstrong was made chairman. R. E. Easter, of Hillsboro, showed a number of interesting slides of similar drainage districts in Clark County, Washington, where larger areas of waste lands were made productive at a cost approximately \$25 per acre, and a maintenance cost of less than \$3.00 per acre.

Practically every land owner of the affected district was present at the meeting, and it seemed to be the unanimous opinion that a drainage district should be formed. The committee plans to take up at once the survey of the area, to determine the approximate cost of draining.

Seed Corn Scarc

The number of requests for seed corn the past few weeks, indicates that there is a shortage of home-grown seed in this county. Inquiries sent to other counties, reveals that other parts of the Willamette Valley are in no better condition with respect to acclimated seed. Even where corn matured last year, and quantities were retained for seed, severe losses were sustained, owing to the freeze in December, and it is now apparent that the shortage is quite general.

A number of Washington county farmers have already made purchases of Eastern seed, and those who have been planning on using local grown seed, should make inquiries at once, or they may be unable to get an adequate supply of any kind.
NEAL C. JAMISON,
County Agent.