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JAMES H. HARPER CIVIL WAR VETERAN AND PIONEER, DEAD

Springfield Resident Dies Suddenly Monday Afternoon While at Work.

HAD LIVED HERE 15 YEARS

Funeral Held Yesterday; Deceased is Survived By Wife, 4 Children, 2 Brothers And a Sister.

James Henry Harper, a civil war veteran, and a pioneer of the early sixties, for 15 years a resident of Springfield, was found dead Monday afternoon in the barn on the home place, Mill and C street. Mr. Harper had been with his brother in law Andrew Peery, in the garden and from there went into the barn to sort potato toes. His absence was thought nothing of particular until about 5:30 when a search was made.

Mrs. Harper had seen him about 3:30 in the afternoon and he was apparently in good health at that time. Upon going to the barn they found his lifeless body prostrate where he had fallen beside his work. He ate a hearty dinner at noon and was in good spirits and joking as was his usual custom.

Mr. Harper was born in Hancock county, Indiana, February 16, 1833. When a child he moved with his parents to Illinois. In 1861 he came to Oregon with an emigrant train. Returning to Illinois in 1865 he enlisted in Company I, 18th Illinois Infantry serving as first sergeant until the close of the war.

He was married to Isabelle Peery November 11, 1869 at Rosefield Illinois. Returning west with his family he first located in Seaside and later moved to Oregon where he has since resided. He is survived by a widow, Isabelle Harper and four children, A. E. Harper and Miss Marian Harper of Springfield; Mrs. Ida McKernan, of Vancouver, B. C., and Mrs. Josie Whiteback of Portland, two brothers, William Harper of Grinnell, Kansas; and I. M. Harper of Trivoli, Illinois; and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Stone of Strafford, Missouri.

The funeral services were held at the W. F. Walker chapel at 2:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and interment was made in the Laurel Hill cemetery. Reverend J. W. Perkins officiated. All the children were here, excepting the daughter who lives in Vancouver, who is ill. The funeral was largely attended by many old friends from Springfield and vicinity who contributed the floral offerings, which were beautiful and profuse. The Christian church choir furnished excellent music.

C. E. Sims Writes.

The editor of the News is in receipt of the following interesting letter from C. E. Sims: "Dear Sir: I wish to have my address changed from Baker, Oregon to Newbridge, Oregon. We have moved to Eagle Valley to live on a ranch this summer. We have plenty of snow yet over here, and cold weather—down to zero the 14th. Hay is very scarce in this valley and the stock is suffering; they have no feed. There is also a wood famine. Can't get wood or coal at any price."

Superintendent Kirk Honored.

R. L. Kirk, superintendent of the Springfield schools, was one of the five Lane county people named on the committees of the Oregon State Teachers' association which met in Salem Saturday. With Miss Ida M. Smith of Eugene, Professor Kirk will serve on the committee for the teachers' retirement fund.

Missionary to Speak Here.

Miss Ada Holmes, a returned missionary from Gujarat, India, will speak Sunday morning at the Springfield Methodist church at the usual hour. Miss Holmes is considered a very fine speaker—one of the best of the Columbia river branch. A "thank offering" will be taken.

Trades Ranch for Property Here.

Luella Demarist traded 101 acre ranch located west of Creswell to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardt of Springfield for their residence on south Second street. Mr. Hardt will move to his new home in the near future. Gore and Rowe made the deal.

YOUNG OLD FOLKS TO HOP

Ladies of G. A. R. Guarantee Nothing New at Old Time Ball

Attractive posters about the town are the forerunners of an "honest to goodness" big time which is to begin at 8:30 p. m. next Friday night in the old Opera house on the corner of Third and Main streets, when gray haired ladies and gentlemen and their sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters are all going to prove that a person is only so old as he feels, which ought to make the average age about 17 on that occasion. It is seldom nowadays that when folks plan to give a dance, they go hunt a "caller," but they not only got a caller for this ball, they got two of 'em. Joe Hill and William Donaldson will tell you when to "swing that gal, that pretty little gal, that girl you left behind you."

There is to be real music, too, for this old fashioned ball which is for the benefit of the local Ladies of the G. A. R. Dan Fischer, R. D. Wilson, E. W. Collins, Cecil Calkins, J.S. Lorch and Al Montgomery will take turns fiddling, and Mrs. Charles Hardt, Irving Dugan, and Leo Calkins will "socc on" on the piano.

A decorating committee composed of Mrs. Katherine Horton, Mrs. Al Montgomery, Mrs. J. P. Fry, and Mrs. C. F. Eggmann, will transform the old hall into a bower of beauty folk's won't know it when they see it.

The program of dances for the evening is being copied exactly from a ball program printed and used in 1886.

Talks on Ancient Egyptian Tablets

Springfieldians Hear U. Professor Lecture on Recently Unearthed Inscriptions

C. L. Scott's Sunday school class members and number of other Springfield folks heard Professor A. R. Sweetser, professor of botany at the University of Oregon, who talked on the ancient Babylonian tablets, recently unearthed from the ruined cities of the plain between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, last Sunday morning. The talk was given in Professor Sweetser's regular Sunday school class room in the basement of the M. E. church in Eugene.

The speaker introduced the lecture by stereopticon views showing the land of the Mesopotamia, and several other views illustrating the countries and mounds where wonderful finds are made by archaeologists who have finally succeeded after years of work with the authorities in getting permission to dig into the old ruined cities. Dozens of these cities have not yet been unearthed, one of the most famous of which is Ur of the Chaldees. Permission has never been obtained from the Turkish government to unearth this ruin. Two men prominent in the work of excavating are Dr. Banks, who recently lectured at the University, and Mr. Hilprecht.

The 12 tablets received by Professor Sweetser and with which he illustrated his lecture, were found at Nippur, southeast of Babylon. The Temple Hill in the same locality yielded some wonderful finds.

The tablets are some of them as old as 2350 B. C., and are in size from one and a half to four inches long, and Mr. Scott says more nearly resemble a worn down cake of soap than anything else he can think of. The writing is in cuneiform or wedge shaped characters which were pressed into the clay before it was baked.

The Rosetta stone which was found in 1799 in lower Egypt is the key by which the ancient inscriptions are read. This stone held an edict by an ancient king and was in three languages, one of which was known.

"The findings of these ancient clay tablets and the possibility of reading the records of the past furnishes us a wonderful confirmation of biblical history and a veritable fulfillment of the scriptural assertion, 'Truth shall spring out of the earth,'" said Mr. Scott, who is much interested in the findings and will secure some of the tablets.

A Good Position.

Can be had by any ambitious young man or lady in the field of railway or commercial telegraphy. Since the passage of the eight hour law by Congress, it has created a demand for telegraph operators. Positions paying from \$75 to \$80 per month, with many chances for advancement. It will pay you to write Railway Telegraph Inst. of Portland, Oregon, for full particulars.

WAS THIS SHIP SCUTTLED TO BLOCK HARBOR?



The port authorities of Charleston, S. C., think it was the intention of Captain Klattenhoff (above) to sink the German steamer Liebenfels in an endeavor to block the harbor, but that it sank too soon to do the required damage.

"GOOD WILL" CAR MOST INTERESTING

Baptist Wheel-chair Church Where Nightly Meetings Are Held, Described.

"Milk baths are good for rheumatism," consoled Mrs. W. C. Driver, as she wiped off the sour liquid she had just thrown over a traveling man who loomed in sight around the end of the chapel car just as she had given the refuse a throw. You see, in the chapel car, "Good Will," where Reverend and Mrs. Driver live, there isn't an awful lot of room, and this incident is only one of the many of the worthy couple can tell. But they laugh at them all—and the drummer did too, Mrs. Driver said.

"Good Will" and Mr. and Mrs. Driver arrived here Saturday and will remain over Easter Sunday. One hundred people can be seated comfortably in the chapel to attend the services which are held nightly. And one doesn't feel like he is in a box-car either, for the miniature church is very cozy and pretty. The interior is finished in solid oak, the aisle and rostrum are carpeted, a handsome oak and leather pulpit settee with a baptistry hidden underneath are very pretty to look at in front. Then too, there is the chapel organ donated by the Estey company to this and the six sister cars, at which the Reverend and Mrs. Driver preside at the special song-fests and the half hour concert which are given every evening. The car is kept warm by a baker heater fed by coke and connected with a circulating water system, and is lighted with big gasoline hanging lights and also electric lights which can be attached to regular electric system whenever wished. In the back of the car, there is a bookcase and shelves where a free traveling library is kept. Six potted plants and a vase of long stemmed carnations complete the "unshined."

In the rear end (or the front end) of the car is Mr. and Mrs. Driver's home, and a cozier one can scarcely be imagined. Of course, a dozen or more fat people might not be exactly at ease, but with three or four folks, the living room does not seem crowded. Nearly all the furniture folds up or fits into or under something else when occasion arises. The dining table can be pushed back flat against the wall, a "comfy" looking leather davenport makes a bed at night, and an unostentatious crack in the low ceiling above reveals the other sleeping place—an upper berth. Like the chapel, the living rooms (it really is rooms for there are three of them) are finished in oak. Pillows, pictures, rugs, dainty curtains, and even stationary mirrors, help make the "home" a real one.

The kitchenette, and combination storeroom and lavatory, are fitted with all conveniences, as are the cupboards in the tiny vestibule. The whole thing is as neat as a pin and there is a place for everything from clean bed linen to kitchen soap.

The first chapel car was built 27 years ago by the American Baptist Publication society, and others were built from time to time until now there are seven. The last one was constructed the year before last at a cost of \$25,000. This one was financed by some wealthy California people who named it in memory of a dead

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TEACH CHILDREN TO GROW CROPS

One Method of Combating High Cost of Living Says Educator.

"High cost of living" is on the lips of all people in all cities, towns, suburban communities, and manufacturing and mining villages in the United States. It is discussed in the editions of every newspaper and magazine. To millions of laboring people and professional people on small salaries it is a very real thing. To hundreds of thousands with large families of children to support and educate, it has come to be a fearful thing, torture and death.

Such is the statement of Dr. P. P. Claxton, commissioner of education in the department of the interior, in a statement regarding the high cost of living and a partial solution of the problem. Dr. Claxton said:

"Is there a remedy? There is a partial remedy at least, but not wholly in investigations or legislation. This remedy is so simple and close at hand that, as is so frequently the case, it is overlooked. In the schools of the cities, towns, suburban communities and manufacturing and mining village of the United States there are approximately 6,000,000 boys and girls between the ages of nine and sixteen. Most of them are idle more than half of the year. They are in school less than 1,000 hours in the year, and allowing 10 hours a day for sleep, are out of school more than 4,000 waking hours, more than an average of nine hours a day, not counting Sundays.

National and state laws make it impossible for most of them to do any profitable work in mill, mine or ship, and many of them are forming habits of idleness and falling into vice. Even during the vacation months only about 10 per cent have any profitable employment; only about 5 per cent of them go away from their homes except for a few days. Still, they must live and be fed and clothed.

"For four millions of these there is access to back yards, side yards, front yards, and vacant lots, which might be cultivated as small gardens for the growth of vegetables and small fruits. Many live where space could be readily had for chickens, ducks, or pigeons. And there are not less than 6,000,000 older boys and girls and adult men and women for whom an hour or two for work each day in a garden would be the best form of recreation and rest from the routine of their daily labor in office or shop or mill or mine, and who might easily find time for it.

"With some intelligent direction, these school children and older boys and girls and men and women might easily produce on the available land an average of \$75 each in vegetables and fruits for their own tables or for sale in their immediate neighborhoods; fresh and crisp thru all the growing months and wholesomely canned and preserved for use in winter. This would add \$750,000,000 to the best form of food supply of the country without cost of transportation or storage and without profits of middle men. The estimate is very conservative, as has been shown by many experiments.

"In addition to the economic profits, there would be for the children health and strength, removal from temptation to vice, and education of the best type; and for older persons, rest and recreation in the open air and the joy of watching things grow."

U. PROFESSOR TALKS HERE

Dr. J. H. Gilbert is Speaker for Methodist Brotherhood Meeting.

Dr. J. H. Gilbert was the speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood Monday night. He chose for his subject: "Education and Public Opinion," and after defining what is meant by education Dr. Gilbert showed how the educated class commands a control over the less fortunate in politics, society and religion. "But power has been leaking down into the hands of the common people" he said and then cited the recent revolt in Russia as an example of how public opinion becomes powerful.

The man who thinks, whose thoughts cross, moulds public opinion which shapes the future of a free people. The statesman of today must not thwart but inform the people and thus mould public opinion.

Dr. Gilbert condemned our ballot system as being too easy to encumber. He said we have the lowest standard of business morality of any civilized nation in the world.

A banquet was served by the ladies of the church before the lecture.

'The Shoe Doctor' Needs More Room

W. A. Hall Will Move to Beaver Herndon Building April 1 and Increase Stock.

W. A. Hall, the shoe doctor, will on April 1, move from the small shop in the Seavey and Rowe building on Main street between Fifth and Sixth which he has occupied for four years to the recently vacated Beaver Herndon store on Main, between Fourth and Fifth. Mr. Hall will handle ladies', misses' and children's shoes in addition to the complete line of men's and boy's shoes carried, and will still conduct a repair shop.

Mr. Hall's business has grown gradually and continually ever since he first bought two old benches, the good will, and trade of James Corsav nearly four years ago, until now when the increase practically demands larger quarters. A little at a time the "shoe doctor" has added to his equipment until now he has a complete set of repair machinery.

The Beaver Herndon store room is being fixed up for the new tenant, a partition is being built in so the repair shop can be kept separate from the shoe store, and shelves will be constructed on three sides. O. B. Kessey owns the building. Mr. Hall has ordered 50 cases of shoes which will arrive soon after the first.

Girl is Struck by Car.

What might have been a tragedy occurred about two o'clock yesterday afternoon, when through a misunderstanding, Miss Druce Barnes was run into by a Ford automobile driven by Phillip Saul, who resides two miles east of town. Miss Barnes and Mrs. Ben Skinner started to cross the street going south from Eggmann's candy kitchen, while the car containing Mr. and Mrs. Saul and baby was proceeding west. The young women turned and Mr. Saul also turned the car to avoid them but Miss Barnes was struck and carried a little way on the fender. She received some minor bruises and was badly frightened for a few minutes.

LYDIA ANN BARBRE DIED THIS MORNING; WAS ILL A MONTH

Was Unable to Rally From Operation Performed Saturday for Stomach Trouble

WAS 61 YEARS OLD IN JULY

Husband and Five Children Survive; Funeral Arrangements Wait on Arrival of Absent Ones.

Lydia Ann Barbre, wife of J. I. Barbre, died at 6:00 o'clock this morning at the Springfield hospital following an operation performed there for acute stomach trouble last Saturday. Mrs. Barbre has been poorly all winter and has been compelled to keep her bed for the last month. The operation was performed in the hope of affording relief, and she recovered consciousness quickly and her mind was clear all the time, but she had not enough vitality to rally from it.

Funeral services will be held at the Walker chapel at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and interment will be made at Pleasant Hill.

Lydia Ann McFarland was born in Iowa, July 10, 1855, moving from that state to Minnesota when five years old. She came to Oregon in 1873, moving to Springfield 11 years ago last August. She was married to Joseph I. Barbre November 26, 1880, at Eugene.

Mrs. Barbre is survived by her husband and five daughters: Mrs. Ott Hagenjos of Portland; Mrs. J. T. Rivett, of Lincoln Nebraska; Miss Vena Barbre, of Los Angeles; and Miss Irva Barbre, Mrs. Robert Schultz both of Springfield. Also three brothers and one sister: W. L. McFarland of Austin, Minn.; Albert McFarland of Ashland; Charles McFarland, of Eugene; and Mrs. Lucinda Thayer, of Los Angeles, survive as well as other distant relatives and a host of friends.

LOCAL CLUB PROMISED AID

Portland Chamber of Commerce Will Work Against Appeal in S. P. Case

In response to a recent telegram sent the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield Business Men's club has just received the following letter:

Mr. E. E. Kepner, Secretary, Business Men's Club, Springfield, Oregon. Dear Sir: Your wire of recent date, asking us to protest against appeal from the decision of the District Court in Utah in respect to the Central and Southern Pacific dissolution, has been put before our full Board of Directors. I have been authorized to make a vigorous protest to the proper governmental department, pursuant to your request, and we will follow the matter up with energy to carry out the purpose you have indicated. Yours very truly, W. D. B. Dodson, Executive Secretary.

Randall Scott Honored

Randall Scott, a junior, was elected president of the University of Oregon Young Men's Christian association. Clinton Thienes, who was nominated for the place, withdrew in his opponent's favor. Mr. Scott has been active in the campus work since his connection with the association.

John Tate Visiting Here.

John Tate, of Vida, is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. E. Danks and family. The old home of Mr. Tate, an old land mark of the upper McKenzie valley, was destroyed by fire recently. The fire was caused from a defective flue and nothing was saved from the home excepting a couple of sacks of flour. His sons, Marlon and Lewis are camping in a tent while a new home will be erected.

Dr. Van Valsah in Army.

Dr. S. L. Van Valsah, son of Mrs. Bernice Van Valsah of this city, who has been spending the winter in Washington, is now with the medical corps of the regular U. S. army, and is stationed at Fort Sam Houston at Antonio, Texas. Dr. Van Valsah passed a very fine examination, receiving 23rd place out of a class of 69.