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## MAN MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

Left Stayton on Horseback About 8 O'Clock  
Saturday Night For Home of  
Brother Near Munkers

B. F. Montgomery, a single man 30 years old, was found dead on the roadside about five miles east of Scio about 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Montgomery was in Stayton Saturday night, leaving there on horseback for the home of his brother, Howard, about 8 o'clock in the evening.

Sunday morning a passer by saw the dead man's horse grazing by the roadside and tied him up to the fence, but did not notice the body of the dead man some rods distance.

The man met his death about a mile and a half from the home of his brother whom he was going to see. The indications were that the horse he was riding had run into a pile of wood by the side of the road and that he must have thrown the rider and fallen on him.

It is supposed that Montgomery must have met his tragic death not long after leaving Stayton. He leaves a widowed mother who recently came with him to Stayton, two brothers who reside near Munkers, and a brother in Washington.

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## Potato Carnival

Harrisburg, under the management of an energetic corps of ladies, is planning to have a big time October 18-19 when will occur their first potato show. There will also be a display of fruit and flowers, historical curios and an elaborate program. The News wishes the ladies and Harrisburg generally the very best of success and congratulate the male population for having so progressive a set of the gentler sex who can take things into their own hands if necessary to "wake the town up."

Mrs. Louise Maxson is president and Mrs. T. J. Anderson is secretary of the organization giving the exhibit.

## Lumber

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Scio, Oregon.

Settlers on National Forests under the Act of June 11, 1906, will no longer have to pay for a survey, as they have had to do in the past on unsurveyed lands, when the claim goes to patent. This relieves many settlers under the act, commonly known as the Forest Homestead Law, from a burdensome expense. Relief from this burden has been brought about by an agreement between the secretary of the interior and the secretary of agriculture, whereby by surveys made by employes of the Forest service will be under the supervision of the Surveyor General so that they can be accepted by the General Land Office as final.

## OUR AGED PIONEERS

Sketches of the Lives of Men and Women  
Who Have Survived Many Hardships

### Edward Rolland Abbott

Edward Rolland Abbott was born on January 1, 1827 in Tennessee, being the 9th child in a family of eleven. They moved from there to Indiana when 14 years old. Then moved to Illinois, living there 4 years.

Started across the plains April 2, 1847 in company with Samuel Cooper, whose wife was my sister. Others in the company were: Mr. Telles and family, Geo. Cine and family, Mr. Perdy and family, Henry Peach and family, Comodore Ross and family, Mr. Stanley and family, Bill Matheny and family, Dave Abbott, Joel McKee, S. M. Remington, Bill McKee, Lute Savage, Clay Randall, Bill Forrest, Joe Cline, John Danford and John Allen. At Omaha river we elected John Ross as captain. All went well until we reached Ash creek, beyond Fort Carame. Here the Pawnee Indians stopped our train. We formed a circle with our wagons, cattle and everything on the inside. The chief's excuse was that he wanted his men to come up so he could talk with us, so they would not bother us afterwards. Every man was out with his old flint lock and musket ready for the worst. We made a treaty with them giving them some blankets something to eat and some presents. There were nearly 300 of them. We saw a great many Indians but they would not come near us. As soon as we would leave camp they would go to where we had camped.

The first buffalo were seen at Fort Lanza, where Luke Savage and myself killed a two year old heifer, fat and nice, out of a herd of about thirty. We had plenty of buffalo meat from there on to Green river, where we saw the last one.

We saw one herd that we judged must have been 1000 in. It seemed as though for miles there was a sea of buffalo. At one time we had to divide our train to let a herd pass through that was stampeded. Luke Savage killed 18 in one day, and while trying to get the last one, he ruined a horse by goring him.

We forded every stream this side of the Missouri river except the Columbia. Old Breck and Berry, my lead oxen, lead every team across all rivers. We would block up the wagon beds so water would not run into them, then tie one team behind another and ford the rivers in this way. We forded the Snake river three times. We stopped at The Dalles long enough to build 3 rafts. Wagons and all were put on these and floated down to the Cascades. Six of us drove the cattle down the trail on the south side of the Columbia river, where we got to what we called Wind mountain where we were delayed 14 days with nothing to eat but milk and a pint of flour a day. We contracted with the Indians to swim our cattle over the river. They had crossed with six head when they broke the bow off of their canoe, then they would not take any more over unless we would give them \$20 more. We had no more money with us, as Cooper, my brother-in-law, had all the money with him on the raft. They had to bring a boat back up the river to get us across. When we got back down to the Cascades we had to make a portage of 5 miles. Then every thing was put on board the boat and taken down the river to Sandy going by trail with the cattle to where there was a ferry boat and crossed the Columbia again. Here several of the families took what we called the camp fever, which really was the typhoid fever. We had to remain there about a month, during which time all had the measles. Comodore Ross' wife and Manda Telles died, this being the first sickness on the trip. From there we came to Baker's prairie to winter, arriving there the day before Christmas. If

I remember right there were but two houses in Portland; one store belonging to Capt. Petagrove, the other belonging to a Squaw man. There were three stores in Oregon City, Hudson Bay Co. store, Capt. Kilburns and Abnerthy stores, Dr. Maglothin flouring mill and saw mill.

In the spring of 1849 I drove an ox team of three yoke for the government to Fort Hill. There were 22 ox teams in the train. Lieut. Hawkins, head boss, Gen. Farmer wagon master and Scott guide; we went the southern route thru Rogue river valley and Klamath lake country. Helped to carry the express back part of the way on horseback and part of the way afoot. Came back by way of The Dalles on the old emigrant road. In the winter of 1849 I ran a keel boat for Chas. Sanburn between Portland and Oregon City. Came up on the Albany prairie in 1850 and bought what is now known as the McPenington place, paying \$150 for 640 acres. I sold this place to McPenington for \$500 and took up 640 acres in what is known as Tennessee neighborhood, 4 miles north of Lebanon. In Albany there was but one store belonging to Walt and Tom Montirth and a shack apiece.

Jerry Ralston's donation claim was all there was of Lebanon. Jerry Ralston, M. Kees, Wm. Gore, John Settle, Jake Settle, Joe Moist, Smith Knox, Henry Clmer, Driggs and Ketchem Earls and John Striehoff were located between Lebanon and Knox Butte, along the timber west of the Santiam river and not a fence or house between them and Albany.

I was married at the age of 24 to Sarah Jane Striehoff October 18 1851, by Rev. John A. Powell, at the residence of Wm. Baaye. No license was required. Moved to donation claim 4 miles north of Lebanon.

November 1, 1851 I took the gold fever and in company with Luke Henshaw, Bill Smith, Andy and Charley Codhran started to Eureka, Cali. to the mines. Stayed there two months. I went from there to Josephine creek in Josephine county, Ore. Prospected there for awhile then came home. Stayed on donation claim until 1855, and taking the gold fever again and in company with my brother-in-law, R. Striehoff, went to Eureka again, this was during the Rogue river Indian war. We had no trouble with the Indians going to the mines. Worked on Greenhorn two miles west of Eureka for 4 months. The mines did not pan out well, so I started home and got as far as Rogue river all right. While waiting there for soldiers to come to go with them to Grove creek, a stranger being in a hurry to get through, wanted me to go on with him, he was riding a good horse and my horse was poor and tired, and I did not like the idea of going, but he said he would stay with me if attacked by Indians. We got as far as Jumpoff Joe when we were fired on by Indians and about the first shot my man put spurs to his horse and left me, all I could do was to get behind a pine tree. Eight Indians were on the side of a hill about 200 yards away shooting at me. I would poke my gun around the tree and shoot once in a while, but my ammunition was scarce and was saving it for the worst. It was simply a case of surrounding me. Open timber and no chance of getting away. I tell you I thought Uncle Ned's time was about up. As luck would have it, John Ross and the soldiers heard the shooting and came to my assistance, knowing we had gone on ahead. What I said to the man that left me when I saw him at Grove creek that evening would not look well in print. I came on home afoot, had enough of the mines for awhile.

(Continued next week)

## Council Meeting

The City Council met Oct. 2, with E. C. Peery presiding. Roll called. Minutes read. Fire, Light & Water Com. reported that city electrician, F. B. West had tendered his resignation. The resignation was accepted and office was declared vacant. On motion Mrs. F. Morris' request was granted, asking for a street light to be placed in the street near her home. On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid:— J. N. Weddle \$30; Santiam News \$1.90; Daily Oregonian \$1.98; F. B. West \$66; Scio Mill Co. \$45; Barne and Gill, \$2; Ralston Supply Co. \$6.31. The bill of P. H. McDonald in the amount of \$11.35 was referred to the Fire Light and Water Com. Applications were read and on motion the council proceeded to vote for electrician which resulted in the election of Walter Bilyeu.

On motion the city recorder was instructed to find the cost of an expert inspection of the city light and water plant. On motion the ordinance committee was instructed to prepare an ordinance for pool rooms to permit Sunday playing and to reduce the license to \$50 a year. Council then adjourned.

## PORTLAND NEWS LETTER

Jim Hill Drives Golden Spike of New Railroad  
—Demonstration Farms to be  
Operated in Oregon

James J. Hill helped to make Oregon history the past week when he drove the golden spike marking the completion of the Oregon Trunk railway to Bend. That it will be the final terminus of the line is not expected, but the event was notable because it celebrated the coming of a new era in the interior, and the railroad will be the greatest developer the country could have.

"Go to work and build up the country for the cities would starve to death if it were not for the country," said Mr. Hill at the spike driving. "Nations that have neglected the cultivation of the soil have faded from the face of the earth. There is no reason why Central Oregon should not produce enormous wealth. We have a good deal of faith in it. We believe if this soil is properly cared for, if it is properly understood and fair justice done to it, it will make a happy home for thousands and millions of people. I wish you all Godspeed and every particle of luck and prosperity that can come to you."

Portland will raise money to aid in the operation of two demonstration farms in Central Oregon. The railroads have pledged \$5,000, Portland business men will give \$2,000 and Crook county will raise by taxation \$3,000. One farm will be established in dry farming country and the other in an irrigated district. A local committee has been named to secure the funds and a dinner will be held at the commercial club October 18, when plans will be made. On the train returning from the golden spike driving at Bend during the past week, a considerable sum was subscribed by Portland excursionists.

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## M. V. BILYEU PASSED AWAY

Had Been Enjoying Unusual Health—Sudden  
Death of Pioneer Was a Shock  
to the City

The city of Albany was shocked early Saturday morning by the announcement that Martin V. Bilyeu, an aged pioneer and highly esteemed resident, had suffered a shock of apoplexy at his home at the corner of East Fourth and Baker streets, while at the breakfast table, and died three hours later. Dr. W. H. Davis, the family physician was immediately summoned, but discovered that Mr. Bilyeu could not recover. A few moments later he fell into unconsciousness and passed away.

Mr. Bilyeu is a retired farmer and though 70 years of age was remarkably well preserved and has enjoyed excellent health and vigor for many years. He was about the city yesterday and retired last evening as usual without any thought of illness.

He is survived by a wife and nine children as follows:

Wm. J. Bilyeu, Sterling, P., Mrs. Addie DeVaney, Henry C., Mrs. Alice Beavers, and Minnie Ecker, all of Albany, Mrs. Alyida Young, Roseville, Cal., Louis Richardson, Kerby, Ore., Luffy L. Bilyeu, of Albany, besides many other relatives in Linn and Lane counties.

M. V. Bilyeu was born in Miller county, Missouri, March 1842. He was the youngest of a family of 12 children. He with his parents and family were among the early pioneers who crossed the plains in 1852. They were six months on the road behind ox teams. They located on a farm in Jordan valley 25 miles east of Albany where they resided many years.

Until three years ago Mr. Bilyeu lived on a farm near Scio, where he prospered and accumulated a competence. They have since resided at the corner of East Fourth and Baker streets.

Mr. Bilyeu did not look to be over 45 years of age and this fact was often the subject of comment by his friends and neighbors. Though 70 his hair and beard were black as ebony. He was a good citizen and kind and generous neighbor. His sudden death is a matter of sorrow to manv.—Albany Herald.

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About every town in the county except Scio has given one or more receptions for their public school teachers. It is a good thing for the people to meet the teachers socially and let them feel that they are not unwelcome in the social circles of the town. Any one can teach a better school if she feels her work is appreciated and it pays for friends to speak a few of their kind words during the term instead of keeping them all until the close.

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