

FRANK PERCEY DIES ON TRAIN WHILE ENROUTE TO HIS HOME

Father of the Late C. B. Percy Suddenly Expires—Well Known Throughout West

The following article, taken from the Daily Northwestern of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, will be of interest to many local people, Mr. Percy having visited on the project, and many know him through his trading as a fur dealer.

"Enroute to his home, in a race against death, Frank Percy, one of the best known business men of Oshkosh, passed away late Thursday afternoon at Milwaukee. His death occurred at a time when his special car was being transferred from one train to another.

The end came suddenly, and with peaceful transition, there being no apparent suffering or struggle.

It was the closing chapter of a long period of suffering, marked at first by semi-invalidism, followed by a losing fight against the inevitable. Fifteen or more years ago Mr. Percy was in poor health and underwent an operation, but his last illness extended over a period of about four years. It was an ailment which baffled the physicians and involving an internal foreign growth which did not permit of surgical relief. From 1917 he was in poor health and had at intervals been given care at St. Luke's hospital at Chicago, but a year ago last January he went there for care and remained.

Since November, 1920, he had been confined to his bed continually but had every attention possible. Three nurses were in attendance up to the time of his death. Tuesday, when he appeared to be impressed with the idea that the end was near, Mr. Percy expressed the desire to be removed to his home at Oshkosh.

The details necessary for his removal required time for completion, but a special car was chartered and all arrangements made for his comfort. It appeared when he left Chicago at noon that his condition was no more serious than it had been for several days and that he would stand the trip without serious results.

A physician, three nurses, and his son-in-law, Harry V. Slater, were with him. He had a sinking spell after the trip started, but appeared to rally and when the end came it was unexpected. The coach was transferred to the other train and brought on to Oshkosh, arriving at 5:20 p. m. over the Northwestern road, and the remains were taken to the Konrad Undertaking parlors.

The funeral arrangements will be made today, but it is expected the services will be held Sunday afternoon at the Percy residence, 553 Main street.

The death of Frank Percy removes from Oshkosh one of its best known pioneer business men. He was born in England, near London, February 11, 1843, and was 78 years of age. He came to Oshkosh in 1870 and was employed in the gun store of "Ed." Stevens. He became ambitious to manage his own business and embarked in a small way in a similar store, handling guns, powder, traps and other articles used extensively in those days for hunting and trapping.

Indians, who were plentiful in those days, were accustomed to barter pelts of animals for what they required. He had no knowledge of that line of business and decided that if he were to succeed he must post himself. He therefore started to make a complete study of furs and became such an expert, his judgment in such matters was later considered as being practically the last word.

For a period of 20 years, he conducted a store on Main street, between Waugoo and Otter streets, but in 1900 he erected the large brick building at 223 Main street.

During that time he continued to increase his fur trade until it became an international institution. In the early days, he made personal trips through the northern states and Canada, purchasing skins, and through personal acquaintance and fair dealings he gained a large acquaintance with trappers and their families. Later he continued the business largely by mail and his mailing list was second only to some of the larger mail order merchandise institutions of New York and Chicago. His policy throughout the business was large volume of business on small margins of profit.

By building up his own reputation for fairness in dealings, shipments by mail or express were made to him from all over the country, many of them merely making the request: "Please pay me what it is worth."

Each year for a long period of years he would go to the fur markets and sales in Europe and so long as he continued in business, even when it attained enormous proportions, Mr. Percy insisted that all the finer skins should pass through his hands and have his own personal

judgment as to values.

In 1909 the Percy Fur House, with its business and original name was sold by him to David and Joseph Steiner of New York. Albert J. Steiner, also one of the firm, is in charge as active manager.

A large estate was built up thru the fur business by Mr. Percy but he devoted interest also to other matters. He was president of the Pleasant Home Land Company, a large Oshkosh real estate company, in which office he was succeeded by his son-in-law, Harry V. Slater, when his health became so precarious that he could give no further attention to it. Mr. Percy was also one of the original stockholders of the Oshkosh Trunk company and when that institution met with reverses, he with four others continued to support and finance it. After the death of Charles Paxton, he became its president and held that office until the business was transferred three years ago to the Belber Trunk company of New York City.

His life was marked by strong characteristics. He was uncompromising in honesty, reserved and modest. Although he became independently wealthy, he maintained a rigid simplicity and was not given to much talking. His advice on business matters was frequently sought

because of his far sighted conservatism and sound judgment. In spite of his reserve, he was easy of approach and spoke with finality when expressing his opinions.

He was married in this city August 14, 1873 to Miss Emma A. Wilson, who survives. There are two daughters, Mrs. Harry V. Slater and Mrs. Carlton W. Konrad, both of this city and two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Melvin Percy and Mrs. Albert Percy, both of Oshkosh. Mrs. Lea Holland and Mrs. Charles Percy, both of Hermiston, Oregon, are daughter and daughter-in-law by a former marriage. There are nine grandchildren.

Mr. Percy did not seek honors of any kind and was not given to taking part in public affairs except in a quiet way. He was a member of Oshkosh Lodge No. 9, Knights of Pythias, and of the Oshkosh Lodge of Elks, No. 292.

Life Calls for One's Best.
To make a success of life you must be always at it with your eye on the job. Diversion will stimulate far more intensive effort, but the effort itself must have no diverting influence. "This one thing I do," says the apostle, and in doing it he wins. Keep your eye on the ball and put your best into the game.

LYDIANS HAD FIRST COINAGE

Treasure Deposited in the Temples Was Impressed With Badge or Symbol of Divinity.

So far as is known, the Lydians, says Herodotus, first introduced gold and silver coin. The invention was not far to seek. Treasure came to be deposited for safety in the temples, where it was consecrated to the care of the divinity by being impressed with a badge or symbol. The sacred symbol being accepted as guarantee of value, the pieces of metal so impressed found easy circulation. The earliest Lydian coins extant, deriving probably from the reign of Gyges (about 700 B. C.), are bean-shaped lumps of native Lydian gold, bleached with silver. Each coin bears on its obverse the figure of a lion and on its reverse the impress of the half-head serving to keep the metal in place, while being struck. From Lydia the one-sided coin spread throughout the coasts and islands of the Aegean sea, each city issuing coins bearing the symbol of its divinity. In Greece the earliest coins of silver, with the figure of the tortoise on the obverse, are said to have been struck by Kleon of Argos. To Solon, about 590 B. C., is ascribed the introduction into Athens of the tetradrachm, on its obverse the head of Athene, on its reverse an owl. Sparta enjoyed all to itself the luxury of a purely iron-coinage. The Greek coins from 480 to 300 B. C. marked a great advancement in the way of art, and Athenian money was the chief medium of exchange during this period. Other nations later adopted their own coinage, which has continued to improve with the advance of civilization.

HAVE BEER ALWAYS ON "TAP"

Beverage Free to All Members of African Tribes, but Little Drunkenness is Reported.

Among the Madi or Moru tribes of the White Nile in Africa, there exists a form of municipal brewery that would make a great hit among the thirsty in America. A special house is set aside for it, and all the women of the tribe spend part of their time in making beer from millet seed. White men who have tasted it declare it to be a first-rate drink of fine flavor and heady results. The beer is kept in enormous jars, and to each jar is attached a number of gourd dippers. The beer is free to anyone or everyone, the only restriction being that it be drunk in the brewery and not with meals. In spite of this freedom the tribe members seldom get drunk.

To make sure their women will stay on as brew-masters and not go running off with other men from nearby tribes, the girls are taken when ten or twelve years old and laid on the ground while a sharp stone is used to pry and knock out the four upper and lower incisors. The resulting effect is anything but beautiful—as the intention was. The clothing of the women consists of a string worn around the waist, and changed only when it gets so dirty that it cannot be seen against the dark skin.—Detroit News.

The Human Species.

The human species, according to the best theory I can form of it, is composed of two distinct races, the men who borrow and the men who lend. To these original diversities may be reduced all those impertinent classifications of Gothic and Celtic tribes, white men, black men, red men. All the dwellers upon the earth, Parthians, Medes and Elanites, flock hither and do fall in naturally with one or the other distinction. The infinite superiority of the former, which I choose to designate as the great race, is discernible in figure, port and a certain instinctive sovereignty. The latter are born degraded. He shall serve his brethren. There is something in the air of one of this cast, lean and suspicious; contrasting with the open, generous manners of the other.—Charles Lamb.

Credit Belongs to Franklin. Everybody knows that the versatile

Franklin was the originator of many things. But few realize that he was the first American cartoonist. "Join or Die," the familiar sketch of the chopped-up serpent, with each piece representing one of the Colonies, was entirely the work of Franklin. Even the cutting of the type-metal was done by his own hands. This first newspaper cartoon appeared in the Pennsylvania Gazette, May 9, 1754, and was a device for urging united action upon the Colonies at the time of the French and Indian wars. It may be noted also that he engraved a map of the siege of Louisburg and published it in the Gazette. This is said to have been the earliest attempt at illustrating news.—Asa Don Dickinson in New York Times.

Weight of Air.

Until very recently nobody knew how much air weighed. We cannot see the air, and, except when the wind blows, we do not feel it. Hence it seems to us to have almost no substance.

Yet it is a rather substantial fluid. When it moves at a rate of one hundred miles an hour it uproots great forest trees and throws the waters of the ocean into turmoil. If our bodies were empty of air the pressure of the atmosphere surrounding us would crush us to an immediate pulp.

A room ten feet long, ten feet wide and ten feet high contains 75 pounds of air.

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE XVI.—TENNESSEE

THE history of Tennessee stretches back to the year 1541 when De Soto with his party of Spanish

adventurers probably reached the present site of Memphis on the Mississippi. The French under La Salle built a fort here about 1682. The English also laid claim to this territory, including it in the grant to North Carolina. It was not until 1770 that the first permanent settlement was made by James Robertson and this was soon followed by many other settlers from North Carolina. They formed what they called the Washington district, but this was short lived as it was promptly annexed to North Carolina. In 1784 the inhabitants, indignant over North Carolina's attitude toward them, declared their independence and formed the State of Franklin or Frankland. As this secession was not countenanced by North Carolina, for a number of years a state of confusion existed with two sets of officers trying to govern. Meanwhile the settlement suffered severely from hostile Indians and from the Spanish, who still held Louisiana, and controlled the Mississippi river. In 1790 North Carolina finally ceded this territory to the United States. By 1796 the population had increased to over 60,000, so Tennessee was admitted as the sixteenth state of the Union.

At the outbreak of the Civil war, Tennessee joined the Confederacy. In 1863, when the state was readmitted to the Union, there was much disorder during the reconstruction period. This led to the formation of the Ku Klux Klan, the influence of which quickly spread throughout the Southern states. This secret organization took into its own hands the suppression of crime and the administration of justice.

Tennessee contains 42,022 square miles, and is sometimes called the Volunteer state. It is named after its principal river, which is a Cherokee word meaning "Crooked River" or "bend in the river." (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

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Wonderful Vatican Library.
The Vatican library is the most sumptuously housed of all libraries, and contains some of the rarest manuscripts in existence. The printed books include over 2,500 volumes issued in the Fifteenth century, many of them vellum copies. The library is said to contain over 220,000 volumes and 30,000 manuscripts.

Remarkable Biblical Verse.
The Book of Ezra, chapter 7, verse 21, contains all the letters of the English alphabet except "j," which was formerly written as "i."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Edgar H. Graham, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the above entitled estate by the judge of the above entitled court, and that he has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same with proper vouchers to me at my home near Hermiston, Oregon, or to my Attorney W. J. Warner at his office in said Hermiston, within six months from the date hereof.
Dated this 4th day of May, 1921.
Frank Waugraman
Administrator.

Pendleton and Umatilla Stage

LEAVE			
Pendleton	8:00	12:00	4:00
Echo	9:15	1:15	5:15
Stanfield	9:30	1:35	5:35
Hermiston	9:55	1:55	5:55
Into Umatilla	10:15	2:15	6:15
LEAVE			
Umatilla	8:00	12:00	4:00
Hermiston	8:20	12:20	4:20
Stanfield	8:45	12:45	4:45
Echo	9:00	1:00	5:00
Into Pendleton	10:15	2:15	6:15

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