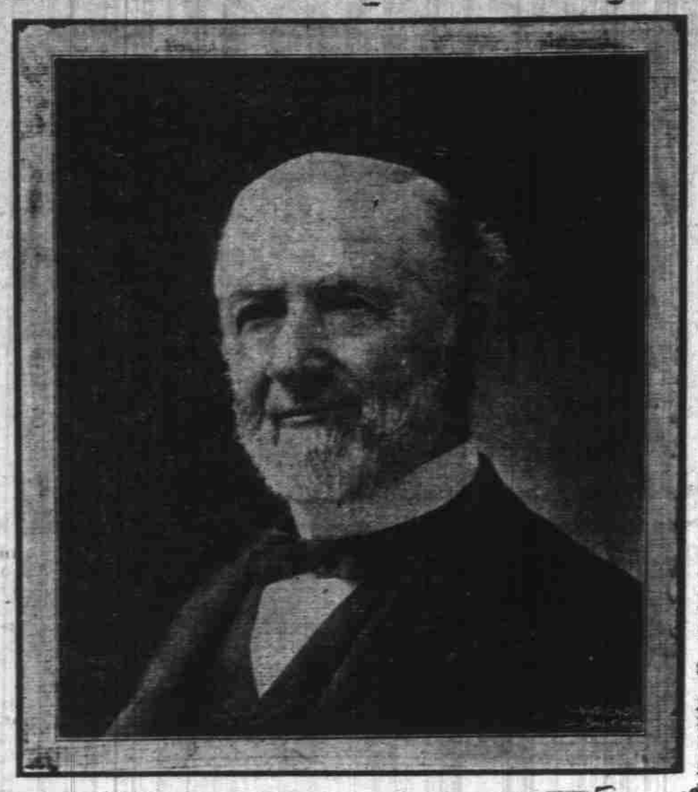

HON. HENRY W. CORBETT.

GRAND OLD MAN OF OREGON DEAD

Hon. Henry W. Corbett Ex-United States Senator Expires in Portland

Was One of Oregon's Most Honored Citizens and His Death Will Cause a Vacancy Which Will Be Most Difficult to Fulfill--Was One of the Principal Builders of State and Portland---Prominent in Politics

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—Hon. Henry W. Corbett, one of the best known public men of the Northwest and of the state of Oregon, with which his name has been closely identified for a lifetime, died this morning. Although his health has not been the best for some time past, with that characteristic energy that has been his always, he was active in looking after business until within a few hours before his fatal indisposition. Mr. Corbett's death at this time was entirely unexpected. The immediate cause was heart failure. He was conscious to the last, and expired peacefully, before relatives outside of the household could be summoned. The end came at a quarter to 7 a. m.

A Brilliant Career.

The public and business career of the late Henry W. Corbett is inseparably interwoven with every epoch of the upbuilding and settlement of this state. He is not only a conspicuous figure in financial enterprises, but he ably represented this section in the United States Senate, from 1867 to 1873.

Mr. Corbett was one of the builders of the state of Oregon and the city of Portland. That his heart was always with enterprises calculated to advance the greater interests of the state is revealed in the fact that he was a very strong supporter of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, organized about a year and a half ago, and to which he was the first subscriber in the sum of $30,000.

It was in this month, fifty-two years ago, that Mr. Corbett arrived at the village of Portland. It was composed of 400 people. On January 20, 1851, Mr. Corbett left New York on the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's line for the Pacific Coast by way of the Panama route. At Panama he met the steamship Columbia on her way north to San Francisco and the Columbia river. Mr. Corbett landed at Astoria on this vessel March 4, 1851. At First and Oak streets he rented a small frame building and engaged in the mercantile business, having shipped a small stock of goods around Cape Horn for that purpose. His first enterprise here was to build the brick building which is now occupied by the firm of Corbett, Failing & Robertson, the wholesale hardware firm. Since the erection of this building the city has grown to a vast extent, and a number of magnificent business buildings at various locations in the city stand today, appropriate monuments to his enterprise.

His attention was early turned to the improvement of the water transportation facilities first enjoyed by Portland. He was the first to advocate the construction of the Northern Pacific Transcontinental Railroad. While he occupied a seat in the United States Senate he labored long and earnestly for the consummation of this great project.

In the winter of 1865-66, Mr. Corbett secured the Government contract for carrying the mails between Portland and Sacramento. The line, some 600 miles in length, he stocked with four-horse stages. He successfully continued in this business until his election to the Senate of the United States, in 1867, when he relinquished his contract with the Government, holding his connection with the business of mail carrying incompatible with his duties as a public servant.

In 1869, Mr. Corbett in company with Henry Failing, purchased a controlling interest in the First National Bank, an institution that had been established in Portland four years previous to the time Messrs. Corbett and Failing first became its financial heads. This is today the oldest and strongest National bank in the Pacific Northwest. After his retirement from the United States Senate, Mr. Corbett became vice-president of the bank. After the death of Mr. Failing, Mr. Corbett became the president of the institution, and has filled his duties there without interruption.

Aside from the bank, there are a large number of business and industrial enterprises with which he has been closely connected, having been instrumental in organizing corporations to found them, and furnishing largely the means by which these institutions were inaugurated. He was a director of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, he was largely interested in the Portland Cordage Works, one of the principal stockholders in the City & Suburban Railway Company, and other street railroads; also, stockholder and officer in other banking institutions. Mr. Corbett and Mr. Failing were backers of the magnificent enterprise which founded the Portland Hotel, which has helped materially to give Portland a reputation among the world's globe trotters, for there is no finer hostelry west of Chicago or Denver.

Private enterprises have always acknowledged liberal support from the president of the First National. One of his first endowments was the gift of $36,000 to the erection of a Presbyterian church, and large sums within the past few years to various eleemosynary institutions.

In politics Mr. Corbett was always an ardent and consistent Republican. He worked hard and did much for the party in this state and, on occasions, was instrumental in averting the commitment of the state to the vagaries of Populism. He was chairman of the Republican State Central Committee back in 1862, and at different times his counsel and leadership have been sought by party managers. He was a candidate for election to the Senate a second time in 1898, and was the choice of many Republicans in 1901.

Originally Mr. Corbett was a Whig and a devoted follower of Henry Clay. While in the Senate Mr. Corbett's speeches on National finance and the funding bill are cherished by his colleagues as a masterpiece of logic, and he was warmly admired everywhere for his determined stand as Senator against all measures which seemed to savor of bad faith on the part of the Government, or the repudiation of any financial obligation which the United States had incurred to carry on the war.

Mr. Corbett was married first in February, 1853, to Miss Clara E. Jagger, of Albany, N. Y. This lady died some years later, leaving two sons, the younger of which, Hamilton F. Corbett, was carried off by a sudden illness in 1884. The elder son, Henry J. Corbett, died in 1894.

Mr. Corbett was married a second time in 1867 to Miss Emma L. Ruggles, of Worcester, Mass., a lady of rare worth of character and strong mental inclinations, whose grace and social accomplishments and whose prominent part in charitable affairs of this city, has drawn to her a wide circle of friends who universally esteem her most highly.

The deceased was born in Westborough, Mass., February 18, 1827, and he was, therefore, 76 years, 1 month and 13 days old. His ancestors, who settled in Massachusetts in the Seventeenth century, were Normans who traced their descent from Roger Corbett, who was a military leader under William the First. His boyhood was passed in Washington county, New York, and his early days were attended with privations and hard work.

The immediate connections who survive the financier are: Mrs. Corbett, his wife; three grandsons, Harry Ladd Corbett, Elliott Ruggles Corbett, and Hamilton Corbett, and Helen Ladd Corbett, his daughter-in-law.

Funeral Thursday.

William M. Ladd is completing arrangements to hold the funeral some time next Thursday. The hour and place cannot be definitely stated, as the arrangement will not be completed before this evening or tomorrow.

GRAND JURY'S FIRST REPORT

Recommends That Mayor and Chief of Police Resign

AND SEVERAL COUNCILMEN

For Conservation of Public Good and Enforcement of the Law

CENSURES POLICE FOR BRUTALITY; COUNTY CLERK AND AUDITOR FOR EXTORTION; CRITICIZES THE CORONER AND CHALLENGES THE BOARD.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 31.—The King county grand jury at 4 o'clock this afternoon filed into the court and presented a final report to Judge Bell. Probably the most sensational recommendation is a clause recommending that the mayor and chief of police resign their offices, and intimating that the public good would be conserved if the majority of the council would pursue a similar course.

The report censures the police for brutality in the handling of prisoners; censures the county clerk and county auditor for the collection of money from their employes under the guise of campaign expenses; criticizes Coroner Hoye for bartering away the patronage of his office to rival undertakers, and states that the jury has no evidence to sustain the published reflections upon the superior court judiciary; challenges the justness of the acts of the board of equalization; condemns the Waterway Company; censures Councilman James for using his office for private ends; denounces the police for permitting the existence of two "big mitt" and other swindling games; accuses the department of being in league with crime and corruption; and finally, recommends the calling of another grand jury after a reasonable length of time has elapsed to take up the investigation where the present body left off.

A QUESTION OF SENIORITY

Between Strikers and Men Who Took Their Places

THE MAIN POINT AT ISSUE

To Be Adjusted by Board of Arbitration of Seattle Strike

SETTLEMENT OF THE STREET CAR STRIKE BROUGHT ABOUT BY SECRETARY MEIKLE, OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—ALL CARS NOW RUNNING.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 31.—The street car strike is settled. The strikers decided to go back to work at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, by a practically unanimous vote. The credit for the settlement of the strike is due largely to the efforts of James B. Meikle, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The settlement was effected by the company and the strikers agreeing to arbitrate the question of seniority between the men who were on strike and the men who took their places. The arbitration board is to consist of three seattle business men. The company is to select one man, the union is to select one man, and these two are to select a third. The arbitrators are to be named within five days, and their decision is to be binding upon both parties. All cars are now running.

TO PLEASE PRESIDENT

DES MOINES WILL SHOW HIM BIG FAMILIES WHEN HE VISITS.

CHICAGO, March 31.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Des Moines says: President Roosevelt will be greeted by the large families of Des Moines and vicinity when he visits the city, April 28th. The mayor has suggested that in view of the Chief Executive's well-known views on the size of American families, he thought it would be appropriate to have the notable instances of this city gathered in a prominent place on the Capitol ground where he will speak, and the idea has been accepted. The largest family is to be given the seat of honor and parents and progeny in all the big families will have an opportunity of shaking hands with the President.

TERRY M'GOVERN MEETS VERY CRUSHING DEFEAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 31.—William Rothwell, better known as "Young Corbett," of Denver, tonight defeated Terry McGovern in the eleventh round after a fight in which there was not a second of idleness for either man. In nearly every round Corbett, fighting like a machine, had a shade the better of the argument and when finally he got the Brooklyn terror into a neutral corner and punished him so badly, that the latter sank to the floor, a badly defeated man.

Corbett put McGovern down in the first round for a count of seven, and repeated it in the second. There was some question as to whether or not McGovern was down at the count of ten, and for a few minutes it looked as if there would be a free for all fight. McGovern tried to get up, and was on his feet an instant after the time-keeper counted him out.

George Harding, the club time-keeper who counted McGovern out, stated after the fight that the blows that knocked McGovern out were left and right swings on the jaw and a right upper cut on the chin. Harding said McGovern was in a dazed condition; that when he had counted nine he motioned to him to get up, but McGovern was too confused to notice, and was unable to do so. Harding said that McGovern was completely out and that it was a mercy to him that he was unable to get up.

Corbett was strong and ready, and had McGovern risen to his feet he probably would have been seriously hurt. Referee Graney's decision seemed to meet with the approval of the most of the spectators, as McGovern was apparently thoroughly beaten.

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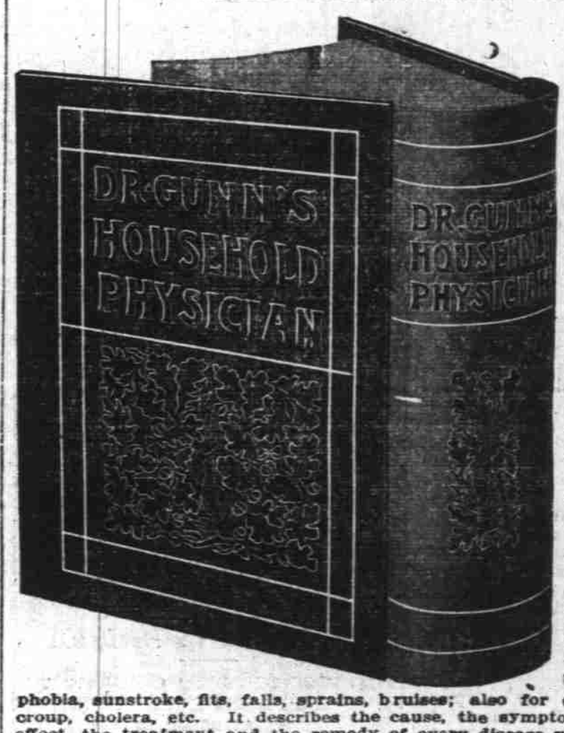

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LAID AT FENNELL'S DOOR

HAD STRONGER MOTIVE THAN ANYONE ELSE FOR KILLING BURDICK.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 31.—The verdict in the Burdick inquest, handed down by Judge Murphy today, while stating that the identity of the murderer of Edward L. Burdick has not been proven, practically charges Arthur R. Pennell with the crime. Pennell had a stronger motive than any one else for putting Burdick out of the way, Judge Murphy says, and all the facts brought out by the inquest constitute just grounds for the issuance of a warrant against Pennell if he were alive.

It's the little colds that grow into big colds; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

NO MONEY FOR CHARITY

BUT MILLIONS FOR RATS TO EAT —BUSHELS OF BANK NOTES.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Countess D'Onigo, a miserly recluse, was murdered several weeks ago in her house near Treniso, says a dispatch from Rome to the American. The murderer, now a prisoner, has confessed to the commission of the crime, declaring it was committed in a frenzy of rage at the Countess because of her refusal to give him a meal or money for his starving children. The police found in the bedroom of the Countess bank notes aggregating $1,000,000. Five hundred one-thousand-lire ($200,000) of notes had been partly eaten by rats. The total value of the woman's estate is estimated at $4,000,000.

SMALLPOX AT ASTORIA.

ASTORIA, Ore., March 31.—Four cases of smallpox have broken out in as many different families in this city after it was a matter of general congratulation that the city was free from all contagious diseases for the first time since last September. The cases reported are confined to one locality and are of the mild type that has been prevalent on the lower Columbia for the past three or four years. Stringent measures have been made to stamp it out, but it keeps recurring every few months. Of the many cases there have been only a few deaths and these were attributable to neglect and not resulting altogether from the disease itself.

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