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A SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Two Men Fall 18 Feet, One Killed

The Remains of J. H. Morris Laid Away Yesterday--Mr. Whitlock May Recover.

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Very vehement was the excitement in this city Tuesday a little before noon when the report was received from the country that J. H. Morris and Columbus Whitlock had fallen from a scaffold, a distance of about eighteen feet, and their conditions rendered critical.

Drs. Brooks and Clark were summoned and reached the home of Columbus Whitlock soon after the accident occurred, and Dr. Byrd of Salem, and Dr. Marshall of Portland, the latter a brother-in-law of Mr. Morris, were sent for and arrived in a few hours, but were of no service in Mr. Morris' case, as he died early in the evening, and at this writing Mr. Whitlock is in a critical condition, but with hope of recovery. Everything possible is being done for the sufferer, but it is expected he will soon follow his companion.

The sad and unfortunate accident has cast a cloud of sorrow over the entire community, where both men have lived for a long time, and where both men were regarded as honest and industrious citizens.

Mr. Morris was working for Mr. Whitlock at the time the accident occurred, building a large hop house, and both men were standing on a scaffold about eighteen feet above the ground, when a defective plank gave away, letting them fall. Mr. Morris fell head first, striking his head and face against a sill. One side of his face from the upper jaw to the top of his head was crushed and one eye was torn from the socket.

Mr. Whitlock fell upon Mr. Morris. He was rendered unconscious, from which state he has not recovered. No bones were broken, but it is presumed that he is injured internally and may die.

Not long after the report reached here many friends of both parties drove to the home of Mr. Whitlock, about five miles east of the city, where the accident occurred, to be ready for any assistance that

ed to fail him and it was on this account he vacated his position and went on the farm.

Mr. Morris was twice married, his first wife having died a short time after marriage. About four years ago he was married to Miss Maggie Thompson. Two children are the result of this union, one of whom died in infancy. Mr. Morris leaves a wife and small son and many friends to mourn his sad and sudden departure.

Mr. Morris was a conservative man, one who made friends by adhering strictly to his own affairs. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morris, five brothers and two sisters reside at Elem, Mo. D. M. Edwards, an uncle of Mr. Morris, who came here from Missouri last June, is the only relative who was present at the time of his departure, except his wife and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, all of whom feel the loss with intense sorrow and who have the sympathy of the entire community.

The remains of the unfortunate man were brought to the city Wednesday and prepared for burial at the undertaking establishment of W. S. Jack. The funeral was held yesterday forenoon, conducted by the Woodmen of the World of which Mr. Morris was a member, having joined about one year ago, and in which order he carried insurance to the amount of \$1000.

Just before going to press we are informed that Columbus Whitlock seems to be improved a little. He is yet unconscious, however, and there is doubt about his recovery.

Local & Personal

Miss Honstrum, a Salem nurse, who has been taking care of Columbus Whitlock since his fatal accident, returned to Salem Monday. Mr. Whitlock was removed to the home of his sister, Mrs. Lew Ames, last Sunday. He is greatly improved and will probably fully recover. *Silvertonian-Appel Silverton Oregon 16 Sep 1904*

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J. H. Morris was born in Missouri about 38 years ago. He came to Oregon nearly 20 years ago and has resided in Portland, Silverton and Ashland during that time. He was a printer by trade and has worked in this office for the past three years. Previous to that he was for a time engaged in the printing business with the writer in Portland, and prior to this worked in Portland and Ashland.

He left this office last November and purchased a small ranch east of the city. While engaged in the printing business his health seem-