

Auto And Motorcycle Are "Dangerous Weapons," So Be Cautious

PORTLAND CASE SOUNDS ALARM

Not only from a standpoint of law is the recent automobile assault case in Portland unique, but sounds warning to careless auto drivers to the effect that accidents which befall innocent pedestrians are punishable to an extent few people realized. Although Union county has been fortunately free from accidents of this sort, it is a timely warning that in Portland a man barely escaped a life sentence in the penitentiary because he "accidentally" disfigured a woman for life.

In this connection the Observer calls attention of Eastern Oregon auto drivers to the following item in a Portland paper apropos this subject: C. A. Warriner was found guilty of having committed assault and battery upon the person of Mrs. Alfred Beckman, whom he ran over with his automobile on the Columbia river highway April 9. The verdict was returned by the jury in Circuit Judge Morrow's court at Portland Saturday afternoon, after having deliberated three hours and 45 minutes.

The indictment charged Warriner with having committed the assault with a dangerous weapon, which is a more serious offense than plain assault and battery, but the jury chose to convict him of the lesser crime and thereby rejected the contention of the prosecution that the automobile driven by Warriner at the time of the accident was used as a dangerous weapon; or else, in order to be able to agree on some verdict, compromised on the lesser.

For assault and battery the law provides for a sentence of three months to one year in the county jail or from \$50 to \$500 fine.

Deputy District Attorney Charles C. Hindman, who took the leading part in the prosecution, assisted by Deputy District Attorney Arthur Murphy, was elated over the victory in the case, as he declared it will bring about a new era in the prosecution of automobile speeders in this state.

A number of district attorneys in the state have already made inquiries regarding the form of the indictment returned against Warriner and other points in connection with the case.

It is the first case of this nature to be tried in any state west of Mississippi. Search of court decisions revealed that only two other convictions in cases like it are to be found in the United States. One was in Indiana and the other in New Jersey.

Case Bitterly Fought.
The case took eight days and was bitterly fought at every point by Attorneys John F. Logan and J. J. Fitzgerald, who represented the defendant. Warriner will be brought before the court next Wednesday for sentencing.

Testimony in the case showed that Warriner, who was out on the highway with a party of friends, was driving his machine while under the influence of liquor. As he was speeding on an incline near Latourelle Falls he overtook and ran over Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beckman, who were riding on a motorcycle, and inflicted injuries on Mrs. Beckman, which will permanently disfigure her.

Witnesses who were in the Beckman party testified that the Warriner machine was going about 35 miles an hour when it struck the Beckmans, while Warriner, on the witness stand in his own defense, said he was not going more than 14 miles an hour.

WESTERN SHELLS NOT IN CLASSIC

HISTORY OF POUGHKEEPSIE REGATTA SINCE 1900

Year	Winner	Time
1900	Pennsylvania	19 44 3-5
1901	Cornell	18 53 1-5
1902	Cornell	19 05 3-5
1903	Cornell	18 57
1904	Syracuse	20 22 3-5
1905	Cornell	20 29 2-5
1906	Cornell	19 36 4-5
1907	Cornell	20 02 3-5
1908	Syracuse	19 34 1-5
1909	Cornell	19 20
1910	Cornell	20 42 1-5
1911	Cornell	20 10 4-5
1912	Cornell	19 31 2-5
1913	Syracuse	19 28 3-5
1914	Columbia	19 31 2-5
1915	Cornell	20 36 3-5

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 17.—The shadow of no far western shell rests upon the historic Highland course here today at the Penn. Cornell, Syracuse and Columbia regatta. The regatta is the battle of cars in the famous Poughkeepsie regatta.

These eastern eight's breathe more easily with the knowledge that Leland Stanford, the hooted at and derided that last year so nearly captured the victory, cannot be here.

They certainly were scared of little old L-S, the crew that had to travel miles and miles overland to get to water to train. They laughed at Stanford last year—before the race. They called the crew a bunch of dubs; said they splashed and soured (stuffed); that they didn't have a chance.

Maybe Stanford did splash and soured, perhaps the dub indictment was

true; and maybe all the other unkind things the easterners said were so, but lawaymylaws, how that Stanford bunch could pull!

True, Leland was nosed out at the finish and the oarsmen had to sell their shell to get back to the Golden west, but just the same, the easterners do not overly regret their absence this year. The Californians lost the race to Cornell by only 20 feet.

The strenuous training of the last two weeks has not resulted in any rash predictions as to the outcome of the varsity four mile race which the great crowd of marine fans here is patiently awaiting.

If the favorites are to be picked by their past performances this season it would appear that they are Cornell and Syracuse. Then, too, important changes have been made in both boats and also those of Columbia and Penn. and must be figured accordingly.

The Syracuse varsity has not been beaten this season. Members of the crew are highly optimistic. Syracuse has not won the intercollegiate title here since 1913 and since 1900 has been beaten this season. Members of

the crew are highly optimistic. Syracuse has not won the intercollegiate title here since 1913 and since 1900 has been victorious only three times, while in the same period Cornell carried off the honors eleven times.

Cornell's complicated history this season does not give the dopsters any iron-clad reason to pick the Ithacans a winner but shows that they can be expected to stage a spectacular and eventful race.

The Cornell crew threw a jolt into Princeton several weeks ago on Lake Cayuga, when it defeated the Tigers who earlier in the season won from Harvard. This race, in which Yale rowed too, upset all the dope by reason of the fact Cornell, before the race with Princeton, was beaten by Harvard.

Columbia is an unknown quantity. Since Princeton defeated the New Yorkers at Philadelphia, Coach Rice has made wholesale changes during the stiff training here. The Penn crew also has been put through the pace. Coach Wright toiled tirelessly to whip the often defeated Quakers into shape to avoid criticism of his methods.

The two-mile races between the

four junior-varsity and freshman eights is also being awaited. In both events fur is expected to fly with the critics more or less silent as to the results. Last year Cornell won the junior-varsity race and Syracuse the freshman.

EX-CONVICT KILLS SELF

Suicide Climax After Life Of Misfortune And Disappointment

New York, May 27.—Life has been a journey of disappointment to Henry C. Fanning so he brought the journey to an abrupt end by shooting himself.

Twenty years ago Fanning was found guilty of killing a woman. He was sentenced to twenty years. After seventeen years behind the bars opportunity presented itself to Fanning in a strange form. A riot occurred in the prison which Fanning quelled single handed. A pardon was his reward.

He came to Brooklyn to live and made friends. One of them was Mrs. Mary Jacobson, who kept the boarding house. Last week he proposed marriage to her.

"I told him I had a husband living," said Mrs. Jacobson.

That information was apparently the most bitter of all life's disappointments to the former convict. A note found beside his body addressed

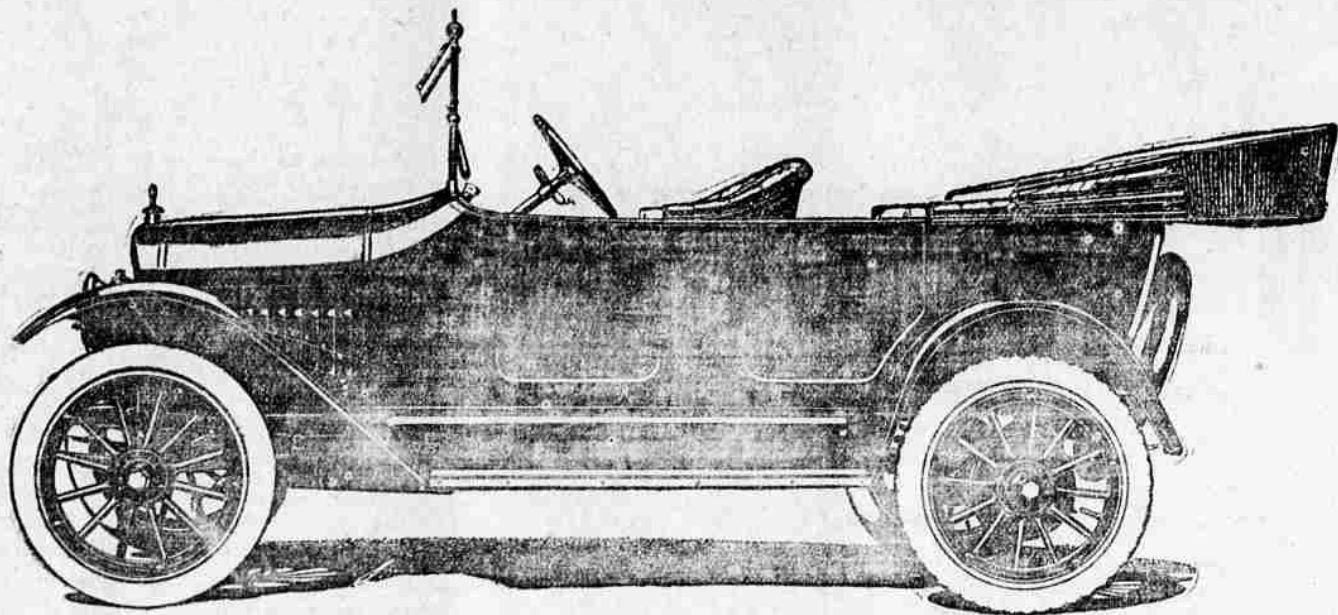
to the woman's oldest daughter read: "I could not bear to be separated any longer from your mother, to whom I owe so much."



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