

# WILL AUCTION GEARHART LOTS

The most interesting development of the past week in real estate circles is the announcement of an unreserved auction sale of beach resort home sites at Gearhart By the Sea. The sale is scheduled to take place at Gearhart on Saturday, August 11th and the officials of the Gearhart Park Company, owners and developers of Gearhart, announce that each lot offered will be sold to the highest bidder without reservations.

Marketing of home sites by the auction method in and around Portland is no longer in the experimental stage since several large auctions have been conducted in the past three years, among them being Laurierhurst, Piedmont and Mayhew Park properties, all of which were conducted by Barry & Austin, who introduced this method of selling in Oregon and who will conduct the forthcoming sale at Gearhart.

The sale of Gearhart lots is of particular interest because of the character of the property involved and again on account of the rapid development now going on and contemplated at Gearhart. The magnificent \$500,000 hotel is undeniably the finest Beach Resort Hotel on the Pacific and has just been completed at Gearhart, thereby providing a much needed rendezvous for the people of the northwest. The hotel is equipped with every conceivable convenience and most elaborately furnished and appointed anything of its kind in this part of the country. This enterprise, promoted by some of Portland's most prominent citizens, is an assurance that Gearhart is on the threshold of unprecedented activity and now that the Gearhart Park Company has authorized an unreserved sale of part of its holdings, it is to be expected that considerable building activity will be witnessed at Gearhart in the immediate future.

The purpose of the sale, as stated by an official of the selling company, is to distribute as many lots as possible among individual home builders who will build and live at Gearhart and for this reason, in spite of the fact that it is to be a sacrifice sale, the selling company is offering exceedingly easy terms to encourage rapid development at this beautiful beach resort. "Prices will be no consideration at the auction and terms as low as \$10.00 a month are being offered, thereby making it possible for all to participate in the joy of a summer cottage by the sea." Deeds and title policies will be issued by the Title & Trust Company of Portland and arrangements have also been made with the Title & Trust Company to execute bids for intending purchasers who might not be able to attend the sale in person. An attractive illustrated book-map giving full description of the property and the terms of sale has been prepared and can be obtained upon application at the office of Barry & Austin in the Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland.

**Bell Given Priest**  
(By Associated Press)  
BELFAST, July 14.—The ancient ecclesiastical bell of Nendrum, given to St. Patrick, on his ordination by St. Patrick, has been found by workmen during the course of excavating the ruins of Nendrum Abbey.

The workmen found the bell hidden in an angle of the ancient foundations for the walls, while clearing away the debris which had collected for centuries.

The bell is made of riveted wrought iron, originally covered with a coating of bronze, and except for a crack at the base and a portion of the handle, which has been broken off, it is in perfect condition.

**Gamblers Do Well in Moscow.**  
(By Associated Press)  
MOSCOW, June 19.—When the croupiers and dealers of the all night gambling houses of Moscow are tired and heavy eyes, which is about seven o'clock every morning, there come raily into their rooms groups of fresh and wakeful men, just up from a good night's sleep. They are alert and brisk, and they play against the fatigued and weary professionals. What is more, they almost always win. They call themselves the "Seven o'clock Daisies."

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## AUTO ACCIDENTS JUMPED 42 PER CENT IN 3 YEARS

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, July 13.—Lax supervision of motor vehicle drivers and the resultant increase of 42 percent in the automobile death rate during the past three years, is due to the fact that the majority of state legislators are from rural districts where strict examination and registration of drivers is not a vital matter, according to a report submitted by William J. Cox, traffic accident research engineer, to the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters. There were 14,000 deaths from motor accidents last year, he said.

After a thorough investigation of the problem, and a careful examination of the records of some 300,000 accidents, Mr. Cox has prepared a table showing that registration and examination of all drivers is the only method of stopping the rising number of traffic casualties.

In Maryland, Massachusetts and Connecticut, where strict supervision of drivers is maintained, casualties have fallen off 2 per cent, while increasing 42 per cent over the country. According to Mr. Cox' figures, there would have been 4,300 fewer deaths from automobiles in 1922 had the percentage of these three states been universal.

"Only seven states require the examination of all motor vehicle operators," said the report, "while 35 states require only chauffeurs to be licensed, and many of these are never examined. An automobile driver's license must be something to be acquired through merit, and not through the payment of half a dollar."

**How Hot Is Lightning?**  
(By Associated Press)  
BERLIN, July 14.—The question of the degree of heat generated by lightning has been agitated recently in German scientific circles because of the effect, observed after electrical storms, of lightning on the tips of lightning rods.

It was found that a platinum tip melted on being struck. Since the melting-point of platinum is variously fixed at 1,760 to 1,800 degree centigrade, it was clear that the lightning's heat exceeded that temperature. Later an instance developed in which an iridium tip was melted by a stroke. The melting-point of this metal is said to be 2,000 degrees centigrade.

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**Relief Workers Cure.**  
(By Associated Press)  
ALEXANDROPOL, Armenia, July 14.—Three thousand at the Armenian Near East Relief orphanage center here, who for the past two years have been treated for trachoma by Dr. R. T. Uhlis, of Kansas City, Mo., have been discharged as cured.

Practically all of the 26,000 children concentrated at Alexandropol by the Near East Relief are suffering from trachoma in various stages. Ninety-two thousand treatments have been administered in one week under Dr. Uhlis' direction at the various orphanage eye clinics.

In addition to treating patients already infected, American relief workers are carrying on an extensive educational campaign to prevent the further spread of the disease.

**Ruhr Workers Adopt Gardening.**  
(By Associated Press)  
ESSEN, Germany, June 21.—When the German workers in the Ruhr, following their policy of passive resistance, declined to work for the French and the Belgians, they turned in large numbers to market gardening. Sixty thousand railroad employes alone suit work, and many of them turned to field activities.

As a result the district is producing a vast harvest of vegetables and grain, and a real "back-to-the-land" movement is under way.

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