

PENDLETON PUTS BAN ON RAG DANCES

A recent dispatch from Pendleton says: "Ragging," as a form of terpsichorean accomplishment, has been placed under a ban at the popular Saturday night dances given in Pendleton. The "Turkey Trot," the "Bunny Hug," the "Grizzly Bear," the "Angleworm Wiggle," and all their kindred, will no more be tolerated where the weekly crowds gather for an indulgence in their periodical pastime. Last Saturday night,

when the throng collected, they were met by a placard announcing that hereafter "ragging" and walking in two steps, the same being the "raggy" successor to the gitch, would be prohibited. The edict was received with much disappointment, inasmuch as the craze for the Howety horn dance had seized upon the local disciples of the dancing muse and its fullest development had almost been reached here. Even society folk "had fallen" for its mysterious movement, and whether or not they will obey the mandate of the dance promoters remains to be seen, for these same dance promoters have no voice in the management of exclusive parties.

RECENT VISITOR HERE IS KILLED

While on her way to California after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Freeman, at Pine Grove, Mrs. Mary Ausmus of Woodlawn, Wash., was killed the last of the week by falling off a streetcar in Portland. Mrs. Ausmus went to Portland with Mrs. Freeman and was visiting a few days before going south, where she intended spending the winter with another daughter. It was

while alighting from a Sunnyside car on East Morrison street between East Seventeenth and East Eighteenth streets, that she fell and sustained injuries which resulted in her death at the Good Samaritan hospital soon after being taken there. Mrs. Ausmus, with Mrs. Freeman, was stopping at the home of friends on East Side. While one daughter was attending a wedding at the home of J. H. Imhoff, at 168 East Seventeenth street, and the other was shopping, Mrs. Ausmus, who had been calling on friends on Forty-eighth street, started for town. It is believed that when she passed

Eighteenth street she thought it was the street at which she should leave the car and without waiting she jumped off. She was picked up unconscious and was rushed to the Good Samaritan hospital in the Red Cross ambulance. She died without recovering consciousness. It was found that she had sustained a fractured skull.

WOULD PREVENT WASTE OF FRUIT

Utilization of the by products of the fruit industry as well as of the fruit which is not marketable is now being urged more strongly than ever before, as the fruit industry in the Northwest is every year assuming larger proportions. A pertinent statement on this important subject by an exchange is given herewith: It saddens one to read each year of tons of valuable and health-giving fruit going to waste in the Pacific Northwest. It is an economic hurt to the Inland Empire that this occurs and that by-product industries are not built up to prevent the waste of fruit and to enrich the community with its by-products. The Spokesman-Review almost a year ago discussed this subject editorially and urged the establishment of plants for the canning and preserving of fruit. That there is great need of the industry is shown again by the loss of surplus fruit this year. The situation of the Northwestern fruit industry today is not unlike that which formerly held in meat packing, says the Spokane paper. The packers once saved only the meat and the hide, but now they do not waste even a drop of blood and the by-products of the business bring in immense profits. The fruitgrowers market or use only the best qualities of fruit, and not all of these either, and thus lose large amounts of money annually. Would Benefit Fruitgrower The fruitgrower must be enabled to market all he produces. What is needed to care for such fruit as is not marketed for eating is the investment of capital in canneries, cider mills, evaporators, vinegar works and the like, so that the surplus fruit shall be conserved and profits obtained from the by-products. There exists a considerable demand for apple butter, fruit jellies, dried fruits, preserved peaches and a dozen other forms and varieties of fruit conserved, and the experience of California in canning its peaches, which are distinctly inferior to those of this state, shows how successful and profitable the business may be made. Putting experts and practical men in charge of by-products factories would be necessary to commercial success, but this precaution once taken, local capital could easily be interested to finance the respective local enterprises and local help obtained, thus turning new streams of revenue into the several parts of the Inland Empire.

HIRING OF A ROAD MASTER CONSIDERED

At the next meeting of the county court the recommendation made by the grand jury that a county road master be employed will be considered. Judge Castner says that he is inclined to favor the proposal, the only question being the matter of the added expense. The recommendation as made by the grand jury was as follows: "The attention of this body has been called to various defects in the county highways, and while the grand jury does not wish to usurp the functions of the county court, yet it has considered the question to some extent and suggests and recommends to the county court that the question of employing a county road master, as provided by sections 6222 and 6223 of Lord's Oregon Laws, be taken up and considered by that body, and as at present advised the grand jury is of the opinion that if the control of all the county roads were centralized in one competent road master the responsibility would also be centralized and that whatever work found necessary to be done upon the county highways, including roads and bridges, could be done in accordance with one general uniform system and that in the end it would be found more economical and satisfactory."

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