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SACRIFICE OF LIFE

TWO TRAGIC accidental deaths from drowning within one week in any other community would cause a sensation, but such deaths are so common here that they are looked upon as unavoidable incidents in the day's doings and cause no more comment than do auto accidents in more densely populated sections.

When the writer makes the assertion that during the past fifteen years, since motor boats have become the chief means of travel on the waters of Coos Bay, not less than fifty lives have been lost by drowning that might have been prevented he believes he is within the limit.

Many of the hysterical disappearances and unsolved coroner's inquests can be accounted for by the fact that the victims have fallen overboard unobserved from some of the hundreds of launches that ply the Bay and numerous inlets.

The seriousness of the situation becomes more intense when we realize that the cause can be remedied and many useful lives saved in the future.

The Coos Bay motor boat is unique in its style, as was shown when Will Holland and Frank Lowe took the Coos to the Astoria Regatta a few years since and the Portland papers and Astoria papers called attention to her peculiar build.

They said that she was a typical Coos Bay boat in that she had a projecting or overhanging deck around the cabin, where nearly all other boats had the passageway inside the gunwale or guard. This projecting or extension deck on small boats causes them to heel over to one side when too many or even one person in a small boat walks around the cabin.

Hundreds of people have fallen into the water of Coos Bay by reason of this careening of the boat and the incident has often been treated as a joke; but in many cases no one was present to see it, and a floater on the tide flats or a pull on the drag line is the only proof that there is another victim to man's disregard of the value of human life.

Had half so many lives been lost in any industrial occupation under the protection of any one of the great labor unions there would have been pages of lessons upon the subject; but as this waste of life has no political significance it is allowed to continue unchecked. Is there a remedy? Yes, since the cause is peculiar to Coos Bay it is useless to look to the U. S. Government for aid, as it would be impossible to get a general law or ruling simply to cover a condition that applies to but one locality.

The same procedure that put a stop to the whistle nuisance that annoyed us for years when boats would blow their whistles so long as there was air or steam pressure enough to cause a noise, would answer in this case.

No ordinance could put a restriction upon boats while they were navigating the waters of the Bay, but the minute they tied up alongside the city docks they would come within the police power of the city and any regulation that might be necessary for the preservation of the comfort and lives of the people of the city could be enforced.

An ordinance requiring that every boat landing at the city docks that carries passengers for hire should have an iron railing not less than twenty-four inches high around the gunwale would prevent the loss of many lives and the cost is nominal.

Private launches should not be compelled to comply for the reason that the owner and operator is supposed to look out for his passengers, who are either members of his own family or guests; but in the case of the public craft, there are too many to be cared for and the large majority of those who come here are not familiar with the action of boats upon the water and do not know how to avoid danger. The drowning of such a fine young man as George Catching, in the prime of what promised to be a bright career has inspired the writer to say what so many times he has thought.

—PRO BONO PUBLICO.

ANOTHER CAR OF FORDS IS RECEIVED

George Goodrum Gets Eight New Cars on Last Breakwater — All Sold

This season promises to break all records in Coos County automobile sales. George Goodrum received another car load of this popular auto on the last Breakwater and they were all sold today. Four go to Bandon, two to Coquille and two to Ten Mile.

The fame of the Ford as the car that negotiates all kinds of roads in all kinds of weather, has been a big factor in the increase of the number of Ford owners. Although Mr. Goodrum has received three car loads this season, every car has been sold.

If you are thinking of buying a Ford, you should see Goodrum soon.

WOMAN'S AWFUL DEATH (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, May 6.—Mrs. Louise Etchageray, wife of Luis Etchageray, the Mexican Minister to Costa Rica, fell from a window in the fifth floor of an apartment house and was impaled on a picket fence. She died later at a hospital.

SMALLPOX IS GETTING WORSE

Dr. Culin, County Health Officer, Finds Many Exposed on Haynes Inlet

Dr. Walter Culin, of Coquille, was here en route home from Haynes Inlet, where he investigated the smallpox situation. He found that George McCullough, who had been ill of it, was practically recovered. The residents there blame the school teachers for bringing the disease to that section and nearly every family in that vicinity has had it. He was informed that a Marshfield physician had informed the teacher that she had chickenpox. Last Sunday about forty people from Ten Mile were at the McCullough home and of course, were exposed to the disease. An order from the County Superintendent to close the school on Haynes Inlet and terminate the teacher's contract has been obtained.

Another case came from Bandon, where the patient was in the hospital for an operation and broke out with the disease and the physician told him it was chickenpox. Several cases of the disease are reported on Catching Inlet, the Church family being afflicted.

Dr. Culin says that if the County Court will back him up in the matter, he will see that the disease is wiped out soon.

REGISTRATION IN OREGON

More Than Twice as Many Republicans as Democrats to Vote

SALEM, Or., May 5.—There is a total of 194,132 voters registered in Oregon up to May 1 according to a statement by Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott.

The registration by parties follows:

- Republicans, 115,277.
- Democrats, 51,000.
- Progressives, 5,635.
- Prohibitionists, 9,319.
- Socialists, 5,365.
- No party affiliation, 7,543.

The total registration before the primaries two years ago was 131,880 and it is estimated that the voters still to register will make a total of about 220,000 an increase of about 90,000, due to equal suffrage.

THE COMBINATION DANCES

By ODGERS T. GURNEE

Illustrated With Specially Posed Photographs

THE hunt for new steps and new rhythm has brought forth a number of striking dances that combine the basic principles of two or three of the older figures.

In some of these the tempo of the music changes to fit the dance, but in the later and more complete a new and distinct tempo is carried throughout, and the steps are made to fit the melody.

The leading instructors in this country have been the pioneers in this matter, and the Rowley Downs "moderation," Vernon Castle's "half and half" and the "pousse cafe" of Miss Winn and Mr. Evans are being tried on nearly every dancing floor in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and possibly Chicago.

Among the earliest ones were Jonn Sawyer's "three in one" and "aeroplane waltz." These were both very pretty, but had one fault in that the tempo of the music was changed at frequent intervals to fit the different styles of figures.

In the recent combinations, however, the action is unbroken throughout. Take the "moderation," for instance. This has a special melody in seven-quarter time and combines the steps of the waltz and tango.

On the same general principle is the "half and half," originated by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle. This, too, has a melody all its own in five-quarter time and combines the steps of the waltz and one step.

Word comes from Paris that a new dance known as "la danse hypnotique" has been introduced there with great success. It is said to be very difficult and the highest form attainable in scientific dancing. The names of the figures tend to bear out this statement.

The first is "hierats." This is followed by "fascination," a suggestion of catalepsy, and then "the hypnotic step." Then comes "lethargy." The last figure of all is "coma."

In dancing the "moderation" and the "half and half" there are no new steps to be learned. The difference is all with the tempo. Any music seven-quarter or five-quarter time is suitable, and once you have mastered the swing of the music it will be a simple matter to dance them.

Of course it is possible to devise steps or change some of the old ones to fit a beat in the new motif; but, as a rule, the standardized steps go best.

In this regard it is well to say a word in favor of the effort to standardize dancing steps.

Miss Flora Vorhees, leader in the movement, says:

"The new dances must be standardized before they can become actually the expression of the age. But the dancers rush with the coolness of a driver in an automobile race to ball-room or dance hall, where they frolic in the joy of living, but few of them

COMES TO NORTH BEND.

L. E. Milledge left for Portland last night, from which place he goes to North Bend, where he expects to open a confectionery store. The other members of his family remain here until after the closing of the public schools. The many friends of Mr. Milledge in this city wish him the best of success in his new home.—Roseburg News.

MYRTLE POINT POINTERS.

News of Upper Coquille Valley as Told by The Enterprise.

A complete surprise was sprung on their friends in the Myrtle Point Section last week when Oscar W. Morris and Lula L. Bean announced their marriage. They were made man and wife on Tuesday, April 21st, at Coquille by County Judge John F. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. McMullen went to Marshfield Saturday, from where Mrs. McMullen sailed on the Breakwater for Portland, where, on Tuesday, she underwent an operation for the removal of a goitre. Mrs. Felix Broulette accompanied Mrs. McMullen.

Hallett Bargelt returned on the steamer Speedwell from San Francisco where he has been attending a linotype school.

R. N. Webster, a young Coos River ranchman, passed through here Tuesday enroute home from a trip to the Willamette Valley.

Miss Freda Leep returned last Saturday from a week's visit at Marshfield. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Harold Bargelt, who will visit home folks for a short time. Harold came over Tuesday and will accompany his wife home.

Mesdames Geo. Rackleff, Percy Peel, Della Phelps, C. E. Broadbent, Miss Flora Philpott and Mr. M. H. McWhinney attended the Coos County Epworth League Convention at Marshfield last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They report a very interesting meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Endicott who have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis and other relatives and friends, left on Thursday afternoon's train for Marshfield accompanied by Miss Sylvia Davis. They will go to Los Angeles to make their future home.

Miss Hazel Neal of this city has just received word that her father, Elmer Neal, died at Portland, April 1st. Mr. Neal was station agent at Wacunda station on the Oregon Electric, and on the afternoon of March 31st, while ascending the stairs of the station, came in contact with the electric controller when he had one hand on the iron railing and 60,000 volts of electricity went through him.

move with consciousness of accuracy. They dance because the spirit of the dance is in them, but they do not know how or what they dance. They say they are tangling or one stepping when they do not know the steps of either the tango or the one step. In spite of their description of the dance,



THE VERNON CASTLES IN A STEP FROM THE "HALF AND HALF."

if a man from Pittsburgh tried to tango with a maid from New York, their first attempt would probably be some sort of a "confusion caper," or if the couple chanced to keep the same step for a minute or two their dance would be a "coincidence crawl."

The age is one of frenzy, reduced to a formula, deliberation galvanized by giddiness, and the new dances are in emphatic harmony with all we do. They are executed with studied abandon. They are wild and free within the limit of intention—that is, they are such inherently and fundamentally. They are at present uncertain and confused.

HOW LENSES ARE MADE

Interesting Process by Which Glasses Are Produced to Aid Vision

The process by which a piece of crystal glass is transformed from a transparent bit of material to an aid to vision when worn in the form of glasses is interesting. The Red Cross Drug Store has just installed some complete and expensive machinery for this work so that a lens of any kind may be made quickly and accurately without having to send away.

The process is an interesting one. After it has been determined by examination what kind of a lens you require, the rough glass is taken and marked with symbols which tell the expert lens grinders what must be done to give you lenses that are light, right and efficient.

This is the first step, grinding in the curves.

There are no secrets in the business. After a lens has been ground on both sides it goes to the polisher. Here they take red rouge and after much patient work that requires constant attention polish the surface of the lens until it is hard as flint and brilliant as a crystal.

Skill is necessary in every step of lens grinding. Not only are good machines necessary, but one must have skilled men to operate the machines.

After polishing the lens is inspected to see that it is free from flaws and bubbles. If perfect, the optical center is determined. This requires great skill and care. Should a mistake be made here it is very liable to cause you no end of trouble and annoyance.

You may need a round lens, while another may need an oval shaped lens. Getting a lens the right shape and size has much to do with its appearance and efficiency. The optical center, having been found the lens is so cut, by special machinery, that the axis is in accordance with your needs. This cutting also gives the lens a rough outline of the final shape.

A great many times special hand work is required to give a lens the desired shape.

Then comes the automatic "edger." The process of edging is a delicate one as it gives those smooth edges and the special shape which it has been determined will make the lens look as inconspicuous as possible when you wear it.

You wouldn't think it very im-

portant to drill a hole in your lens, but after being edge-ground your lens is drilled, a deftly adjusted diamond point drill being used. The hardest part of making a lens has now been accomplished. The least slip on the part of an operator drilling a lens means that all the work must be done over again.

The lens is then placed in the frame or mounting that is to be worn. Here also the same skill and carefulness is employed to make the completed work perfect in every way.

After being finished all work is carefully inspected before being delivered. If anything is found wrong the work is done over again—a new lens is made.

This gives you only a slight idea of the time and care and skill required to make a right lens. You may rest assured that any lens made at the Red Cross will be made in strict accordance with your needs. It is also well to know that glasses not made especially for you are dangerous. Lenses that may aid the vision of others might ruin yours. The public will be permitted to see these expensive new machines in operation by calling at the Red Cross Drug Store.

IDLE FOLKS HAVE THE MOST LABOR

It is indeed the happy man who busies himself at some congenial task. It is said Thomas Edison attributed his recent illness to the taking of a vacation away from his work.

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Co-operate with your neighbor to help the community. Open your eyes to the advantages of your town. Make it a practice to buy from home merchants. Money invested at home brings the surest dividends. Understand that in unity there is strength. Nine-tenths of our people believe in this town. It is up to us to enlist the other tenth. The knockers hurt everybody and help nobody. You surely cannot afford to be one of them.

Do not be a brake on the community wheel. Every town must progress or it will retrograde. Vigorous efforts on your part bring results. Every citizen has some influence; use yours for good. Look around you and get others to wake up. Organize, and make your organization do something. Prove yourself loyal and work in harmony. Many may be waiting for you to start something. Exert yourself and you need not worry about the others. Nothing is accomplished when nothing is attempted. The time is now; the place is here; will you help?

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