

Social Activities

Century of Dancing

THEN

One hundred and five years ago today the New York City Common Council passed an ordinance prohibiting masked balls on the ground that they would tend to a "subversion of all just and honorable discrimination of character and were calculated to encourage the profligate to seduce the youth of both sexes and promote licentiousness and disorder." The Common Council was moved to act because a report had come to its ears that a certain tavern was about to give a masked ball—the first in the city. There was at that time a celebrated dancing club called the "City Assembly" which danced at the City Hotel, Broadway and Cedar streets. A very exclusive social organization, a remote predecessor of the "Four Hundred," it expended its energies on the cotillon, the "Pigeon Wing," the "Double Shuffle" and the "Highland Fling." But the new French influence had begun to invade the staid Knickerbocker spirit, had put new ideas in the heads of the City Assembly. Of all occasions, a masked ball to be a success, according to the Common Council then, demanded a clever company socially. The participants should be gifted in conversation and witty and humorous or there was great danger that such an occasion would degenerate into an orgy. The Anglo-Saxon was not by nature a conversationalist, it was contended, and for that one reason the masked ball would never be a social success.

NOW.

Today the American people are the greatest dancers in the world. According to estimates by sociological investigators, 80 per cent of the men and women who get married are first attracted to each other through the dance. In the winter of 1913-1914 over 700 public dance halls were licensed in New York and on their floors an average of 70,000 persons danced every night. In every city, town and hamlet in the country, an almost equal interest in dancing was manifested. The nation's dancing bill would pay interest on the National debt for over a million people spend their evenings on the dancing floor. In Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, and Milwaukee the licensed dance hall has become a source of revenue to the city. The dance craze is attributed to the growth of the city with its intense social hunger and to the evolution of stage dancing as exemplified in a half dozen dancing stars of genius. Within the last year co-operative efforts have been made to standardize the dance throughout the country by means of moving pictures. The etiquette of the dance with its proper evolutions, its clutch, the space between the partners as practiced at West Point, Annapolis, Newport and in many church societies, is being thrown on the screen before the eyes of every social class. In many places the dancing inspector has become a most responsible officer of the law to see that dancing is conducted with proper decorum.

THREE CALLED BY DEATH YESTERDAY

Mrs. A. J. Hicks, Mrs. A. W. Stevens and James Conroy Pass Away.

Three deaths within 24 hours has marked a sad record for Coos Bay. Mrs. A. J. Hicks, of North Bend, passed away last evening at 6 o'clock after a serious illness; Mrs. A. W. Stevens, of North Inlet, died at Mercy Hospital at 8:30 Sunday evening, and this morning at 3 a. m. James M. Conroy answered the last call after serious emphysemata resulting from an operation for appendicitis.

This makes a total of 12 deaths on Coos Bay since January 1. Mrs. Emma Ruckert Stevens, aged 45 years, was the wife of A. W. Stevens, of Haynes Inlet. The couple lived on their homestead to which they moved about three years ago, coming here from Portland, their former home, it is there that the body of Mrs. Stevens will be shipped on the Elder for burial either Thursday or Friday.

The deceased was born in 1870 at Lafayette, Oregon, and it was there that she was raised and went to school. By a former husband Mrs. Stevens had a daughter who is now Mrs. Tom Peake, of Haynes Inlet, while her son, Tom Stahman, a member of the Portland Fire Department, was here but a few days ago, returning home when he thought all danger had been passed. The mother of Mrs. Stevens and a sister, are now living in Portland.

James M. Conroy was 56 years of age, having been born in Vermont in 1859. In his youth he moved west to Wisconsin, and there in the town of Oshkosh married the wife who survives him. The family moved to Coos Bay several years ago, putting most of his money into lots bought from L. D. Kinney, a fact that lately resulted in a large damage suit brought by Conroy against the Kinney estate and which he lost. Of late years he conducted a store in Ferndale, known as the Conroy Mercantile Company.

He is survived by a wife, Mrs. Cora Conroy, two daughters, Miss William Conroy, of North Bend, and Mrs. Edna Hoskins, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and three sons, James A. Conroy, of Portland; and Harry and Floyd Conroy, of North Bend. R. A. Conroy, a brother, lives at Allegany, and Charles A. Conroy, a second brother, at Rhinelander, Wisconsin. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the Wilson Undertaking Parlor, the Rev. Browning officiating.

Mrs. A. J. Hicks was born on Coos Bay in 1888, being 27 years of age. She was the wife of A. J. Hicks, a well known North Bend cook, the couple having lived within the city here for the past two years. A week ago Mrs. Hicks underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is survived by her husband, a brother, Ray Smith, and her mother, Mrs. Alice Smith, all of whom live on Coos Bay.

PROTECTION FOR HEIRS

Representative Barrow Has Bill Affecting Wills. SALEM, Or., Jan. 18.—Representative Barrow, of Coos county, will introduce a bill during the session providing that a will made by a person having legal heirs, in favor of an institution or person not related to the testator, shall be void, unless it has been executed for the period of a year.

"The purpose of the measure is to prevent designing persons from preying upon aged and feeble-minded persons owning property," said Representative Barrow. Now and then it happens that an aged person is prevailed upon to will his property to persons who are not entitled to it, because of influences brought to bear, and the heirs who are entitled to it are left nothing. The provision that a will made by a person, having legal heirs, to any institution or person not related to the testator, shall be void, unless it has been executed for a period of a year, will in a large measure prevent this, and will protect the rightful heirs.

RAY DIAMOND GIVEN FREEDOM BY WEST

BONNEVILLE, Utah, Jan. 18.—Ray Diamond, who in June, 1913, held up Cashier Smith, of the Grand Rapids Bank, at the mansion of a millionaire and appropriated \$2200 in cash, passed through Bonnevillle streets from below to his home at Glendale. Although not mentioned in the press dispatches, it is pronounced that Governor West granted Diamond a pardon prior to the former's retirement from the office of Governor of Oregon. Following the robbery of the Grand Rapids bank, Diamond was held at the institution in Glendale, Utah, where he was confined until he was freed from the institution. On his parole he was found to be in the employ of the Glendale institution. He served less than two years of his one year term.

SOLD LIQUOR TO INDIAN—CAUGHT

Empire Saloon Men Detected By Government Men on Saturday

Kennedy and Edgar appeared before Justice Pennock this morning, admitted they were guilty of the charges, and were bound over to the grand jury. Charles Thom and James E. Berling put up the \$200 bonds and the men were released. According to the law the justice court cannot try cases in which is involved a fine of more than \$100. It is for this reason that the men waived examination.

When Alf Oftedal, a special officer in the government Indian service, came into the city unannounced, he heard from a confederate, E. W. Stewart, that liquor was being sold to the Indians at Empire. Saturday the men went there and caught Henry Kennedy, a bartender, and Thomas Edgar, a saloon-keeper, selling liquor to James Burns, a full-blooded Indian. Warrants were at once made out for the men and Saturday evening Constable Cox went with the officers to Empire, but they were unable to find their men until this morning.

"This is just a taste of what is being done," declared Oftedal this morning. "I have heard from several sources that this thing has been going on regularly." He further declares that Kennedy was guilty of three crimes, one of selling liquor to a minor, another of selling whiskey in a bottle without the government stamp, and the third, that of selling liquor to an Indian, "who associates with Indians" as the law reads.

Edgar is the same man who was held up in his saloon at Empire last fall and robbed of several hundred dollars by masked robbers. "Down there," said Oftedal, the government man, "it is almost a case of where the saloon men must violate the law in order to exist. But I guess then they will have to cut out existing."

The government is strict in its observance of the law that liquor shall not be sold to the Indians, fines being designated from \$10 to \$500 and with jail sentences of from three to six months.

DOE SISTERS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

Hauled to Carpet on Saturday—City Gets Action Against Them Today

Alice Hoiden and Sadie Hair, the "Doe Sisters," appeared before Judge Butler late this afternoon and entered their pleas of not guilty to the charge of selling liquor without a license at The Palm, a rooming house in which they live.

In each case Judge Butler fined the women \$100 and the women were released to procure this amount before evening. Their attorney, R. O. Grayson, was out of town this afternoon and no date could be set for the trial. Though tomorrow afternoon was tentatively adopted.

Apprehended on Saturday afternoon and hauled into the justice court, the Doe Sisters, May and Alice, put up \$100 apiece to insure their appearance later and thought that for the time being their troubles were over. Today they were placed again. First it was for running a house of ill fame; the charge now is that of selling liquor without a license and the city is the prosecutor.

Evidence that beer was sold at the Palm on Market near Broadway has been hard to secure. The officers knew such offenses were taking place, but were unable to secure witnesses.

This afternoon the warrants were made out and the officers went to the Palm and at 2 o'clock Alice and May Doe appeared before Police Judge Butler to answer the charge against them. In the last case of this type a fine of \$100 apiece was tentatively in allowing crime in the city, and also in increasing the ready cash supply in the city's coffers.

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WAR PICTURE IS DELAYED

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FIRE INSURANCE RATES FAVORABLE

Thousands of Dollars To Be Saved in New Rates—Reductions Made

Announcing a general reduction in almost every class of fire insurance, the new rates as established by the Underwriters' Equitable Rating Bureau of Portland were received today. These rates were established following the investigation four weeks ago by special agents Caldwell and Brainard. Fire insurance men, though they have not yet had time to figure definite percentages in the reductions, are of the belief that they are fairly substantial over the city. In the mercantile ratings the rate has been lowered approximately eight per cent; for dwellings about ten per cent in the basic rate. This was formerly 50 cents and is now rated in the new tariff book at 45 cents.

In general the insurance men believe that Marshfield fared very well in the general reductions, those being influenced "to a very great extent, by the fact that the city now owns an auto fire risk. On the average mercantile risk there is a reduction that varies from five to 12 1/2 per cent, the rate varying according to individual cases. No certain amount can be stated as the saving to Marshfield property owners during the year on these reductions in the fire rates, but it is known the saving will be considerable and will probably amount into several thousands of dollars.

NEW CARS TO BE SHOWN HERE

The 4-cylinder Cadillac and Dodge Brothers' new car will be on exhibition at Goodrum's garage tomorrow. George wants all those interested in either of these cars to drop in and see him show and explain to you just what these cars are like. If you do not find it convenient to drop in just phone 222-2, or ask for George or Will and they will do the rest.

STORY FOR THE DAY

A Soft Answer. "Wah," said a mother to her quick-tempered little girl, "you must not give me any more naughty things. You should always give a soft answer."

DENIES PORT HAS WASTED ITS MONEY

Figures of Secretary Refute Statement of About \$200,000 Waste

Remarks made at the banquet of the Coos County Bar Association that "the Port of Coos Bay has paid \$600,000 to get \$400,000 worth of work done" have resulted in the bringing out of files to refute the statements. At the banquet District Attorney Liljeqvist stated that money had been wasted in the Port operations, saying that something less than \$200,000 had gone in this manner. The reference was made when Mr. Liljeqvist advocated the adoption of a statute amending the present port laws, so as to provide that bonds could not be issued by a port corporation unless authorized by a vote of the legal voters within the port.

In a letter the district attorney declares that he was making no reference to the operations of the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company and that his figures were based to a great extent on hearsay evidence. Henry Sengstacken, as secretary of the Port, has compiled the following figures of all expenditures for dredging on Coos Bay previous to the bond issues and subsequent contract with the dredging company: Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, \$11,461.50; Port of Coos Bay, operation of the U. S. Dredge Oregon, 1911-1912, \$22,458.80; private interests spent for operation of the Oregon, during 1911 and 1912, \$1,598.25, making in all a total of \$35,518.56.

"Therefore," says Mr. Sengstacken, in his letter to R. E. Miller of the dredging company, "it is utterly absurd to make a claim that \$200,000 has been wasted by the Port. It should be borne in mind also that up to December 1, 1914, the sum of \$432,608.92 only of the total bond issue has been expended under our contract with the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging company."

ALLEGANY ITEMS

(Special to The Times.) The Smith-Powers men are getting out from the west for a good many logs. They are using a small donkey engine to pull them out. Frank Heath and Mr. Barry have gone over on the head waters of Lake Creek on a cruising trip. They were taken as far as Jim Schappars by G. A. Gould with a beam.

The falls in Silver Creek are full since the last rain and are a beautiful sight. The spray flashes out as far as the bridge. Now is the time to get the best picture of them. True Bailey came down from his place last night. He is on his way to Cherry County where he is going to secure specimens of animals and birds to be mounted and placed in the Oregon exhibit at the Panama fair in San Francisco.

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