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The recent death by suffocation of two young sisters in a poor lodging house of the East Side, New York, was surrounded by unusually pathetic features, according to the papers of that city. The two girls, one seventeen, the other nineteen years of age, came to the United States from Russia to make a living for themselves, and eventually to prepare the way for the migration of the other members of their family from Russia. All day they worked in a sweatshop and at night they studied English and other things. For themselves they spent only enough of their meagre earnings to keep them alive; the rest they placed in a savings bank, with a view of sending for their folks when the hoard had grown to adequate proportions. Eagerly they awaited the time when they could bring about the reunion of the family and at last they had saved enough for that purpose. They had written a letter to their parents in Moscow, in which they informed them that the money for their journey was ready. It was their intention to so time the letter that it would reach their parents at Christmas. The letter was never sent. The other night one of the girls, before going to bed, accidentally turned on the gas in their room and when they were found in the morning both girls were dead. Thus the happy Christmas time has its tragedies, and of these the most pathetic are enacted in the crowded districts of the city—only a few minutes' walk from the crowded pavement of Broadway, with its glare of lights and glitter of diamonds.

Before the Ways and Means Committee of congress recently the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, of this city, made an argument against the entrance into this country, duty free, of Canadian Lumber. They contended that such foreign competition would tend to reduce prices and the result would be a great waste of our forest resources. The company contends that at the present time over 40 per cent of the forests of Oregon and Washington are wasted, owing to the inability to find a profitable market for the common grades. Additional competition, they argue, would not tend to a reduction in the already enormous waste. They exhibited photographs of lands logged off while the lumber was at a fair price, and also those worked over when the market was at a lower level, in order to illustrate their contention.

Mr. George Hall, of this city, tells The Guard that his old home paper, published in a New York town, speaks of the beautiful painting of a Eugene scene—the mill race—which is now on exhibition in the city of Rochester. The picture is greatly admired and is attracting much attention there. It seems to us that this is evidence that it will be a good thing to circulate the album of views, about to be issued by the Commercial Club, throughout the East. The Guard's year book, printed in handy mailing form, and profusely illustrated, will also be a good thing to send out, since the photographs seem to make a better impression among Easterners than prosy descriptive articles. Along with the finest climate in the world, we have the most beautiful scenery in the country, and that fact should be widely advertised.

Some persons have the most wonderful, almost indecent luck. They fall into a sewer and are pulled out with a gold watch and chain in their mouth; they are laughed at because they bought some apparently worthless stock for thirty cents a share and a few days later the same stock leaps up to \$50 a share. To that class of favorites of Dame Fortune evidently belongs the New York shop girl, who was robbed of her week's wages, amounting to \$10, the other day while she was riding home on the car. Strange to say, the girl carried her wealth in a pocket in the lower part of her dress. When she reached her home she found the pocketbook with the ten dollars gone, and in its place a big \$200 diamond, which had dropped out of the thief's ring while he was picking her pocket.

Probably it will prove a very good thing in the end that the city council has been enjoined from going ahead with the installation of a power plant. If the city must always pay tribute to a private corporation, it is a good time to find it out and then we can accept the inevitable and bow our necks to the yoke without hope of relief for all time to come. There will be some satisfaction in having the suspense ended. If, on the other hand, the people really have a legal right to help themselves, the courts will probably, in due course of time, define that right so that something definite may be accomplished. Therefore let the legal mills proceed to grind.

Dr. Lyman Abbott is a strong advocate of football as a developer of manliness and courage. In a sermon to Yale students the other day he said, among other things, "you can't develop a manly courage without facing perils, and it is worth all it costs if it is necessary in order to get that courage." By "real perils" he meant the perils of the gridiron. Perhaps the learned gentleman is right, but how would it do to use a milder and less deadly method to develop courage among the college students? Would it not do to put the young men to work in a dynamite factory, a coal mine under trust management, or a submarine boat?

There are 2428 children of school age in the city of Eugene,

according to the census just completed. Using the multiple of five, as is commonly done as a basis for estimating population, this city has 12,140 population, exclusive of seven or eight hundred outside students attending the State University, Bible University and Business College. The increase in the school census over last year was 253, indicating a growth in population for the past year of 1265, which is probably about right.

That fellow Castro is a pretty wise old dog, after all. He gave out the information that he was a very sick man and his ailment would necessitate a surgical operation which could only be performed in Europe. Then he picked up his baggage and boarded the first steamer for the old country. Now it transpires that Castro was only using the plea of sickness as a pretext to get out of Venezuela, which was rapidly becoming too hot for him. And what is more he took along with him a big wad of gold in the event of a rainy day, which is liable to overtake almost any one. But he will never go back to govern Venezuela—not if he has his way about it.

Thirty years hence, according to "Jim" Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, this country will have a population of two hundred million. And they will all be contributors to the coffers of the railroads, every one of them, Mr. Hill should add, which no doubt leads to the magnates controlling the several transcontinental lines a grand feeling of optimism for the future. But perhaps the aerial lines will be in operation by that time and the railroads will be classed along with the ox-wagons of our ancestors. It is not well for even a railroad president to bank too strongly on future inventions.

A brakeman on a Montana railroad was fined \$800 the other day for obtaining a pass over the road in the name of his wife and then giving it to another woman. The amount of the fine probably did not bother him nearly as much as the remarks made by his wife when she heard about the incident.

The Western Oregon, published at Cottage Grove, issued a very attractive Christmas edition last week, profusely illustrated and carrying a large amount of local advertising.

The Cottage Grove Leader issued a very interesting special edition Friday, devoted to the resources and advantages of Southern Lane county.

**GAMMA PHI BETA
SORORITY IS INSTITUTED
AT STATE UNIVERSITY**

A chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority, a national organization, was instituted at the Psi Pi sorority house last night with twenty-three local members, the organization of the latter, a purely local society, being merged into that of the national association. Miss Edith Prosch, of Seattle, had the work of initiation in charge and she was assisted by Miss Carolyn Benson, of Stanford; Miss Alice Benson, of California; Miss Tessie Preston, of Seattle; Miss Helen McDonald, of Seattle; Miss Lillian Belsenhels, and Miss Ruth Guppy, of Ann Arbor.

Tonight's Christmas grill the new chapter will hold a banquet at which several alumni members, besides the local members and those who had charge of the initiation work, will attend. Covers will be laid for about thirty-three.
This is the first national sorority to be organized at the University of Oregon, and is the thirteenth in the United States. It is the fourth on the coast, the others being at University of Washington, Stanford University and University of California. The Gamma Phi Beta is a very conservative organization and a foremost among the sororities in the United States. The local members are as follows: Misses Nelta Harding, Jennie Perry, Gladys Farrar, Jessie Hurley, Blanche Huston, Vivian Holmes, Ruth Hansen, Ruth Dunnaway, Mary Stelwer, Gertrude Homey, Pearl Wilbur, Edith Woodcock, Helen Beach, Erma Clifford, Jayna Stanfield, Pearl McKenna, Grace Grey, Jean Gray, Mary Grey, Edna Caulfield, Clara Caulfield, Constance Covell and Josephine Cameron.

**JULIUS GODSMITH SELLS
HIS RETAIL CIGAR STORE**

Julius Godsmith, who is considered the pioneer cigar dealer of Eugene, has just sold his retail business to Ralph Blanchard and William Naylor, who took charge of the store this morning. Mr. Godsmith retains his wholesale business, to which he will devote his entire time and attention. He has built up a good wholesale business as well as a splendid retail trade.
Messrs. Blanchard and Naylor are well known in Eugene and throughout the county and will doubtless succeed.

**MORE RAILS FOR ELECTRIC
LINE HAVE ARRIVED**

A small shipment of steel rails for the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company's Eugene-Springfield line arrived this morning and two car loads are expected to arrive in a day or so. Foreman Utterback, of the construction crew, says that as soon as the two car loads of rails arrive he will put on a force of men and finish laying the track from its present terminus at Judkins' Point to the river at Springfield, the grading and trestle work having been completed that far.

Frank Hansen, of Aberdeen, S. D., was an arrival in Eugene last night.

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**CITY'S TAX LEVY
FOR 1909 FIXED
AT TEN MILLS**

At the adjourned meeting of the city council last night the tax levy for the year 1909 was fixed at 10 mills, segregated as follows: General fund, 5 mills; sewer fund, 2.2 mills; road and street fund, 2 mills; library fund, six-tenths of a mill; park fund, two-tenths of a mill.

The meeting was called to order by Councilman J. M. Williams, president of the council, in the absence of Mayor J. D. Matlock.

After the ordinance fixing the tax levy had been passed, a petition for an arc light at the intersection of Willamette street and Hospital avenue was read and referred to the fire and water committee with power to act.

An ordinance to establish the curb line of Washington street north of the railroad at 17 feet from the center of the street was read and discussed. In the discussion the fact was brought out that at the railroad the street was the regulation width—66 feet—but at the north end it narrows down to 54 feet, the property owners having encroached upon the street in building their fences. The ordinance was laid over till the next meeting and referred to the city attorney, the city engineer and the street committee.

The matter of the recent injunction suit against the council and the water board was brought up and it was agreed that it should be taken up again and action taken at a meeting to be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The city engineer reported on several errors in the assessment for paving on West Eighth street and on Park street. The matter was referred to the council.

A report from the city attorney was read in which it was stated that the lease recently made between the council committee and Sam Manerud, in which the latter is to have the use of some of the city's ground near the mill race for the use of the engine and rock crusher to furnish rock for the streets, was null and void for the reason that there was no ordinance covering the matter. Councilman Moon, who is a member of the committee that made the lease, took occasion to criticize City Attorney Bean for not informing the committee of the fact at the time instead of waiting till now, alleging that it was the city attorney's desire at various times, this one included, to make a fool of the committee and the whole council at large. Mr. Bean



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replied that at the time the lease was made he did not know that an ordinance was required, but later, upon looking up the statutes discovered that it was necessary to make the contract by ordinance. After discussion a motion was carried to draw an ordinance ratifying the contract.

A petition of Geo. B. Dorris for a remittance of \$22.70 on his paving assessment was referred. He was assessed for an alley that had been dedicated to the city but had never been opened.

Attorney F. M. DeNeffe, in behalf of Geo. H. Smith, asked the council to enforce the payment of bill-posting license by others who posted bills than Mr. Smith, he alleging that he was the only one in the city who had ever paid the license. The matter was referred to the police committee.

Permission was granted Mrs. Lowell to repair her sidewalk at the corner of East Tenth and Oak streets, which is in the cement walk district, with the promise that she

build a cement walk in the spring. The city recorder was authorized to order a bale of hickory tires for the street sweeper, as the supply on hand is getting low.

**RAILROAD PRESIDENT
HAS RESIGNED**

New York, Dec. 22.—W. H. Newman resigned today as president of the New York Central R. R., to take effect February 1, 1909. It was expected but he is expected to continue as a member of the board of directors.

Judge Harris yesterday granted decrees of divorce to the following: Sylvester E. Beckwith, from Sarah E. Beckwith and Ancell F. Linn from Florence Linn.

J. P. Hedde, who lives at Springfield Junction, has just completed drilling a fine well on his place, going down 82 feet and securing an excellent flow of good water.

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