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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 emigration 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 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.

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?

"Good-morning; have the secret service men got you yet?" may become a regular before breakfast salutation between congressmen.

JULIUS GODSMITH SELLS HIS RETAIL CIGAR STORE

Will Engage in the Wholesale Business Exclusively Hereafter

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.

Miss Kate Fullerton went to her home at Roseburg yesterday to spend the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Fullerton.

AMUSEMENTS

Sampson, the Modern Hercules, will be the star attraction at the Bell theatre for four nights next week, commencing Monday. He lifts an ordinary sized horse with ease and performs many other feats equally as wonderful.

Tonight's bill is refined vaudeville moving pictures and illustrated songs. "The Tramp and the Waif," closes its run at the Orpheum with tonight's performance, having played to good success. For three nights next week, beginning Monday, the Hildreth Stock Co. will present "The Little Rebel," with a very strong cast.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of publicly expressing to our friends our gratitude for their kind and generous expressions of sympathy at the death of our beloved husband and father. MRS. E. C. LARIMER AND FAMILY.

Roy Nelson, son of the editor of the Albany Democrat, arrived here today and will visit friends at the Sigma Nu fraternal house.

BIG UNION REVIVAL MEETING BEGINS MONDAY, DEC. 27

H. W. Jones, who, with his singers, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Spear, will conduct a union evangelistic meeting with the Presbyterian and Baptist churches, beginning Monday morning, Dec. 27th, is one of the most widely known and successful evangelists on the Pacific coast. More than three thousand have made public profession in the short time he has worked on the coast and in the East. Mr. Jones was known as an unusually successful pastor of one of Buffalo's (N. Y.) large churches. Mr. Spear, who directs the chorus work, is a graduate of the Moody school of music and comes highly recommended by the great evangelist.

list, Dwight L. Moody, and Prof. D. B. Towner, the successor of Ira D. Sankey.

So successful has been Mr. Spear in his meetings for boys and girls, where his abilities as singer and chalk artist find ready appreciation, that he is called the children's evangelist. Mrs. Spear is a singer of rare power and will add much to the musical attractions of the meetings.

ALL HATS REDUCED.

Miss McCallum, the milliner, with rooms at 12 and 14 First National Bank Building, announces a sweeping reduction in all lines of hats. It will pay you to buy now.

EUGENE AND ALBANY TIE IN BASKETBALL

The basketball game last evening played before a large crowd at the armory between the Albany and Eugene high schools, ended under protest.

The score was a tie, 14 to 14, but the Eugene team claims a point, which should have been awarded, on a foul. It seems that the Spaulding official rules say that if a man is "backed" while attempting to throw a basket the referee shall award one point to the side fouled and shall allow the basket, if thrown. Umpire Stine called a foul on Albany for backing Koch, Eugene's forward. Referee Marquon ignored Stine and refused to award the point, claiming that the Eugene man was not trying to throw a basket. Now, the Eugene man was close to the basket and could easily have thrown one from that point. It seems ridiculous that a man with easy reach of his own basket should have had any purpose for throwing the ball away from the goal.

Numerous times, throughout the game the Eugene rosters bit their lips, endeavoring not to show their disgust at rank decisions by the Albany referee in favor of his own team.

The Eugene school has a reputation of always showing their visitors a good time, and dislikes wrangling, often preferring to lose a point in order to keep good spirit. Not only by decision, but the attitude of the Albany rosters showed the school's poor sportsmanship. For instance, when the Eugene man was throwing a foul they would try to disconcert him. The Eugene boys did not retaliate but simply overlooked it and showed perfect respect when their opponents were throwing.

To say the least, it is too bad this has happened, yet at the same time, those who were present realize that the Eugene boys took and stood as much as anyone could.

During the game it was easily seen that Albany was outplayed. The local boys seemed to have a streak of hard luck in throwing baskets, but the team work they did didn't give Albany a chance to try for many more than they threw. If Eugene can do better on basket accuracy they have a team that will be hard to defeat.

Watson, although he had had luck when throwing baskets last evening, was probably the star. He seems to be wound up and always alert to the ball. Mummy showed himself to be a star last night on defensive work and is an exceedingly bright player. Koch also deserves special note for brilliant playing. Burton easily out-classed his man in center. Young and Green played alternated in the first and second half.

The points were made as follows: Watson, 2; Mummy, 4; Burton, 4; Koch, 4.

There was a large crowd in attendance. Although there is a return game at Albany already scheduled, this tie will probably be played out in another game here. The mistake made last evening was in allowing the teams' coaches as officials.

In the first half the score stood 9 to 6 in Eugene's favor.

SALEM WINS DEBATE FROM CHAMPIONS

Salem, Or., Dec. 18.—In the first debate of the Oregon High School Debating League, Salem defeated Lebanon this evening. The judges voted two for Salem and one for Lebanon. Lebanon won the championship of the state last year, but is eliminated in the first debate of the series this year.

MARRIED

Herbert L. Traver, formerly in the mercantile business with A. C. Tolmie on East Ninth street, in Eugene, and Miss Laura Larimer, who clerked in the store for several years, were married at Seattle a few days ago. Mr. Traver having come down from Alaska and Miss Larimer having gone from here to the Sound city for that purpose. This is quite a surprise to their many friends in Eugene. The bride, since Tolmie & Traver went out of business here, was employed at the ASBills' department store until a short time before the marriage.

Miss Ethel Todd was among the students leaving on the noon train today. She went to McMinnville to spend the holidays with relatives.

GAMMA PHI BETA SORORITY IS INSTITUTED AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Only Girls' Sorority in College Affiliated With National Organization

A chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority, a national organization, was instituted at the Tau 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 Tossie Preston, of Seattle; Miss Helen McDonald, of Seattle; Miss Lillian Heisenheis, and Miss Ruth Guppy, of Ann Arbor.

Tonight at Otto's 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 is 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 Dunaway, Mary Stelwer, Gertrude Holmes, Pearl Wilbur, Edith Woodcock, Helen Beach, Erna Clifford, Javina Stanfield, Pearl McKenna, Grace Grey, Jean Gray, Mary Grey, Edna Caulfield, Clara Caulfield, Constance Covell and Josephine Cameron.

PERSONAL

E. L. Cannon, of Roseburg, is in the city on business.

Joel Richardson left for his home at LaGrande this noon.

Mrs. W. H. Platt went to Portland today to visit a few days.

C. C. Hammond returned this afternoon from a trip north.

Chas. Neal, of Vida, spent last night in Eugene on business.

S. A. Pease and wife, of Jefferson, arrived here yesterday afternoon.

Walter Carroll, the Junction City druggist, was in Eugene today, returning home on the noon train.

Rev. A. O. Stillman returned home this afternoon from a trip north.

Bert Wood arrived here last night from Raymond, Wash., on business.

Hon. and Mrs. J. K. Weatherford, of Albany, were in the city yesterday.

Miss Ora Jackson came up from Junction City this afternoon on a visit.

Rev. M. G. Wire went to Halsey today to hold services there tomorrow.

F. MacFarlane, of Grants Pass, was an arrival in Eugene on this morning's train.

F. E. Cox and wife, of Crystal Lake, Ill., were arrivals in Eugene last night.

Mrs. Winfield Bennett went to Portland yesterday to spend a few days there.

L. A. Chastain and wife, of Halsey, after a short visit here, returned home today.

Arthur VanDusen left today for the national convolve of the Sigma Nu at Chicago.

P. C. Walters, the enterprising young Elmira lumberman, spent last night in Eugene.

Gilbert Tyson arrived up from Astoria today to spend a few days with Mrs. Tyson.

E. C. Lake returned home this afternoon from a business trip to Albany and Corvallis.

Mayor J. D. Matlock went to Portland today on business expecting to be gone several days.

Mrs. Baldwin, of Alamath Falls, arrived here today and is a guest of her uncle, Harry Dunbar.

Miss Frances Obertauffer was among the students going to her home in Portland today.

C. A. Schafer and Geo. Poysky were among the students leaving for their homes in Portland today.

Jesse Nicolle, J. H. Bagley, Chas. Neal and G. S. Porter were stage passengers for Vida this morning.

Glenn Hunter went to Salem today to spend the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hunter.

M. W. Weber, wife, Dr. W. H. P. and wife and Mrs. W. Price of Marcola, spent last night in Eugene.

Mrs. Amy Laout arrived in Eugene on the noon train today to visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Booth.

MORNING PAPER REPUDIATES ITS OWN PLATFORM

Corporation Organ Condemns Council for Acting Upon Its Own Advice

The following "platform" of the Morning Register was run practically the entire month of September, preceding the late bond election. No comment is necessary except to call attention to the fact that the morning paper has again repudiated its pledges to the public and is opposing the pumping plant proposition that it then declared itself unequivocally in favor of. It was then anything to defeat the bonds,—"now it is anything to defeat the power plant," because it has been ordered by the corporation that controls it to break faith with the public. The "local capitalists" who were then pledged to "snap" up the \$160,000 bond issue have not yet appeared on the scene unless the snappy way in which they have rushed the injunction proceedings may be construed as carrying out of this pledge. Out of its own mouth comes the condemnation of its acts, and it places the brand Ananias upon its own utterances in today's editorial. The Register's platform follows:

No gravity system until the city can go to the snow line beyond small, foothill streams for its supply.

No gravity system from any section where the watershed can not be controlled.

Opposed to the proposed Ritchey creek kielime because: first of insufficient supply to meet present demands of the city; second, the water comes from foothills instead of snow-clad peaks; third, the watershed is not in the reserve and with its 200,000,000 feet of merchantable timber owned by corporations and private individuals cannot be controlled, therefore cannot be kept free from contamination by logging camps, pasturage, etc.

Oppose issuing the \$160,000 balance of the \$300,000 to be expended in whole or in part on said Ritchey creek system until the tax-payers and voters generally first are allowed to express themselves at the polls on October 1 for or against making the bond issue to further the plans of the promoters of said Ritchey creek scheme.

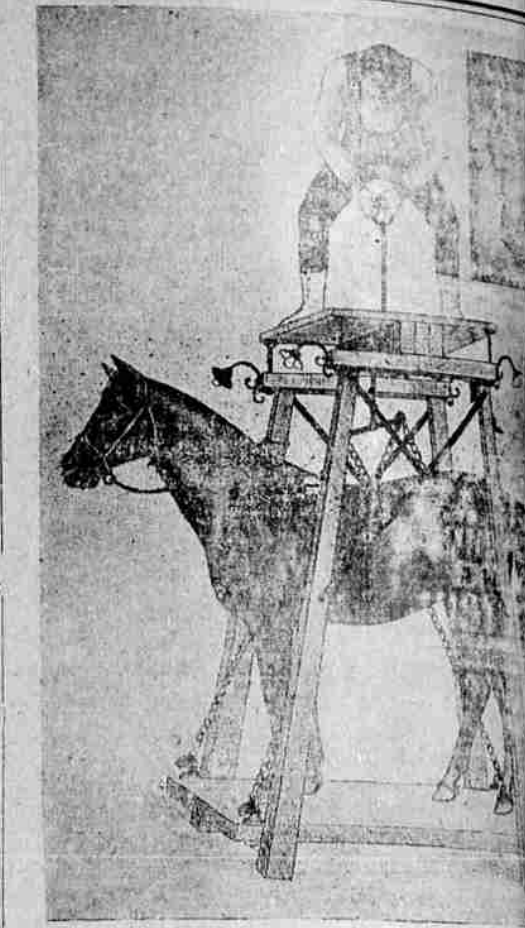
Favor issuing \$140,000 in bonds to the Willamette Valley company once without regard to whether or not the additional \$160,000 is taken, then providing for a water commission to take immediate charge of the local, municipally owned system in accordance with the plain and unequivocal provisions of the city charter as enacted by the people when they voted overwhelmingly to take over the present plant.

Favor water commission taking charge of all extensions and improvements of said system as further provided for by the said city charter, placing water mains in those parts of the city now badly in need of them, providing a well or wells as a basis of supply, installing the city's own power plant for pumping purposes as soon as possible, all of which can be done for less than the \$160,000, and if foreign bondholders do not want the \$160,000, or any part thereof needed to equip this kind of a system, local capitalists can be found who will snap them up in a hurry and be glad of the chance.

In this way Eugene can provide itself with a water system the superior of any on the coast and save the additional burden proposed by the amended bond issue of \$500,000.

This is the Register's platform on the water question.

E. R. Spencer and N. R. Godard, of Myrtle Creek, are in Eugene for a few days.



Sampson at The Bell Theater next week, Monday, Dec. 21st. Sampson will lift a horse and six men, an aggregate weight of 10,000 lbs.

CITY NEWS

The stores will remain open till nine o'clock each evening from now until after Christmas.

Marthen E. Cobb, of Springfield, are shipping from Eugene today a carload of fat hogs to Portland.

Already chicken coops are being placed in one of the vacant rooms of the new Cherry block for the poultry show next week.

The total number of school children in the Eugene district, finally enumerated, is 2,428 as against 2,175, enumerated last year.

Marriage licenses were issued today to the following: Samuel G. Spicer and Miss Virtue M. Gay; Earl Miles and Miss Lottie Austin.

The entire front of E. Dodge's store on West Eighth street was covered with dressed turkeys today, presenting an interesting spectacle and a splendid display.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner J. W. Bailey has purchased from Alf Walker, Geo. H. Smith and C. A. Hardy 700 acres of stump and pasture land on the McKenzie opposite Waterville for \$7,000 and will place stock on the place after fencing it.

Prof. John Straub has let the contract to Husby & Hamlin for the erection of a fine residence on his lot on East Eleventh street. It will contain thirteen rooms and will be modern in every respect. The residence now occupying the lot will be moved elsewhere.

Hobos are numerous these cold days. They are glad to get a night's lodging in the city jail, but each morning they are turned loose and escorted to the city limits. Usually they keep on going but occasionally the police find that some of them come back into town.

Cottage Grove Leader: A. J. Stewart, of Mexico, a brother of our townsman, C. E. Stewart, spent Tuesday in this city a guest of his brother, while on his return home to

Mexico, from Eugene he has been visiting his aged father who has been very ill at the hospital.

Today was the coldest winter, the thermometer at the freezing point all day. A heavy fog set in at night and has remained all day. A kind of weather which is a remainder of June.

A number of children related a subscription for the benefit of Ira Blum, a hand torn off in a quarry at the Springs and who is in a hospital. He is a deserving of the assistance.

Michael W. Weber, a pointed guardian of the children, Garrett Sage and Michael Ralph Weber, property a prize of their mother, Marie Weber, who is now in the hospital. He is a deserving of the assistance.

The Christian church revival meeting of Dr. S. M. Martin is the Martin conducted a meeting at the church here the first of last week. He was assisted by Prof. H. B. Ing evangelist of Astoria.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene, December 18, were married, Charles and Miss Ethel L. Spry. B. C. Tabor, of Cottage Grove, will reside at Mrs. M. A. the groom is engaged to be married to Miss M. A. who is a native son of Oregon. They are both graduates of Blawie, who also lived—Cottage Grove.

On Friday evening, Osburn entertained at the home of Mrs. Thos. L. Osburn. Mrs. Elliot is here tonight for San Francisco to his marriage with Mrs. Mandershead, on Dec. 18, guests invited to meet were Prof. and Mrs. G. T. and Mrs. F. G. T. Washburn and Prof. S.

Give a Victor Talking Machine. If you want to make a Christmas gift that will be a never ending source of pleasure. Come and listen to the various styles. They range in price from \$12.50 up and are as easy to buy as they are to operate. You can give a Victor Talking Machine and never feel the outlay. Like our new model bicycles he would be able to get twice a year instead of only once, as at present. Give anybody you would like to give a wheel to? Give yours if you want to make a first-class gift in every way. No wheel could be handsomer, better or more real in price. EUGENE GUN COMPANY