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## THE UNHEEDED LESSON

It does not take a coroner's jury to tell the cause of the lamentable loss of life in the fire at Bunker Hill. The building was a fire trap, as is nearly every other structure of more than one story in Coos county. This may have been a "bad one," but it is no worse than scores of others. In fact, it appears to have been better, for there was one fire escape, and that is one more than most of our lodging houses are provided with. The experience is always the same in such cases. A fire starts in the lower part of the building; the stairway forms a flue and becomes at once impassable; the halls fill with smoke and flame, and the only escape for inmates of the rooms is through the windows. Ten thousand times has this been demonstrated in wooden buildings; yet architects and lawmakers seem incapable of learning the simple lesson. Had the Bunker Hill building been provided in every bedroom with a knotted rope, securely fastened at one end and long enough to reach the ground, probably no life would have been lost. It is unreasonable to severely blame the owners or lessee of the building. They simply took chances with the lives of their guests, as the owner or lessee of every other similar building in the country is taking chances, while their guests stand for it with a beautiful optimism, and the lawmakers and authorities close their eyes. There is an old building in Marshfield today, sitting on the corner of two of the business streets which everyone speaks of and has been speaking of for years as a hopeless and inexcusable firetrap, out of which no person could escape if caught in the upper stories by a fire well started below. On the lower floor is a restaurant, prolific source of fires. In the same block is a four-story wooden hotel. The street front is prettily decorated with fire escapes. The stairway comes up in the middle of the building. Start a fire below, and before the guests can be aroused a column of flame will fill this flue to the roof and half of the guests will be shut off from the fire escapes, while the surrounding buildings will handicap the firemen in reaching their windows. Perhaps a coroner's verdict would furnish solace for the surviving friends and relatives.

## MORE RAILROAD DOPE

While in North Bend last week the editor of the Herald heard some railroad talk that seemed to have made quite a hit there, but which, so far as we have observed, has not found its way into print.

It was stated that a man who was certainly in a position to know what he was talking about but whose name will not be given here, had told a friend that the plan of the Southern Pacific, which had been fully decided upon, for its entrance into and exit from North Bend would place that town squarely on the main line of the road, even after it is extended down the coast, while Marshfield would be left on a branch. This to be accomplished by bringing the main line into North Bend from the bridge on the grade already made and through the big cut in Simpson park. It will then follow the water front to Porter, and here a tunnel will be made through the hill back of Porter, coming out at about the junction of Sherman avenue and Lombard street, where low ground exists and where Major Kinney once made a cut to reach Pony slough with a line from up the bay. The line will then cross Pony Slough and go over the survey made some years ago, back of Empire, across the head of South slough and on to the mouth of the Coquille.

If this report should prove to be well founded it would give North Bend a great advantage over Marshfield for some years to come, although it is hard to see wherein the permanent gain would be so great. Even though the main line bears off in a southeasterly direction from the bridge, it will still pass through

North Bend and not through Marshfield and the business section of the former town will soon grow to the railroad. Taking the long look ahead, the two towns which now give themselves such airs of great importance will only be parts of the same big city. The idea that the railroad must run down the street in front of your store was abandoned in Coquille some years ago, and the railroad was given every inducement to get off from Front street, to the great benefit of the town. The trouble with the Coos Bay people is that they do not seem able to see beyond the ends of their own noses. Marshfield and North Bend both see visions of themselves as real cities without figuring on the area of land which such a city must occupy. A city of 50,000 will cover the whole peninsula, and will take in Empire, as well as both North Bend and Marshfield. Yet each town, apparently, figures on becoming a city of 50,000 or more in its own little restricted cabbage patch.

As for the new report quoted above, the Herald takes little stock in it. We believe that the main line will go from the bridge up Pony inlet and across country toward Bandon. The idea held so tenaciously by some that the main line will follow the existing road up into the hills at the head of the south fork of the Coquille, and then climb across a mountainous country to get back to the coast again does not look worthy of serious consideration.

One straw which indicates the encouraging growth among the American people of the habit of thinking for themselves was noticed a few days ago in the Marshfield employment office. Eight men were there on an unsuccessful quest of work; yet in the discussion going on only one out of the eight blamed President Wilson for the present hard times. It has not been so very many years since every Republican in a similar gathering would have been abusing Wilson and every Democrat defending him with the tariff hovering over all.

## Inspector Lectures On Migratory Birds

Saturday night about twenty-five members of the Coquille Rod & Gun Club met at the Coquille Club Rooms to hear Mr. E. S. Catron, of the Bureau of Biological Survey and the U. S. District Inspector of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, deliver a lecture on migratory birds.

Mr. Catron is an eloquent speaker and understands his subject thoroughly. He made a very interesting speech and dwelt mostly on the preservation of our game birds. In speaking of the Federal laws governing these birds, he put it in this manner: "When a change is desirable, it will be found that the law is flexible and easily adjusted to meet present or future conditions." Yet Mr. Catron says that there is little chance, he thinks, of getting our duck law for this particular locality extended. He points out that if a change were made for us, every small county in the United States would clamor for a change also, and that it can be clearly seen that this would simply tangle the laws up in such a manner that the Federal law would be of no use.

Mr. Catron's speech was appreciated by all as it certainly enlightened a good many on certain changes in the law and of the new laws governing the same. He also stated that Judge Trieber of Arkansas, in a recent case tried by him, had declared the Migratory Game Law unconstitutional. This case is soon to be tried in the U. S. Supreme Courts. If the law is declared unconstitutional, which is not at all probable, Mr. Catron predicts that it will be a matter of only a few years till ducks and geese will be extinct, owing to the fact that there will be no law protecting or providing a closed season for them.

He dwelt upon many subjects of interest to the "gun fans," and ended by saying that the spirit of the law should be observed for the good of the sport. We should protect the birds more and ourselves less; and that unless we do so a few years more will see little or no shooting on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Catron gave all present the impression of being a clean sportsman, and he made many friends among the sportsmen here. He left Sunday for Bandon where he intends delivering a similar lecture to the sportsmen of that city.

## Woman's Study Club

Yesterday the Woman's Study Club held another interesting meeting in the City Library. First on the program was a paper by Mrs. Epperson, on "The Spanish Invader and the Mexican King." Mrs. Springer came next with one on "La Noche Trieste," and Mrs. Anderson followed with one on "The Establishment of Spanish Rule."

The Aztecs are conquered, but, as an outside friend puts it, "not quite worn to a frazzle"—therefore at the next meeting, March 8, there will be a paper on "Details of the Conquest." There will also be papers on "Three Centuries Under the Spanish Yoke," and "The Church in the Time of the Viceroy."

At the close of the lesson in Domestic Science each member was called upon to give a little talk on "My Pet Economy." The result was so satisfactory that hereafter this feature will be a part of every lesson. At the next meeting the class will be prepared to recite from "Atwater's Calculation," on page 48 of the text book, to the end of the chapter, and the members will have read up on "Farmers' Bulletin 142."

## ORIGIN OF A PHRASE.

Greeley Was Not the First to Say, "Go West, Young Man."

Who said, "Go west, young man?" The phrase has often been credited to Horace Greeley, but he was not the first to use it and once denied that he said it. It was written by John B. L. Soule, a brilliant young man who edited the Terre Haute Express in 1851-3. Richard W. Thompson of Terre Haute advised him to go west and grow up with the country, adding, "Why, John, you could write an article that would be attributed to Horace Greeley if you tried."

Soule modestly doubted it, but Thompson insisted, and Soule promised to try. The result was an article in the Express on the opportunities offered to young men by the west, which began by saying that Horace Greeley could never have given better advice than that contained in the words "Go west, young man." It was a supposititious quotation from Greeley, but the article was copied, and pretty soon the supposititious phrase was attributed to Greeley himself.

After it had received wide circulation the New York Tribune came out with a reprint of the Express article, accompanied by a footnote by Mr. Greeley saying that he was not the author of the expression, but he fully endorsed it and joined in saying, "Go west, young man; go west."—Indianapolis News.

## AN ALCOHOLIC ENIGMA.

Fewer Persons Seem to Drink, Yet More Liquor is Consumed.

It is the testimony of the internal revenue receipts of our own government that, notwithstanding the noteworthy extension of the dry areas by reason of state wide prohibitions and local option laws, consumption of alcoholic liquor has greatly increased. In addition to the dry areas established by political action we use the term in its broad sense there has been wide promotion of personal abstinence because of rules against drinking established by large employers of labor, who realize the wisdom of guarding the safety of employees and the public against accident, as well as the promoting general efficiency.

We know that in addition to these powerful influences there has grown up a social opposition to intemperate habits that has a wholesome effect against over-indulgence in intoxicating liquors and in favor of total abstinence. In any circle of acquaintances the persistent drinkers—the men who "make a business of it"—do not appear to be numerous.

The question naturally arises in consequence, Where does the liquor go, and who uses it? In some of population in the wet areas do not account for all of it.—Pittsburg, Chronicle-Telegraph.

## An Earl's Duel With a Butler.

About the middle of the last century the Lord Rosebery of that time was in Paris, and in paying a call one day he was received so rudely by the butler that he complained to his friend of the servant's conduct. But the butler had been a non-commissioned officer in the French army, and as such he challenged Lord Rosebery to a duel. The earl accepted and the two were exchanged without result. But Lord Rosebery was injured at his own confession and offered his antagonist might lay aside his military rank and resume his duties as a servant, thus exposing an earl to the reproach of having fought with a butler. So he settled an annuity of £250 on the man on condition that he did not return to domestic service. The condition was faithfully observed on both sides.

## A Difficult Assignment.

Not long ago a club reporter on one of the Chicago dailies was assigned by the city editor to cover a meeting of the board of trustees of a public library. "Bring a story of about four hundred words," said the editor.

At a late hour that night, this story not being forthcoming, the youngster was sent for.

"How about that story of the board meeting?" asked the editor.

"It isn't finished yet. You told me to make 400 words of it. So far I have managed to get only 300."

"What did the board do?"

"They met, called the roll and adjourned until Tuesday evening."—Lippincott's Magazine.

## Seven Persons Perish

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At noon on Wednesday Corone Wilson impaneled a jury made up of Walter Condron, Fred Messerle, Charles Stauff, Wm. Grimes, Archie Johnson and A. H. Lewis. They examined many witnesses, visiting the scene of the fire several times and also the hospital, in quest of information. On Saturday they brought the following verdict.

We, the jury, find that he or they came to his or their death in the early morning of February 17, 1915, about 2:10 a. m., of suffocation and burns, caused by fire in a building known as the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Co. boarding house, located in that section of Marshfield known as Bunker Hill, leased and operated by George W. Craig. Origin of this fire unknown to this jury.

It will be noted that the question of responsibility is not touched upon. It is given out that a supplementary report of their findings, in extended detail, will be given in a few days.

A supplementary report was being prepared yesterday, and it was expected that it would be made public today, covering the condition of the building relative to the matter of fire protection.

Joseph Brooker, the man who was thought to have been in the building but no trace of whose remains could be found, was located at Wagner and called back to Marshfield to give his evidence before the coroner's jury.

## How is This?

We are informed that the tax levies of the Coos county cities run as follows: Eastside, 56.2 mills; North Bend 53; Marshfield, 51.1; Coquille 50; Bandon, 50; Myrtle Point, 45.5; Empire, 30. There is something wrong here somewhere. Coquille and Myrtle Point are "dry," and we have been taught that direct taxes are bound to be higher in a town deprived of the revenue from liquor licenses. Yet the two towns mentioned have the lowest taxes, except Empire, which is simply a corpse preserved in alcohol. It is very confusing.

## East Fork Items

Mr. Golden visited the Dora and Brewster schools last week.

Dr. F. Covell, of Cottage Grove came in over the Coos Bay wagon road bound for Bandon.

Mr. McCurdy and others of Coquille, went out over the Coos Bay wagon road to Roseburg. Their survey would be a sorry before they get over the mountain.

William Culbertson and Marion Miller made a trip to Coquille.

Mrs. Ballinger of Daniel's creek is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas, whose health continues poor.

Coll Harry thinks that he is up against a big it, or else things are coming his way wrong end to. In the last three or four weeks two of his cows each broke a leg and one ran a limb into her eye. All three were so badly injured that they had to be killed; then one day while he was splitting wood, he made a mistake and cut his hand so badly that the thumb was nearly cut off at the ball. Is it possible that the Germans are after Coll?

Wanda Harry, who is teaching the McKieley school was home for the week end.

The new road running from the Howe place to Elk creek is being "opened." My judgment is that the county was handed a "gold brick" when that road scheme was worked.

Billie 2's "league" that has been organized in Washington to help out the German "war-lord" and his "fighting machine," in a circular letter sent out to the Germans calls for a "new Declaration of Independence." Billie is working through his hyphen Americans. I want to tell Billie 2 and his hyphen Americans that they do not know anything about the Declaration of Independence. A German did not have anything to do with the Declaration of Independence. I have looked over the list of names signed to it and there is not a name that reads like German to me.

R. A. EASTON.

Shortage of hogs and cattle as reported is prelude to raise in meat prices.

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## Coquille Boy is Strong

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## SUNDAY SERVICES IN COQUILLE CHURCHES

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.  
Sunday School at 10 a. m.  
W. F. McDermott, Pastor.

**M. E. Church**  
Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Epworth League at 6:45 p. m.  
Bible Study at the Parsonage Monday evenings.  
Prayer meeting Thursdays at 7:30 p. m. C. H. BRYAN, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.  
Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.  
Morning Subject, "The Poverty of Christ and Riches of the Saints"  
Evening Subject "The Unrecorded Teaching of Christ During the Forty Days."  
The Public is cordially invited to all of these services.

**JOHN F. LEBBERT, Minister.**  
**Christian Science Society**  
Corner Third and Hall streets.  
Services at 11 a. m. next Sunday, subject "Jesus Christ."  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Wednesday evening meeting 8:00

**M. E. Church South**  
Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Epworth League at 6:45 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wed. 7:30 p. m.  
Choir practice Thurs. 7:30 p. m.  
J. E. WALBECK, Pastor.

**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL.**  
Services first and third Sundays of each month. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m.  
You are heartily welcome.

## Sheriff's Sale of Real Property on Foreclosure

Notice is hereby given, That by virtue of an execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Coos and to me directed on the 13th day of February 1915 upon a judgment and decree duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in and by said Court on the 14th day of January 1915 in a certain suit therein said Court pending, wherein W. H. Bunch was plaintiff and Adolph G. Raab and Charlotte E. Raab, his wife, and James Magee were defendants in favor of plaintiff and against said defendants by which execution I am commanded to sell the property in said execution and hereinafter described to pay the sum due the plaintiff of Seven Hundred Twenty and 18-100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent. per annum from the 14th day of January 1915 until paid together with the costs and disbursements of said suit taxed at \$ . . . and an Attorney fee of \$75.00 and costs and expenses of said execution. I will on Saturday the 20th day of March 1915 at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day at the Front door of the County Court House in Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on the day of sale, all the right, title, interest and estate which said defendants Adolph G. Raab, Charlotte E. Raab, his wife, and James Magee or either of them, and all persons claiming under them subsequent to the Plaintiff's Mortgage Lien in, of and to said Real Property said Mortgaged premises herebefore mentioned are described in said execution as follows, to-wit: The South Half of the North East Quarter and the North Half of the South East Quarter of Section Twenty-eight Township Twenty-four South of Range Twelve West of the Willamette Meridian in Coos County, Oregon.

Said sale being made subject to redemption in the manner provided by law.

Dated this 13th day of February 1915.  
Alfred Johnson, Jr.,  
Sheriff of Coos County, Oregon.  
2-16-15

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