

BEESON DEATH FROM ACCIDENT JURY VERDICT

Elton Beeson, 29, of Talent, came to his death Friday night, as the result of an "accidental self-inflicted gun shot wound," according to the verdict reached by the coroner's jury at the inquest held at the Conger funeral home last night.

Jurors appointed by Coroner Conger were: William Lyman, foreman, Harry Loffland, A. J. Crose, Dr. C. A. Beuchler, Loren Gregory and W. M. Howard.

The first witness called was Dr. A. F. W. Kresse, who reached the Everett Beeson ranch, where the shooting occurred, a few minutes after the accident. He testified as to the range of the bullet, which entered the left lung between the third and fourth ribs, went between the seventh and eighth ribs in the rear and lodged in the casing of the door on the enclosed back porch of the house.

Statements which the dying man had made while in a semi-conscious state, regarding his inexperience with firearms, convinced the physician that the death was accidental, according to his testimony.

Dr. R. E. Green, who was called to the bedside at Elton Beeson by Dr. Kresse shortly after six o'clock, substantiated the testimony of Dr. Kresse when he was called to the stand.

Everett Beeson, brother of the deceased, testified under the examination of Deputy District Attorney Frank P. Farrell that his brother had no financial worries, was happy in his domestic life, was in good health and was of an unusually cheerful disposition, thereby having no apparent motive for suicide.

That his brother was unfamiliar with the Luger pistol with which he shot himself, was another statement made by Everett Beeson. The latter had left the deceased a minute prior to the accident and went down into a field. He was returning to the house when he heard the shot, and saw his brother walk out onto the porch.

"I was fooling, with that gun and shot myself," Elton said, according to the testimony. The injured man, held his hand over the wound.

"Did you shoot your hand?" Everett said he asked.

"No," said Elton, and sunk to the ground, unconscious. Everett moved his brother onto a couch in the living room of the house and called the doctor. Later he discovered the bullet of the gun in the casement of the door.

Other witnesses, were Jonas Spitzer, who swam on the ranch at the time and Ed Robinson, neighbor and friend, who was called to the home shortly after the accident. Their testimony corroborated that of Everett Beeson.

Miss Olga Hanson, general nurse who attended Elton Beeson after his removal to the Sacred Heart hospital next testified as to statements the wounded man had made prior to his death.

"My God, what did I do to myself?" she said he repeated over and over, at one time, when she was alone in the room with him. She also testified that he had mumbled something about fooling with the gun, and knowing nothing about firearms.

The jury deliberated 25 minutes before bringing in their verdict of accidental death. The funeral of the deceased will probably be set for Tuesday, according to Coroner H. W. Conger.

MRS. H. H. SARGENT WRITES BOOK OF WAR EXPERIENCES

The people of Medford and Jackson county will be interested in reading "Following the Flag," recently published by E. H. Bennett of Kansas City, and now on sale at the Medford Bookstore. The book is by Mrs. Alice Applegate Sargent of Jacksonville, one of southern Oregon's best known pioneer daughters, and the widow of Colonel H. H. Sargent, nationally known military expert, former city councilman of Medford, and a prominent and greatly beloved figure in this part of the state.

The striking characteristic of Mrs. Sargent's book is its simplicity and freedom from any self-conscious literary effort—so often the weakness of the diary form of personal narrative. Events of thrilling character and genuine historical importance are condensed in a few paragraphs, and yet the story as a whole gives an unusually faithful and graphic picture of army life during the Spanish war, and the adjustment period following, particularly in the Philippines.

Colonel and Mrs. Sargent were close friends of the late President Roosevelt, and the vivid glimpses one gets of T. R. during the height of his career, have genuine historical importance. It takes only a few minutes to read the book from cover to cover, and yet it is so packed with real atmosphere and such genuine patriotic feeling, that one cannot lay it down without making a mental note that it is something one must turn to from time to time, not only for enjoyment, but for inspiration.

"Following the Flag" has received favorable notices from many eastern reviewers and reviewers. The following from the Kansas City Star gives one a further idea of what a wide range the little volume covers:

"Following the Flag" is a narrative of events following the author's marriage in 1886 to a young second lieutenant of cavalry stationed at old Fort Klamath in eastern Oregon; life at western army posts; marching overland; the campaign of Santiago, Cuba; her first and second voyages to the Philippines, and her experiences during the World War. Mrs. Sargent's husband was the late Col. Herbert H. Sargent.

R. W. R.

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 10.—(AP)—Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon, was to leave Eugene today for Washington, D. C., where he will attend the annual session of the American Association of State University Executives.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK OBSERVED PUBLIC LIBRARY

This is Children's Book Week, a most suitable time to talk to parents about their children's reading, a subject which many of them consider of small importance, but which educators recognize as extremely important. Frequently, in my conversations with children about their reason for not taking home more books to read, they reply by telling me that mother doesn't want them to waste their time reading, or that they have to spend it on their lessons.

What a discouraging answer it is, the one that dismays any teacher or librarian most, because it shows that the mother or father has not really given the subject any thought at all. Any teacher knows that it isn't the child who reads merely, his history or geography lesson, the stipulated number of pages each day, that heads the class. It's the one who has read history stories and tales of other lands in his leisure time who really understands the formal lesson material best. By seeking amusement through reading, a child absorbs an unbelievable amount of information, a background of the richest kind, and one he will have with him all his life. A boy or girl will forget many of the dates learned in history class but never the forgets the impressions gathered from a good story on that same historic period.

Besides information, books convey ideals to children, they accept them without realizing it, and because of this, willingly. A book whose hero has noble ideals, impresses a boy more than ten sermons. So urge rather than discourage your children to read. Remember that from the time they are in the fourth grade until they begin high school they will read more books than at any other period of their lives. Before that most children have not mastered the mechanics of reading and later many other things come to claim their time. So do not worry if they are "book worms" at this time, but help them in making a good choice of books. Send them to the library, consult lists of books suggested by the teachers and librarians, be pleased if your child "loves reading more than any other fun." After a long day at school, and hard playing out-of-doors after school, what fun it is to curl up quietly in the big chair at home with a good book.

For information and inspiration visit the public library and see the exhibit of children's books displayed in the club room during book week. You will wish you were again eleven years old or only eight. If you plan to give children's books for Christmas gifts, a visit to this exhibit will help you in selecting them.

RURAL DOGS ACT AS PAPER BOYS

Once in a while a newsboy will go to the dogs, but of late it has become the fashion in the rural districts around Medford, for the dogs to act as the newsboys, to get the evening paper, instead of depending upon the latter to deliver it.

Several canine newsboys have been trained during the past year to meet the rural circulation men of the Mail-Tribune several leagues from their homes, take the evening paper from them and run back to their owners with a speed that cannot be equaled by the weary carriers.

Many of the dogs are familiar with the carrier's whistle and leave their homes as soon as they hear it in the distance. Others set out at the same time each day, regardless whether they hear the whistle or not, and wait for the carrier to appear.

Among the dogs which are said to have earned a medal for their services in this work, are those owned by: A. W. Sullivan and R. L. Hayward of Ross Lane, and F. W. Jordan, near Central Point.

GAY PARIS LIFE HUNT'S CRATERIAN

The story of a gay old blade who goes to Paris, lives the life of a boulevardier for eight years and comes to that epoch known as the afternoon of life—life's tea time—only to discover that, instead of the dogs to act as the newsboys, to get the evening paper, instead of depending upon the latter to deliver it.

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Coming Attractions

Richard Dix Comes Monday. Richard Dix is the most recent convert to the air, and was involved in his decision by Ruth Elder, his leading lady in "Moran of the Mines," coming to Hunt's Craterian tomorrow.

Tommy's bit in taking one of the scenes. Miss Elder said to Dix: "Well, hop in and we'll take a little spin." The two soared off into the heights and flew for a half hour. When they landed Dix was so enthusiastic over the flight and stated that at his leisure time he expected to take flying as a sport.

Miss Elder makes her first professional appearance in a motion picture in "Moran of the Mines."

Cohen Coming to Rialto. "Plastered in Paris," featuring Sammy Cohen, is coming to the Rialto theatre tomorrow.

Cohen is seen in the role of a soldier, but only for a few moments as most of the film is taken up with his adventures in Paris, along with a war buddy, where they go in search of a cure for Sammy's kleptomaniac (the result of being shell shocked) and a cute little French girl, Jack Pennick plays the buddy.

Prominent parts are taken by Lola Selvi, Ivan Linow, Albert Conland and Marion Byron.

"Land of the Silver Fox," playing at the Rialto today, teems with vigorous action, while the setting of the frozen wilderness of Upper Hudson Bay affords a background of rare beauty.

Cliff Crane does specialty dances which have made him famous in Earl Carroll's Vanities and other big New York shows.

Doris Whitmore, known as the youngest prima-donna on the stage possesses a fine coloratura soprano voice. Miss Whitmore sings, playing her accompaniment on the violin while dancing on her toes. Jean Dix and Helen Burke are also clever dancers.

The Brooks Trio offer a number of banjo selections. Their laughing song is a novelty.

Then there is the chorus of 18 stilet girls who do a dance routine while mounted on stilts. Their specialty is the Dance of the Wooden Soldiers, a striking number.

PENDELTON, Ore., Nov. 10. (AP)—Tom Gurdane, veteran peace officer of Umatilla county, was elected sheriff over his younger rival, Charlie Hoskins. Returns from 59 precincts gave Gurdane 3,530 to 3,669 for Hoskins. T. R. Stanley, Democrat, polled 423.

'UP IN THE AIR' AT CRATERIAN TODAY

Flashes of color in many hues, swirling dancers, soft music and pretty girls mark the Fanchon and Marco stage presentation at Hunt's Craterian today.

Walter Nilsson, the world's champion bicyclist goes through many hazardous and miraculous stunts while mounted on a one-wheeled cycle far above the stage floor.

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TROWBRIDGE MAKES KYLE HOME MATERIAL

The beautiful Robert Kyle model home, on the corner of Ross Avenue and West 4th street, opened yesterday to the public for inspection and today will continue throughout today, is to a great extent, a product of the Trowbridge Lumber Company.

All of the lumber and building material for the exterior of the building was furnished by this concern. The interior cabinets, trimmings, windows, doors, glass and glazing was supplied by the Trowbridge Cabinet Works. The local building company is one of the pioneer industries of Medford, having been established here in 1908.

BRILL SHEET METAL WORKS IN NEW SHOP

Brill's Sheet Metal Works has moved from the old location on South Holly street to 109 East 8th street, across from Lewis' Super-service station and has installed the newest equipment for straightening out bent fenders and automobile bodies.

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