

Volume of Voice May Be Measured By a Tape Line

Lung pressure has nothing to do with the volume of the speaking or singing voice. One might have the lung capacity of a mogul engine, and with a head like a peanut, would be incapable of anything great vocally; the volume depends solely upon the size and depth of the resonating cavities. With this assertion Theophilus E. Fitz, one of the leading contemporary exponents of voice and voice culture, who is conducting the musical part of the Brooks-Fitz revival in Salem, exploded the world-old theory that the making of a good singer depended upon the lungs. And it is not merely an assertion that Mr. Fitz is making, to all thinking, consistent music students and teachers his discovery is a fact, backed up by the most compatible truths. Mr. Fitz has not reached these conclusions over night, but has made his discoveries after years of research, study of skulls, vocal cords, temperament and climatic conditions. In New York City alone he utilized his method of testing the voice on over two thousand high school students, also making exhaustive studies of skulls in the Museum of Natural History. "Climatic conditions," said Mr. Fitz, "do not affect the age of maturity in any race, as is commonly supposed. Likewise the length of the vocal cords does not determine the quality of the voice, but rather the thickness which is caused by blended sex elements." "Late maturity indicates low pitched voices in both sexes; early maturity high pitched voices." "Various voice qualities in both sexes is due to inherited parental elements. For instance, the mother element in the male produces thinner vocal cords and the father element in the female, thicker cords. Thus we have the tenor and contralto voices. "This law of approximate sex ages in maturity gives two standards of normal ages of maturity in both sexes—early and late. "Men who possess tenor voices never experience a 'break' in their voices, but basses and baritones always do. "Women who mature early should sing soprano and those who were late in maturing should sing contralto—if they sing at all." Professor Fitz's theories are the most startling of recent times in connection with voice culture and promise to completely revolutionize voice study. By following his method parents may be able to ascertain whether it will be worth while to educate their children in a vocal way, thus saving time, money and energy. Mr. Fitz is a former director of music of the state teachers' college of Colorado, and has taught, sung and lectured all over the United States. He is at present working on three books, which thoroughly elucidate his methods. They are "Hidden Voices," "Temperament," "Racial Types of Resonant Cavities." "The thinner the skull," claims Mr. Fitz, "the greater the resonant cavities. This accounts for the larger voices of the white race, the calibre of the yellow race being medium, that of the black race being still smaller." The beauty of the voice, he asserts, depends entirely on the brain; the quality on the thickness of the cords, which in turn depend upon the inherited characteristics. Range, he says, is a matter of the blended characteristics. What is commonly known as the normal voice, he also says, as in reality the abnormal, the normal being able to take both the extremes of low and high notes. Prof. Fitz's test is unique and interesting. It is done largely with a measuring tape. Four measurements of the resonant cavities which are seven in number, two just behind the frontal bone, just over the eyes; two at the apex of the cheek bones; two in the shell bones of the nose and one in the arch of the nose tells the story. The tape is first passed across the forehead over the eyebrows and drawn to a point at the top of the ears; next the measure is passed from the hinges of the jaw bone, just under the ear over the bridge of the nose. The third measurement is from the hinges of the jaw bone, over the upper lip to measure the arch of the mouth, and last from the hinges of the jaw bone around the chin. Prof. Fitz also has some novel ideas concerning matrimony which have to do with the classification of temperaments, for instance: "Corresponding voices mate better than opposites. Tenors should, other things being normal, marry sopranos; basses, contraltos, and baritones and mezzos." These conclusions are not, however, based merely on the relative qualities of the voices, for the voices are the result of other conditions—physiological and psychological conditions grounded on sex. In this way voice is an index to other basic conditions in the individual.

GERVAIS NEWS

The Gervais ball team will give a big time dance at the city hall Saturday night, July 10. The Gervais ball team will play against St. Louis at the St. Louis picnic Sunday, July 18. Mrs. Ruth, of Salem, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. Langren, last Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Piene Apinawal and daughter, of Brooks, were the guests of Mrs. Ben Alkings last Friday. Lawrence Grassman has purchased the Studelaker roadster that was advertised in the Star last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cameron and daughter, of Oregon City, visited relatives in Gervais over the Fourth. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anfuath, of Portland, were over Sunday visitors with Mrs. Theresa Zoller and family. Miss Genevieve Trudal, of Portland, was an over Sunday and Monday guest of Miss Gertrude Bowley. E. M. Bowers, the S. P. engineer injured in the wreck at Ashland, was a brother of Mrs. Steve Holbeck. Mrs. Ralph Hall and children, of Falls City, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hall and other relatives for the past week. The St. Louis annual picnic will take place Sunday, July 18, in Rubens' grove. Chicken dinner, good music, baseball and other sports are advertised. Grandma Imb, who is living with her daughter, Mrs. Harrison Jones, had the misfortune to fall down the basement steps last Saturday, receiving serious injuries about her head. Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Sigmond and Mrs. Sumner Stevens left last Friday for Wren, Oregon where they will spend a week or more with Mr. and Mrs. R. Vincent. The Gervais State Bank is making some fine improvements to the interior of their building. Partitions are being put up which makes a fine directors' room in the rear. A lavatory and toilet are also being added. James McNamara, who is assistant to S. McVaino, S. P. agent at Beaverton, was shaking hands with his many friends in Gervais Monday. "Jimmie" looks well and hearty and still wears that pleasant smile that the young ladies admire. Miss Vesta Marshall went to Portland Monday, where she joined her aunts, Mrs. H. D. Coulson and Mrs. Mary Klohr, and left Tuesday morning via the Union Pacific for Baltimore and other eastern points. Mrs. R. S. Marshall accompanied her daughter to Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Coffendoffer, who have made their home in Spokane, Washington, for the past year, returned to Portland the past week where they will make their future home. Mrs. Coffendoffer was formerly Miss Winsie Mousin, of Brooks. They spent the Fourth of July with home folks at Brooks. Sun H. Brown is now contracting for this year's crop of evergreen berries and intends to ship them out the same as logberries, a car every day by freight. Here is a good chance for the people to save and turn into cash what would otherwise be a waste. Mr. Brown estimates he will ship out about two hundred tons of evergreens this year. The party given by Miss Vesta Marshall to the Anti-Can't club and a few invited friends last Friday evening was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. The house and grounds were decorated with Chinese lanterns, and supper was served on the lawn picnic fashion. After lunch games were played. The guests departed at a late hour, wishing the hostess a pleasant trip and safe return. What promises to be a fast game of baseball will be pulled off Sunday, July 11, at Brooks, when the first Harriman club of Portland will go against the famous Brooks team. The Harriman club is second to none in local baseball, and the Brooks team have but one defeat against them this season, they having defeated the Salem Senators two weeks ago. Game called promptly at 2:30 p. m.—Star. CAT IS ALIVE—MAN DEAD. Tacoma, Wash., July 10.—A stray cat, prowling through his chicken yard, caused the death of L. A. Park, 59, who, when he saw the cat, rushed for a loaded rifle hanging on a hook in his house. In rushing it from the hook, the rifle was discharged, and Park was shot through the head.

COUNTY COURT WILL ADOPT MEASURES TO ARREST "FIRE BLIGHT"

Devastating Pest Makes Appearance and Growers Plead For Eradication

Exhibiting a branch of an English Hawthorne tree, cut from a tree on the state house grounds, as a specimen of the destructive ravages of the parasite known as the "fire blight" and contending that the pest is making its appearance in different parts of the city and country and that, unless immediate steps are taken to effectively curb its progress and eradicate the evil effectually, it threatens to work ruin to the fruit industry of the county, a delegation of representatives of the fruit growers appeared before the county court yesterday afternoon and asked that an appropriation be set aside and men employed to go over the county and destroy all evidences of the pest wherever found. This delegation was composed of Charles L. McNary, William Walton, Paul Wallace, Louis Lachmund and C. fruit inspector. County Judge Bushey was absent from the court yesterday afternoon but the matter was called to his attention this morning by Commissioners Goulet and Beckwith, both of whom thoroughly appreciated the threatened danger to the fruit industry of the valley, and particularly to the pear and apple industry if immediate steps are not taken looking to its arrest and eradication, and the court is a unit in recognizing the need for haste in the matter and will co-operate in every way possible in the waging of a relentless war upon the blight. Attorney Charles L. McNary, spokesman for the delegation, called the court's attention to the work of ruin wrought by the fire blight in other sections of the country, in some instances entire orchards having been utterly destroyed by the pest before its advance could be checked and, in some sections the fruit industry has been completely demoralized on account of this "bug." It is caused by a small seion of the bacteria family and makes its attack upon the fruit tree through the blossom, working its way into the fruit spur and along the limbs of the tree, sapping the vitality of the branch and cutting off the water supply to the leaves and causing the leaves to wither and die and turn a reddish black. A tree branch attacked by the fire-blight has the appearance of having been "licked" by a living flame, hence the name. Traces of it has been found in two or three places about the city and some instances of its appearance have been reported from the country, in patches of berry producing wild brush. It spreads very rapidly and if some action is not taken at once fear is entertained that it will soon be too late as the blight is communicated from one tree to another by means of a mucous substance which oozes from the infested bark and carried around on the feet of bees, birds, etc. The little fellow was born in a bungalow built on the roof of the 12 story Wells Fargo building. McGirr is superintendent of the skyscraper.

REV. MCCORRY HOLDS INTEREST WITH "THE STORY BEAUTIFUL"

Greatest Salem Chautauqua Will Close Season Sunday Evening

The Chautauqua program becomes more interesting as the end approaches, which carries out the assertion of Superintendent Herbsman, who claimed all along that the last would be the best. Last evening the great Chautauqua tent was again filled to its utmost to hear Father MacCorry give his famous lecture, "The Story Beautiful." Those who heard the lecture last evening were indeed fortunate as Father MacCorry is a wonderful word artist, and a splendid orator. The views in color, taken from the famous paintings descriptive of the life of Christ enhanced the value of the lecture. Ruthven McDonald, the Canadian baritone, who travels with Father MacCorry, sang appropriate sacred songs during the lecture. The program for Sunday afternoon includes the Swiss Yodlers who became famous last year when appearing on the same platform with W. J. Bryan. These Swiss yodlers are regarded as the best in their line appearing on the American platform. Superintendent H. Herbsman will also assist in the afternoon program, reading from "The Servant in the House." Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, union services will be held in Wilson park. Roland A. Nichols will deliver a short talk and Theophilus Fitz will also assist in the program with several solos. The Sunday evening closing services at the tent will include a lecture by Roland A. Nichols, special drawings by Miss Bargett, the cartoonist, and a solo by Miss Marguerite Flower. The Sunday evening program closes the most successful Chautauqua ever held in Salem. NO POCKET IN A SHROUD. What's the use o' frettin' 'Bout the dough you want to make, When you go to voodoo, Not a single cent you'll take. Just remember you are movin'; Yes, movin' with the crowd, And then you just remember There's no pockets in your shroud. If you are worth a million 'Twill be all the same to you; They will measure off just six feet And say, "Guess that'll do." The name of wealth is all, None of it can you take, The rest of us will drink the beer, When we attend your wake. So better quit your frettin'; And be jolly with the crowd, And just remember always There's no pocket in a shroud. Your heirs will do the fightin' And make your money fly, And I'll bet some of 'em are wishin' You'd hurry up and die. So better spend a little dough, Be happy with the crowd, Put this in your thinking cap: "There's no pocket in a shroud." —Mary G. Taray. LIEUTENANT IS DEAD. Vernon, B. C., July 10.—First lieutenant, and then shot, supposedly by robbers, Lieutenant Ward, of the 19th army service corps, has been found dead near Lumbly, B. C.

NEWS of the CHURCHES

A number of the churches in the city will participate in a religious mass meeting Sunday evening, July 11, at 6 p. m., Wilson park. Dr. Roland Nichols, Chautauqua lecturer, will preach the sermon. Everybody welcome. W. C. T. U. Rev. B. E. Shaver, of the Nazarene church, will be the speaker at the gospel service in this hall on Sunday, July 11, at 4 p. m. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to all. Associated Bible Students (I. B. S. A.) Regular weekly Bible study in upstairs hall, southwest corner High and Perry streets, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. All Bible students welcome. No collection. Phone 698-W. Rural Chapel. H. C. Stover, minister. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon to the children by the pastor. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 8 p. m. Central Congregational. Corner South Nineteenth and Perry streets. H. C. Stover, minister. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Evening service at 6 o'clock. The evening service will be in charge of the boys' club. Special musical selections and addresses by the boys. Miss Bertha Clark will contribute a whistling solo to the service and Rev. James Elvin, pastor of the First Congregational church of the city, will deliver the sermon to the children. All the children of the Sunday school are invited with their parents and friends. Salem Mission. Center and Commercial streets, D. N. McInturff, D. D., pastor. Preaching at 3 and 8 o'clock. Young People's meeting at 7:15 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Woman's meeting Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Singing Saturday evening. You are invited to all these meetings. If you want to be in a good meeting meet me at the Salem Mission. Commons Mission. No. 241 State street. On Sunday at 3 p. m. Miss Myrtle Williams, of Rogue River, Ore., returned missionary, will speak on her experiences in mission work in India. Services on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p. m. J. D. Cook, superintendent. South Salem Friends. Corner South Commercial and Washington streets. B. E. Penherton, pastor. Bible school at 10 a. m., B. C. Miles, superintendent. Meeting for worship at 11 a. m., C. E. meeting at 6:45 p. m., preaching at 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45. Highland Friends. Corner Highland and Elm streets. Josephine Hockett, pastor. Residence 2255 North Elm. Phone 1405. Our Sabbath school begins promptly at 10 a. m. Earl Pruitt, superintendent. Meetings for worship 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Christian Endeavor 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m. The men's gospel team will have charge of the Sabbath evening service. Come and join us in worship. Swedish Tabernacle M. E. Corner South Fifteenth and Mill streets. Rev. John O'Neil, minister. Services at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. All are most cordially invited to attend. Ladies' A. I. A. society meets at the home of Aug. Erickson, 2660 Oak street, next Tuesday, July 13, at 2 p. m. All welcome. English Evangelical. Corner Seventeenth and Chouteau streets. Rev. G. W. Pinner, pastor. Sabbath school opens promptly at 10 a. m. Superintendent, C. T. Doty. Rev. H. Schukerkt, presiding elder, will have charge of the morning hour during which communion services will be held. Evening services will begin at 7 p. m. Al P. Dennis leads the Y. P. A. subject, "Making Life Worth While." Evening sermon will be delivered by the pastor, subject, "The Fruitless Search." Prayer meeting Thursday evening 8 p. m. G. V. Boggs, leader. Come to all these services—you're welcome. Unitarian. Corner of Chouteau and Cottage streets. Richard F. Tucker, minister. Sunday school is suspended for the summer vacation, also the evening meetings. Morning services at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Superstition and Superstition in Religion." A timely sermon for thinking men and women. All friends of liberal religion and of progressive ideals, are cordially invited to our services. Gospel Tent. In the tent on State and Eighteenth streets, services are being held every night, except Saturdays. Subject for Sunday night, "The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah." A hearty invitation to all. Free Methodist. No. 1228 North Winter street. Sunday services: Sabbath school 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:45 p. m. W. J. Johnston, pastor. Quarterly Meeting. Rev. W. N. Coffey, of Portland, Ore., district elder of Salem and The Dalles districts, will hold services at the Free Methodist church, 1228 North Winter street, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:45, and Sunday morning at 11 a. m. German Methodist. Corner Thirteenth and Cottle streets. A. J. Weigle, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and sermon at 11 o'clock. There will be no meeting in the evening. First Methodist Episcopal. State and Church streets, Richard N. Avison, minister. 9:00 a. m., Mr. W. L.

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SOCIETY (Continued from Page Two) Miss Emily Jeffers, a former Salem girl, who has been making her home in San Diego, California, the past two years, arrived in Salem Wednesday and will remain until fall with Mrs. T. S. Burroughs. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Logan, of Portland, parents of Mrs. E. R. Riggs, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Riago, of 747 North Front street. Miss Helen McCulloch, of Harrisburg, is visiting her aunts, Miss Angie McCulloch and Mrs. A. J. Herro, at their home, 488 Marion. Mr. and Mrs. John Farrer, and Mr. Farrer's sister, Mrs. T. J. Wilkerson, and her daughter, Margaret, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, who arrived several days ago left this afternoon for a several weeks' sojourn at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Miss Jay Turner, and Miss Marie Bennett are entertaining with a dinner Tuesday evening in the grill room of the Hotel Marion, the affair to compliment Miss Inez Denison, a bride elect, the guest list to include members of Miss Denison's social club, the "Quintessence."

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