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GOTHAM GOSSIP.

New York, June 2.—A few American boys who can sing will have an enviable existence when a boys' school and dormitory now being built in connection with the cathedral of St. John the Divine is completed. There the boys who will sing in the big cathedral choir will be housed and trained. Not only will their voices be looked after, but their general education as well will be paid for by the church. Learned masters will instruct them, motherly women will look after their bodily welfare, musicians train them and athletic instructors attend to their physical development.

The choir boys of St. John the Divine will be taken care of in much the same manner that Grace church, down town, looks after its youthful singers. These boys, when their parents agree to give their services to the church choir, are turned over bodily until such time as their voices change, and they are no longer useful to the choir.

While they are members of the choir, the boys have all the advantages of the highest grade boarding they get no pay for singing. They trade their boyish voices in return for an excellent education. They have a dormitory furnished with every comfort, shower baths, a gymnasium, library and all that. Their health is looked after by matrons and athletic instructors. Their meals are cooked by special chefs, and masters of high degree teach them what they would get in only the best preparatory academies of the country. But they belong to the church. Their parents turned them over to the church authorities and see them no more, excepting for several weeks in the hot summer months until their voices begin to change. Then they are sent home. But they have the education and the benefit of strict disciplinary training to show for their sojourn in New York. In the choir of Grace Church there now are 26 boys, many of them from states far from New York. One

is from California. The church has a waiting list of more than 200 boys whose parents are anxious to have them educated in return for their singing.

They had an African jungle hunt up on Broadway the other day. After the "hunters" had pounded away at jumping kangaroos, man-eating tigers and charging rhinos, they enjoyed the very latest in shooting. The targets were aeroplanes, racing automobiles and derigible balloons. It was merely a trial of a new use for the movies and it worked to perfection, according to the "hunters." The marksmen lined up for the movies film and took turns shooting at pictures of animals and other objects. At the crack of the gun, the film automatically stopped long enough for the shooter to see where he hit the mark. The affair was such a success that "hunting parties" will be organized as a summer diversion in the Big Town.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Elliott, personal representative of President Farrill of the O.-W., who has been in Union attending the horse show, returned to his home in Portland yesterday morning.

Mrs. Thos. Budge and daughter left for Portland on yesterday morning's train.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oliver left for Portland yesterday.

Attorney Geo. T. Cochran went to Portland last night to be gone for the week as a visitor at the grand lodge of Masons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Corbett left Saturday night for Portland.

Wm. Adair left last night for a week's vacation in Portland.

Geo. Flagg of Elgin, was among those who went to Portland yesterday.

Dan Tanner, superintendent of the Geo. Palmer Lumber Co., left last night for California.

Traffic Agent Miller, and Live Stock Inspector Clark, of the O. W. R. & N., returned to their homes in Portland yesterday. They attended the stock show.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lewis went to Portland yesterday.

F. L. Lilly left last night for Corvallis where he was called by the death of his father.

Conductor S. V. Atkins and wife left last night for Canton, Ohio, where they will visit friends and relatives. They will be gone about a month.

Howard Richardson left this morning for Portland.

H. Henson, Telocaset; H. M. Turner, Durkee; S. C. Mack, Huntington; W.

T. Watkins, Omaha; Mrs. Parker, Durkee; K. T. Franklin, Durkee; Edna Parker, Imbler; J. W. Morrow, Portland; Jos. J. Cox, St. Paul; W. C. Peer, Seattle; Jos. Berton, Baker; and C. E. Curtis of Spokane, are among those stopping at the Foley.

The Misses Tressie and Mattie McMurray left last night for Portland where they will visit relative, and attend the rose show.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hendricks and daughter Bess have gone to the Portland rose show. Their son Harvey left yesterday for the Hendricks farm near Telocaset.

J. H. Pearce, deputy for Eastern Oregon, F. L. Meyers, M. R. Donohue, J. F. Corbett and Martin King have gone to Portland to attend a convocation of the Knights of Columbus. They will take the fourth degree work, the highest honors in that order.

Joseph Barton, president of the Sumpter Valley R. R., is down from Baker today.

Mrs. Reaves, formerly of La Grande and now with the Coast Girls' Relief society, is here today visiting old-time friends.

Mrs. Chas. Matthies is visiting friends in Portland, Hillsboro, Cornelius and Forest Grove.

Etta Woodell, Council, Idaho; Wm. D. Evans, Portland; Mrs. J. M. Chandler, Elgin; Wm. Spencer, Palmer Junction; K. W. McKenzie and wife, Walla; D. Blevans, Redding, Cal.; J. B. Love, Chicago; Wm. T. Welch, Chicago; W. F. Elliott, Chicago; Miss Krentz, Spokane; W. E. Pierson, Elgin; and Sherman Elkins, of Weiser, are among the guests stopping at the Sommer.

Ralph Hutchinson, Union; Wilbur Oswald, Summerville; A. Abscher, Mr. Grove, Mo.; J. S. Kees, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Jno. Loyd, Imbler; Mrs. S. W. Fitzpatrick, Lostine; Maggie Fitzpatrick, Lostine; W. F. Wade, Lostine; Mrs. Jno. Crawford, Elgin; Anna Fisher, Enterprise; W. A. Ogden, Cove; Thos. Colley, Denver; Mrs. Oliver Jeffries, Boise; Maud Allen, Boise; and George Gibson of Kamela, are among those who stopped at the Savoy last night.

Billy Mudge's Surprise

By OSCAR COX

Billy Mudge was a strapping farmer's boy, ambitious of something more profitable than plowing, sitting all day on a reaper or tossing hay up into the second story of a barn with a pitchfork. Billy was trudging along through a wood one day when he came to a clearing. There was a small house on it, but no one appeared to be at home. Billy noticed the place before leaving the edge of the wood, and suddenly he saw something else that made him stop short. On the opposite side of the clearing a man emerged from the road and, taking position behind a tree standing alone, surveyed the house intently. Then he moved toward it stealthily, keeping his eye fixed on it, and on reaching it began to examine it for some place of entrance.

From a dream Billy had suddenly entered upon a reality. How much there might be in it for him he didn't consider. Apparently it was nothing more than an opportunity to prevent a thief from committing a depredation. Billy was unarmed and felt it necessary to proceed cautiously. The man he watched, after trying windows and doors, at last found an opening to the cellar, through which he disappeared.

Billy looked about him for a weapon and found a stout cudgel on the ground, which he picked up and clutched with a firm grasp. He had time to think while the man was in the house and realized that the robber doubtless had either a revolver or a knife, perhaps both, and to attack him would be to get worsted. He therefore decided not to enter the house, but wait till the fellow came out, follow him, steal up behind him and fell him with a blow from his club.

In a few minutes the front door was thrown open, and the thief emerged, carrying a long yarn stocking, full as after a visit from Santa Claus on Christmas eve. Billy knew the way that some country persons kept their money and recognized the stocking as the depository of the occupant of the house. He stooped and moved forward, expecting the robber to go the way he had come and intending to follow him. But just as he followed

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