

# HELP SAVE UNLUCKY CHILDREN AND GIVE THEM CHANCE IN LIFE

**Good Homes Wanted for Bright-Faced Boys and Girls,  
Who Yearn for Real Home and Parents**

Why not prove your humanity by helping the homeless or neglected children through the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon, 166 East 29th St. N., Portland?

You can help by sending money, clothing, food—anything and everything that a family needs.

Help by giving a permanent home to a child; by speaking a good word for these children at the right time; by giving the society a hearing before condemning it or its children; by leaving something to the Society in your will, for helpless children.

The Society was incorporated in 1885. It is for homeless, neglected, or abused children. It is under no church, it is not a reformatory.

*Splendid Record of 36 Years*

For thirty-six years the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon has championed the rights of the unfortunate child, the right to live in normal surroundings, the right to be freed from the blame which a cruel world heaps upon an innocent child for the wrongs committed by a father or mother.

This Society, which is the chief child-placing organization on the Pacific Coast, aims merely to bridge the gap between the bad home and the good home, believing that an institution, no matter how well conducted, cannot compare in any way with a good private home, where a child is placed as a member of the family and receives the love for which the hungry little heart is longing. The constructive aim is to prevent waywardness and crime, rather than reformation. It is wiser and less expensive to save children than to punish criminals.

*Society Is Free From Politics*

The State is the Society's field. It is entirely free from politics, and many years of success have made it known in every part of the State. This fact shows clearly why no juvenile court or State institution can successfully do the work which has been done. It is not alone the number of children cared for each year that must be considered as a matter of success or failure, but it is also the kind of care which the children receive, both in the receiving home and in foster homes.

Strict segregation of sexes is maintained in the receiving home—separate play rooms and seven separate sleeping dormitories. There are spacious grounds and two large play sheds—one for boys and one for girls. All children of school age in the receiving home attend the public schools. They assist in the work of the receiving home nights and mornings and gain a practical knowledge of home-making and housekeeping. There are eight trained adult workers, two of whom give their entire time to the field work in various parts of the State. One, a night attendant, makes hourly rounds of the building.

*Leading Child-Placing Organization*

This is the leading child-placing organization in Oregon, not because it places more children in permanent homes, but largely because the placements are usually successful. It does not offer nor place mentally or physically defective children. Good applicants have a right to expect normal children, who will respond to good care and treatment. Success is the greatest advertisement; its secret is easily told but hard to follow. The aim is to place the children in good family homes as far removed as

possible from negligent parents or interfering relatives.

*What the Society's Record Show*

The Society's records show that during the last fiscal year 264 children passed through the receiving home. Visits were made to 370 homes in which wards are domiciled, some wards requiring several visits a year. There were 154 investigations of difficult cases or families, on request of county judges or other public officials. These investigations involved 429 children. In foster homes on May 21, 1922, the Society had placed 419 children. During the last year the officers came in contact with 799 children outside of the receiving home.

The financial report of the treasurer shows that the actual operating expense of the last year was \$31,416.53. It is evident the Society was not extravagant.

Said J. Teuscher, Jr., the superintendent: "We continue to discourage temporary commitments, because to receive children and then to return them after a while to the same bad home from which they came, is not charity; it is not justice to the children. It is cruelty. It is misappropriation of funds. It is waste. Yet almost daily we are asked to lend a hand to such waste and to such breach of trust. Parents in various walks of life ask us to hold children until a good-for-nothing runaway father may return home, or a grossly immoral mother may reform, and when we refuse their requests, we are, of course, censured. Our Society must be true to its name. It must be The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon. It must serve every county, and it must serve unfortunate children, not shiftless parents. It is not a reformatory."

*Health Record Is Remarkable*

Much dental work, a number of minor operations, and some sickness must be expected each year, but the Society has not lost a single child by death since the year 1916, and more than a thousand children have passed through the receiving home since then. This remarkable record is attributed to the matchless climate, to good food, cleanliness, ordinary care and the efficiency of the medical staff.

*Singular Position Explained*

"In the matter of finances, we stand in a singular position," said Superintendent Teuscher. "We are not in debt. We have from year to year carefully prepared a budget and tried to adhere to it during the year, and because we are out of debt and not always begging money, many persons take it for granted that we don't need money, clothing, food and fuel and many other things required by a great household. Because we are economical, we are practically being punished for our good management. If we had purchased an automobile, employed a large staff of helpers, maintained a downtown office, and could show a deficit, perhaps it would make a stronger appeal to many persons. We are not asking for more money from the State, nor from the various counties. We do hope, however, that individuals will remember our children in their last wills and testaments, and ultimately make us independent of State and county support."

"Please make it clear that we are not in politics, and that we are not sectarian, that we do not pay large salaries, that we are not here to serve worthless parents, but that we are protectors of the abused and helpless children. Many friends have sent us money, vegetables, canned fruits, and other things that were helpful. They have helped us protect children by court action and in many ways assisted in good work. For all these things we are deeply grateful, not in a personal way so much as in behalf of the children, for whom all these things were done."

*Can't You Give Home to "Kid"?*

Reader: If you could see the children at the receiving home and talk with them, observing for yourself their sad yearning for an honest-to-goodness HOME and for the tender touch and loving kindness of REAL PARENTS, you would open up your heart, if circumstances would permit, and claim one of these bright-faced boys or girls as your very own. If you are interested, write to Superintendent Teuscher and he will do the rest.

Observing these unfortunate children, considering the sad circumstances which darkened their young lives at a time when life should be joyous and care-free, one is reminded of the Great Master's condemnation of anyone who harms a child, and also of His saying:

"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

## Making Americans Most Important Duty

Now that we have the campaign off our minds we must take up the same work as our Catholic opposition is doing—that of making Americans of foreign-born citizens who come to this country to become Americans and not subjects of the Pope, says that sterling American weekly, the Foster Road News, edited by Mr. H. W. Hunt. The rest of it follows: In many instances they have left their own home-land because of Catholic persecution. On account of this many of the better class will want to join an organization which has for its ideals the best of the things that are to be enjoyed in the Constitution of the United States.

We all know the state of affairs in Washington, D. C., in regard to the Pope's hold on the government; what better way is there than to break his hold through the ballot?

If all Americans vote for an American who has the love of country and his fellowman at heart, we are bound to have the kind of government we want.

The inpouring horde of immigrants in the last 20 years has made a vote which is largely controlled by the Pope and also one which is contaminated by rubbing elbows with papal henchmen.

The man who voted against the school bill although American born is of this class. He may be a Presbyterian, a Seventh Day Adventist, or a member of any Protestant church, but he is a weak-kneed Protestant, or one

who is financially interested in a private school and would see his country Catholicized before losing any money.

Remove the cause and you effect a cure in a great many cases. The cause in this case is 75 per cent immigration, the other 25 per cent can be laid to priests already in this country.

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The Royal Riders of the Red Robe are men who are foreign-born Americans and if a Ku Kluxer is 100 per cent American a 4-R is 110 per cent the same. They are men who realize what the fight means. They have left their homeland to find a place which will be fair to their views and men who have found it and now reach forth with ready hand to help those brothers from across the sea who want Americanism.

The Royal Riders of the Red Robe may be reached by writing to post-office lock box 115, Portland, Oregon. It is the duty of anyone, who is interested, whether he be foreign born or American born, to write to the R. R. R. R. and get an insight into the organization. Literature and information on request at any time to any point in the United States.

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What do you think of a man who proves himself so low and base, so lost to all sense of honor and every sentiment of fair play, as to turn upon his friends immediately after they elect him to office and give his patronage support to their chief opponent? Anything may be expected of a coyote, or a hyena, but a wolf pup won't bite the hand that fed him while starving.

Any office-holder who is so depraved and cowardly as to turn upon his friends, after his election, and do the bidding of their opponents, is no man at all but merely a selfish and crooked thing of evil, disguised in human form. Any such man deserves to be kicked out of office at the earliest opportunity.

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**HIGGINS IMPUDENT**

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ERN AMERICAN is reminded of the despairing country youth, who, being rejected by the lady of his heart, thus wailed his lamentation:  
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