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## **SNOWBALLERS ARRESTED**

VOL. 4

## Guilty and Paying Nominal Fines.

A little ripple in the police department was caused on the 18th by the arrest of a bunch of boys who had congregated near the post office and engaged in snowballing the citizens who came for their mail. They were arraigned before Judge Esson, where some of them plead guilty and were released with a nominal fine. The father of Harry Hughes, however, decided that for some reason, unknown to us, he would test the matter and applied for a retrial of his son. The case was set for 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday. On that day the defendants did not appear until nearly 11 o'clock and asked for a continuance to 1:30 p. m. through their attorney; which, because the attorney had not, so he claimed, had an opportunity to consult with his client, the request was granted and defendant was released on \$3 bonds. After waiting until about 1:30 p. m. and defendant not appearing, the court declared the bonds forfeited and the case dismissed.

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This is a small matter, but it gives opportunity for some consideration of two very important subjects. The first of these and the most important is the demeanor of our boys and young men. Our sympathy is with the boys, first, last and all the time ordinarily. It has pathy is with the boys, first, last and all the time ordinarily. It has been but a few short years since we were a boy. In fact, when it comes to snowballing, one of the most fascinating pastimes of our youth, we are not much but a boy yet, and could we but get on a vacant lot, where we would break no law, with a bunch of real live boys and plenty of nice fresh snow, we could have the time of our life.

But, this case, as we understand it, is different. Here business men, women, old, gray haired people, little girls, in fact, all classes were passing in and out of the office. Our boys, in the exhilaration caused by the first advent of snow this season, forgot all caution and

caused by the first advent of snow this season, forgot all caution and indulged in the fascinating sport. Here, too, the law steps in to protect the property and comfort of the people. Our parents and teachers should tell the boys the inevitable result of law breaking, even if it is thoughtlessly done and in innocence, so far as intent is concerned and when again it snows, let all of 'us boys,' both old and young, resort to our favorite sport only where the law does not forbid. As a matter of protection to the city, this law must be enforced the same as all others or there will be those who will take advantage of it, the same as there are those who do so of other laws.

Another feature is the delay in the appearance of the defendants. We do not know what caused this delay. It may have seemed justifiable to them, but they must remember every minute they keep witnesses and officers waiting on their movements they are causing inconvenience to all these people, no matter whether their cause is just or not. In this case there were three days in which the defendant was given time to secure an attorney, witnesses and appear in court, and the worst criticism we have to make of our municipal court is that he permits the criminal element, or at least those who are brought before him for trial, through their attorneys to impose upon him in this manner. In most courts of justice when defendants or witnesses fail for lack of diligence or indifference to appear on time they are fined for contempt of court. This is the only protection the court has and if he does not avail himself of it, both attorneys and their clients easily drop into the habit of taking their time and coming to trial when they please. As to matter of snowballing, we are free to say we like it better and it is harmful than football or baseball and a more exhilarating exercise; but our boys and young men should remember to respect the law, and we believe this boy will do so in the future, for he is a bright, intelligent manly, honest looking little fellow, and we do not think he was aware that he was violating the law. Let all our boys remember this instance and if they ever catch us out on the common where we cannot come in contact with the law, we cordially invite them to put all the snow they can down our back and into our eers; but where the law forbids let us be manly enough to obey the law.

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## A RAMBLE ABOUT THE TOWN

## Case Tried in Municipal Court, the Boys Pleading Ye Editor Visits a Number of the Leading Business Houses of the City and Gathers Some Interesting Information.

Our weekly round begins this week with S. C. Norton, the popular and energetic real estate manipulator and all round philosopher on Jersey street. Mr. Norton has listed a large number of all kinds of real estate and if you cannot be suited with his display you would certainly be liable to the charge of being as finicky as an old maid. By the way, we believe that is really slander on the old maids, for we know a number of them who do not seem guilty to any degree and we have read of one who with her evening petitions always presented her longing for a man. A mischievous boy with his companions once overheard her at her devotions (of course it was mean to be eavesdropping) but when this interesting petition went up to the throne of grace, the irreverent fellow, the leader of the party answered for his creator: "What kind of a man do you want?" "Oh! any kind Lord, just any kind!" replied the anxious petitioner. That kind of a seeker after real estate can certainly be satisfied by Mr. Norton. The next attraction to meet our optics was the neat sign signifying the building beside to be a hotel, the Raymond, which is now operated as a lodging house by Mrs. Hillier. We know this is a good place to stop because our linotyper rooms there and that is sufficient guarantee for us. Across the street south will be found the Lauther Feed store. Here is kept the supplies of feed and much of the flour for the city and in addition, many other commodities besides number of them who do not seem guilty to any degree and we have read of one who with her evening kept the supplies of feed and much of the flour for the city and in addition, many other commodities besides fuel of all kinds, shingles, lath, etc., which is promptly delivered anywhere in the city. Across Jersey street will be found the office of O. H. Downs, dealer in real estate, notary public, speculator in peanuts, popcorn and Yucatan chewing gum. Bro. Downs keeps the best popcorn on earth and always pulls it when it gets just ripe, like the apples in Hood River, and when you buy the toothsome cereal there you know you have the best. In the same building is the meat market of Bro. Hoover, where he is busy from early morn to dewy eve, 52 weeks in the year, barring a few days when it is hard from that greet his tootsies between the shop and home, dispensing to his customers all over the city that dispensible article which gives the shudders to the vegetarians. It certainly must be a great temptation to these same vegetarians

when they pass his shop and cast longing eyes on the fine juicy steaks on his counter.

Next door we find the Edmondson Co., plumbers. They carry a large stock of plumbers' supplies a line of sanitary bath and closet fixtures and apparatus that cannot be excelled in any city, except for size, for there are no better anywhere than can be found with this establishment. The office is pre sided over by Miss Edmondson with all the grace of a queen to the manor born. In the same building is the establishment of the St. Johns Electric works, owned by Messrs. Epps & Kilkenny. These gentlemen started their establishment last July and have had a good run of business from the start. They propose in

the near future to install machinery and manufacture all or nearly all the electric fittings and appliances they use in serving their patrons here in St. Johns. This will necessitate considerable enlargement of their present quarters and this will be done as soon as it can be arranged.

On up the line beyond the school park is the office of O. P. Wolcott, the rent man. Mr. Wolcott not only rents houses and lands, but has listed a large number of realty holdings for sale. In his office rooms he has a fine line of singer sewing machines and standard cash registers. Mr. Wolcott also manipulates collections are in feet does almost the will feetiliste business for

has a fine line of singer sewing machines and standard cash registers. Mr. Wolcott also manipulates collections, writes fire insurance, negotiates loans, in fact, does almost anything that will facilitate business for his patrons. He is a pretty good fellow to get acquainted with. Try him and see.

We overlooked one of the nicest little places to buy holiday presents. Christmas is gone this year but it is a fine thing to start the new year with a nice little present to father, mother, sister, brother, sweetheart or some other good friend, and there is in this place, the novelty store of H. F. Lash, 207 Jersey street, just the store where you can purchase a fine present at hard times prices, which it is well to take advantage of at any time whether the times are close or not. So do not forget Mr. Lash when you are out shopping.

On down the line we meandered until we came to the French block. There we found the Eastern backery of Kniffel Bros, with its leads of cakes, coories, burns, rolls, fancy pastry for Christmas and all the line up and a strong game in given the strong part of the first place.

bakery of Kniffel Bros. with its loads of cakes, cookies, buns, rolls, fancy pastry for Christmas and all the good things that first class bakers know so well how to make and arrange so that it makes a fellow hungry just to see them. We did not dare go inside for we could not have kept our fingers off these good things if we had. Next door to the bakery is the meat emporium of Lee Fortune. It is a piece of good fortune in the fine up and a strong game is promised:

Bunker Hill

Albina Stars

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C Gleason light to get your steaks, chops, roats, etc. of Lee. He does not advertise because if he did by just to be able to get your steaks, chops, roasts, etc. of Lee. He does not advertise because if he did he would have more than he could attend to, but he can't keep a fellow from going by and looking in anyway,

and it is worth the price of admission to go by and catch a glimpse of his genial mug Passing on to the south end of the French block we come to the general store of Muck & Derrie, the most enterprising merchants we have in the city. Here in the largest business room in the city they have stored an immense stock of all kinds of goods. The south side of the store is devoted to their fine line of groceries, and the great big floor from the south wall to the north wall is filled with tables upon which is piled provisions, kitchen and table ware, lamps, canned goods, pickles, pickled olives, thousands of things too numerous to mention; besides this they have on the floor a line of stoves and stove fixtures, poultry netting and other hardware lines and on the north wall of their fine room they have arrayed a splendid line of gents' furnishings, dry goods, laces, ribbons and notions, etc., and the prices of all these commodities O'Neill, Burroughs, Kyne subs. are right. This was demonstrated last week when they had their special sale. They were worked to the Vosper, Malone, Criter. limit and were obliged to put on extra teams to deliver their goods. These gentlemen carry the best in their different lines and believe in the old motto of "quick sales and small profits." This, we think, is one of the closest secrets to successful merchandising. It is better to turn money ten times a month with one per cent net profit than once a month at ten per cent net profit, for the reason you are doing more good to your community by giving better prices, securing larger volume of business, enabling people to live better and incidentally bettering the condition of the merchant by the improvement in the commercial life of the

We know one firm doing business not 1000 miles from here that started eight or nine years ago upon this principle for their leading feature. They had means to put in but a small stock of goods in a small building. They bought carefully, sold down to the limit and enlarged their stock as they were able, buying for cash and selling for cash, thus securing the very minimum in prices. Today they are known to large commercial houses from Oregon to New York and occupy two floors and basement of a building 80x100 feet and it is jammed full to the limit with the finest stock of goods to be found anywhere in the state, are holding firmly to their first principles and doing more business with a larger and surer profit in the aggregate than any other business in their city. This one principle, backed up by the cash system, judicious advertising and square, honest dealing has made this wonderful success for them. Human nature is pretty much the same the world over and what won such great success in their experience will do the same here.

#### COMMUNICATED.

To the Editor: I was very much impressed by your article in last week's paper entitled" Question of city dock. We should have the dock by all means, but the question of improving Philadelphia would be very few assessed over twenty dollars, therefore all would most of them by carelessness—twenty dollars, therefore all would during the hunting season of 1907. street is what prompts me to write this. It should be improved and that as soon as possible, as well as several other streets. The method several other streets. The method order the improvement and to see that it is a permanent one.

The number of injured this year, when 74 persons lost their lives in pursuit of game. kind of improvement is what I want to discuss. We have improved Burlington street and a number of others, or in other woods methods. E. C. Hurlbert. words attempted to improve them. The abutting property for 100 feet on either side has been taxed and The Alaska-Yukon Exposition. in some instances nearly confiscated. All you need to do is to walk down

nent character, such as crushed college edifices.

rock or a first class paving, and that the assessed district be at order composed of men who have least four blocks on either side of been in Alaska and Yukon, will

Our work will cost one-third less by this method for the reason that a contractor will be sure of getting cash or nearly all cash when his job is finished. They will bid lower and competition will be invited.

The Bancroft Bonding act will cost one-third less in the contractor of the Washington University for the use of students from Alaska and Yukon.

Many counties throughout the states of Washington, Oregon and Bring in your job printing.

only allow the property owner to California are preparing to have take advantage of it where the separate buildings and displays assessment is over twenty dollars, from their general state exhibit.

Most all of the exhibit palaces Burlington street and see if you do will be classic in design as far as not find it in worse condition than before the improvement was attempted.

will be used by Washington Uniaccidents were due to careless handling of weapons or the victims having been mistaken for game.

The trouble in these cases is that It is time that the improvements will be used by washington out the fool killer catches the wrong made on any street was of a permanent the exposition will be held, for man too often. If only the fool will be a checken his friend for some

the street improved, that the amount assessed be graduated back from the improved street.

This is the only just and equitable way of improving our streets, and to get first class streets.

The site has been selected and plans for the structure are now being prepared. During the exposition the building will be used as and to get first class streets.

ing been hurt this year, compared

with only 70 during 1906. In Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota 50 persons lost their lives this year, against 35 the year previous. Practically all of the accidents were due to careless

The trouble in these cases is that man too often. If only the fool who shoots his friend for some kind of game, were killed, these accidents would be reduced to a minimum in a few years, and no one would be much grieved.

#### How is Your Title?

Have your abstracts made, con-

## **MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEVY**

### Assessor North Furnishes Some Interesting Figures Regarding the County's Assessment

Through the kindness of Deputy Assessor North we are able to give to our readers some very interesting figures this week, and not the least interesting will be the assessed valuation of district No. 2, St. Johns. In another column will be found an item giving the growth of St. Johns' assessment for the past four or five years.

Total assessed value of property in Multnomah county for year

1907: \$233,141,058. 258,955 73,640 50,135 176,340 794,805 410,795 174,965 579.575 433.800 475,350 ... 326,360 354,645 183,965 87,940 70,300 231,905 130,180 " 11., 101,495 824,235 \*\* 13-196,561 147,480 174,632 19,705

75,610 315,070 318,930 137,690 " 17. 333.325 81,475 " 19. 141,565 172,635 " 20 \*\* 21. \*\* 22. .. 53 .. 62 229,870 33,665 4.275 " 24. 32,760 23,600 . 25. 41,980 217.525 \*\* 26 .. 110,135 " 27 " 28 111,020 123,100 262,940 4,300 " 30. 71,430 Total .... \$233,141,058

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