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man, he said, he did no Know. though he gave a meager description of his garb. To another he said a crazy had enticed Fritz to the river and had returned from the bank without him. At the inquest he testified that a large boy going to Atkinson School told him he saw a third boy push Fri'z over. This boy, Otto could not name, though he also goes to the Atkinson School. He prom-ised to hunt him up today.

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It was reported to the Coroner that Otto had told others about having pushed the lad into the river himself. These are the persons particularly desired by the Coroner, and if they exist their evidence will be introduced this morning.

The "Brown boy," as the witnesses called Otto yesterday, is regarded as a tough one by them, being quarrelsome, profane and of a high temper. The two boys had quarreled occasionally, but had never come to blows.

Young Fritz was 7 years old, and a na tive of Portland. His mother, Lydia Neckel, who resides at the Oregon House, corner First and Davis streets, is dis-S tracted over her bereavement.

HOODLUMS ON WHEELS.

Weather Brings Out Much Latent Viciousness.

Auditor Gambell yesterday received a practical illustration of the workings of the ardinance granting bloyclists the priv-llege of riding on the sidewalks. He had gone away down Tenth street, to book over the situation in regard to the pro-posed bridge between Marshall and Northrup streets, which is causing the Board of Public Works a jot of trouble, and at he was standing on the sidewalk uniking to another man he heard the clatter, clat-ter of a bicycle bell behind him. He involuntarily stepped to one side, to get out of the way, but unfortunately stepped to the wrong side, and was struck squarely by a bicycle and thrown about 10 fect, landing in a heap. Fortunately he was not summed nor seriously injured, although his wrist was sprained, his eldow skinned and he was badly bruised and shaken up. On regaining his feet he saw the bicycle-rider scrambling out of the gutter, evidently the worse of the encounter, but before he could see who it was, the scorcher had mounted his bicycle and was getting out of sight as rapidly as possible. Mr. Gambell says there is no necessity for bicyclists riding on he side-walk there, for the street is smooth and dry

dry. While decent, sensible people in large numbers ride daily on the sidewalks with-S out running over anybody, there are a lot of half-grown lads, many of them messener boys who make themselves a terror and nulsance to pedestrians. It is an every-day occurrence to see these hop-lums ride up behind women on Washing-ton and other streets, and ring their bells for the second second second second second second for the second ton and other streets, and ring their bells for the women to get out of their way. A memeriger boy was seen a few days ago to ride up purposely benind a girl who was crossing Washington street, and jean forward and give a shrill waistle close to her ear, badly scaring bor, while the hoodum rode off, pleased with his smart-ness. Another of these young ruffians only yesterday rode fown Washington street close to the curb, and in passing a 100 (CC) 6 street close to the curb, and in passing a Chinaman who was on the sidewalk selzed S him by the queue and jerked him out into the street. The hood

odlums do not always escape so S easily, A few days ago one of them came up behind a man who was on the side-walk and rang his bih violently, and whistled shrilly to scare the man and see him jump. He turned suidenly, and as the hoodlum was on the pan of running

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