FOR CONTROL OF A CHILD

LEGAL BATTLE ON IN THE COUNTY COURT.

Boys' and Girls' Aid Society Resists Petition for Adoption by a Baptist Minister's Family.

Gathered in the County Courtroom yesterday afternoon was a crowd of interested people, among whom were about 20 of the most prominent women of the city, and the object of their visit was to be present at the settlement of the legal battle over the possession of the motherless and fatherless babe, May Young. The case was heard before County Judge Cake, and in its opening was warmly contested. The baby is now in the hands of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, in whose care it has been since May 27, when Officer Hawley secured the child on a warrant issued by the County Court, from the Turner family, in whose care it had been since the divorce of its foster father, Charles Young, an Americanized Chinaman, and Mrs. Young, an American woman.

The matter came up before Judge Cake on the petition of the Rev. Charles A. Nutley and his wife, Clara Nutley, for the adoption of the child. This is being bitterly fought by the attorneys of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. But why all this flurry? Why the attendance of prominent women? Why this struggle over the adoption of the child? In brief, the reason urged is this: Superintendent Gardner, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, the leading women of the city of Portland, declare that if the child is adopted by the Rev. C. A. Nutley, who is pastor of the University Park and Mount Tabor Baptist Churches, it will grow up under the influence of Charles Young, the Americanized Chinaman, who is a member of Mr. Nutley's church. They urge that Charles Young will pay Mr. Nutley for the rearing of the child. They dread the idea of the child returning to her foster father. They further urge that Charles Young had been heard to say that he intended rearing the child to consign her ultimately to an immoral life. For these reasons the adoption of the little girl by the Nutley family is being resisted, and resisted bitterly.

In the courtroom yesterday were also members of the congregations of Mr. Nutley, who feel that his character is being attacked by the fight against his adoption of the child. They feel that the child is in a measure a charge upon the church, since it was first adopted by Charles Young and his wife when members of the University Park Church, and was later cared for by the Turner family, also members of the church, at Young's expense. Another element was present, the Chinese Mow family, whose white child was rescued last week, and who are looking into the question of securing redress from the courts.

Attorney W. N. Gatens, for the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, first demurred to the petition on the ground that it was not complete enough in its legal aspect to warrant the court in assuming jurisdiction.

"The petition," said he, "does not set forth that the consent of the parents to the adoption of the child, or the next of kin, or the legal guardian of the child to such adoption had been obtained. The consent of the first two has not been produced, nor has the consent of the child's present guardian, the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, been given."

In reply, C. H. Carey, counsel for the petitioner, produced two papers, the first giving the consent of the mother of the child to the adoption of the babe by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, and the consent of the child's next of kin to the Nutley adoption. The first paper follows:

To Whom It May Concern, and to the County Judge of Multnomah County:

I, the undersigned, mother of an infant child of about 4 months old, unmarried, of the above county and state, do hereby permit and allow C. B. Young and Mary S. Young, of said county and state, to adopt as their child my said infant above mentioned, now in the possession and care of Rosanna Green, in the City of Portland, State of Oregon; and I do hereby renounce all claim and right of my own to the custody, care and maintenance thereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 2d day of August, 1898.

(Seal) MABEL HOWARD.

The consent of the next of kin was set forth as follows:

Hon. W. M. Cake, County Judge: I am the aunt of the child known as Mary Howard or Mary Young, and I am her only living relative. I hereby give my consent and approval to the adoption of the child by the Rev. Mr. Nutley and wife, of University Park, Portland, Or. Respectfully, ALICE SMOOTH.

Judge Carey said in his opening statement: "There has been a misapprehension about this case, or I assure your honor that I would not take any time before coming to the point of the case. The petitioners are Rev. C. A. Nutley and wife. He is the pastor of the University Park Baptist Church. He knows the child and would be a proper custodian for it. The child has had a peculiar history. When four months old, it was given by its mother, Mabel Howard, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Young, for adoption. He is a Chinaman, and she is a white woman. Both were active members of the church. Out of the goodness of their hearts, since they had no children of their own, they took the little one to raise as their own. It is a matter of interest to know that the divorce between Mr. and Mrs. Young was obtained by the latter by default and that, after having been withdrawn twice, when the plaintiff had twice admitted that the charges of the complaint of cruel and inhuman treatment were false. After his wife left him, Young placed the little one in the care of Mr. and Mrs. William Turner, members of the church, and upright, honorable persons, from whose care the child was taken by the officer of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Now, Mr. and Mrs. Nutley wish to adopt the child.

"The statement has been made that Young had said that he was rearing the child for immoral purposes. This has been received with indignation by the members of the community, by whom the child has been loved and cared for. It has been said that Young would have more or less influence with Mr. Nutley, being a member of the same church. The sole question, it seems to me, is on the fitness of Mr. and Mrs. Nutley to adopt the child. Are they proper persons? Are they so situated in life as to rear the child properly? I fail to see what objections can be made against them."

Colesby Young argued that both Young and his wife had been influenced by religious zeal, but that Mrs. Young had not willingly abandoned the child, but had been forced to do so. He said that his side would show that Mr. Nutley was the pastor of a poor and struggling congregation, and that he was not financially able to care for the child suitably; furthermore, he said that he would show that the adoption of the child by Mr. Nutley was made at the direct instigation of Charles Young.

Objections were made against the admission of the documents, which were sustained, in regard to the consent of the next of kin.

When Mr. Nutley took the stand all eyes were turned toward him. He was dressed in the regulation ministerial garb of black, and did not look the part of a villan allied with a Chinaman in a plot against an innocent babe. He gave his testimony in a straightforward manner, stating that he would care for the babe as his own, and that the suggestion of adopting the child had been made by his wife after the child had been taken away from the Turners.

"What are your prospects in life?" asked Mr. Young in cross-examination.

"I am the pastor of two churches, and am also engaged in the fire insurance business."

"What have you received as pastor?"

Mr. Nutley confessed to receiving $175 from the church since August 1, and $150 from the other since November 1.

Mr. Young figured on his blotter.

"So you feel that you can adopt another child, having four children already, on your admitted income of $22 a month?" Correctly figured, however, the amount is $31 a month.

"You forget the donation parties," interposed Judge Cake.

"That is not all my income. I make something in my insurance business. I have received about $50 already, and have prospects of an increase." Later on he said that his wife contributed $150 to $200 to the family income. He also said he had a house and lot worth $2500, with a $1200 mortgage.

"And that is all the prospects you have—you cannot surely stay in one place all your life?" asked Mr. Young.

"You will have to cease your glittering generalities, Mr. Young, and come to the point," interrupted Judge Cake. "Every one knows the migratory character of ministers."

Mrs. Nutley testified that the adoption was made solely because they took an interest in the child, and wished to provide it a good home.

"And it was not instigated by Charles Young?" was asked.

"No; certainly not," she replied, and gave the same decided answers to efforts to draw her out.

C. A. Lewis, clerk of the First National Bank, testified that Mr. and Mrs. Nutley were highly respected people in their community, and able to provide for the child.

Charles Young, a bright-looking Americanized Chinaman, took the stand, and furnished the only humorous element by his reference continually to "Ma, Maymie and me," as the trio of mother-in-law, wife, and himself, who had adopted the child to give it, he said, a good Christian home.

"That is all I want to do," said he; "to give her a good Christian home." Young said that he had identified himself with Americans, was a good Christian, had raised the child according to Christian customs. He waxed indignant and reverted to his Chinese dialect when charged with having evil designs on the little one's future.

"No! No!" he cried. "I have never said such a thing. I only want to give the child a good Christian home."

He told of meeting and marrying his white wife. "Ma, she was a missionary," he explained.

Mrs. Annie McMillan was a witness who was not allowed to tell all she knew. Mrs. McMillan started to tell how Mrs. Young left the house in a "spell," how the latter tossed the baby until it screamed, how she left the child, and how it was nursed and cared for after that. She wanted to tell why Mrs. Young left home, but the attorneys wouldn't let her. So she confined her testimony to supplying the court with the information that the baby was intrusted to the Turners.

William Turner corroborated all the facts about the little girl's history, and the care he and his wife had given the child at Young's instance. Mr. and Mrs. Turner both believed the Nutleys were proper people for adopting the child.

"No one could know the baby without loving her," said Mrs. Turner. "She has a sweet, lovely disposition."

John S. Rountree, father of Mrs. Turner, testified that the Nutleys were able to support their family comfortably, even with the addition of the baby.

Before the court adjourned until Friday, Attorney Gatens dramatically asked Charles Young whether he knew or had any dealings with the Mows, who were in the courtroom, and from whom a white child had been rescued.

Young answered "yes," and the court adjourned, while the visitors filed out discussing the case.

Among those present were Mrs. L. W. Sitton, Mrs. Levi Young, Mrs. M. A. Dalton, Mrs. Sarah Evans, Mrs. H. L. Pittock and Mrs. S. V. Hill.

FAREWELL RECEPTION.

Rev. W. R. Lord Greeted by John Burroughs Club.

The members of the John Burroughs Society and their friends were out in force at the chapel of the Unitarian Church last night to shake hands in farewell with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lord, and wish them Godspeed in their long trip across the continent. Heartfelt expressions of regret for their departure were heard on every side, and the earnest faces showed that there were many more that could not be uttered, so firm a place have Mr. and Mrs. Lord won in the hearts of Oregon bird-lovers. It was easy to see that every one present felt keenly the loss of the delightful companion, the inspiring friend, who, by his bird talks has aroused so intense and abiding an interest in our feathered neighbors of all the treetops. Mr. Lord during his short stay of two years in Portland has exerted a widespread influence for good in the community. In addition to his work as pastor of the Unitarian Church, which has been eminently successful, he has taken a prominent part in many important civic movements, and has organized the John Burroughs Society for the study and protection of birds, serving a year as its first president. He has come in personal contact with thousands of school children and their elders, by means of his entertaining and instructive talks on birds, and has crowned this labor of love by giving the two states of Oregon and Washington the first book that has yet appeared on our native Northwest birds, a book that has the merit of being invaluable from a scientific standpoint, yet is at the same time delightfully entertaining to young folks, a handy and useful volume for field excursions. In this and other ways he has greatly endeared himself to Nature-lovers, whose gratitude sought expression in the reception tendered him last evening.

The walls were banked with green, and at every turn great sprays of Spring blossoms tossed their fragrance into the faces of the guests. Big jars of roses—such as a King might envy—were scattered about the rooms, which the kind hands of Miss Smith, Mrs. Sterns and Mrs. Cran had transformed into a very wilderness of woodland bloom.

An attractive programme had been prepared. W. F. McKibben opened with an interesting address, which was followed by two enjoyable violin solos by Mrs. Gus Kuhn, and a delightful bird paper by W. L. Finley. Miss Kate E. Freeman gave a song by Nevin and a De Koven lullaby; and Mr. Ross Nicholas talked in entertaining strain about his bird acquaintances. Mrs. H. H. O'Reilly sang two charming numbers, "Spring Rains," by Robin Goldmark, and "Where the Bee Sucks," by Dr. Arne. She was in unusually good voice and gave the selections in captivating style.

Mr. Lord responded in his usual happy vein to all the good wishes and kind greetings that had been bestowed upon himself and his wife. He referred to his deep-seated regret at parting with the sweet song of the meadow-lark and other Western birds whose notes he had learned to love. One of these, the violet green swallow, he intends to import in his Eastern home. But far deeper than this lay his regret for the separation from his human friends. The John Burroughs Society, he felt, had a great future before it, for it had the right sort of timber in it. He advised a disinterested branching out, so as to form other societies in the neighboring towns of Oregon and Washington, and those bordering on Puget Sound. In conclusion he made a graceful allusion to the presence of the flowers that surrounded him on every side: "The rose may stay with us only a few hours, yet though its presence is fleeting, it impresses itself on our hearts, with such force as cannot be forgotten, and so will this token of your affectionate esteem remain in our memory and in our hearts."

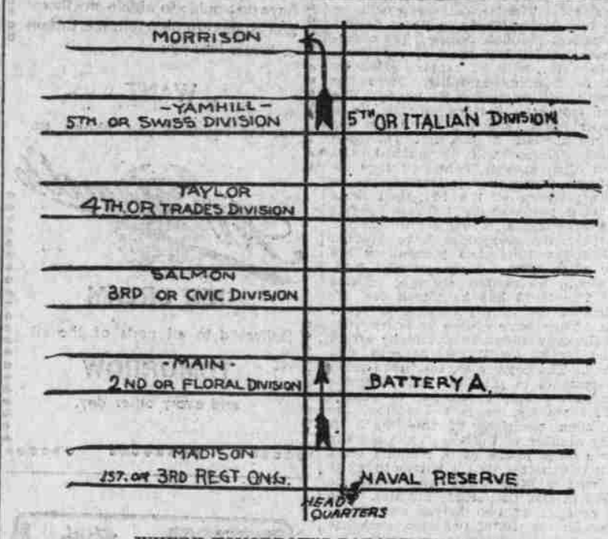
Mr. and Mrs. Lord will leave for their Eastern home next Tuesday. On Friday the members of the Unitarian Church will give them a reception in their church parlors.

READY FOR ORDER TO GO

TOMORROW'S PARADE WILL MOVE PROMPTLY ON TIME.

There Will Be Five Divisions of Military, Floral, Civic and Industrial Features.

All details have been completed for tomorrow's grand military, floral, civic and industrial parade, and everything is ready for the order to march. Grand Marshal Summers will give the word promptly at 2 o'clock. All sub-divisions will be expected to be in line at 1:45 to the minute. There will be no wait, for General Summers proposes to move on time if only his aids and the band follow him.



WHERE TOMORROW'S PARADE WILL FORM.

Following is the final make-up for the parade and the line of march:

Line of March.

Form on First and Madison streets.
North on First to Morrison.
West on Morrison to Fifth.
North on Fifth to Washington.
East on Washington to Third.
North on Third to Couch.
West on Couch to Sixth.
South on Sixth to Salmon.
West on Salmon to Park.
South on Park to Market.
West on Market to West Park.

North on West Park, passing the reviewing stand opposite the Park School. The column will then continue far enough on West Park street so that the divisions may leave the line at the most convenient point, without checking the column. The divisions and organizations will then proceed by the most direct route to their quarters.

The grand marshal will establish headquarters at the intersection of First and Madison streets. General C. U. Gantenbein is chief of staff and all aids are requested to report to him at 1:30 P. M. for instructions.

Following are the details for the formation of the column:

Platoon of police.
Grand Marshal Summers and aids.

First or Military Division.

Colonel E. Everett, accompanied by staff.
Third Regiment band.
Third Regiment, under command of Lieutenant-Colonel R. G. Jubitz, with staff.
First battalion, Third Regiment, Major F. S. Kelly in command.
Second battalion, Major G. C. von Egloffstein in command.

This division will form on Madison, west of First, with right resting on west line of First street.

Naval Reserve, Lieutenant-Commander R. E. Davis in command. Naval Reserve will form on Madison street, east of First, right resting on east line of First street.

Battery A, Oregon National Guard, Captain H. U. Welch, commanding. Will form on Main, east of First, right resting on east line of First street.

Second or Floral Division.

Commanded by Dr. B. E. Miller and aids.
De Caprio's band.

This division will form on Main street, west of First street, with right resting on west line of First street.

In this division all floral floats, traps, automobiles, pony carts and liberty car.

Mayor and Common Council in carriages.

Third or Civic Division.

Division Commander, E. House, with aids.

Will form on Salmon, west of First, right resting on west line of First street.

Mount Tabor band.

This division will consist of Order of Lions, with floats, letter-carriers, 100 strong, coming men of America, with float, native-born Chinese and other civic organizations.

Fourth Division, or Trades Unions.

Hon. R. D. Inman, division commander, and aids.

This division will form on Taylor, west of First, right resting on west line of First street.

Brown's Military Band.

Painters' and Decorators' Union, with float.

Millmen and lumbering industry represented by float and 500 men.

Lathers' Union, 100 strong.

Other trades displays will be assigned to this division.

Fifth Division, or Swiss and Italian Division.

This division will form on Yamhill street, west of First, right resting on west line of First street.

R. Buetikofer, division commander, and aids.
Training School fife and drum corps.
Swiss Society and float.
Flag-bearer.

Monk with St. Bernard dog, with life-saving barrel and other features emblematic of Switzerland, showing dairying industry in all its branches.

Italian colony will form on Yamhill street, east of First street, right resting on east line of First street.

This colony will represent the vegetable growers of this city and locality, with a handsome float, showing the actual growth of vegetables and garden truck, followed by a large number of growers and wagons. This is a novel feature in itself.

Celebration Begins Today.

The celebration will begin today with the trap shoot at Irvington Park in the morning and the concert of the Third Regiment Band on the plaza block on Park and Madison streets at 8 P. M. For the concert the programme is:

PART 1.

March—"Stars and Stripes Forever".....Sousa
Scenes "From the Wizard of the Nile".....Herbert
Patrol—"American".....Meacham
"Soldiers' Chorus," from "Faust".....Gounod
"Recollections of the War".....Beyer

PART 2.

Overture—"Raymond".....Thomas
Porto Rican dance—"Rosita".....Missud
Intermezzo—"Salome".....Loraine
March—"Hail to the Spirit of Liberty".....Sousa
Concert waltzes—"Moonlight on the Hudson".....Herman
Patrol—"The Blue and Gray".....Dalbey
"Star-Spangled Banner".....Key

J. H. Everest, Director.

Programme of Sports.

Following is the programe of sporting events:

July 3, at 9 A. M.—Trap shooting contest at Irvington Park. There will be 10 events at 10, 15, 20 and 25 targets. The matches for the club cup and the Cullison medal will be at 50 targets. The shoot will be continued tomorrow, when there will be 10 events.

Regatta on the River.

The programme for the regatta, which will be held on the river at 9:30 tomorrow morning, follows:

Junior fours, mile and a half, with turn—First heat:

First crew—Harry Ormandy, stroke; Barry Eastman, No. 3; Jerry Rusk, No. 2; George Luders, bow.

Second crew—Jim Mackie, stroke; Eugene Grimes, No. 3; George Houghton, No. 2; Harry Durand, bow.

Senior fours, mile and a half straight away—

First crew—Le Conie Stiles, stroke; Douglas Ball, No. 3; Horace Stiles, No. 2; Robert Lamberson, bow.

Second crew—Jack Newman, stroke; Will Morton, No. 3; Jim Monroe, No. 2; Arthur Haradon, bow.

Junior fours, second heat, same course as before—

First crew—J. Wolff, stroke; Tom McCabe, No. 3; Fred Peterson, No. 2; Newell Smith, bow.

Second crew—Fred Strong, stroke; Wallace Morse, No. 3; Jack Keating, No. 2; Arthur Babb, bow.

Tandem canoes, post entries—Mile straight away

Naval Battallon cutter race—Mile with turn. First divison under Lieutenant Sloan, boat officer, vs. third division under Lieutenant Ormandy, boat officer.

Junior single sculls, mile and a half with turn—Ed Gloss vs. Eugene Grimes.

Dougle pleasure boats, post entries—Half mile.

Senior single sculls, mile and a half with turn—William Patton vs. Douglas Ball.

Mixed tandem canoes, post entries—Half mile.

Canot tilting contest, post entries.

Junior fours, final heat—Winners of previous heats.

Officials of the regatta—Commodore, J. N. Teal; vice-commodore, W. L. Brewster; starter, Percy E. Stowell; official timekeeper, C. H. Lewis; judge at finish, W. A. Robb, R. L. Gilsan; announcer, H. E. Judge; clerk of the course, S. M. Luders; referee, R. C. Hart.

Bicycle Races.

July 4, at 10 A. M., bicycle races at Irvington track. Gates and grandstand free to the public.

First race, ¼-mile dash, open to all amateurs; $10 divide into three purses $6, $3, $1.

Second race, one-mile open amateur; $20, divided into three purses, $12, $6, $2.

Third race, five-mile handicap; $20 divided into three purses, $11, $6, $3.

Entrance fee, 50c to each race, to be returned if rider starts in races. Entries received until 10 P. M. July 3, at Fred T. Merrill Cycle Company's. Orders for merchandise to the amount of the above prizes will be given to prize-winners, from any store designated by the winning contestants.

Baseball.

July 4, at 3:30 P. M., baseball, Elks vs. Eagles, at Portland field. An admission fee will be charged.

The Yacht Races.

July 4, at 3:30 P. M., yacht races. Start and finish at Madison-street bridge. The entries follow:

Class C—Wizard, by Woodward; Swallow, by Wolff; Skylark, by Todd; Eva, by Jones.

Class C, special—Becomi, by O'Bryan; Glamonda, by Young; Muriel, by Beebe;

Class B—Owyhee, by Taylor; Agnes, by Misner; Australia, by Johannsen; Alejda, by Wells; Hussar, by Peebler.

Class A—Pearl, by Macbeth; Spray, by Jordon; Flirt, by Williams; Coquette, by Beebe; Scud, by Seeley; Irene, by Stokes; Chimera, by Milne; Hare, by Zeller.

BOSS GOT HIS THROAT CUT

Italian Laborer Insulted Because He Lost His Job.

Burning under a fancied insult because he had been discharged from his position as railroad laborer, Antonio Vilde cut the throat of his foreman, Michael Ierrie, in a fight which took place about 11:30 o'clock last night, on Sixth street, near Marquam's Gulch, South Portland. Word of the occurrence was telephoned to the police station, and Policemen Carpenter and Crate were sent out with the patrol wagon. Ierrie was found in a shanty among a crowd of men with his throat cut, and when Carpenter went to the shanty where Vilde boarded, he found that worthy waiting for him with a drawn revolver.

Vilde submitted to arrest, and gave up his revolver willingly when Carpenter asked for it, and the injured man and the prisoner were placed in the patrol wagon and driven to the police station. Here Dr. Blocum examined Ierrie and found that he was seriously cut, and ordered his removal to St. Vincent's Hospital. A razor was found in one of Vilde's pockets, and he gave a long explanation of the trouble in fluent Italian, but in the absence of an interpreter it was not possible to make out what he said. He had been drinking wine. Ierrie is a section boss for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, and was about to start for Olympia when the cutting took place. He had told his friends yesterday afternoon that he was afraid of Vilde, as the latter had been making threats against him on account of being discharged.

NEW POTATOES IN MARKET

Will Drive Out California Product and Force Prices Down.

New Oregon potatoes of good size are now taking a part in the competition between old domestic and new California product. Ole Oregon potatoes developed considerable strength in the market some time ago, but easier home supply and plentiful receipts from California have caused declines in quotations recently. The market is weak at present and overstocked. Now that new home product is coming along further weakness is expected. A dealer said yesterday that the new potatoes, from present indications, will in a little while drive the imported California from the local market.

ILWACO AND THE BEACH.

The T. J. Potter will leave Ash-street dock Tuesday, July 2, at 9 A. M. for Astoria, Ilwaco and beach points, and at the same time each day this week, except Saturday, the 6th, when she is scheduled to leave at 12:15 noon. For particulars regarding rates, etc., to the many Summer resorts in this vicinity, call at O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington.

San Francisco.

The O. R. & N. Co's steamer Columbia sails from Ainsworth dock, Portland, at 8 P. M. July 6, for San Francisco. Lowest rates.

Persons whose occupation gives but little exercise are victims of torpid liver and constipation. Carter's Little Liver Pills will relieve you.

PART BLOCKS, PART PLANK

AGREEMENT REACHED ON FIRST-STREET REPAIRS.

A. L. Mills Reappointed to the Board of Public Works, and Unanimously Re-Elected President.

That portion of First street in charge of the car companies, between Burnside and Madison, is to be repaired with all possible speed, according to an agreement reached at the meeting of the Board of Public Works yesterday. From Burnside to Stark, plank will be used, and south of Stark wood blocks will be laid. The companies would be willing to use wood blocks all the way, Mr. Fuller, of the Portland Railway Company, said, but these blocks would float off in high water. The planks would be spiked down, and toed under the tracks, so there would be no danger of their rising, should the freshet cause that portion of the street north of Stark to be covered with water.

The only objection the board had to the blocks lay in the matter of time required. Chairman Mills thought the repairs had been put off too long already, and Mayor Rowe feared the wood-block proposition might defer the improvement until the first of January. Both of these gentlemen wanted the street fixed right away, and planking was considered the most expeditious. The companies assured the board that there was no disposition on their part to postpone the repairs. The only question so far was one of agreement with the City Engineer as to the methods to be followed.

Mr. Chase said the rest of the street would need repairing within two years, although much of it is in fair condition still. Graham Glass spoke for several First-street property-holders, who are willing to have repairs made while the companies are doing their part. He could not speak for all, however, but thought the general sentiment was in favor of a new pavement wherever necessary.

First street having six lines of rails, is a difficult thoroughfare to keep in a passable condition, the board thought, and so these new blocks are to project half an inch above the surface of the rails, while the planking will be a quarter of an inch above. This will enable vehicles to cross the tracks for some time, without having the wheels caught in the crevices. The next time the street needs repairing, heavy eight-inch rails will be laid in place of the light three-inch iron now in place. These large rails have a groove along their upper side, for the street-car wheels to run in, and stone blocks can be laid snug up to the flush surface of the rail, as has been done at the intersection of Third and Morrison streets. The heavy vehicle traffic on First street demands this kind of a pavement, Mr. Chase thought, but the delay in obtaining such rails would work against the change now.

Mills Re-Elected President.

The term of Chairman Mills as member of the board expired July 1, and Mayor Rowe reappointed him promptly. William Macmaster would have become chairman on the expiration of Mr. Mills' term, but he signified his desire to have the present incumbent retain that position. Mr. Mills was therefore unanimously re-elected chairman yesterday, despite the vigorous speech he made in favor of "rotation in office." Mr. Macmaster is now in London, but is expected home July 25. Changes in committees will be announced next week, and A. L. Maxwell, the newest member of the board, will be assigned to specific duties.

Bids on Sewers.

A number of bids on sewer construction were opened by the Auditor, in presence of the board, and several bidders. The figures run closer together than usual, and were as follows:

Union-avenue sewer—J. B. Slemmons, $1635 80; Frainey & Keating, $1513 74; Jacobson-Bade Company, $1689 03.

Halsey-street sewer—J. B. Slemmons, $363 10; Riley & Stevens, $348 35; Frainey & Keating, $336 18.

First-street sewer—J. B. Slemmons, $154 70; Frainey & Keating, $154 11; Jacobson-Bade Company, $136 43.

East Washington-street sewer—J. B. Slemmons, $475 20; Riley & Stevens, $429 10; Frainey & Keating, $426 39; O. D. Wolf, $447 21; Jacobson-Bade Company, $433 10.

East Ash-street sewer—J. B. Slemmons, $850 80; Riley & Stevens, $846 67; Frainey & Keating, $863 92; O. D. Wolf, $846 79; Jacobson-Bade Company, $808 63.

East Twenty-second-street sewer—Frainey & Keating, $169 40; O. D. Wolf, $166 76; Jacobson-Bade Company, $151 70.

The bids were referred to the Auditor for computation, and will be reported on next Tuesday.

Other Matters.

A protest was read from W. J. Wilson and others, objecting to the manner in which College street, between Tenth and Twelfth, has been improved. The remonstrators objected to the work being paid for, as the pavement is full of hills and hollows, and is not up to grade. The City Engineer said he knew the surface of the work was still two-tenths below grade, and that the grading had not yet been approved by him. The remonstrance was placed on file.

E. S. Ferguson, superintendent of the Street-Cleaning Department, reported that he had sold an old black mare to a farmer for $65. She had outlived her usefulness as the motive power of a city cart, but would do very well on a farm, so the board thought the sale was a good one for the city.

Ordinance 12,244 was approved by the board. It provides that street repairs shall become a lien on the property of the Portland Traction Company, and that the city will repair between the tracks if the company doesn't do it, within 30 days after being notified.

CHEESE FOR THE ORIENT.

Samples of Oregon Product to Be Shipped to Japan.

Some time ago mention was made of the fact that the Department of Agriculture was in search of cheese of best grade wherewith it hopes to open a market in Japan for American product. The excellence of Oregon cheese has reached the notice of the department and an order for a small quantity ahs been placed with a local firm. The cheese will be shipped to the Orient from Portland by the next steamer of the Portland and Asiatic line, which will sail the last of the month.

The samples will be packed with especial care. As Oregon cheese is the best made, this consignment should have no difficulty in winning precedence over all other brands sent from America. The department has an agent in Japan, by whose advice it is acting. Some time ago he sent a request to San Francisco for a supply of cheese. However, only a very small quantity was found which met requirements. Attention was then directed to this state and several interested persons in Oregon brought Oregon cheese to the notice of the department, with the result as given above.

A creamery man said yesterday that nothing can prevent Oregon from getting a large part of the cheese trade with the Orient, except the price of the local product, for Oregon cheese is far ahead of any on the coast. Prices in this state are the highest on the coast, but he does not regard this disadvantage as serious, for the creamery industry here in time can be so economically organized that prices can meet those of any part of the United States. No region has such an equable climate as Oregon nor such a steady supply of milk. California knows the superiority of Oregon cheese, but does not make many requisitions for it, because that state has large production from its own creameries. A Portland dealer, however, received an order last week from San Francisco for about a dozen cases of best Oregon cheese. It is supposed these will be used at San Francisco for sampling and comparative purposes.

A local business firm has imported a carload of cheese from the East. It has also engaged two more, which will arrive at successive intervals. The product is high grade, and sells at top prices. This is the outcome of the recent dispute between Portland dealers and Tillamook manufacturers, over the matter of commissions. The business house which is importing the Eastern cheese and the Tillamook people had a falling out, and, to assert its independence, the local firm resorted to the above means.

The present height of Oregon prices guarantees that the venture will be a paying one, unless there should be a large drop in local quotations. It is said, however, that even this would not discomfit the importing firm, since the goods are brought here on consignment. The current price at Portland is 11½ and 12 cents per pound. This is the season of declining values, and some people think the venture is hazardous, since Oregon prices may cut under the cost and freight charges of the Eastern cheese. Other people are fond of demonstrating that it is extremely unlikely that prices here will go down over a cent below the present level, and that even on this lower basis the venture will come out with a profit.

A dealer said yesterday: "This bringing in of cheese from the outside is not surprising. The really surprising thing about it is that it was not done before. Oregon prices have been and are yet above Eastern prices, and freights added. This ignoring of outside markets has cost creamery men in this state many a penny and will continue to do so. Oregon prices have gone down in the last few years, but they must go down even more before this state may hope to win markets abroad or to be safe in its own territory from the incursion of outside product."

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Good Conditions Generally Throughout the State.

The fore part of the week was showery in the northern portion of the state and the latter portion was dry. Droughty conditions continue in portions of Southern Oregon. The temperatures have averaged about six degrees cooler than usual, and cloudiness has also been somewhat greater than is customary at this season of the year. The maximum temperatures during the week in Western Oregon ranged between 69 and 76 degrees, and the minimum temperatures between 49 and 56 degrees. In Eastern Oregon the maximum temperatures ranged between 56 and 78 degrees, and the minimum temperatures between 36 and 54 degrees.

Haying has been delayed by showery and cloudy weather, and some clover lying on the ground has been injured, but most of that cut has been safely housed. A big crop of timothy hay is now ready to cut, but the farmers are waiting for warmer, sunshiny weather before beginning its harvest. The first crop of alfalfa has been secured and the yields averaged about the same as last year. Fall grain is ripening fast, and the harvest of barley and rye will begin next week. Fall wheat in the Willamette Valley is generally in a promising condition. The grain aphis has made its appearance in considerable numbers in Clackamas, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties, but they do not seem to be doing much damage. Spring wheat is heading nicely and Fall oats are especially promising. In Eastern Oregon wheat is generally doing well, but the winds have been rather too strong in Umatilla County, and although they have not been hot, they have been dry winds, and it is feared some slight damage has been done.

Hops are unusually thrifty, and the yards are, as a rule, free from lice. Gardens, potatoes and corn continue backward, but root crops have a healthy color and are doing well. Home-grown vegetables are plentiful in the market. Corn needs warmer weather, but it is slowly improving, and reports regarding its conditions are more favorable than they were last week. Cutworms have made their appearance in Coos County on the second crop of clover, but they have not as yet done much damage, while near Weston, Umatilla County, a species of army worm is to be found in considerable numbers on tar weeds and thistles, and fears are entertained that this pest will later attack the cultivated crops. In portions of Marion County small snails or slugs have ruined whole fields of rape and damaged some gardens, but these pests, on the whole, are less numerous than usual at this season of the year, and they have as yet done no material damage to the staple crops of the state.

Raspberries and blackberries are slowly ripening and the strawberry season is nearly finished. Tree fruits are making favorable progress, and complaints about apples dropping have almost wholly ceased.

Professor Boardman Cannot Accept.

Professor H. L. Boardman, president of the McMinnville College, has been mentioned as a possible successor to Rev. Ray Palmer, as pastor of the Second Baptist Church. Professor Boardman is regarded as one of the ablest ministers in the state but he prefers to remain at the head of the McMinnville College. The trustees have yet taken no steps toward calling a permanent pastor, and the pulpit will be supplied temporarily.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, July 2.—8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 61; minimum temperature, 51; river reading at 11 A. M., 13.3 feet; change in the past 24 hours, —0.2 foot; total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., 0.04 inch; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1900, 42.62 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1900, 45.18 inches; deficiency, 3.16 inches; total sunshine July 1, 7:47; possible sunshine July 1, 15:42.

STATIONS.	Max. temp.	Precipitation last 12 hours	Wind. Velocity	Wind. Direction	State of Weather
Astoria	60	0.01	12	SW	Pt. cloudy
Baker City	70	**	12	W	Raining
Boise	88	0.00	*	N	Clear
Neah Bay	60	0.00	12	SW	Cloudy
Pocatello	90	0.00	8	W	Clear
Portland	62	0.01	*	W	Cloudy
Red Bluff	82	0.00	*	S	Clear
Roseburg	80	0.14	*	NE	Cloudy
Sacramento	76	0.00	14	SW	Clear
Salt Lake	94	0.00	14	S	Clear
San Francisco	60	0.00	26	W	Clear
Spokane	76	**	14	SW	Cloudy
Seattle	64	0.00	*	W	Cloudy
Walla Walla	74	0.00	6	SW	Cloudy

**Trace. *Light.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Light showers have fallen in Washington and Oregon, but elsewhere in the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain States the weather remains clear. The temperatures in Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Northern California are generally from 10 to 20 deg. below the normal, except near the coast, where they are about normal. The indications are for fair and warmer weather in Western Oregon and Western Washington Wednesday, and unsettled conditions, with showers, in Idaho and the eastern portions of Oregon and Washington.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Wednesday and Thursday: Fair; warmer Wednesday; northwesterly winds.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Wednesday and Thursday: Fair; warmer Wednesday, except near coast; northwesterly winds.

Eastern Oregon—Wednesday: Fair; westerly winds.

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Wednesday: Fair, except possibly showers in south portion; westerly winds.

Southern Idaho—Wednesday: Fair and cooler; westerly winds.

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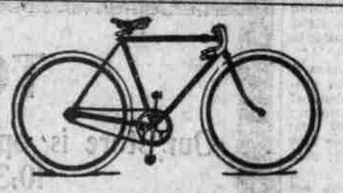

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