NO CURE BY PRAYER

Divine Healing Does Not Save Lela Billings.

DIPHTHERIA CAUSES HER DEATH

No Physician Was Called During Her Illness, Nor Was Medicine Administered by Parents, Who Are Christian Scientists.

Lela Billings, 9 years old, the daughter of Christian Scientists, who live at 444 Flint street, died there Saturday night from diphtheria. No regularly practicing physician had been called or medicine administered during the progress of her illness, which was of three weeks' duration, according to the records of the Board of Health.

The case was yesterday brought to the notice of the Coroner, and he visited the house and made an investigation. He was informed that the little girl had been suddenly taken with a fainting spell Saturday night, and that she had clasped her father around his neck and died in his arms.

"Did you call a physician before the girl died?" the parents were asked.

"No," was the reply. "We believe in Divine healing, and considered that the little girl would get along all right if we prayed every day." Mrs. Billings added: "I looked at the child's throat a few days ago, and did not see any white patches. So I thought she was getting along all right."

The Coroner at once took steps to disinfect the house to guard against possible contagion, and communicated with the Health Officer. It was not possible to interview either Mr. and Mrs. Billings because of the infectious disease which had been in their house, but it was stated around the neighborhood that the child had been prayed for by Divine healers in Seattle and South Portland.

Steps will be taken today to have the house quarantined, as quite a number of children live near 444 Flint street. Since the present Coroner took office four or five deaths have occurred in this city, where no physicians have been called or medicine administered, the people in charge of the sick trusting to the efficacy of faith healing.

The Coroner states that the little girl died from diphtheria, due to toxic poisoning.

HE CLIMBED FOR FLOWERS

Then Slipped Down a Grassy Slope and Ruined His Spring Clothes.

The lovely Spring weather which has prevailed of late leads many, both old and young, to wander afield to view, or renew their acquaintance with, the beauties of Nature and see leaf and bud unfolding and flowers on every hand and to inhale the fragrant air and enjoy the pleasure of being away from the city's noise for a time. Some take their children, born in the city, and on that account deprived of many pleasures and advantages which the country-bred children enjoy, out into the fields or woods as a treat and to let them see what the world looked like when it was new, and to enjoy the pleasure of plucking wild flowers.

A citizen who has an only and intelligent little darling of a girl took her out for a stroll in the hills west of town yesterday, intending to interest and instruct her, "training the young idea how to shoot." When they got where the flowers were blooming, the little miss took charge of the expedition and kept her darling papa hustling. Her bright eyes could see hosts of flowers and pretty things which papa's glasses could not focus and she kept trotting him in all directions to bring her the flowers which pleased her fancy. Unfortunately the most beautiful flowers grew in the most swampy or most inaccessible places, but papa, delighted at the interest his darling was taking in his teachings, plunged through mud holes or climbed rugged bowlder-strewn slopes to bring her whatever she thought "pitty."

Finally it devolved on him to climb a bluff to secure a gaudy flower which flaunted its brilliant blossoms from an inaccessible spot. He did not like the job—would have flunked had he dared, but the imperious orders of her little ladyship were to get the so-earnestly-desired flowers, so he essayed to get them. He found out "how hard it is to climb," but persevered, and just as he was closing his fingers around the prize, his foot slipped, he lost his grip and alighted in a very undignified position on the earth some 15 feet below and rolled down the slope some 20 yards, increasing his speed at every bound, till he was finally brought up all standing by a tree, which probably saved his life, but came near breaking him in two.

There is but little left to tell. His new Spring overcoat was torn and covered with mud, he was bruised and thumped from head to foot, and was unable to attempt to gather the flowers where they grew. The little maid ordered an advance, but he insisted on returning home, and without wasting any words compelled her to come along, which developed in her want of confidence in him, and caused a breach of the friendly relations which had heretofore existed between them, and which it will take weeks to restore. He says that he used no bad language, but he seemed to be trying to condense his ideas and to form expressions which would furnish the most relief in the shortest space of time.

FOR ALASKAN WATERS.

Stern-Wheel Steamer Koyukuk Is Shipped North in Parts.

The stern-wheel steamer Koyukuk, which was built for the Northern Commercial Company for the Alaskan river trade, was shipped in parts to Tacoma by its builder, Joseph Supple, last night, and will be thence transshipped to White Horse Rapids, where the various parts of the vessel will be put together. When placed in commission the steamer will be in command of Captain J. T. Gray, of Portland, who was assistant superintendent of the consolidated steamboat lines at Dawson City last year.

The Koyukuk was built under the personal direction of Captain Gray. According to the designs, it is a light-draught boat, and it will ply on the Koyukuk River and deliver the cargoes of the company. In speaking about the boat yesterday, Captain Gray said that the cost in Portland was about $12,000, but the freight and construction would increase the price considerably. All the equipment was purchased in Portland, and the machinery, etc., will be shipped to Alaska so that the boat will be ready when navigation opens in June.

When asked about possible travel to Alaska this year, Captain Gray said that there would be about the usual number of passengers on each trip. The seekers for fortune were absent, and the men who had permanent interests in the territory were the principal travelers to and fro. The territory was rich in minerals, and it would always be an attractive place for tourists, but the man who expected to find a gold mine the instant he stepped off the steamer was no longer a daily arrival.

Asked about navigation facilities, Captain Gray said it would require a small fortune to establish a line of steamers. The fuel bills for a single round trip from St. Michaels to Dawson amounted, for small vessels, to $4000, and for the largest vessels, $18,000. Last year a number of the steamboats were idle and were docked, as the reduced fares and the decreasing number of passengers made business unprofitable.

EVERDING LOSES A TRICK

Friend Sells Him a Bunch of Tickets to a Past Event.

R. Everding, of Everding & Farrell, cut his eye teeth more years ago than he is inclined to admit, by biting off more of several hard propositions than he could masticate, and bunko men as a general thing pass him by as too hard a "game" to attempt to play for a sucker. He was, however, scientifically and successfully buncoed a day or two ago by an old friend, and a genuine granger at that, with his whiskers full of hayseed, the Hon. R. Scott, of Milwaukie.

Mr. Everding is very fond of attending school exhibitions, especially in the country, and never willingly misses one within any reasonable distance of the city. The Milwaukie school, of which Mr. Scott is a director, frequently gives such exhibitions, and charges a small admission fee for the benefit of their library fund. The object being commendable, and the exhibition being first class, Mr. Everding never misses one of them, and is always happy to purchase a handful of tickets when his friend, Scott, brings them in, and so has come to be looked upon as a regular contributor to the library fund.

A week or so ago the Milwaukie school held one of these exhibitions. Mr. Scott was sick at the time, and did not come to town till several days after the event, so the library fund did not receive the usual amount from Mr. Everding. However, when Mr. Scott did come to town, he gathered up all the admission tickets for the exhibition which remained unsold, and brought them with him. When he entered Mr. Everding's office, he told him that he had tickets for a school exhibition, at the same time hauling out a big handful. Mr. Everding was busy, and merely remarked all right, and told one of the clerks in the office to pay for them. The clerk counted the lot, and found there were 23, and handed Mr. cScott $5 75, which he pocketed, but kept loafing around the office as if he wanted something more.

Finally a young man came in and attempted to sell Mr. Everding some tickets to a baseball game, but was turned down in one-two-three style. As he was going out Mr. Scott remarked to him that it was strange that Everding would not buy tickets for a baseball game, adding, as they went out in, a tone loud enough to be heard by Mr. Everding:

"He just bought 23 tickets from me for a school exhibition which took place a week ago."

Then the door swung to, and Mr. Scott headed for Milwaukie, and probably kept right on going, and it was well he did. Mr. Everding looked at the pile of tickets which the clerk had placed on his desk, and then he began to say things which cannot be repeated. So a curtain will be dropped on the subsequent proceedings, until such time as Mr. Scott returns to town—if he ever does—when the incident will be closed, let it be hoped, not in blood.

THEY GET ALBINA WATER

People of Irvington Prefer This to No Bull Run.

The people of Irvington, some of whom joined with the people of Lower Albina in petitioning the water committee to connect the lately purchased Albina water system with the city mains and thus serve them with Bull Run water, were very glad a short time ago to come before the water committee and petition for the gates in the connection made with the city mains to be closed, and to allow them to be served by the Albina water plant as of old.

They were reminded that they had petitioned for the change and had been told at the time that the houses in Irvington and the higher part of Albina would be likely to suffer from lack of water at times if the change was made, and that there would probably be no water on the upper stories of these houses, except at rare intervals. But the promoters of the scheme were anxious to have Bull Run water, because it was furnished in other parts of the city, though they had no complaint to make against the water from the Albina system, and could not wait till a main could be constructed from the high-service reservoir, which would give the pressure necessary to serve them properly.

The lack of pressure did not trouble the people in the lower part of Albina, who had all the Bull Run water they wanted, but the people of Irvington and the high ground generally in that district became very tired of lugging water upstairs whenever they wanted to bathe, and also of having a limited supply on the lower floors of their houses all the time, and sometimes none at all. They also saw that as soon as the irrigation season commenced, May 1, they would be without any water at all a great part of the time, so they threw up their hands and humbly asked the water committee to shut off the connection with the Bull Run mains, and give them back their old and satisfactory supply. The committee granted their request, and the gates in the connections were closed. The Irvington people are now happy.

Some of them report that they had become so used to low pressure and scarcity of water that when the gates were closed and the old pressure was restored, they were really scared when they turned their faucets to see the water rush out "like water from a street hydrant," and imagined that something had "busted." Some of the people in the lower part of Albina have growled a little about the new change, but this amounts to nothing, as they have plenty of water, and good water.

BURNS CAUSE DEATH.

George Greene Dies From Injuries Received in East Side Fire.

George Greene, who was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital in an insensible condition Saturday morning, died yesterday at 10 A. M.

His death was caused by the burns received during the fire that occurred in the rear end of his grocery store at 75 Union avenue. He was dragged from his room by Abe Tautfest, and never regained consciousness before his death.

His daughter and son, from Seattle, and his son from Hillsboro had been telegraphed for, and arrived before his death.

CATARRH OF THE BRONCHIAL TUBES.

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FOR MODERN CARSHOPS

SOUTHERN PACIFIC HAS EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTED.

Bids Will Be Asked for Two Buildings at Once—Others to Be Erected Later.

The plans for the boiler and blacksmith shop for the Southern Pacific Company at the carshops on the East Side have been received, modified, and the specifications corrected, preparatory to letting the contract. Bids will now be asked for. This building is No. 2 in the series of 10 to be erected to complete the proposed plant for which plans of a general character have been outlined, as shown in the accompanying diagram. Some time ago the company increased its tract of land from 30 to 40 acres, and the land on the west side was laid out to be occupied by the new brick buildings to take the place of the wooden structures which occupy the east side portion. Routes for extensive trackage take up the ground, to reach the new buildings as they shall have been constructed. Finally all the ground west of the main line will be occupied by the new buildings. The new boiler and blacksmith shop will resemble in size the machine shop and will stand west of the latter. The contract for the iron portions of this new building has been let in the East, but the brick work will be let here.

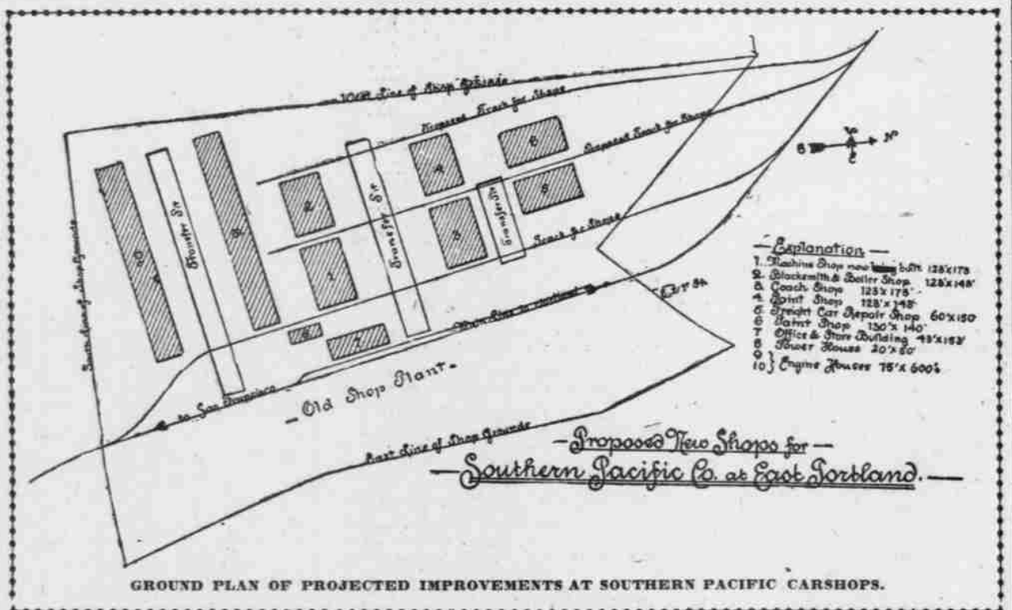
This work has been done by Architect Otto Kleeman, who was superintendent of the building of the machine shop two years ago. The cost of the new building is not known, but it is thought that it will be between $25,000 and $30,000, exclusive of the machinery, which will be much more. The foundation of the machine shop was of concrete, and had to be carried down through the clay surface soil to a hard stratum of gravel, and the same thing will have to be done with the foundation of the new building. The ground is low, and while the foundation of the machine shops was being built there was some trouble with water.

The amount of repair work that has to be done in these shops necessitates the erection of this new building. It has continued to increase until about 300 men are kept constantly employed in and about these machine shops. The growth of the Pacific Northwest is reflected in the demand for increased railroad facilities. The general plan of all these proposed buildings is to meet the increased demands of the future.

All the wooden buildings on the grounds are sure to be supplanted in the course of a few years. The buildings will be erected as they are actually required. It is expected that the office and store building will also be put up soon. It is needed very much. The wooden structure is packed full of the small articles required in the big shops. This building will be two stories. It is thought that within the next five years, or in even less time, all the 10 buildings will have been finished and all the wooden ones displaced. It is understood that Otto Kleemann will be superintendent while the new building is under construction.

The growth of the Southern Pacific shops on the East Side from a collection of wooden shacks and a scrap pile may be dated from the time T. Y. Younger, master mechanic, took charge. Order was quickly restored on the grounds, and today as one passes through the grounds the attention is at once attracted to the flower garden and lawn in the center of the plot, in which is a flag pole erected through the patriotism of the employes. Here is an enclosure about 30x50 feet, devoted to floriculture, which is very pleasing to the eye. Not a scrap of waste material is to be seen. Discarded materials from box cars are stacked away, or burned. Mr. Younger insists on order and cleanliness on the grounds.

Just at present a large amount of work is being done. In the open yard there are about 30 freight cars being repaired. However, the main interest centers in the splendid machine shop, with its modern machinery, pronounced by railroad experts to be the finest machine shop of its dimensions in the world. This structure is 125x175 feet, running east and west. It is the first of the series which has been outlined for these grounds. The walls are 30 feet high from the ground to the eaves on the north and south sides, and 40 feet at the east and west gables. It has a steel roof, covered with corrugated galvanized iron, but nearly one-half of it is formed into skylights and covered with ¼-inch corrugated skylight glass, there being about 800 lights of two feet width and eight feet length, which were bedded in three tons of putty. The inside is filled with machinery, trackage, and transfer pits, for the repair of locomotives, which are run in from the north side. The foundations of all the powerful lathes and the transfer table are of concrete, resting on the gravel bed. The cranes can pick up any part of a locomotive and swing it around where wanted as if it had no more weight than a feather. Power for operating the machines is supplied by a 50-horsepower dynamo and a portable dynamo. The latter can be used in any portion of the building. While the enormously large windows and the skylights make this the lightest shop on this Coast, the fine heating system put in makes it the most comfortable one, while nothing that ingenuity could devise to facilitate the work was omitted when it was built, and the various devices operated by steam, electricity and compressed air are too numerous to be mentioned. This is the character of the first building of the series, and what the others are to be may be judged by this one.



GROUND PLAN OF PROJECTED IMPROVEMENTS AT SOUTHERN PACIFIC CARSHOPS.

MAY LAY BIG MAIN.

Water Committee Will Probably Put Down 14-Inch Pipe on East First.

It is considered probable that the Water Committee will lay the 14-inch water main on East First street before the 20-inch main is laid from Division street through Sunnyside. This may be done for the reason of the great necessity for fire protection for the warehouse district.

This 14-inch main will commence at East Twelfth and East Market streets and be laid to East First and thence to East Oak, for the present. It will be necessary to take up the 6-inch main that is already laid along East First street from East Market to East Oak streets. This smaller pipe can be used somewhere else in the distribution system to good advantage.

Large "barrel" hydrants will be attached to the large pipe when it is down, so that several streams can be had from a single hydrant. Under present conditions the small hydrants hardly provide one good stream.

Ultimately this 14-inch main will be continued on through Lower Albina to a connection with the pumping station. The 20-inch main for the higher service will start at the intersection of the Section road and Marguerite avenue and be extended through Sunnyside and terminate for the present near Oregon and East Sixteenth streets. It will be one mile in length, but after a time will be carried to Russell street and Union avenue. It will furnish Sunnyside and the surroundings north and south, east and west, with an abundance of water for both fire and domestic purposes.

TENT FOR POLITICAL MEETINGS.

Roosevelt Republican Club Will Rally Under Canvass.

Yesterday a large pavilion tent was spread on the vacant quarter on the corner of Grand avenue and East Market street, for public political meetings during the coming month, by the Roosevelt Republican Club. This is a central place, easy to be reached from all portions of that part of Portland. H. C. Smith is president of the club. An active campaign will be carried on from now till the election in June. Next Wednesday night the first meeting will be held in this tent. Prominent speakers will be present.

Cemetery Association Incorporates.

The Columbia Masonic Cemetery Association has filed articles of incorporation. Officers of this association are as follows: President, George P. Lent; secretary and treasurer, W. W. Minor; trustees, George P. Lent, L. S. Nomandin, and Henry Freeborrough. This association will have the legal control of the Masonic cemetery on the Columbia Slough road. Originally it was the property of the Columbia Lodge, but that lodge was merged into the Mount Tabor Lodge. This association was formed to simplify the transfer of lots and provide a legally constituted authority to improve the cemetery, if necessary.

Cheese Factory Incorporated.

The Fairview cheese factory has been incorporated under the firm name of the Fair Cheese Manufacturing Company. The capital stock is $3000. H. C. Campbell, C. F. Swigert and Rufus Mallory, of Portland, are the incorporators. Mr. Campbell purchased the cheese factory at Fairview over a year ago, and has been operating it to good advantage ever since. He also is installing the machinery for a 20-ton feed mill to be operated at Fairview in connection with the cheese factory. Investment by these men at Fairview will mean much for that place.

To Discuss Fair Site.

The East Side Improvement Association will hold an important meeting this evening in Justice Vreeland's office, on East Morrison street, near Grand avenue. The fair site question will be discussed.

BIG RUSH OF HOMESEEKERS

General Passenger Agent Fee Tells of the Great Movement.

Charles S. Fee, general passenger and ticket agent of the Northern Pacific Railway, is in the city today, and will remain until 2 o'clock, when he will leave for St. Paul, by way of Tacoma. Mr. Fee came west to attend a meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger Agents' Association, which was held in San Francisco, and he is now on his way home. He stopped over in Portland to visit friends whom he had met during his numerous previous trips to the city, and to them he spoke entertainingly of the increased immigration to the West.

"During the year just closed," said Mr. Fee, "the Northern Pacific has carried in round numbers 1,000,000 more passengers than during the previous year, and this, too, at no material increase of mileage. A great number of homeseekers have come westward, and their immigration, the surest sign of prosperity and settled conditions, affords an idea of what this section of the country may expect during the next few years. In the matter of homeseekers, Oregon and Washington have a distinct advantage over California. The farmer in Minnesota or Wisconsin who sells his lands at $40 or $45 an acre may come out here and secure acreage at a reasonable figure. In California he must pay a stiff price. The character of the immigration has never been excelled. The families come out here with means to establish themselves permanently in their new homes, and they appear to be assured of success in any of their undertakings.

"Excluding the homeseeker and settler business, our regular through and local traffic has increased gradually and steadily. To accommodate travelers we shall put on a third through train on May 4. Four years ago we ran only a single train, and we had some trouble to keep the cars comfortably filled. When we put the second train on the line, business was not any too plentiful, but now the traffic demands the addition of the North Coast Limited. The train has been very popular, and no doubt it will receive the same excellent patronage it has in the past."

Speaking of equipment, Mr. Fee said the company was having delivered 10 new standard Pullman sleeping cars, 10 Pullman tourist sleeping cars, 20 first-class passenger coaches, four new dining cars and 10 70-foot baggage cars. The addition to the equipment was due to the increase of business, as provision had to be made for the traveling public.

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