SEEKING LOST CIRL

All Mount Tabor People Are Deeply Agitated.

COITEUX IS MISSING

She Started for School Tuesday Morning, but Did Not Arrive, and Constant Search Has Been Fruitless-Numberless Theories.

Viola Colteux, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Colteux, of Mans-field Addition, directly east of Mount Ta-bor, disappeared Tuesday forenoon in a most mysterious manner, after she had left her home for the South Mount Taher left her home for the South Mount Tabor left her home for the South Mount Tabor School, where she is a pupil in Miss E. Strange's room, and no trace of her had been found up to last evening. Search was instituted Tuesday afternoon, and has continued ever since, but without suc-cess. Not the slightest clue has been dound, and no explanation of her disappearance is given.

The home of the Colteux family is

about half a mile a little north of east from the South Mount Tabor School-house, and perhaps 300 yards east of the crossroad extending from the Section to the Base Line road at Montavilla. Sev-eral other small cottages are near by.

Between the crossroad and the school house there is a considerable field covered by brush and small fir trees. By going in a direct course to the schoolhouse she would pass through a portion of this brush along a path where the brush is not very thick. Monday she started to school and went this way, but, as she was late, and not desiring to enter after the school had consed for the day the the school had opened for the day, the child returned to her home. Tuesday morning she started across this

field along the path through the brush. Her mother stood in the doorway of her house and watched her until her form was concealed from her view in the brush. That was really the last that had been seen of Viola up to last night. Her mother had not the slightest apprehension concerning her child, as she considered it perfectly safe for her to take that route to the schoolhouse. It is much hearer than around by the Section road; besides, she could almost watch the child until she should reach the schoolhouse, No alarm was felt until the father came to the schoolhouse for his child, and then reported that she had started that morn-ing from the house at 8 o'clock.

Search was then instituted by the school children, under the direction of Principal W. A. Law. Almost every foot of the territory between the schoolhouse and the Montavilla crossroad and the Section road was carefully gone over. The brush in the angle of the field formed by the Sec-tion road on the south and the crossroad on the east was thoroughly searched, Then the district toward the summit of Mount Tabor was ransacked. The search party continued its work till 2 or 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, but nothing was found that gave the slightest clue to the whereabouts of the missing child. Mr. Colteux and his neighbors kept up the search through the night.

Wednesday Professor Law, of the South Mount Tabor School, with 30 of the largest boys, again searched the surroundings is a thorough manner. Mrs. Colteux and Ella Phillips, a young woman, agarched around the red barn on the Mount Tabor crossread that passes the Catholic monastery, but found nothing. It was reported to them that a girl who are word Viola's description, but here answered Viola's description' had been seen in that vicinity. There were other rumors that the missing child had been seen going in the direction of Montavilla, but none of them could be confirmed. For some time before she started to attend the South Mount Tabor School Viola had been sent to the school conducted in connection with the Catholic monastery, and it was thought she might have gone back there. However, this did not prove the case. The Sisters in charge said she had not been there since she was taken away. Some time ago she remained

Miss Strange said that Viola was a litthe timid, but was in all respects an obe-dient child. Nothing had happened at the school which would have caused her wished to go to friends living to run away. She left home Tuesday morning early enough to reach the school on time. Principal Law said he did not know much about the child, as she had just started to school. He expressed the deepest sorrow over the disappearance of the child, and said he could not give any explanation. It was to him a great mys-

When the child left her home she were a Tam o' Shanter cap, a dark blue cloth dress and carried a lunch basket. She is rather small for her age, and weighs probably about 65 pounds. About her neck was a blue black ribbon. Principal Law has done everything in his power to assist in the search, and, in fact, has been in the field searching almost con stantly with a party from the school.

The district in which she disappeared has been so thoroughly searched that it seems impossible for her to have been in the brush. No one in the neighborhood who is familiar with the circum-stances of the disappearance is able to account for it. There is yet not the slightest evidence of foul play, nor is "I gin't a hobo," insisted O'Farrell, "My there any reason for thinking the child father works on a ranch in California, will not be found. She may have fallen into some open wells in the neighborhood, but this is hardly possible. Some advance the theory of kidnaping or murder, but there are no developments yet to show that these explanations are at all tenable. The only reasonable explanation is that the child, being somewhat timid, as she neared the South Mount Tabor School grew nervous lest she might again be late, and started to wander either to the north or to the south, and simply kept going until miles away. No rough characters have been seen in the neigh-borhood. She may have fallen and been disabled after traveling some distance, No one knows what a timid child suffers in attending a large school; especially where she had been absent the day before, and may have fenred that some
punishment awaited her. This, at least, is
a consoling theory, and if it be correct
she may be found safe at some farmhouse miles away from the district in which the search has been made. In the absence of all evidence of foul play, it is reasonable to suppose she is still living, and may yet be found. All the friends to whose homes she may have gone have been visited, but she has not been at any of these places. Her parents are nearly distracted, and have not rested night or

day since she disappeared. pils from the South Mount Tabor School It is considered probable that the School Directors may offer a reward for any information leading to the finding of the child, M. J. Myers, chairman, said inst night that he considered this a proper thing to do. He is deeply concerned over the disappearance of the child, and thinks that no effort should be spared to find her, if she be alive.

SEARCH LAST NIGHT.

No Trace Is Found and Kiduaping Is Now Suspected.

Last night the search was resumed and continued until about 11 o'clock, with no developments. Mr. Colteux and M. J.

finally the worn and grief-stricken father had to give up and go home. He had been searching since daylight, and had scoured the country in every direction for miles. Toward the south as far as Johnson Creek he had tramped looking for traces of his missing child, but he met with disappointment wherever he went.

M. J. Myers, who was with the search party last night, said he was completely mystified over the disappearance of the child. He was inclined to the belief that the child had been kidnaped, or that there had been foul work done. The search parties had scrutinized the district she passed through so thoroughly that he was satisfied that, if any trace of her was satisfied that, if any trace of her was found there, it would be her body. There are so many houses in the neighborhood and so great travel on the roads as to almost disprove the kidnapping theory. Mr. Myers last evening talked with Mrs. Colteux, and was convinced that the family relations were pleasant, the learned that when Viola started for school Tuesday morning she was affectionately bidden goodbye at the house, and she promised to learn her lessons. Gus Vail said last evening that the tracks of a child's feet were found in the road on the southeast side of Mount Tabor near the upper reservoir by him Tabor near the upper reservoir by him

Machines Swallow Nickels With Ravenous Greed,

CIGARMEN COMBINE TO FIGHT

Eight of Them Resume Operations and Employ Lawyer to Fight Law Against Machines-Sheriff Also Takes Legal Advice.

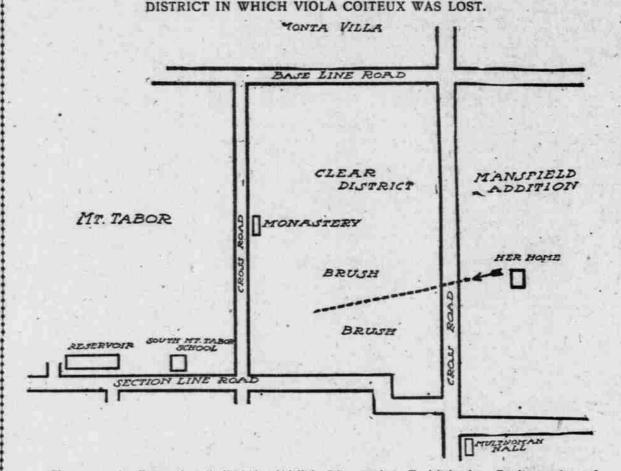
Nickel-in-the-slot card machines were clanking away merrily in eight down-town clgar stores last evening. Six of

paid no attention to the suit, but his wife will probably make a defense.

This suit has been on file for some time, pending a compromise between Kilner and his wife, A. W. Lambert claims that Kilner owed him money for debts contracted while in the foundry business, and Kilner was ready to deed over his property to his creditor, but that Mrs. Kilner refused to sign the deed and threatened her husband with divorce. As a compromise, the house on Tabor Heights, valued at \$500, is to be given to Mrs. Kilner if she will sign the deeds, and her attorney has advised her to accept this. When the case against Mrs. Kilner comes to trial, the details of the transaction will be prought out, unless she first accepts the compromise.

TALE OF THREE DRUNKS They All Began to Make Excuse, but Judge Cuts Them Short.

A tale of three "drunks" was slowly un-folded yesterday at the Municipal Court. The defendants were James Hill, Sam Wheeler, and Tony Ahern. They looked battered, careworn and tired.
"Your Honor needs no introduction to



The accompanying diagram shows the district in which Viola Colteux was lost. She left her home Tuesday morning, and took the dotted line for South Mount Tabor School, situated on the Section Line road. She was last seen by some children running through the brush that flanks the path she took, as shown by dotted lines. Her home is in Mansfield Addition, half a mile from , a short distance west of the cross road extending to Montavilla. Search has been made in the brush on both sides of dotted lines, and all over the brush district of Mount Tabor, but no trace of the missing child has been found. The country sourrounding is looking for the child.

and a Montavilla man. They seemed to come out of the brush and follow the road for a short way and then disappear coin and gets what the machine deigns these men. They have often been here before," remarked Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald to Municipal Judge Hogue. into the brush. Mr. Cotteux's attention was called to them, and he said they were about the size of his daughter's feet. Well up on Mount Tabor are two uncov-ered wells, which have not yet been searched. This morning a detective will go out from the city and look the terri-tory over.

MAY BE CLEW TO MISSING GIRL.

Farmer Walter Smith Gave One a Ride to Oregon City.

Walter Smith, a farmer, living 1½ miles west of Damascus, was probably the means of conveying little Viola Coiteux heyond the reach of her parents. Tuesfound at the junction of the Damascus taken away. Some time ago she remained and Oregon City roads a much-bedrag-away from home for a whole night, but appearance, he says, tallied exactly with published description of the missing from his young passenger except that she wished to go to friends living beyond Oregon City. She carried a basket containing an apple, and had evidently walked some distance, as her shoes were very muddy. As they neared Oregon City, a priest dressed in his flowing robes passed them, and when Mr. Smith called attention to his unusual appearance, the little girl said, familiarly, "Why, that's a Catholic priest." Since learning that the missing girl had attended a Catholic priest. The said that the missing girl had attended a Catholic passed by Smith believes this to be an school, Mr. Smith believes this to be another proof of the identity of his passenger. The last he saw of her was in Ore gon City, where she left the wagon and proceeded southward on foot.

YOUNG TRAMP'S YARN. Twelve-Year-Old Boy, Who Rides on

Freight Trains.

John O'Farrell, 12 years old, arrested for vagrancy, pleaded his own case before Municipal Judge Hogue, yesterday, with

the easy air of a young lawyer,
"I gin't a hobo," insisted O'Forrell, "My and my mother lives over in Washington. well, I started out with \$25, me an' nuther boy. His name is 'Shiner' Thomas, I paid for his board, and when we came to Junction City I asked two brakeman for leave to ride on the freight, an' they told me to chase myself. Then I met a third brakeman, an' he's a good fellow, and he 'lowed us to sleep in an empty car. He put me in the refrigerator. "Rather cool of him. chilled?" asked the Judge. Were you not

"No sir, said the boy earnestly, "Well, w'en we came to this city we got arrested by a cop. 'Shiner' Thomas' father got off, but my father didn't get me off.

That's all.' "We can't have a boy like you going around the country stealing rides on freight trains," remarked the Judge seri-' you ought to be at school, ting some education, because you'll be a man before long. I'll commit you to the care of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society." "That suits me,' said the boy.

Says It Was All Wolf's Fault. The City & Suburban Railway Company

has filed an answer in the State Circul Court to the suit of Mollie Wolf, adminis tratrix of the estate of her husband, Isaac Wolf, deceased, for \$5000 damages. The company denies negligence or liability. Wolf was run over by a car while he was crossing First street, at the corner of Mill, on August 26, and died from the effects of the injuries received. In its answer the company states that the motorman rang the gong and kept ringing it to warn Wolf of the approach of the car, and that Wolf negligently and carelessly started to cross in front of the car when it was within 10 feet of him, and the car could not be stopped before it struck him. He is said to have been entirely to blame

THROUGH THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE.

ner, by which the player drops coin and gets what the machine deigns to give him, while two dealers resorted to the subterfuge of giving the player a cheap cigar for every coin played. These cigar dealers who have combined to defy cigar dealers who have combined to defy sheriff W. A. storey or Constable W. E. Sheriff W. A. storey or Constable W. E. Sheriff W. A. storey or Constable W. E. When I got out last time, I took some "When I got out last time, I took some whisky for the benefit ov me health—"Thirty days," interrupted the Judge. Jackson to arrest them are: Oregon News Company, Levy & Kallsky, Phil Joseph, Al Harris, Al Reames, Central Cigar Store, A. L. Tianelli and Al Schil-ler. Jeff Nye, the saloonkeeper who was arrested Wednesday for running a machine, is a candidate for a second offense

The cigarmen are determined to fight the state law against the machines, and to this end have engaged Henry E. Mc-Ginn as attorney. A number of large cigar dealers who do not wish to risk arrest by placing the forbidden machines on their counters are financially supporting the project. The retiring B. B. Rich is generally supposed to be one of the backers as it is known that the machine trade is a large part of his business. The cigarmen not in the combination are awiting developments, and are apparently

Charles F. Lord, attorney for the Law Enforcement League, was not in evidence yesterday. It is probable, however, that he was engaged in obtaining the opinions of the individual members of the body which he represents, and owing to the large membership, such an operation would certainly consume an entire day. Attorney McGinn believes that his clients have a good case, as he declares that the law of 1901, under which the ar-rests have been made, does not refer to the cigar machines, but to the money machines. Sheriff Storey has asked the opinion of District Atterney Chamberlain as to the legality of arresting dealers who actually give a 5-cent cigar for every nickel played. When the crusade began the Sheriff emphatically declared that no such subterfuge would be permitted. Constable W. E. Jackson, who was in-

constable W. E. Jackson, who was in-strumental in closing the machines last week, declares that, as two men will soon be tried for this offense, there is no hurry for further arrests. Sheriff Storey seems undecided what to do in the mat ter, and apparently is willing that Con-stable Jackson should make the arrests. Meanwhile, a stream of nickels is pouring from the pockets of the sporting bloods into the ravenous slot machines.

WILL FIGHT SUNDAY LAW.

nkeepers Decide on System

Endless Litigation. Members of the Oregon Protective As sociation, which is principally a saloon-keepers' organization, and members of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, state that if they are arrested for keeping open on Sunday, they will fight the law at a time. They assert that each onkeeper will demand a separate jury at a time. trial in the lower court, and, if convicted appeal to the higher court and again de-mand a jury trial. As there are over 300 saloonkeepers in the county, they point out that this procedure would cost the county a lot of money, and that it would take many months to dispose of the 300 cases, and the meantime they would con-tinue to run on Sunday. Each arrest would necessitate a separate trist, and they state that, if thousands of cases were piled up, the county would never get through with them.

The latest report concerning the Law Enforcement League is that the owner of

a large number of money nickel-in-the-slot machines is one of the principal men behind the movement. Another rumor in circulation is that some of these persons under another guise will oppose the adoption of the new city charter by the Leg-islature, and will try to amend the present one to suit their own ends.

JUDGMENT AGAINST KILNER.

resident of League in Litigation and Out of Harmony With Wife.

A suit for forcible entry and detainer against George H. Kliner, president of the Law Enforcement League, and his wife came before Justice Graham in the Continued until about il o'clock, with no developments. Mr. Colteux and M. J. Myers with a party with lanterns searched the cabins occupied by Japs on the east side of Mount Tabor. No clew was found. The search was continued. With the aid of lanterns through the famous "Columbia and Mash and the cast side of the clevation, but be made by steamer from Cascade Locks. Special low rates for this trip. Get particulars at O. R. & N. train leaves Portland continued. With the aid of lanterns through the branch upon the side of the elevation, but trip of a few hours will morning. A. W. Lambert, of Lambert & Sargent, being the plaintiff. A decision was rendered against Kilner, with judgment for costs and disbursements. The suit has not yet been tried against Mrs. Kilner, but Justice Graham said it would probably be heard next week. Kilner high sweats, Try them.

"Thirty days," interrupted the Judge.
"I was topheavy, that was all," pleaded
Wheeler: "When I got out, I was dry Wheeler: and took a drink of water from the horse fountain on Second street. That was me undoin'. I had not been at me took a few drinks to brace me up, and I got topheavy. I took too many. But defense, I never borrowed money ov any ma-an to buy a drink. It's all been me

own money."
"Your sentence is 19 days in the City Jail, and if you ever come back here, I will make it 30 days," said the Judge smoothly.

"I'll impress that fact on me memory, remarked Wheeler. Ahern was next, and he remarked: "I'm a little har-rd ov hearin', sur. I was drunk, but I won't do it agin, sur, I haven't been before this Coort since July,

"You are fined \$10 this time to give you a chance to sober up," broke in the Judge.
"Thank you, sur," said Ahern.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Governor T. T. Geer came to town yes. erday, and is at the Perkins. Mrs. Fred S. Stimson, and Mrs. Waldon, of Seattle, are at the Portland Dr. J. M. Short, of Gresham, came to own yesterday, and is at the Perkins. Mrs. Albert Dunbar and Miss Frances Dunbar, of Astoria, are at the Imperial. Ex-Congressman W. R. Ellis came in from Pendleton yesterday, and is at the Perkins.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, arrived in town yesterday, and is at the

Mies Ellen Noyes, daughter of the late John Noyes, and Miss Valerie Mayer, of Seattle, are at the Perkins. H. K. Hall, the Port Blakeley ship-

builder, Mrs. Hall and their daughter, Mrs. Fred E. Sander, of Seattle, are at the Portland. Sheriff H. L. Tucker, of Yakims County, Washington, and Henry Oldenstact, who accuses Earl Hanson of stealing his horses, are at the Belvedere, having come over in relation to Hanson's case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.-Frank Norris, the novelist, who was operated on yesterday for appendicitis, is resting easily today, and there are hopes entertained for his complete recovery.

LONDON, Oct. 23.-Generals Boths, Dewet and Delarey have returned to London. They disclaim any intention of asking an interview with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain. Dewet expects to sail for South Africa, on account of family matters, October 26.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.-(Special.)-Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland-C. S. Archer, at the Herald Square.

From Spokane-W. H. Lucas and wife, at the Bartholdi.
From Seattle-D. E. Dugdale and wife at the Bartholdi; J. Bothwell, at the Her-ald Square; F. R. Rowell and wife, at the Imperial.

RECREATION. .

If you wish to enjoy a day of rest and pleasure, take the O. R. & N. train from Union depot at 9 A. M. for a short trip up the Columbia, returning, if desired, by boat from Cascade Locks. Tickets and particulars at O. R. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington.

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Lot 2-Fine black cheviot dress skirts trimmed

with taffeta silk bands and black silk rings— Stylish skirt, drop skirt style—\$7.50 value See Fifth-street window display.

Sale of Men's Clothing

Beautiful new white cotton shirtwaists in the most approved styles. 'The silk and velvet shirtwaist suits are commencing to find new owners.
"Monte Carlo" coats—New arrivals in silk and wool—Beautiful styles—2d floor.

It isn't every day that men can buy clothing bargains such as we are offering for today and tomorrow-Out-of-the-ordinary values in new stylish winter-wearing apparel from the best makers in the land-Economical buyers will take advantage of this grand opportunity.

Men's "Oregon" all-wool gray Oxford cheviots suits in single or double-breasted sack styles, well made and trimmed-A great special

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Men's all-wool black and dark navy blue cheviot suits, good weight, finely made and trimmed, \$13.65 an \$18 suit for the low price of All our extra fine \$22.50 and \$25 suits in all the newest and best materials and styles—This season's latest fashions—For 3 days only at \$20.75

Overcoat Sale

A special purchase from one of New York's leading manufacturers-100 fine overcoats in cheviots and Oxfords, in gray and black, medium long styles, hand-somely made and lined, would be spec-

ial value at \$18; sale price All of our men's fine worsted trousers, \$4.50 value \$3.70 All of our men's fine worsted trousers, \$5.00 value \$4.15

Boys' all-wool reefers in dark | Boys' all-wool 2 and 3-piece | Oxfords and plaids-New styles, ages 3 to 10 years; special for \$3.85

suits in dark blue serges and cheviots, dark gray and brown plaids and mixtures; ages 8 to 16 \$4.15

Young men's overcoats in Oxfords and plaids, ages 14 to 20 yrs, spec- \$8.80 ial this sale..

(Second floor.)

"La Grecque" A new patented cover for Corset Covers novation; see them on the stout women; a decided insecond floor, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Ping The popular indoor game, complete sets as well as all the parts, from 50c to \$20.00 per set. (Third floor.)

Ladies' Shoes \$2.05 Pair



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GIVES CARNEGIETHE LAUGH Germans Term His European-Union Idea a Nonsensical Proposition.

BERLIN, Oct. 23 .- Andrew Carnegle's suggestion in his rectoral address at St. Andrew's University, Scotland, yesterday, that Emperor William organize the "United States of Europe," has been received with laughter by the Germans. The Vossische Zeitung calls it a "non-sensical proposition," adding, "since not even a customs union is possible between Germany and Austria, how vain it is to propose a political union. Should the Emperor follow the advice. It would expose him to repulse after repulse."

The Boerse Zeitung ourtly expresses th hope that Mr. Carnegie will "let anti-quated Europe alone to work out its own

utterly chimerical, thinks Mr. Carnegie complimented the German people and the Emperor by supposing they could carry out the project.
The Lokal Anzeiger says: "The only way Germany can make head against the American danger is for Emperor Wil-liam to continue his energetic course in

The Post, although saying the idea is

developing the country economically. Payne Entertains Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 .- Postmaster. General Payne entertained the President and a number of members of the Cabinet at a dinner at the Arlington Club tonight. The dinner was a purely social function, and was attended by all the Cabinet members in the city. After the dianer, the President, Attorney-General Knox and Secretary Hay went to the White House, and at a late hour were in conference over what the President should say in the nature of instructions to the anti-strike arbitration commission

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