

THEY ALL WALK NOW

Neighbors Quarrel Over a Roadway on East Side.

SURVEYOR MADE AN ERROR

And Now Private Individuals Seek to Fence in Unused Street, While the Public Adopts Retaliatory Measures.

Residents in the vicinity of Belmont and East Eighteenth streets are having a merry time over what is claimed to be the occupation of a public street by private individuals. Just what will be the outcome of the affair no one knows, but from present indications, East Eighteenth street between East Morrison and Belmont streets, will be closed up tight for some time to come.

The trouble all originated over the fact that the lot and street lines on the East Side are in many places not located properly, and that many of the regular streets are cut out through where they should be. This is the case at East Eighteenth street between Morrison and Belmont.

The west half of this private property, which lies in the place where the street belongs, is owned by D. S. Stearns, and adjoins a lot of land in a block that would lie on the corner of Belmont and East Eighteenth streets. The latter street runs south from Belmont street only about half the distance. The other 100 feet through to Belmont street is private property.

The east half of the place where the street should be lies in front of the residence of ex-City Engineer Chase, who lives directly east of Mr. Stearns. Mr. Chase, like Mr. Stearns, owns part of what would be the street in front of his house, but for several years past he has never occupied the land, and has allowed it to be used as a street for people living south of Belmont street, who wish to get through to East Morrison to get to the Sunnyside and Mount Tabor cars.

It is this little strip, about 300 feet long, and 20 feet wide, lying in the east half of the undesignated part of East Eighteenth street, that is causing the trouble. When Mr. Stearns put up his new house, Mr. Chase thought that it would be nice to move his fence out so as to include the little strip that he owned but never used, and thus have a larger yard.

The neighbors suggested that they would not be able to get over to the car line on East Morrison street, so Mr. Chase said he would lay a walk through his yard, and thus there would be no inconvenience to anyone, and instead of a little street, half width, there would be a nice lawn.

But the people living south of Mr. Chase did not desire to stalk through his yard three times a day, and they refused to walk there at all. The only other way of getting out to walk down to Sixteenth street, Seventeenth not being open, and then to the car, a walk of three blocks, where before there was only one.

But the game was not over yet. It seems that in Mr. Chase's shrewd calculations for making new law, he had overlooked a little piece that lay north of him, about 40 feet one way and 30 the other. This little lot, too small for any building purpose, was made by the fact that Mr. Stearns' property had more frontage than Mr. Chase's. As was stated, Mr. Chase neglected or overlooked it, and the neighbors found it out. Several of them, who have no desire to walk three blocks, secured possession of it, and built a tall wood fence on it. It lies directly between Mr. Chase's front door and the car line, and now he, too, is to be seen walking the three blocks, for the sign on the wood fence says, "No trespassing."

The owners of the little piece that Mr. Chase neglected say that they will open it up for public use when he opens up his part again, and no sooner. They want to show him that the little walk of three blocks is no fun, and they think that he will not be very long in finding out that street is far better than lawn.

BILL FOR PORTAGE ROAD

Chamber of Commerce Indorses \$165,000 Project.

The open-river committee of the Chamber of Commerce met yesterday in the office of the Chamber, at 226 Washington street, and unanimously approved the bill introduced in the House by Representative R. J. Ginn, of Sherman County, providing for a portage road at the dailies of the Columbia. This bill, which is the same as S. B. No. 11, introduced by Senator T. H. Johnston, of Sherman and Wasco Counties, except that it appropriates \$165,000 for the work instead of \$200,000, reads as follows:

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, and also be it enacted by the people of the State of Oregon: Section 1. That the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer of the State of Oregon shall and are hereby constituted a Board of Portage Commissioners, with full power and authority to do and perform all the acts and things hereinafter mentioned, for, in and on behalf of said state and in its name, to-wit:

1. To build, construct, run, equip, operate and maintain a portage railway between the highest and lowest points of the navigable waters of the Columbia river between the Dalles and Celilo, in Oregon, as in their judgment shall be sufficient to meet the demands of transportation at these points and to purchase all necessary land, rights of way and other things necessary to the successful construction, operation and maintenance of the same.

2. For and on behalf of the state, and in its name, to purchase all necessary lands or rights of way, for and on behalf of the state, and in its name, to condemn by suit or action all necessary or useful lands or rights of way and other things necessary to the successful construction, operation and maintenance of the same.

3. To do and perform all other acts necessary or expedient for the successful construction, operation or maintenance of said road, including all necessary engineering, surveying and other things necessary to the successful construction, operation and maintenance of the same.

4. To employ all such aid as may be necessary to build, construct, operate, or maintain the same.

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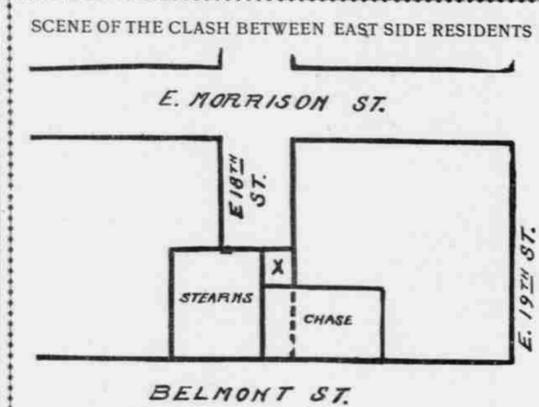
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THEY DID NOT RUN FAR

FOUR SEATTLE URGINS LEAVE THEIR HAPPY HOMES.

Officers of Boys' and Girls' Aid Society Are at Depot and Will Send Them Back.

Assisted by the railway employes, four runaway youngsters less than 16 years of age, succeeded in beating their way from Seattle to Portland, only to be caught yesterday at the Union Depot by Officer Welch, Officer Hawley, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, has taken the boys in charge, and will return them to their homes. The young fugitives belong to prominent families in Seattle, and say that they left home because they were ambitious to work and make money for themselves. They are a tough set, however, and were probably eager for the adventure.



Mr. Stearns has owned his lot on the north side of Belmont street, for about 10 years, and has recently improved it by building a new house and a stone wall. Mr. Chase, thinking that the streets in the city are too numerous, and, seeing a chance to make a nice lawn, decided to occupy his property, which had been used as a street for some time. This property is shown by the dotted line. The person now owning the small lot marked X has built a high wall around their property, and has put up a fence across the street, so that the street is now a narrow alley between the Morrison-street cars. As a consequence, everybody living south of the alley of the row has to walk down to Sixteenth street, and thence to the car line, thus having to walk three blocks where they used to walk but one. The people owning the lot X say that they will vacate it as soon as Mr. Chase vacates the street in front of his house.

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The leader, Nathan Conroy, is the son of Barry Conroy, who runs a fish market in Seattle. Dorsey Hatfield, who looks to be the oldest of the party, is the son of Doran Hatfield, who runs a hotel in Seattle. The other two boys, John Montgomery and Edward Baker, are also from the Puget Sound city. Mr. Gardner, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, wired to Conroy's father last night that the boys had been caught. Young Conroy seems to be very much pleased at the chance of going back home, and was eager to assist the officers in getting word to his parents.

"Our people are all well acquainted," said the boy, "and if you will write to my father he will tell the others about it." The runaways will probably be sent back to Seattle today.

Although the boys say that this is their first experience at tramping, they are of the opinion that it is "dead easy" to beat their way on the train.

"Hello, mister, got a smoke?" called out Conroy last night, as a reporter stepped to the window of their cell to ask the boys about their trip.

"Say, there, mister, won't you take this nickel and go get us a sack of tobacco?" shouted a little white-haired fellow, about 10 years of age, and he produced a coin with the sides worn bright.

"Now, didn't have no trouble making the trip," answered Conroy to the first question. "Them railroad men like to get kids to work for a ride. We just told them we wanted to pitch coal, and they took us on the engine and let us ride."

"Did you tell them you were running away from home?"

"We told them we were going to Portland to get work," interrupted the little white-haired fellow, who looked as though he would have a hard time to handle one piece of coal, let alone a shovelful.

"Why did you run away from home?" asked the reporter. "Were your parents mean to you?"

"Mine were good to me," said Conroy. "That's why I wanted to get out and

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"I thought I could make some money and send it to them." "Why didn't you tell them you were going then, so that they wouldn't be worried about you?" "What will they do to you when you get back?" A frown crossed the face of the others and they shuddered perceptibly, but Conroy only smiled with pleasure. "Guess you'd better ask us beating your way whatever they do," he replied. "Say, ain't you going to give us a smoke?" No word was received from Seattle last night regarding the boys, Officer Hawley is not sure that they are telling a straight story. They may have escaped from the reform school or they may be wanted for some crime," said he. "We can never tell whether this class of boys are telling the truth until we verify their statements."

PLEA FOR REFUGE HOME

Board of Managers Make a Statement of Their Work.

PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—(To the Editor.)—The following brief statement and table

CLASS OF TWENTY-THREE.

Will Leave Central Schoolhouse—Others Take Their Places.

Twenty-two pupils will shortly graduate from the grammar grade of the Central School. The list is composed of Ruth Hallin, Vera Brown, Maud Davis, Elmore Diet, Martin Higley, Ethel Jones, Sadie LeCompte, Edna Lewis, Florence Mary, Mary Meyer, Otto Meyer, Dwight Miller, Harry Moore, Alberta Neidermark, Lula Nicholas, Anita O'Brien, Clarie Pratt, Tommie Smith, Josie Stapleton, Byron Toombs, Ada White, Lawrence Sawyer, Harold Butler. These will receive their diplomas next Wednesday forenoon in the presence of the school and such friends as care to be present. There will be no exercises.

Principal Gregg estimates that he will have 123 pupils to commence with at the opening of the next term. The 15 rooms of the Central are rapidly being vacated since the completion of the building. Pupils attend there who belong in the Stephens and the Sunnyside Schools. The principal says that by enrolling 50 pupils into each room, the building could accommodate 100, which, however, would be too many for the teachers to handle to good advantage. Forty-five is usually the limit for a room.

Nine pupils will graduate from the Thompson building in Central Albina. The principal estimates that he will have between 70 and 80 pupils at the opening of the next term of school. In the Central, Holladay, Williams-Avenue and the Thompson Schoolhouses there will be fully 300, if not over, at the opening of the term.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S POWERS.

Will Meet With Directors of Russell-Veile District This Evening.

There will be a joint meeting of the building committee—E. N. Stevens, Thomas Jennings, F. M. Moore and T. D. Pollock—with the board of directors of the Russell-Veile school district this evening to discuss the proposed new schoolhouse. The directors are: H. J. Mickelson, Leander Lewis and C. Palmer. This building committee was appointed at the meeting of the taxpayers' meeting, which approved the building plans for a six-room schoolhouse, and levied an 8-mill tax.

There is some discussion as to the powers of this committee, and these will probably be defined at the joint meeting this evening. Inasmuch as the directors are responsible in the eyes of the law, they are inclined to regard the committee as a sort of fifth wheel, and merely advisory to the board. However, they are all practical men, and their advice will be given full weight in the construction of the new building. Probably operations will not be started until school closes for the year.

Sacred Concert.

A last evening sacred concert was given last evening in the Mizpah Presbyterian Church. A number of prominent singers appeared. Mrs. Julian Peterson played the opening voluntary. Selections were given by Mrs. V. M. C. Miller, Miss Ethel Lytle, Miss Leslie Lind, Miss Bertha Marlock, Mrs. Max Shillock, Miss Nilsson, W. G. Fisher, P. A. Preston, Jack Webb, Mrs. E. Scott, Miss G. Mullett, Mr. La Barre, Mrs. Fisher, and the Wobber Mandolin and Guitarr Club. Mrs. Shillock rendered a contralto solo with excellent effect.

REPORT ON HORTICULTURE

State Board Issues An Instructive Book.

The seventh biennial report of the Oregon Board of Horticulture has just been issued. It is a most instructive and valuable work, and is being distributed to all fruit growers in the state. The report contains 267 pages of information useful to the fruit grower, and is illustrated with many beautiful photographs of fruit trees and plants. It is a most valuable work, and is being distributed to all fruit growers in the state. The report contains 267 pages of information useful to the fruit grower, and is illustrated with many beautiful photographs of fruit trees and plants. It is a most valuable work, and is being distributed to all fruit growers in the state.

BABIES NEED MORE ROOM

HOME AT WAVERLY MAY SOON BE ENLARGED.

Trustees Have Had Building Completely Overhauled, But Contemplate Still More Improvements.

The board of trustees of the Baby Home at Waverly is having the Home building completely overhauled, from the basement to the attic. All the woodwork has been repainted and the walls whitened. Iron rods have been provided for the floors. The cost of these improvements will be not less than \$250, but they were very necessary. Since it was erected about 10 years ago, it has not been given so thorough a renovation. At the Home there are 20 babies in the care of Mrs. Blackhall, the matron, and the attending physician pronounces the youngsters in the best of health. Mrs. Blackhall, who is a trained nurse, has been very successful in caring for the many babies that come to the Home, and while the institution has had successful matrons in the past Mrs. Blackhall seems to have succeeded as well, if not better, than the best.

In the matter of a hospital, there is now serious talk of making a hospital out of the present Home building, and then putting up another more suitable. When the Home was put up, it was not known what was needed, and the result was that a house more suited for a dwelling than for the care of babies was built. It has several stories, which require constant running up and down stairs, and a consequence of great waste of energy. With the experience the board of trustees now have they would erect a very differently arranged house. There is ample room on the ground to move the present building to one side for hospital purposes, and erect a Home on more suitable lines. It would cost between \$500 and \$800 to do this, but as the Baby Home has come to be one of the most important institutions of the sort in Portland, these improvements will soon become necessities. Under a wise and prudent management it is doing a great good.

Sellwood Free Ferry.

The committee from the Sellwood Board of Trustees will be present at the meeting of the Multnomah Legislative delegation this evening, and set forth the claims of that portion of the city for a free ferry. Districts on both sides of the river are interested, and will make a strong showing for passage of the pending bill. The Albina Improvement Association also had a bill prepared for another ferry, but it has not yet come up.

East Side Notes.

Mrs. McMillen, wife of Captain J. H. McMillen, is very sick at her home on Crosby street, with the grip.

Samuel Connell, manager of the Northwest Door Company, has been confined at his home, 64 Larrabee street, with sickness.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Hurd returned yesterday to their home at La Fayette. They take with them a new infant daughter.

Mrs. Emilie Kleemann, mother of Architect Otto Kleemann, of Portland, died at her home, Ostrow, in the Province of Pomerania, Germany, at the age of 79 years. Victor, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Nickell, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his parents, in the Harrington home. He was 27 years of age. The family had lived in Portland since 1902.

Rev. H. L. Pratt returned yesterday from a trip to Dallas to attend a meeting of the trustees of the Dallas College. He says the school is more prosperous than ever before in its history. It has 44 students.

The teachers, with the graduating class from Brooklyn School, are preparing to give an entertainment Monday evening in Halsey's Hall on Powell street, to increase the library fund. Each class makes a contribution to this fund in this way.

Arthur B. Kirkley, who lives two miles east of Woodstock, is seriously ill at the Good Samaritan Hospital with appendicitis. An operation will be performed in a few days. The young man was a member of Company F of the Second Oregon Regiment.

The funeral of Lillie Hallam, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hallam, was held yesterday afternoon from the Mizpah Presbyterian Church, Powell street. The child died while she and her mother were at Los Angeles, Cal., about a week ago.

R. J. Holmes, manager of the Portland Canning Company, is in the field for fruit contracts. He was present at the meeting of fruitmen held in the Russell-Veile Schoolhouse Wednesday evening, and said he wanted at least 100,000 pounds of raspberries and strawberries. His offer was taken under consideration. One object of this meeting was to ascertain if the growers cannot sell their fruit direct to the retailer.

Freedom of Press.

Philadelphia Ledger. The Russian government has recently promulgated drastic rules for the censorship of the press, which has become so fettered in that country that the free expression of opinion is impossible. The action has been supplemented by an order forbidding journalists even to assemble and express their desire for greater liberty of the press. Absolutism could scarcely give the Russian more freedom than it brings the blessings of free government into bold relief. The experience of the

"The Best is the Cheapest"

A statement which generally carries with it the apparent corollary that the "best" is also the most expensive, and so only indirectly the "cheapest."

Gorham Silver

however, although by common consent the best, really costs no more initially than a silverware which may imitate it in character but bears no manufacturer's name at all or one comparatively unknown. All Gorham silver on the contrary is legibly impressed with the trade-mark.



All responsible jewelers keep it.

United States and of European governments under liberal constitutional rule has been that there is no surer guarantee of liberty than a press unfettered save as to those restrictions which protect the citizen from libelous assaults. Great latitude of expression is permitted in such countries in criticism of the government and in the expression of opinion. The theory that error is harmless when truth is left free to combat it is one of the recognized safeguards of free government and of its institutions. This is the liberty which the Russian government seeks to keep in bonds in the mistaken belief that absolutism will be strengthened and perpetuated thereby.

In the United States there is some fear that the bearing given to certain views of government in the public press may subvert the existing order, but the fact is that political heresies and dangerous social doctrines are nurtured by a policy of suppression. The moment that the teachers of a new propaganda are martyred and their teachings are put under the ban of silence they begin to assume extraordinary importance in the eyes of persons who had previously given them no attention. Comment and criticism are fatal to mischievous and impracticable doctrines.

IN CALLING FOR DOCTORS

Law Shouldn't Prevent Patient Seeking Christian Science Aid.

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—(To the Editor.)—I notice that Mr. Marsters, of Douglas County, has introduced a bill in the Legislature requiring parents, or guardians of minors dependent upon them, in case of sickness or injury, to procure the prompt care and attention of a physician. The bill is said to be directed against the faith curists, but my impression, without having seen the full text of the bill, is that it is a blow at Christian Science, which heals through Divine power. A friend of mine suggests that as Mr. Marsters is a druggist, perhaps he is prompted by selfish motives, but cannot think this, as any man filling so exalted a position would not subvert the public interest to advance his own selfish aims, especially when, perhaps, the financial benefit to accrue would be merely a trifle.

In this day of advanced enlightenment no one will attempt to deny that Christian Science is a success. The many sick healed, the many families reunited, and the many hearts made glad is proof that Christian Science is all that its friends claim for it. Again, if, as the bill provides, a person in charge of a dependent must provide a physician, etc., then why not let that person be the judge of what kind of a physician he wants? If he is competent to have charge of a minor or dependent, he certainly is competent to select the help needed to restore the afflicted.

Christian Science makes no war on other religious sects, and for the surgeon and the physician it entertains the highest regard, knowing the great good they have done and are continually doing for suffering humanity. I do not belong to the Christian Science Church but I have been a close observer of its work for several years past, and know whereof I speak. J. P. F.

In the Matter of Faith and Hope.

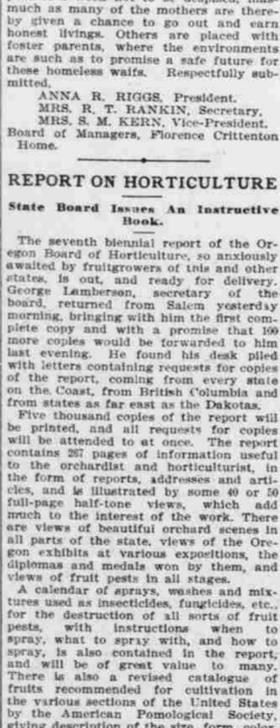
Davenport Leader. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., told his Sunday school class Sunday of the beauty of faith. Faith is certainly a good thing, but love is best of all, says an early age Sunday school teacher. A reasonable ground for hope for cheaper oil would give the teacher more faith in John D.'s father, who doesn't see fit to live up to the teachings of his son.

HOOD RIVER STRAWBERRIES MERIT THEIR WIDE FAME



VIEW OF F. A. JONES' PLANTATION. From report of Oregon Board of Horticulture.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN OF H. J. GEER AT COVE



View of the orchard and garden of H. J. Geer, brother of ex-Governor Geer, at Cove, Union County, in which the proprietor appears as "the man with the hoe." This view of the orchard and garden is adapted to horticulture, and the neat and orderly arrangement, gives an idea of the surroundings under which the ex-Governor grew up and rose from a farmer's boy to become the Chief Executive of the state.

The fame of Hood River strawberries for size, beauty and excellence has followed the introduction of these berries into the markets of nearly every state in the Union. The view of the strawberry plantation of F. A. Jones on the west fork of Hood River gives an idea of the luxuriance with which the plants grow in that favored section, and the berries shown in the crates give an idea of their great size; but they must be tasted in order to appreciate their excellence.