

BABES STEEP IN POVERTY

WOMAN AND SIX CHILDREN DESECTED BY HUSBAND.

Humphrey, Wandering Junk Dealer, Writes Peculiar Letter to Wife, But May Meet Her Again.

Deserted by her husband with six helpless children, Mrs. M. C. Humphrey applied to the City Board of Charities yesterday for relief, and the attention of the County Court was called to the case of the children, aged 11, 9, 8 and 3 years and 18 and 3 months, respectively. There are four boys and two girls in the family.

Humphrey, according to his wife's statement, left them at Vancouver, where they were living in a tent, three weeks ago, and she has not seen him since, but received letters and postal cards from him stating that the burden was too great for him to bear, and that the Lord would provide. The Humphreys lived in Portland and in Sylvan for the past five years, and they only recently went to Vancouver to reside. The authorities there became tired of assisting the mother and children, and considering them to be non-residents, sent them back to this city.

When Mrs. Humphrey and her offspring arrived at the Courthouse, she looked the picture of despair. She was afraid to be parted, and wept bitterly.

"I don't want my children taken from me. I love my children."

She was assured that the question of taking her children away from her was not being considered, but only the matter of affording all of them relief. The woman said that she became Humphrey's wife in Kansas two years ago, and that since they resided in Oregon he bought and sold junk for a living. A brother of her husband, who is a storekeeper in Chapman, Kan., she said, would assist her if she was there, and also her own brother. Mrs. Humphrey also stated that when her husband left her he wore a full beard, but she had heard that he had since shaved clean.

She produced a letter mailed to her by her husband from Newberg, Or., dated Monday, May 14, a copy of which is as follows:

Dear Wife and My Children: I want to see you all, but feel sure the Vancouver officials are all against me. I don't want to have me sent to the Washington Penitentiary because I don't and cannot supply your daily needs. I don't want to go today, but owe it all to pay out tomorrow. I am afraid to go back to Vancouver. I don't want to go back to Vancouver. I don't want to go back to Vancouver. I don't want to go back to Vancouver.

You know I am over \$10 in debt, too, to Louis and Herbert Humphrey, and am in a poor condition to provide for you. It seems to me to be better for you all for me to be away from you. I don't want you to go for daily food, etc. If I go back to you and don't have money to pay you, I will be a burden to you.

I have a chance to go to Montana to work, free fare from Portland, to start Tuesday morning. I don't want to go to Montana. I don't want to go to Montana. I don't want to go to Montana.

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EACH ACCUSES OTHER.

Rogers and Wife Revisited and Their Children Are Provided For.

James Rogers, who filed a petition in the County Court Monday asking that his five children be surrendered to the custody of the Boy's Club Aid Society, yesterday withdrew the petition because his wife returned to him and a reconciliation took place. Mrs. Rogers was found at the Depue Hotel, where Officer Slover Monday night on the arrival of the Astoria train, looking for her husband, whom she said, had run away from her. She also said she was trying to find her husband at the station. She asked the officer took her to the police station, where she was turned over to the care of the matron for the night. Rogers said his wife left her home in Astoria Monday morning and soon came to an understanding and went away together.

WILLIAM GRIMES ARRAIGNED.

Saloon-Keeper Is Charged With Selling Liquor Without License.

William Grimes, a saloon keeper at Montavilla, was arraigned before Judge Cleland yesterday by District Attorney Manning on a charge of selling liquor without a license. The information recites that on April 23 last Grimes sold a half-pint of whisky to Hayner Kelsey for \$5 cents. Grimes was allowed Monday to plead, and was released on his own recognizance.

Claims Commission on Timber Land.

James E. Page yesterday filed an attachment suit against John A. Benson and P. A. Hyde in the State Circuit Court to recover \$10,000 balance alleged to be due in timber transactions. Page, in his complaint, asks that he be appointed receiver of the timber lands in Skamania and Clark counties, State of Washington, and assisted Benson and Hyde to sell the timber on the lands. The lands, one of 14,100 acres and another of 5,200 acres, for the agreed consideration of 50 cents an acre. Page alleges on this that he is entitled to \$10,000 and \$350, leaving \$350 still due. Page further asserts that he sold \$220 acre of land to E. A. Lawbaugh and Willis H. Gilbert for \$200,000, which he paid for in full. He is also alleged to have paid \$410 and received only \$124. The Sheriff, on instructions, garnished money in Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Bank belonging to Hyde and Benson.

Sue to Have Street Opened.

The suit of the Peninsular Real Estate Company, M. Merriam Houston, Emma R. Brown and Sherman D. Brown, to have a street opened in the city of Astoria, was set for trial before Judge Grimes yesterday. The plaintiffs ask to have a part of Ballyntyne street opened to give them better access to their property. The street is bounded by the University Park. Pictures of the plat were introduced in evidence.

Verdict in Whigham Suit.

The suit of Maria Stewart Whigham against Supreme Court, Independent Order of Foresters, to recover \$3000 insurance, was submitted to the jury by Judge Fraser about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The jury was instructed to seal the verdict in case of an agreement and return it to the court this morning. The jury reached an agreement at 9 o'clock.

Suit for Divorce.

A suit for divorce because of desertion was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by Martha E. Fisher against George Fisher. They were married in 1883 in Washington County and the desertion began in December, 1921.

Judge Cleland Will Decide.

Judge Cleland will announce decisions today on the suits of John W. Hayes et al., motion to answer. J. E. Allen vs Northern Pacific Railway Company, demurrer to reply.

To Practice in Federal Courts.

E. O. Potter, of Eugene, was yesterday admitted to practice in the United States District and Circuit Courts.

FENDERS FOR STREET-CARS.

Swigert Will Recommend Best for City and Suburban Lines. General Manager C. F. Swigert, of the Columbia River Railway Company, has returned after a week's visit to the Eastern cities. Mr. Swigert went on a trip to select a suitable fender which the new laws require to be affixed to every street car. He reports that a long search, he has selected two models which may be of service.

Water Would Carry Cholera, Germans.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—In his testimony in rebuttal in the Chicago Drainage Canal hearing, Professor Whipple, consultant to the Board of Health, New York Health Department, has given it as his opinion that in the event of a plague of Asiatic cholera in Chicago, across of the disease could be transmitted through the water to St. Louis. Professor Whipple added, however, that under the existing conditions there is little or no probability of a plague of Asiatic cholera occurring in Chicago.

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured.

"I have been subject to sciatic rheumatism for years," says E. E. Waldron, of Wilton Junction, Iowa. "My joints were stiff and gave me much pain and discomfort. I tried many remedies, but nothing seemed to help. I finally tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm and have been thoroughly cured. I can now do my usual work without the trouble for many months." The quick relief from pain which this liniment affords is also a very important feature. For sale by all druggists.

TODAY IS CIRCUS DAY

NORRIS & ROWE'S SHOW WILL PARADE THE CITY.

Great Display of Acrobats and Performing Animals Will Be Seen on Streets Today.

Today is circus day and our country cousins will be in town early to enjoy with the city folks a gala day of pleasure and amusement. Norris & Rowe's big show will be here with its train-load of performing animals, funny clowns and bands of music to gladden the hearts of the anxious juveniles. Norris & Rowe's reputation for progressiveness has preceded them. This year they are said to have a still larger and better aggregation of performing animals than ever and have augmented their programme with a troupe of Japanese performers, a family of gymnasts and acrobats and a complete and enjoyable performance imaginable.

Since the days of our childhood circus, when old Dan Rice was the brightest shining star in the constellation of arctic celebrities, it has been customary for all traveling shows to give a street parade and, although Norris & Rowe have nothing of the old-school "flavor" about their shows, but a thoroughly up-to-date aggregation, they still adhere to the old custom and give a grand parade each morning at 10:30.

TO PRESENT WAR SCENE

Realistic Sham Battle to Be Given Friday Night.

The palestrawful object of the sham battle, to be given Friday night, of this week, ought to insure the largest attendance that has ever assembled at the Portland baseball grounds. The object of the parade is to go to the monument to the soldiers which the G. A. R. is to erect at Lone Fir cemetery, and the other half is to be used in beautifying and perpetuating the soldiers' plot in the cemetery.

Academic Track Meet.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 19.—(Special)—The Baker City High School track team goes to Pendleton on Friday of this week to meet boys of that city in a track and athletic sports with track teams from Pendleton and Union.

Last year the contest was held in this city, and the Baker City team won. At Walls Walla last week the Baker City boys came out second best, but they claim they were pitted against a college team of grown men, when they expected to meet boys of their own age. A large delegation of rooters will go from here to encourage the boys.

ARRANGING ITS EXHIBITS

Oregon Information Bureau Gathers Attractive Displays.

For two weeks past the Executive Board of the Oregon Information Bureau has been kept busy at its room in the Union Depot arranging exhibits from the various counties and other materials. The exhibits are being arranged in a most attractive manner.

BE INDEPENDENT.

It's Easy to Shake Off the Coffee Habit. There are many people who make the humiliating acknowledgment that they are dependent upon coffee to "brace them up" every little while. These have never learned the truth about Postum Cereal Coffee which makes leaving off coffee a simple matter and brings health and vigor to those who have been suffering from nervousness and indigestion.

THIEVES QUICKLY CAUGHT

They Rob Old Soldier on Train and Prove to Be Old Hands.

Captain of Detectives Simmons and Detective Joe Day turned a clever trick yesterday morning by landing in the jail Thomas O'Brien and George Wilson, alias "The St. Paul Kid," two of the smoothest pickpockets in the country, who were traveling in advance of the Presidential party to prey upon the crowds that will flock to Portland on Thursday.

"The Southern Pacific train arriving at 7:45 this morning, brought to Portland J. D. Dynes, an old soldier, who made all haste to the Police Station, where he related to Captain Simmons how his pockets had been rifled by two young men, who left the train at Oregon City. No money had been taken from Mr. Dynes, but the thieves had stolen his pocketbook containing his pension papers and other personal documents. The loss was not discovered until the train left Oregon City, or Mr. Dynes would have followed the young men when they left the train.

"Those fellows will come to Portland on an electric car," said Captain Simmons to Detective Day, and the two officers hurried out of the station and soon learned that three men had left an Oregon City car a few minutes previous on the East Side. Deciding that these men were worth watching, the officers hurried to the Madison-street bridge to keep a watch for the suspects. They were just in time, for, as they walked across the bridge, they met two young men, carrying bundles, whom they thought it advisable to shadow. The young men went straight

PIANOS AT A SACRIFICE. Owing to the unsettled condition of the labor trouble which has had its effect on trade to a certain extent, and in order to make room for the large shipments on the way, we concluded to offer some special inducements for a short time, and name the following low prices:

WE HAVE MOVED AND ARE READY FOR BUSINESS AT 246 WASHINGTON ST. COMMERCIAL BLOCK, Bet. Second and Third THE KILHAM STATIONERY CO.

HELVETIA MILK CONDENSING CO. No meal in 5 days has such an effect on our mood as breakfast. A well-prepared breakfast food needs Economy Brand Evaporated Cream.

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FREE—ALL FREE! A. O. U. W. HALL. Seats for 2000; room for 3000. Only One Night Among the Pictures. Superb electrical productions of scenery and moving pictures.

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Strike Prevents Building. Buy a home just completed—ready to move into at once. Stop paying rent and save money. Six-room modern home northwest cor. 2nd and York sts. For sale. No agents; owner's sale; easy terms or discount for cash. Inquire Owner, 496 Commercial Bldg.

AMUSEMENTS. CORDRAY'S THEATER. Evening prices—10c to 50c in the balcony. First appearance of America's foremost sketch artist.

NORRIS & ROWE'S BIG SHOWS. THE ONE GREAT TENTED AMUSEMENT ENTERPRISE THAT FULFILLS EVERY PROMISE.

MULTNOMAH FIELD. 4-DAYS-4. Wednesday, May 20. 500 Performing 500 Animals.

THE BAKER THEATER. GEORGE L. BAKER, Manager. If you are in need of a pleasure, see Ralph Stuart and Company.

MEETING NOTICES. KREMLIN BAKU. I. O. M.—Nobles take notice! Wear your "Fur" and turn out in full regalia.

FUNERAL NOTICES. HAYNES at his residence, 328 Burnside st., May 19, Leonard S. Haynes. He left a wife and five sons—A. E. C. F. E. and R. B. Haynes.

NEW TODAY. The Oldest Trust Company in Oregon. PORTLAND TRUST COMPANY OF OREGON.

MORTGAGE LOANS. On improved city and farm property. R. LIVINGSTON, 214 Stark st.

FOR SALE. A BARGAIN—NOTE THIS DOWN—20 acres all choice land and fenced, 20 acres under plow, 20 acres seeded to pasture.

TREMONT PLACE. TREMONT PLACE. We are now selling lots in Tremont Place at \$60.00 for inside lots and \$65.00 for corners.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES. "Rooms," "Rooms and Board," "Housekeeping Rooms," "Situation Wanted," 15 words or less, 10c per line.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE. WILL PAY 10 AND 12 PER CENT ON YOUR INVESTMENT, \$1000, very good modern 8-room house.

FOR SALE—THE MODERN 9-ROOM HOUSE. 40 acres, well cultivated, with 12000 ft. of fence, 2000 ft. of car line, on the East Side, between Kenilworth and Woodstock.

FOR SALE—NEW 15-ROOM HOUSE. With basement, furnace, bathroom and modern conveniences. 2000 sq. ft. Call on John Stein, 224 Stark st.

FOR SALE—THE OLD HUMMEL HOME. 2 acres of land and three houses; head of Grant st., near W. F. Hummel, foot of Davis st.

FOR SALE—SMALL TRACTS AND LOTS. Cheap, improved and unimproved, on electric railroad; 5 cents fare. O. K. Addition, Leita, Or.

FOR SALE—LARGE HANDSOME RESIDENCE. For sale or rent; it rooms, West Side. Owner, E. W. Green, 100 Commercial Bldg.

FOR SALE—TINBER LANDS FOR SALE. HEAVIEST AND BEST OREGON PINE YET discovered. Timber in solid body, carefully crused out.

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