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Portland, Thursday, July 27, 1905. SAVE THE BOY. Judge Fraser, in his Juvenile Court, is proving to the boys that justice is neither blind nor cruel.

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cuts one of the bonds which constitute the family. The Juvenile Court in its recent work, admirable as that work is in itself, must be classed among the devices of modern society to relieve the parent of his natural functions; to make the child look to an institution for what he ought to get from his father; and therefore to impair the integrity and destroy the efficiency of the home.

AS TO "SCREENED GRAVEL." Perhaps Mayor Lane does not know "screened" gravel when he sees it; perhaps also he "knows nothing about streets." But there are divers and sundry property-owners in this city who will inform what his Honor says in regard to defective pavements caused by the larger rocks used in construction and smuggled in, with or without the inspector's knowledge, for "screened gravel."

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to 1906. If it shall cease by 1906, either by treaty or else at this time, or by the force of arms within the next year, a century of ritual contest and occasional conquest will have been rounded out. The civilized world cannot wish to see Japan shorn of the fruits of her fiercely waged endeavor. The question cannot be settled except on the basis of justice which Russia has never been disposed to grant. It will be useless to gloss over the bitterness that lies at the root of the strife. Japan will not, neither should she "patch up a peace" with her vanquished but still haughty and at a safe distance—defiant adversary.

REFORM. We are told, should deal with cause, rather than with effect. This we believe. Hence when newspapers are gathered together at the invitation of men who are the friends, helpers and apologists of boys and induced to abandon, for their own sakes, physically and financially, the habit of cigarette smoking, we are constrained to the view that reform in this instance is not a catchword used to define a sentimental effort, but that it represents something real and effective. With all efforts of this kind the good sense of practical men and women in the community is in full accord. It is enough that men should be earnest in working for boys along judicial and economic lines that lead to useful citizenship. They must also be practical, and it may be said of Judge Frazer and others who have taken up this work in this city in connection with the Juvenile Court that their efforts meet these requirements and are full of promise.

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OREGON OZONE.

Day's News Reviewed. Judge Cotton says he won't be Judge; New York is hot-of-course; Out at the Fair big sales of fudge; Maud Gonne desires divorce.

A cablegram printed in the San Francisco Bulletin states that "the picturesque meeting between the Russian and German Emperors, according to private dispatches, ended with a gal luncheon on board the German imperial yacht, Hohenzollern." Many tales have been told about the ferocity of the Russians and the appetite of the Germans, but this is the first time their rulers have been accused of cannibalism. Who was the poor girl?

There are 47 survivors of the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava. Now if there were but two more we might call them the British Forty-niners.

It is reported that Senator Dewey paid \$500 for "a very nice write-up" in New York's best-selling book of the season, "Fads and Fancies." The Senator evidently expected more space in this biography than a member usually contributes to the Congressional biography list. He has gotten his write-up on the side, before the book has appeared, and now he probably feels that he has been squandering money.

In describing the embarkation for Europe of J. G. Phelps Stokes and his bride, the young Jewess who writes love poetry, the New York Mail says: "Mr. Stokes had on a gray suit and white shoes. He wore no hat." Thus it appears that even the rich get rattled on their honeymoon. Think of starting for Europe without a hat!

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LETTERS ON VARIOUS CURRENT TOPICS

Street Cars Overcrowded by the Portland Consolidated—Protest Against Court's Finding in a Dog Case—Overcrowding of River Launches—What is the Origin of Evil?—The Name Milwaukee.

PORTLAND, July 26.—(To the Editor.)—Last Saturday night I was on a Mount Labor and Sunnyside car that had seating accommodations for 26 people. If they sat closely together, there were 103 of us. The passenger said to me, as we were jostled, men and women together, in a manner that was indecent and a disgrace to civilization: "Do you think if we were to petition the streetcar company, they would make better accommodations for the Mount Labor people?"

I asked him what sort of a citizen was he, anyhow? Were we to act as though the streetcar company were a Car, with seats on our necks, that we must petition his mightiness for our rights? Rather, I insisted, the people who are thus abused should agitate, agitate, agitate, till they get their righteous demands satisfied. I was told that the angry protest, started at about 11 o'clock, from Third and Morrison, two cars were sent home to the barn, with their work done for the night.

As we journeyed along, we left several passengers standing near the Morrison bridge, who had to wait for the next car, and at Grand avenue there were six or eight more. When conditions arise by which arrogant individuals possess a monopoly, they act much like the way the Car of Russia does, when dealing with his people. Some men, say, Mount Labor people, could have little packages on their cars, during other than the rush hours, by paying 5 cents apiece. Now the conductors are not allowed to carry such packages as any price. Applications to the management as to this accommodation to the public has been taken away brings no response. Business men who write letters to them are treated just as the Car would be expected to treat a business man who would write him a letter.

THE LONG-SUFFERING public, which daily writes under the mistreatment doled out by the "families," through the medium of this street railway, who are being treated as a champion in the Oregonian, and from its agitation they look for relief. MOUNT TABOR.

TWO KINDS OF BRUTES. One Scalds a Dog and Is Lightly Punished. PORTLAND, July 26.—(To the Editor.)—The complaint filed in Justice Seton's Court by the secretary of the Oregon Humane Society, against Henry Harvey, a farmer near Graham, was that he had confined his dog on Tuesday last, resulting in imposing a fine of but \$5 for roasting W. W. Cotton's Scotch collie, cannot be overlooked by the Humane Society without protest against the trivial imposition for a set of outrageous cruelty surpassing in torture, any case brought for the knowledge of the society during a period of more than 30 years. That the collie was the true fact, the details of which have not appeared in print, the writer is impelled, through a sense of outraged justice and disregard for brute suffering, to state the circumstances as proven in Justice Seton's Court. The case was called up on Saturday by Mr. Davis, manager of the Cotton farm, requesting the Humane Society to take up the case against Harvey. On Sunday I visited the place where the dog was found, and the details of which have not appeared in print, the writer is impelled, through a sense of outraged justice and disregard for brute suffering, to state the circumstances as proven in Justice Seton's Court.

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