

TRIES TO BEAT WATSON'S HEIRS

Wily Method of the Oregon
Water Power & Railway
Company.

IMPOSES ON BROTHERS

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With Administrator.

Trying to beat the heirs of W. H. Olson, a dead street-car victim, out of money which the corporation is likely to award them, the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company has been using wily tricks, after the manner of greedy corporations, seeking to avoid the penalties of their negligence.

The company wishes to pay the family \$500 and the funeral expenses of the victim, and through bluff and intimidation and other sly methods, induced the victim's administrator, his brother, to sign a release for that amount. But before the money was paid by the company and released signed by the other heirs and executed and delivered, the family, coming into knowledge of the law, resolved to hold the company liable for higher damages.

Notice Is Served.
Therefore they have served notice, through their attorney, J. L. Taubner, that they would not accept \$500 as the price of Olson's life. The law allows \$500 damages for death of a person resulting from the negligent or careless or criminal act of another person or corporation.

The tricks employed by the company to convince the members of Olson's family that they were lucky to get \$500, and that the company was most generous in offering that price, now up another chapter to the tale of that corporation's selfishness and overbearing.

How the Victim Died.
The victim died of injuries received from being thrown from an overloaded car in passenger station, resulting from a blowout of the "jack" on the evening of November 5. He was standing on the front platform, on his way from Sellwood to Portland, together with ten others besides the motorman. He had been sitting inside the car and had given up his seat to a woman and had been ordered out to the platform by Boynton, superintendent of the road.

Before the car reached Brooklyn the fare register showed 81 persons aboard. At Brooklyn about 35 persons got aboard. When the car was speeding at a fast rate the "jack" exploded on the front platform, scattering the passengers, making a stampede and forcing Olson off the car and giving him mortal injuries.

Conference With Boynton.
Four days later, after the victim's death, his two brothers went to the office of Superintendent Boynton, being invited thither through the company's attorneys. According to their statement, Boynton offered them \$200 and funeral expenses, adding that the company was not responsible for the victim's death. They had assured him of that fact. Boynton declared that the responsibility, if any there was, lay on the person who had shoved the victim off the car.

"We do not mean to pay a single dollar," asserted Boynton, "but we understand your family is poor. Now, to show the good will of the company and avoid any possible disagreement, we will pay you \$200 and funeral expenses, just to help you along. There is no way trying to sue the company, for we can beat you and keep the case in the courts ten years, if necessary. We have our lawyers hired by the year, and it does not cost us anything to fight a case, for we have to pay our lawyers anyway."

Decided as to Liability.
The brothers declined to release the company for the sum specified by Boynton, and left him, but returned in the afternoon. Then they agreed to accept \$500, thinking that they had succeeded in raising Boynton's first figure to good advantage, and being unaware, as they alleged, that he was deceiving them with the "idea" of the company's liability.

According to their version, they were to get the \$500 at once, but Boynton, after consulting the company's attorney and Mr. Morrow, informed them that they would have to be appointed administrator of the dead man's estate by the county, in order that he might give a release to the company from further damages. Accordingly, W. H. Olson was appointed administrator.

Check Is Made Out.
Next day, in the office of George Morrow, a check was made out to him for \$500, and he and the other brother signed a release of claims against the company. They received the check in exchange for the release, but were informed that they could not cash the check until releases had been signed by the mother of the victim and the four sisters. Meanwhile, the check, together with receipts for the release, by Mr. Morrow, were to rest in the Merchants' National Bank, where they were placed by Mr. Morrow, accompanied by the administrator's brother. When the latter asked for a receipt from the bank for the papers, he was coolly informed that the bank had not been notified of the release, and that they were to go back to the bank together and the check was to be given over to the administrator.

Family Leaves the Facts.
That was two weeks ago. Meanwhile, the members of the family were learning the twists of the transaction and had come to the conclusion that they were being "worked" by the company. They secured J. L. Taubner for an attorney and last Tuesday notified the company that they would not sign a release in exchange for \$500.

Check Was Indorsed.
The check had been indorsed prior to the escrow by the administrator, on persuasions of Mr. Morrow and Mr. Boynton, and after being withdrawn it was cashed by the bank and the money held subject to the order of the administrator.

The legal fight will center on the question whether the release contract had been actually executed. The company will endeavor to hold the family bound to the terms of that agreement.

HARRY MURPHY'S IMPRESSIONS OF R. F. OUTCAULT, AND OUTCAULT'S IMPRESSIONS OF MURPHY



Murphy you are better looking than this but I can't draw any better R. F. Outcault

R. F., or better, "Dick" Outcault, proprietor of Buster Brown, is here to show Portland what a \$75,000 per annum comic artist looks like. In his inimitable way he is going to tell some stories with his tongue and his pencil at the Marquam today.

When I called on the gentlemen in question yesterday he was discovered inducting Buster and Tige through another of their nerve-racking devices. He works with a facility that betrays his 15 years' experience.

Outcault prefaces his artistic career by painting signs and safes. That was before it became necessary to employ a corps of private secretaries and attorneys to attend the details of his affairs. For, be it known, Out-

cault has an interest in four "Buster" shows now touring the country—not to mention the pin money that results from hooding the magic sesame "Buster Brown" to manufacturers of chewing gum, clothing, toys, etc., etc., and so forth.

His man's dress is peculiarly suggestive of his character. Outcault is not of that breed of quacks and pretenders who, by means of flowing tics of extravagant area, soft felt hats and unabridged editions of hair, endeavor to deceive themselves and the public into the belief that they are artists. The person of the man who has added to the "galety" of Outcault's dress is a singularly striking one. While he is in no sense conceited, I venture to say that praise

is not altogether offensive to him. According to Outcault's understanding the qualifications that insure success in New York are the ability to fight, and incidentally to "put up a front." Mr. Outcault has it—if I may take a liberty with one of his phrases—"that a money vest" will produce more tangible results than a head bursting with intellect. I gather that New York is indeed the paradise of—technically speaking—the "four-flushers." As an artist, Outcault may not be an active aspirant for the laurels that ornamented the brows of Rembrandt, Rubens and a few others, but he has a pen that brings an income exceeding the salary of the President of the United States—which is "going some." HARRY MURPHY.

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Three Irish Patriots.
The three Irish patriots in whose honor the meetings are held each year were hanged at Manchester, England, November 2, 1867, for having participated in the rescue of several political prisoners from an English dungeon during the turbulent time extending to Ireland. Allen was a youth of 19, Larkin an artisan residing in Manchester, and O'Brien had been a Captain in the Union Army during the Civil War, and returned to his native land to assist his countrymen in their battles with the English.

Several musical numbers, consisting of Irish airs, were rendered before the oratorical programme was begun, which consisted of the initial song by Brendon Keating, entitled, "Sweet Rose of Old Killarney," which elicited a hearty encore, and he responded with a lively song called "I'm a Dandy Irish Man." Miss Nora Barrett sang "Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms" in a pleasing manner. Miss Elizabeth Harwas rendered the song, "Kerry Dance," in such a delightful manner that she was called upon for an encore, and responded with "My Wild Irish Rose," which was enthusiastically received. Frank D. Hennessy sang "Mamie McIntyre," an amusing sketch, in his old-time form, and was greeted with calls for more, and responded with "On St. Patrick's Day." In both pieces Mr. Hennessy was accompanied by Miss Helen Lightner.

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FOND OF PORTLAND

Cartoonist Outcault Speaks at Banquet Board.

AD MEN'S HONORED GUEST

"Buster Brown's" Father Accepts Commission as Plenipotentiary to World of Attractions of Rose City.

"I want to say that whenever a friend asks where to find a town full of push and enterprise, in which to invest some money, I won't tell him to go to any place but Portland. And, further, if there is ever a time that I change my place of abode, there is no place that I will come to so quickly as to Portland."

Such was the remarkable tribute paid to this city and its citizens by R. F. Outcault, the cartoonist, who has made himself famous as the originator of Buster Brown, the Yellow Kid and other creations which appear in the colored supplement of newspapers in all parts of the United States, at a banquet given in his honor at the Commercial Club last night by the Portland Ad. Men's League.

Mr. Outcault appeared to be most favorably impressed with Portland, and at the banquet took no pains to conceal his admiration for this city. He said that he believed in mouth-to-mouth advertisements, and took himself as an example. He said he was proud to call himself a "bully" good friend of Portland, and, naturally, therefore, he would boost it whenever the opportunity offered. He cited the Lewis and Clark Fair as an instance where good advertising had backing of the most desirable kind. He said the people of the East expected something out of the ordinary in the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and that they were not disappointed. He said the people of the East talked of the Fair long before it opened, and that they are still talking of it.

The banquet last night was one of the most delightful affairs of his kind ever held in Portland. It was attended by several score representative business men and citizens, who took occasion to show that Portland appreciated genius, and that it held the door wide open to strangers. It was a beautiful exemplification of that true Western spirit of hospitality which some people do not believe exists except in books.

Following an elaborate menu served in a dining-room tastefully decorated with masses of flowers and evergreens, Emmett C. Brown, the toastmaster, introduced several speakers, who extended welcome to the father of Buster Brown. Mr. Outcault responded in a light vein, in

DIED FOR FREEDOM

Irish Pay Tribute to Manchester Martyrs.

SERVICES IN MEMORIAM

Eulogies of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien Delivered and Songs of Erin Given Before a Large Audience.

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TEA AT CHILDREN'S HOME

Original Drawings of Buster Brown Will Be Sold at Auction.

There will be a tea at the Children's Home this afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock to which the public is cordially invited. The S cars, running south on Third street, will carry visitors to the door of the Home, and are accessible by transfer from all other car lines in the city, including East side cars. This is the annual Thanksgiving tea and, as in past seasons, will prove a most enjoyable affair both to the visitors and to the children. The Home has been presented by R. F. Outcault, the originator of the famous "Buster Brown" pictures and stories, with the original drawings which he will use to illustrate his lecture at the Marquam Theater tonight. It has been decided to auction these pictures off at the theater immediately after the lecture, the proceeds to go to the Children's Home. This courtesy on Mr. Outcault's part is deeply appreciated by the Ladies' Relief Society, under whose supervision the Children's Home is conducted, and there will, no doubt, be a great demand for the drawings when the auction takes place tonight.



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JOHN C. WISE, M.D., Medical Inspector, U. S. Navy.

TRAFFIC MEN PLAN

Railroad Commission Ruling Subject of Thought.

NO CHANGES IN TARIFFS

Two Days' Session of Hill and Harriman Lines Officials Devoted to Secret Conference on Topics of Importance.

It is understood that the conference of traffic officials of the Hill and Harriman lines, which has been in session in Portland for two days, terminating last night, was devoted largely to a discussion of the recent findings of the Washington State Railway Commission. This is a matter of vital importance to the two systems and, it seems probable, was the cause for a meeting of the heads of the two systems and freight departments in the Northwest, at this time. All who attended deny that the conference was in any way connected with this matter, declaring that it was held simply to discuss the proposed legislation by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Manufacturers' Association and minor matters.

BURGLARS FROM THE NURSERY

THREE ten-year-old boys confessed to a burglary charge in the Juvenile Court yesterday afternoon and detailed to Judge Frazer all the particulars of the crime. The ringleader, a saloon-keeper's son, proposed to the others to break into a store after it had closed for the night and steal some tools. He explained that it was a store with the merchandise displayed by throwing a rock through a window. He did so and a second boy, also the progeny of a father who sells drinks, boosted him up so the broken window could be reached. The third boy claimed he was a somewhat unwilling accomplice, but he also took part after things were well under way. The stolen goods were concealed some distance from the scene and when the boys returned for them two days later, a policeman was there and placed them under arrest. Boy number two disproved the old adage that there is honor among thieves because he admitted to Judge Frazer that between the two days and unknown to his associates, he went to the cache of goods before one who sold a toy engine at the Exposition and was not detected.

The boys in the present and heard the confessions of their children. Judge Frazer indulged in a long conference with the youthful offenders and pictured to them the hard future before one who indulged in crime. The boys were all regular school attendants.

Ladies Talk Woman Suffrage.

Mrs. Ada Wallace Urrah and Mrs. C. H. Howe, National lecturers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, were the speakers at the meeting of the organization, which was in session yesterday in the auditorium at the Young Men's Christian Association building. The different phases of the work of the organization were taken up and thoroughly discussed. Special emphasis was put upon the financial needs of the Union by Mrs. Howe, who spoke upon the subject, "The Sinews of War."

CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO.

Special Pullman Excursion Train Via the Southern Pacific Railroad.

On December 15, a special Pullman excursion train will leave San Francisco, via the Southern Pacific, for the City of Mexico. Low rates have been made for points on the Southern Pacific in Oregon. Particulars by asking any Southern Pacific agent or writing A. L. Craig, general passenger agent, Portland, Or.

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