

HOT DAY ON THE ROCK PILE

Fifty-four Prisoners Swelter in the Sun at Kelly's Butte.

HARD WORK, NO PAY

Breaking Stone With Sledge Hammers in Rock Quarry Operated by County Exhausting Hot Weather Occupation.

"Ah comes all da way from Green Ribber, Wyoming! to git dis 'ere job. Un Boss! For dis 'ere job, dis 'ere gits out of dis 'ere rockpile is nebber comin' 'ere agin."

So spake Mistah Rastus Johnson, prisoner on the rockpile on Kelly's Butte, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as he laid down his 12-pound sledgehammer, rested from making big ones into little ones, and gazed earnestly from under his drooping eyebrows at an Oregonian representative. "What are you in for, Rastus?" he was asked. "Nawthin'."

"Treated right here, Rastus?" "Yes, sah, boss, we is; purty fair, purty fair. Un de squarsh wid him, un he gives us uns de berry debbil if we hain't. Un de grub's good, too. But I works 'ere harder un I does on da section gang, un der I gits un two dollahs a day for it, but 'ere I gits nawthin'. Un ya sees dat der big white man un der in dat der little chicken coop wid dat der pig? Un if we tries to git away we done gits shot. No, sah, boss; I don't lub dis 'ere rockpile. Un I can't quit, either. Lordy, boss, is dat not day?"

The views expressed by Mister Rastus Johnson seemed to sum up the universal opinion held by the 54 prisoners yesterday at the Kelly's Butte rockpile. Breaking stone with sledgehammers in the broiling glare, right up against the wall of the quarry that faced the afternoon sun, the men labored under the watchful eye of two armed guards. Because the day succeeded the hottest ever known in Portland, at least in select rockpile circles, the prisoners were allowed to work comparatively easy, and when a man gave out and sat down in the shade the powers that be were mercifully and officially blind.

The End of the Day's Work.

Then the 5 o'clock whistle blew to knock off, and with clattering wheelbarrows the men dashed briskly enough to the gate to wash up, get in line, two abreast, be counted and marched to the cellhouse for the night. With Chief Guard A. S. Briggs, unarmed, walking in the lead, and a line of armed guards walking along the high platform on each side, the gang tramped down from the quarry to the yard and halted to be searched. This was quickly done by feeling each man over and lifting his hat to see if he had anything concealed there.

Into the concrete cellhouse they were tramped, talking and even laughing like any ordinary section gang. Awaiting them were two long oilcloth-covered tables, piled high with hot coffee, roasted, boiled potatoes, bread, rice, prunes and coffee. Each man is allowed all he can eat at each meal. He helps himself till he is full. Then came the evening smoke for each man is allowed 15 cents' worth of tobacco, of any kind he likes, every Wednesday night. Supper was over at 6. The lights go out and the men are left in the hours the prisoners can do pretty much as they please. Some read, for there are about 40 books to hand, ranging from Dickens to Hugo to ordinary trashy paper-backs; some play games with cards and checkers, some sing or tell stories, some bathe in the two porcelain bathtubs always at hand, and at certain times the "kangaroo court" is in session. The last feature is a system of jail government instituted by the prisoners themselves, with which all sensible jailers the world over have little to do except in extreme cases, to prevent cruelty. If a man does not keep himself clean, or otherwise is offensive to his fellows, he is tried and various kinds of punishment are meted out. It usually takes the form of so many "cobs." The offender is seized, hosed over a bunk, and a piece of garden hose about three feet long applied in the same manner as the small boy gets the maternal slipper. Each blow counts as one "cob." The kangaroo court is significant as illustrating the capacity for self-government of the Anglo-Saxon race, even down to its lowest strata.

Dogs Act as Guards.

Besides the 54 prisoners, who are "in" for from 90 days to 1 1/2 years, at the rockpile there are three day guards, one night watchman, one engineer, one fireman and three rockmen. The last three employes are expert rockmen, who attend to all the drilling, blasting and other dangerous work. Besides these employes are three dogs, who roam around the prison yard at night between the cellhouse and the high yard wall. One of these is a small black spaniel, one is a shepherd, and the third is a gigantic, grizzly, sullen Great Dane, whom the prisoners fear even more than they do an armed man. The man might, for some reason, fail to shoot, or he might miss; but those iron jaws of the Great Dane admit of no argument or delay.

Seven o'clock marks the year around whistle sounds for breakfast. At 8 o'clock another blast sends the men to work breaking rock till noon. From 12 to 1 comes dinner. Back to work they go at 1 sharp, and labor like Trojans till the now welcome whistle toots 5. Another whistle at 6 sends them from the table to the cells for the night, and a last good-night and sweet-dreams shrieke means "lights out."

The men sleep in double bunks, three tiers high. The bedding is clean and plentiful. Three prisoners, not fit for heavy labor, keep the cellhouse clean as a warship, and do the cooking. The men can bathe as often as they wish, but are required to take at least one bath each week. When a man is sick he is sent, if the case is serious, to the County Hospital. During the past year, two men have fallen sick enough to be so removed, and one has been hurt. On Sundays and legal holidays no work is done. When a man is discharged he is taken to the gate and given 5 cents carfare and advised not to come back. But some are right back on the rockpile again within any

time from a day to a week, especially the drug fiends. A thief usually gets out of town on the first freight train. The plan was tried once of giving each discharged prisoner a few dollars to start him, but experience showed that he always spent it at the first saloon, although one man with a more generous nature invested \$5 in saws and files and the next night poked them through the rockpile fence at a place agreed on beforehand. So the 5-cent carfare system was resumed, and the discharged prisoner was left to work out his own salvation.

Clears City of Criminals.

The Portland rockpile has been in existence for nearly four years. It is estimated that its result in clearing the city of the hobo and criminal element is equal to that of 12 extra policemen. At present, it is under county control, and the City of Portland pays Multnomah County 25 cents per day for each city prisoner on the rockpile, the same as it costs to board a prisoner in jail idleness. To society at large, the Portland rockpile is financially a paying institution. In 20 days this month, 2500 square yards of rock have been quarried, crushed and spread on the county roads, at a value in the bunkers of \$1.50 per square yard. It cost about \$50 per day to maintain the rockpile. Figured out the cost for the 20 days has been roughly \$1000, the results gross \$220, making a profit represented in road construction of \$780, or of something over \$100 per day net. But perhaps the most profitable thing about the rockpile, figure

OREGON RIFLEMEN TO BE SENT EAST

State Militia Sharpshooters Will Participate in National Competition.

ONE WEEK FOR PRACTICE

Team, Which Is to Be Named Today, Will Leave About August 8 for Port Clinton, O., Where Tournament Is Held.

In consequence of the splendid showing made by the rifle teams of the Oregon

CUSTODY IN DOUBT

Lawyer's Opinion Sought Concerning City Hall.

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Executive Board Would Force Certain Tenants to Vacate Quarters—More Room Needed by Municipality.

Who is the custodian of the City Hall—the Executive Board, appointed by the Mayor or the City Council, elected by the people? That is the problem which presented itself at a meeting of the Executive Board yesterday afternoon, and the proposition has been submitted to City Attorney Kavanagh for an opinion. If the Executive Board is declared the offi-

SENT TO REFORM SCHOOL

Youth Convicted of Stealing Newspapers From Subscribers.

In the Juvenile Court yesterday morning Judge Fraser sentenced Hyman Schwartz, aged 15, of 271 Baker street, to the Reform School at Salem. The offense of which young Schwartz was found guilty was the theft of copies of The Oregonian from subscribers in South Portland. F. M. Bove, of 623 Third street, who is agent for the paper in that district, had had several complaints from residents of non-receipt of papers. Schwartz, who was arrested for the same offense about a year ago, had been suspected for some time of these petty thefts and for that reason Agent Bove had been watching him and caught him in the act early Tuesday morning.

While escorting Schwartz to the police station Mr. Bove was approached by H. Goldblatt, of 625 First street, who demanded that the boy be released. In the dispute which followed, Goldblatt struck Bove and a fight ensued. A warrant was sworn out for Goldblatt's arrest and he was arraigned in the Municipal Court. His sentence was postponed until this morning.

Young Schwartz has a bad record. He was twice expelled from the Felling School for fighting and has also been ar-



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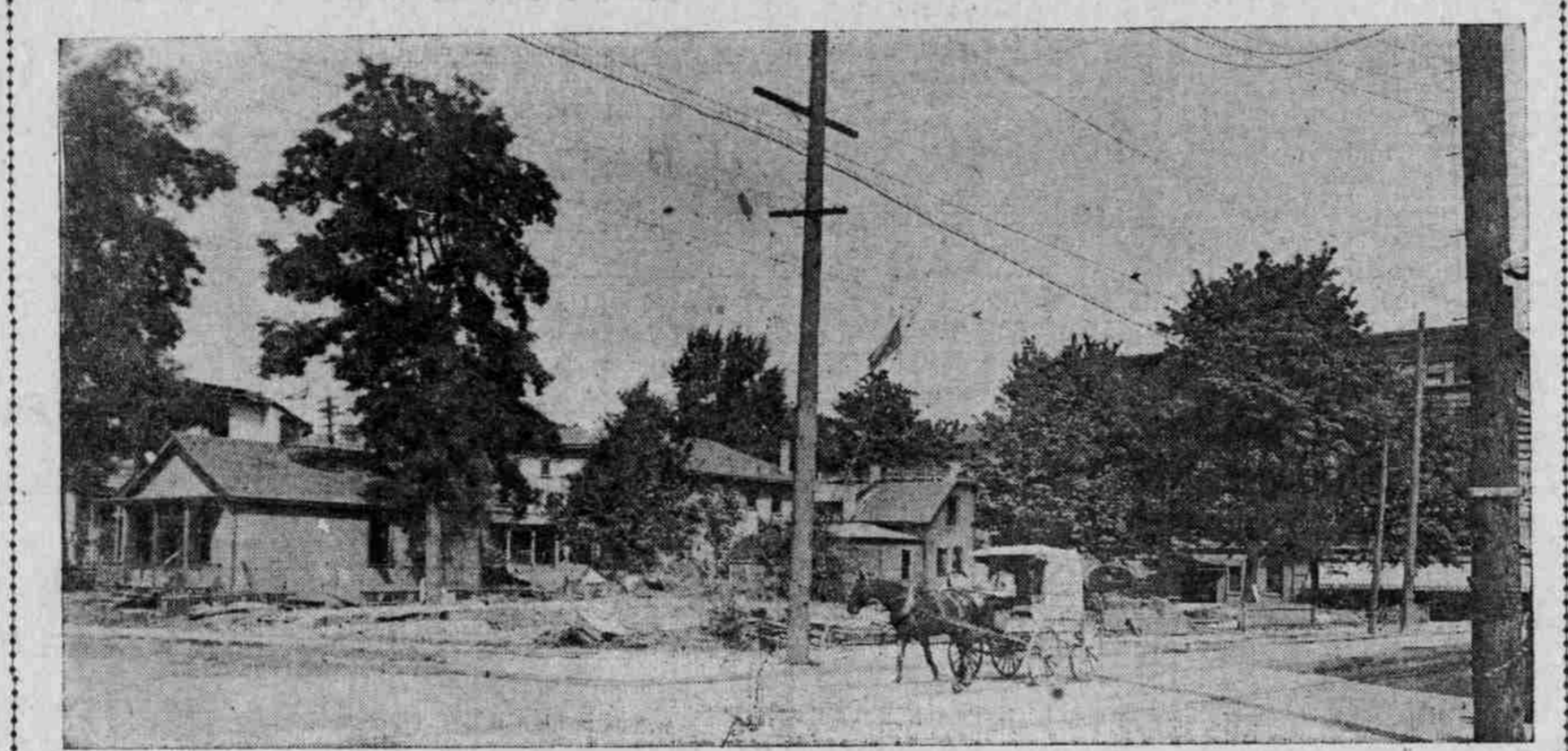
Demonstrations all day today and tomorrow; come in and hear them—hear Alice Nielsen and Constantino in their great individual records and in their duets—hear the three new Homer records, the new Gogorza record and the Homer and Abbott duet; hear May Irwin in her four new records, and any of the rest of the 52 new August numbers.

Remember, Victor records can be used on any disk playing machine—and remember also that we have little books, which we give away, containing pictures of the artists and descriptions of the records. You should receive one of these every month; if you don't, then send us your name.

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- Among these August records are:
Six Records by Arthur Pryor's Band.
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A Cornet Solo by Emil Keneke.
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Four New May Irwin Records.
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A Duet by Collins and Harlan.
A Duet by Miss Jones and Mr. Murray.
Two New Haydn Quartet Records.
A Tenor Solo by Harry Macdonough.
Nine New Red Seal Records by Nielsen and Constantino.
Three New Homer Red Seals.
Two Witherspoon (basso) Records.
A Magnificent Gogorza Record.
A Duet by Homer and Abbott.

PICTURES OF PROGRESS IN THE MAKING OF A GREATER PORTLAND—No. 9



LARGE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PENNEYER BLOCK, ON WHICH THE TRUSTEE COMPANY IS SOON TO ERECT A BUILDING TO COST NOT LESS THAN \$500,000.

All of the buildings on the Morrison-street frontage of the Penneyer block have now been removed or torn down, and the work will soon begin on the excavation for the large structure that is to cover this entire block. The Trustee Company which has leased the property has not yet announced the character of the improvement to be made, but it is still considering several plans. According to the lease, the building is to cost not less than \$500,000. The lease on this property extends for 50 years. For the first five years a rental of \$1500 a month is to be paid, and this amount will be increased \$250 a month at the end of each five-year period.

financially or any way one pleases, is that Mistah Rastus Johnson and his kind, including thieves, hold-ups, dope fiends, perpetual drunkards, wife-beaters and other social misfits, prefer to enter, and especially summer, in some other city than Portland.

HELD TO THE GRAND JURY

Bartender Thompson Must Answer to Charge of Embezzlement.

Haggard and weak, with his right arm in a sling and leaning heavily on Chief Deputy Probate, J. F. Thompson, who escaped from Detective Joe Day by jumping from the train near Cheyenne, Wyo., limped into the Municipal Court yesterday



J. T. Thompson as He Appeared in Court.

morning to answer the charge of embezzlement. Mr. Thompson waived the preliminary examination and was bound over to the grand jury, the bail being fixed at \$200. It is charged that Thompson, who was a bartender, employed by "Billy" Winters, robbed his employer of jewelry and money amounting in all to about \$300 when left in charge of the place.

Condemns Right-of-Way.

A condemnation suit was filed in the Circuit Court yesterday by attorneys for the United Railways Company against the Security Savings & Trust Company. The complaint alleges that the railway company is building a railway from Portland to Peak, that its route is through the Caruthers' Addition, through which it wishes to obtain a right-of-way 100 feet wide, and that all its negotiations for the purchase of the property have proved unsatisfactory. The plaintiff prays that the court will assess the land at its true value and permit the purchase of the right-of-way.

Registered for various petty thefts during the past year. His parents are indifferent to his welfare and did not appear in court yesterday.

ON VISIT OF INSPECTION

Colonel W. Duncan, of Volunteers of America, in Portland.

Colonel W. Duncan, Regimental Commander of the Volunteers of America in the West, is completing a trip through his district, which comprises Oregon, Washington, California and Nevada. Starting from Los Angeles he has traveled through the mining camps of Nevada to Spokane, Aberdeen, Tacoma and Seattle. He now on his way back to California, and is visiting Portland camp for a few days. He is to speak at the Taylor-Street Methodist Church at 8 o'clock tonight.

F. F. MacMurray, who is accompanying Colonel Duncan on his trip, was formerly singing evangelist with the late Francis

local landlord of the municipal building some of the present tenants need not be surprised if they are ordered to vacate. Among them are the County Assessor and the Oregon Historical Society.

The question of the custody of the City Hall building was raised in the reading of a communication from the officers of the Juvenile Court asking to be given quarters in that building. McPherson wanted to know who had charge of the City Hall but no one was prepared to answer.

"I think it is about time some one was getting control of this building," said McPherson. The question of providing quarters for the Juvenile Court was before the City Hall committee of the Executive Board two months ago, but at that time there were no rooms available and the condition still exists. The city needs all the room in its City Hall and I would favor ousting some of the present tenants of the building. The County Assessor and the Oregon Historical Society are in the building, but they are not to be given quarters in that building owned by the city, especially when the city has use for the quarters so occupied. The county should be expected to take care of its own officers."

Sabin and Greene were also of the opinion that the question of the control of the city building should be settled. Deputy Auditor Grutz explained that the county paid a monthly rental of \$33 for the offices occupied by the County Treasurer and the County School Superintendent. In return for the rooms occupied by the Assessor, he said, the Sheriff collected city taxes.

"Well, even if the county does look after our tax collecting," commented Mayor Lane, "it would appear that it has been well compensated for its services, without considering the question of rental paid. According to the reporting, it pertains the county is about \$100,000 behind in its tax account with the city."

Other members of the Board thought the question of regulating the occupancy and use of the City Hall was an important subject and should be decided at once. By unanimous action a written opinion was requested from City Attorney Kavanagh.

The Executive Board will hold a special meeting Friday afternoon to accept a number of street improvements that have been completed. At this meeting the contractors will be ordered paid the balance due them.

MAY CONSIDER COLUMBIA

Government Will Be Asked to Locate Naval Station on River.

The statement from Washington that the Navy Department contemplates the establishment of an additional Naval station on the Pacific Coast has caused the Chamber of Commerce to take up the matter with the authorities at Washington with a view to recommending that a site on the Lower Columbia River be chosen as the new naval base.

Admiral Capps, Naval Constructor, and Admiral Cowles, Chief of the Equipment Bureau of the Navy, will soon leave Washington on a tour of inspection of several sites which have been recommended for naval stations and the efforts of the Portland Chamber is expected to have the effect of bringing the Columbia River to the attention of these Naval officers for consideration in the choice of location.

The advantages to be gained from the establishment of a naval base near Portland cannot be over-estimated. In addition to the large number of mechanics to be employed, there would be a large revenue to this city from the purchase of supplies.

Davis Breaks His Parole. It was thought that with the gassing

Two Mistakes of Cupid. It developed yesterday that Cupid had made two more mistakes. Effie C. Chase died suit for divorce in the State Circuit Court against Fremont R. Chase, whom she married at Spokane, March 2, 1902. W. J. Huntington applied for a divorce from Lydia A. Huntington, whom he married at Sumas, Wash., in May, 1900.

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PARADE PHOTOS—FIESTA.

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STEINWAY PIANOS VICTOR TALKING MACHINES

Corner Sixth and Morrison Streets

Double Wedding Solemnized. A double wedding was solemnized last night at the home of William E. MacLeod, near Northern Hill, on the St. Johns electric railway, his two daughters choosing life partners. The couples were Miss Pearl MacLeod and Mr. A. W. Buchanan and Miss Chastie M. MacLeod and Mr. R. L. DeBott. Rev. Harry Waltz, pastor of the University Park Baptist Church, performed the ceremony in presence of a number

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