

LITTLE GIRL LOST TO SLINGERLANDS Attempt of Fanatical Foster Parents to Get Child Defeated.

RETURN TO ALBANY FARM. Jury of Six in State Court Declares Edna Slingerland, Trance Medium of Tongues of Fire, a Delinquent Child.

Little Edna Slingerland, who was taken from her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Slingerland, by the juvenile court six months ago, that she might be out from under the influence of the Tongues of Fire devotees, was yesterday declared by a jury of six in the circuit court to be a delinquent child, and subject to the order of the court. She will be this morning again remanded by Judge Frazer to the custody of W. T. Gardner, superintendent of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, and will probably be sent to live on a ranch near Albany, where she has been having excellent care for the past few months.

Slingerland himself took the stand yesterday afternoon, and his testimony did not tend to win the jury to his side of the case. As he stepped forward, and the clerk raised his hand to swear the witness, Slingerland said excitedly, 'I will not.' 'You may confirm the witness then,' said Judge Frazer. A letter threatening Judge Frazer with the loss of one of his children if he did not deliver up Little Edna to Slingerland, written by her foster parent, a short time after she was taken from him, was introduced as evidence. Deputy District At-



orney Robert Gallaway was questioning Slingerland, and rose to read the letter to the jury after Slingerland had identified it, but said she would not permit it. 'I will read it,' said Judge Frazer, but before he could do so Slingerland reached for the paper, stood up before the jury, and said:

Received Message From God. 'Every word of this is God's truth. I was directed by God to write that letter. This is a message from God to you, Mr. Frazer, and do you heed it? Unless you deliver to me my little girl immediately God will take from you one of your little girls, and that right soon.'

He continued to read from the letter a number of texts of Scripture, and when questioned by members of the jury said that he believed Judge Frazer held the same position as Haman of the book of Esther when he erected a gallows for himself.

'How did you receive this message?' came from the jury box. 'Was it oral or written?' 'I received it from God,' said Slingerland, and as he glared at the juror. 'It came through one of his servants. I was directed by God to write that letter.'

During the giving of his testimony Slingerland had a number of fits which the lawyers, and although he was not on the stand more than 10 minutes had to be excused to get a drink. He testified that the little girl would go into the trance during family worship that had been seen her in several, when she would see angels, and would run about the room to catch them. After she awoke from the trance she would know nothing that had happened, but would be very weak. If she saw no angels when in the trance she would talk or write in a jargon which no one could understand, although Slingerland said a Chinese boy was brought out to the house and said he could make out four of the characters she made.

Trances of Little Girl. The trouble began, according to the testimony of various witnesses, when Edna was sent to Mrs. A. Barton's home on Holladay avenue for a few days while Mrs. Slingerland was away nursing a Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Slingerland was away from home four weeks beginning December 15, 1906. The testimony showed that at various times the leaders of the Tangled Tongues held services at the Barton home, at which Edna was present. 'Have you ever discussed visions before the children,' asked Attorney Gallaway of Mr. Slingerland. 'Yes, sir.' 'During the time you visited at Mrs. Barton's has she ever been in one of these trances?' 'Yes, sir.' 'What do you call them?' 'Well, what do you call them?' reported Mr. Gallaway. Slingerland testified he had never named them in his own mind. 'That's a Bible term, and it's all right,' he said. Slingerland said he did not know whether he would have the power to see visions in the future or not, but that God was leading him. He said the girl had the trances from about Christmas time until she was stolen from him by Judge Frazer. 'But didn't Judge Frazer let you take the girl upon the promise of your wife that you would keep her away from the fanatical influence of the Tongues of Fire sect and that you would not have any more meetings at Mrs. Barton's?' continued Mr. Gallaway. 'There never was a called meeting at Mrs. Barton's.' 'Well, you needn't be so technical about it,' said Mr. Gallaway.

'Who's doing this testifying, you or me?' 'You are, proceed.' 'Did you know a fellow by the name of Joseph A. Barrows?' 'I knew a gentleman by that name, yes, sir, not a fellow.' 'Did he follow the child around the room during her trances?' 'He did at the time he was there with her.' 'You had a conversation with the child afterwards, what did she say?' 'She said she could not remember anything that had happened.'

When Mrs. Slingerland took the stand and told of her arrest and appearance before the juvenile court, Slingerland was heard to exclaim: 'Oh, God!' so great was his mental anguish. In a few minutes his wife was engaged in a word battle with Judge Frazer over the transactions of the court last winter and the instructions given her to properly care for the girl.

Judge Frazer Takes Stand. Judge Frazer then took the witness stand himself and told the jury all the happenings at the time the girl was given into the custody of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, much to the excitement and chagrin of Slingerland, who jumped up and said: 'I deny that; I want to make a statement.' He was told by his attorney, V. L. Street, to be quiet. Edna herself was then placed on the stand and told the jury she did not want to go back to live with the Slingerlands under the circumstances. She had no recollection of the Tongues of Fire influence her unduly, and that when she came out of the trances she felt very weak. She said she was happy to live near Albany, and hoped she could go back Monday.

'You see, I don't want to go back to Albany, because this has not been very much of a vacation to me yet,' she said. 'Those trances were all foolishness, but I thought because other folks could go into them I could, too.' Other witnesses were T. L. Graves, W. Williamson and J. St. Johns, roomers at Mrs. Barton's at the time Edna was there, and Miss Simpson and Miss Felling, two schoolteachers. The jury follows: H. D. Kilham, James Frayne, A. H. Knuzson, T. E. Martin, Grant Turner and P. McDonald. They are all men of families and business men.

EMPTY BEER KEGS LIEVED ON. Property of Olympia Brewery Held Because of Damage Suit. It is probable that the embargo on empty beer kegs commenced by the Sheriff, who is holding four carloads of them at the Northern Pacific freight sheds pending the trial of the suit for \$10,000 against the Olympia Brewing Company, will be lifted today when the property is returned to the company, of which S. M. Blumauer, president, will be raised today when the big firm gives bonds to the court.

As soon as the suit had been filed the property was ordered to be sold. The jurisdiction of the court was garnished, but the only thing that could be found was the returning empty beer kegs. These are now held awaiting the court's action.

The brewing company tried to get its kegs by leasing bonds to the railroad company, feeling it from all responsibility, and it was about to ship the kegs out when the Sheriff notified its agents that all parties to such action on its part would be arrested for contempt of court. The result is the kegs are still on hand.

CITY OFFICIALS CLASH. Board of Health and Council Disagree Over Garbage Crematory. The Board of Health and the City Council are at odds. The trouble is over whether the city shall repair the old and worn-out garbage crematory, the view held by the Council, or whether the city shall select a new site and build a modern establishment. The Board insists on not only repairing for future needs. For some time past refuse has accumulated at the old plant at the rate of 50 tons a week beyond the capacity of the crematory, and has been left to perfume the air, to the doubtful delight of people for a mile around.

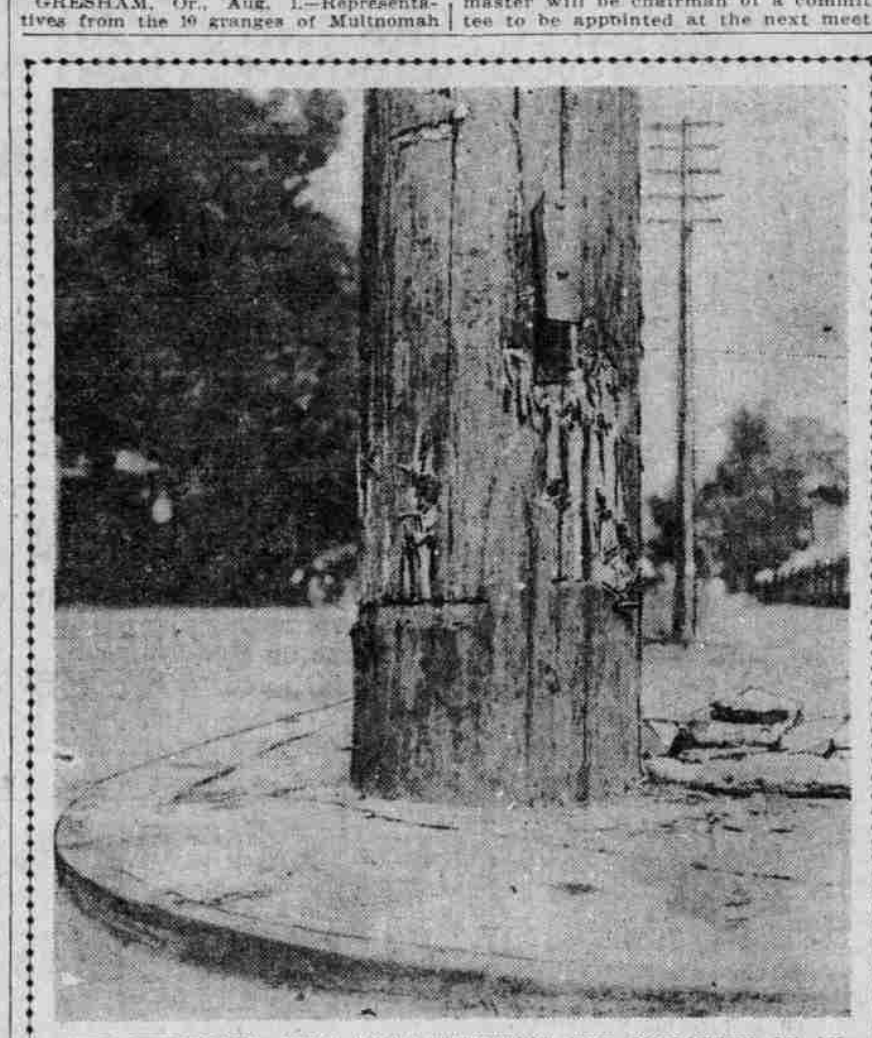
The Board yesterday passed a resolution refusing to be responsible longer for such a condition of affairs, and put the matter squarely up to the Council. The Board says that to build a proper burning plant it is impossible for it to do anything with a condition that is threatening the health of the city. It is said the Council dodges the matter, because each Councilman refuses flatly to allow the proposed crematory to be erected in his ward.

Astoria Calls in Warrants. ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—City Treasurer Denney issued a call today for all warrants outstanding prior to November 1, 1906. The amount of money necessary to redeem the warrants included in this call is \$10,612.69. In addition to this the treasurer has on hand \$107,678 to redeem warrants which have been called previously, but which have not been presented for payment.

Seven-Jewel Elgin watch, 16 size, 20-year case, \$2.75. Metzger, 342 Wash. st.

ORGANIZE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION Granges of Multnomah Perfect Plans at Meeting Held in Gresham.

MERCHANTS WILL ASSIST. Pledges Insure Success of First Fair Which Will Open October 1, Continue Four Days. Plans in Detail. GRESHAM, Or., Aug. 1.—Representatives from the 19 granges of Multnomah



THE TELEGRAPH POLE THAT WITHSTOOD THE ONSLAUGHT OF AN AUTOMOBILE.

This illustration shows the spars inflicted on a telegraph pole at Twenty-first and Washington streets Wednesday night. F. J. Caterlin, in order to avoid running over a policeman, ran his automobile into the pole. Mr. and Mrs. Caterlin and Mr. and Mrs. J. Purvine narrowly escaped injury.

County and a large number of other citizens met in the Grange Hall here today and formed an organization, the object of which will be to establish and conduct a permanent county fair. The meeting was held in pursuance to a call issued by Gresham Grange and was called to order by J. F. Roberts, who stated the objects of the meeting.

Timothy Brownhill outlined the plans of Gresham Grange in the matter, which are to have exhibits of stock, produce and implements, combined with an educational institute and carnival. He said that suitable grounds for this year had been promised free of charge by Dr. A. Thompson and the trustees of the Grange Hall church, and that Gresham Grange hall could also be had.

W. W. Cotton, of Portland, addressed the meeting, saying that the affair could be carried on for a year, but that the promoters must start in with the idea of losing money at first, as the fair was to be held mainly for the purpose of advertising the county's resources.

Other speakers advanced similar views, among them being H. W. Smashall, A. F. Muller, E. H. Crane, John Sletet and the chairman, all of whom are members of different granges. A. L. Stone, Theodore Brugger, Lewis Shattuck and B. C. Alt-

ing. The other four were given assignments as follows: H. E. Davis, chairman of committee on agriculture; Charles Cleveland, committee on dairy stock; Louis Dechmann, committee on horticulture; R. Wilson, committee on horses and livestock.

man also endorsed the plans and it was decided to go ahead with the work at once and prepare exhibits.

All the foregoing preliminaries having been settled, it was moved by Mr. Cotton that the masters of the ten granges of the county be chosen as a board of directors, the membership to be increased to 15 by the addition of the masters of Multnomah County Pomona and four other not members of the order.

The motion was carried and the appointments made by the chairman. Besides the masters of the other four members of the board are: Charles Cleveland, H. E. Davis, Louis Dechmann and R. Wilson.

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fair grounds and said that the railroad company would furnish electric light and would give reduced rates and extra service during the four days.

A publicity committee was appointed by the president just before adjournment. It consists of Timothy Brownhill, E. H. Wells and E. L. Thorp. They were instructed to prepare all necessary advertising and premium lists and carry on all necessary correspondence.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held at the same place August 12, at 2 o'clock P. M.

WILL REPAIR BUILDING. Russell & Blyth Not Planning to Replace Frame Structure.

The damage done to the building, at the northeast corner of Sixth and Stark streets, Sunday night by fire is to be repaired as speedily as possible by the owners, Russell & Blyth. There were rumors that the firm intended to raise the damaged building and erect a modern office structure on the site, but it was given out at the firm's office yesterday that no such plans are in contemplation.

Among the estate men a great deal of complaint is heard over the delay in grading Stark street from its intersection with Twelfth through to Burnside. The old buildings were removed from the condemned property some time ago, but work seems to be held up in the City Engineer's office for some reason.

Midsommer dullness in real estate dealings is the report from all offices. With the exception, however, agents say that by September 1 Portland will experience the greatest activity in real estate ever known in its history.

One of the most important alterations announced is that of the Ainsworth block at the north-west corner of Third and Oak streets. The United States National Bank, of which Mr. Ainsworth is president, occupies the first floor and the building is to be completely remodeled.

Additional alterations are also provided for in the plans submitted. When the work is started it is intended to have a complete new building, similar to those in use with satisfactory results in the First National Bank and the new Corbett building.

E. B. Rabin, of Portland, recently closed a deal through which he acquired 4000 acres of timber land in Benton County. This purchase raises Mr. Rankin's holdings in that county to 39,000 acres of timber land, which is considered one of the best locations in the state.

Girl Deputy Cupid Meets Her Waterloo. Miss Stadelman, of County Clerk's Office, Tries to Issue Marriage License and Learns Something About Names.

EVERYONE who has lived to the years of accountability knows that Cupid is a boy, and it is a hard matter to convince honest people to the contrary, for have they not seen his picture and read about the wonderful effects produced by the arrows from his little quiver?

When Cupid lingers at the Courthouse he usually goes under the name of 'Booze,' sometimes it is 'Christiansen.' But when he tried to disguise himself yesterday in the feminine garb he met with crushing failure.

He chose for the victim Frances Stadelman, for it was she who wished to make out a marriage license 'just to learn how.' It was only a short time until a likely looking gentleman stepped up and announced that he wished a license to marry the lady.

OFFICE MEN SCARGE. Railroads in Pacific Northwest Need Help.

STATION AGENTS RESIGN. Find Better Opportunities in Business for Themselves — Ticket-Sellers Also Hard to Keep at Present Salaries.

Railroads of the Pacific Northwest are having great difficulty in getting local agents at their smaller stations, and in securing ticket agents to fill vacancies. It seems almost impossible to secure men to take the places of those who are constantly leaving to go into other business.

The Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. officials say they have never had so much trouble to get capable men to perform these duties as at present. All lines of industry are so prosperous throughout the Pacific Northwest that there are big inducements for the railroad agents to drop into other positions that are better paid than railroad work.

There are a dozen vacancies on the lines of the O. R. & N. alone that could be offered to capable agents. Among the larger stations where agents have resigned during the past few weeks are Baker City, Pendleton, Colfax and Dayton. Many smaller towns are also in need of local agents.

Ticket clerks are in great demand. It seems that they cannot be had. Salaries are not so high in this line as men of equal ability can command in other vocations and there is a general desertion from the ranks. In every department of railroading, except that of traffic, there are organizations of the men which compel increases in salaries. But there is no union among ticket clerks or local agents and the consequence is that they are not well paid.

Since commissions have been eliminated another source of profit for the ticket clerk has been cut off, and with the enforcement of the new railroad laws whereby a ticket clerk is responsible for his own mistakes, and must advance good personally, another inducement has been added for ticket clerks to quit the service. Formerly if mistakes were made in selling a ticket below the fare the company would make good the difference and the shortage did not come out of the clerk's pocket.

Advertisements. The Harriman line has become effective, each clerk is responsible for his own errors. An instance in point is that of a Seattle clerk who sold five second-class tickets a few days ago. There was a difference of \$10 on each ticket between the first and second-class fare. This clerk neglected to punch the tickets for second-class passage and consequently he made up the difference of \$50 himself.

ADVERTISE OREGON SCENERY. Gifford Photographs Are Much Admired in Chicago.

William McMurray, general passenger agent for the Harriman lines in this territory, returned yesterday from Chicago, where he spent several weeks in attending a meeting of the Harriman passenger officials. Mr. McMurray says the East was never so well informed before concerning Oregon, and that there will be a very heavy tourist trade to this section during the home-seekers' season in September and October.

Mr. McMurray says the \$6 large photographs of Oregon scenery he took to Chicago made a decided hit and attracted much attention. The Union League Club, which ranks as the leading club in Chicago, has arranged for an exhibition of these pictures and thousands of people will see them there and learn of the beauties of Oregon's scenery.

Commission Inspects Railroads. The Oregon Railroad Commission is engaged in inspecting the various railroads of the state. The law requires that each road shall be gone over once each year by the Commissioners. The Commission traveled over the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company lines yesterday in a private car, accompanied by President Joselyn and General Manager Fuller. The Commission will look over the Northern Pacific Terminal Company's property in North Portland today, after which the members of the body will return to Salem. The usual business of the body will be resumed at the Salem office on Monday.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old well-tried remedy, Dr. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, cures colic and diarrhoea. Metzger sells diamonds at 10 per cent profit. 342 Washington street.

OAK STREET SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

SOCIETY GOES IN FOR AQUATIC SPORTS—POPULAR COUPLE CELEBRATE THEIR CRYSTAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—MR. PEARSON MAY RUN FOR THE SENATE.

WITH the advent of oppressively hot weather Oak street society is rather inclined to eschew the greater part of its accustomed gaieties. Society entertainments and entertainments occur only as a social necessity dictates, and at frequent intervals. The one manner of entertainment to be quite in vogue at this time is schooning. This delightful form of aquatic pastime is becoming more and more popular daily and has replaced yachting altogether among the truly fashionable. Yachting parties, to be sure, may have their interest for disingenuous millionaires, but well-bred, conservative Oak street is impelled, by the force of its more highly developed esthetic nature, to confine its attention to schooning. Sitting out in the hot sun in a 10 horse-power yacht or launch may be regarded as a pleasurable aquatic sport by some immature plebeians. But it cannot be compared in its capacity for producing pleasurable sensations to the piloting of a foaming five mile-power schooner across some cold, placid bay far removed from scenes of water.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawk presented with a number of handsome crystal gifts, the famous Katie mine, his million-dollar concentrator, a smelter, various other mining claims and placer locations along the Boulder River for \$2,500,000. This was the smelter used by Mr. Heinze under lease after the destruction of his Butte plant by fire. Suits were brought against Mr. Heinze for damages because of alleged pollution of crops and gas when abandoned the property, but evidently for the purpose of regaining absolute possession as indicated by the auction sale.

High-Priced Meat may be a Blessing. If it gives one the chance to know the tremendous value of a complete change of diet. Try this for breakfast: A Little Fruit, A Dish of Grape-Nuts and Cream, A Soft-Boiled Egg, Some Nice, Crisp Toast, Cup of Well-made Postum Food Coffee. That's all, and you feel comfortable and well-fed until lunch. THEN REPEAT. And at night have a liberal meat and vegetable dinner, with a Grape-Nuts pudding for dessert. Such a diet will make a change in your health and strength worth trial.

ANNOUNCEMENT. To the public and our friends we desire to announce that alterations on our new store, The Men's Shop, COR. FOURTH AND ALDER STREETS, are now completed and we will open Saturday, August 3, with a splendid assortment of high-class furnishings, hats, and novelties. Your patronage is earnestly solicited and we will merit a continuance of your business by selling only reliable, high-grade merchandise. THE MEN'S SHOP, MICHEL & STILLER, Fourth and Alder Streets. Read 'The Road to Wellville,' in pgs.