

GIRLS DEFEND BOYS

Confess Their Own Characters to Be Bad.

WENT TO ISLAND FREELY

Come to Rescue of Four Students Arrested and Attempt to Excuse Them—Court Says Example May Be Made of Them.

Four repentant young students, who were arrested for immoral practices on Ross Island, are seeking to condone their character by blackening the character of the young girls in the case. The claim has been made that the houseboat in question was an orderly place until two girls of questionable character, those named in the complaints, put in appearance.

In substantiation of this, Minnie Walsh, one of the girls, has taken the side of the boys. In a statement to Judge Court yesterday, she said that she was as much to blame for her visit to the island a week ago with five boys as were the students themselves.

That these contentions will be dispelled when the young men come to trial is the statement of an officer who has been investigating the case fully. He said last night that the names of two girls of irreproachable character and reputation have been located who were urged to visit the houseboat in question on various pretexts. They refused to go, however, saying it would be improper without a chaperone. The officer is working to locate still other girls, he said, to whom he has been invited to the place.

A formal charge was placed against the four students now implicated. Robert Garretson, Jack Hincks, Lyle Stow and Lyle Brown. The charge is that of a misdemeanor, and was filed in the juvenile court yesterday as Miss Walsh, Garretson, who is accused of having detained Hazel Murphy at the houseboat, sought to lay much of the blame upon her. He denied most emphatically having given any drugs, and asserted that she went to the houseboat on her own accord, and that he urged her to go home on Saturday morning, but that she said she preferred to wait and meet the other boys.

As to the fact that she was dressed in male attire when arrested, Garretson said she asked for a suit of boy's clothing in order to see how she would look. Theater Usher Implicated.

It was learned yesterday that the girls were taken to the island Saturday night at the instance of an usher at the Marquam Grand Theater. Young Brown says he had a theater ticket and as he entered the showhouse, an usher called him aside and asked if he would take the girls up to the houseboat, adding that he intended escorting them there himself, but had to work. Miss Walsh and Miss Murphy were then presented out and taken up the river by Brown and Garretson, so it was learned.

"I am just as bad as the boys," the Walsh girl said yesterday in the juvenile court. "If you are going to send them to jail, send me too, for I am just as guilty as they are."

Circuit Judge Frazer said from the bench yesterday forenoon that the girls are similar to this one are becoming too numerous, and that they must cease. Four cases a week wherein young girls are wronged and prosecution is required is the average. Unless circumstances of a mitigating nature develop Judge Frazer has stated his intention of making an example of these boys. No additional arrests were made yesterday. While six youths are said to be implicated in the improper practices at the houseboat, it is thought that the charge are Garretson, Brown, Stow and

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Sept. 23.—Maximum temperature, 81 degrees; minimum, 53. River reading at 8 A. M., 6.5 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.5 foot. Total rainfall, 3 P. M. to 5 P. M., none; total since September 1, 1907, 88.1 inches; normal, 122.1 inches; deficiency, 34 inch. Total sunshine, September 22, 12 hours 11 minutes; possible, 12 hours 11 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 29.79 inches.

Grand Central Station Time Card SOUTHERN PACIFIC. Leaving Portland—Shasta Express, 8:15 a. m. North Coast & Chicago Limited, 8:30 a. m. California Express, 7:45 p. m. San Francisco Express, 11:30 p. m.

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MEETING NOTICES. ELLISON ENCAMPMENT, NO. 1, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this (Tuesday) evening, Sept. 24, at 8 o'clock. No work. Celebration 50th anniversary and banquet. Admission by invitation, owing to large membership and limited accommodations.

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