

BLAME LANE OR BELONGING ACTION

Councilmen Say He Should Use Present Force Against Immoral Houses.

WILL GRANT HIS REQUEST

Wills and Belding Favor Allowing More Officers, but Believe That Mayor Should First Try Effect of Closing Order.

Mayor Lane is sharply criticized by Councilmen Wills and Belding regarding the present state of the morals of Portland, their statements being made as the result of the letter issued by the Executive Wednesday, asking for additional policemen to enforce a contemplated order closing all disorderly houses. It is a great shock, say the Councilmen, to learn so suddenly of the serious situation outlined by the Mayor. Why ask for more officers when he has never ordered the disorderly houses to be closed? How does he know he will require more policemen? Would he like to know why he does not first try to do something with the present police force.

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Asks Reason for Delay.

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Calls Attention to Boxes.

"Of course he does not need any more officers. That is my opinion, but if he really thinks he does, why I will vote for them, provided the funds are to be had. Incidentally, I want to ask the Mayor why he don't issue orders to the police to close the boxes used to enforce the box ordinance. There are flagrant violations of that law, without the slightest effort upon his part to have it enforced. The box will be just as bad as ever. Let him try this."

"If the Mayor intends to enforce the law I favor giving him whatever help he may require in the enforcement of police force," said Councilman Bennett. "Any assistance he deems necessary should be given him. If the Council is empowered and the Mayor is to meet it, the responsibility of law enforcement and that it is also a political move, are entrance. Nothing of the kind is intended. The responsibility rests with me, if the Council does its share."

No official action can be taken on the matter until next Wednesday, at which time the Council is to meet. It is thought the Mayor will do nothing more until the Council acts. As matters now stand it looks as though the Council will vote extra number of policemen asked by the Mayor next Wednesday, instead of referring his request to a committee.

WETTED BY WATER WAGON

Dr. Hegele Complains of Driver of City Sprinkling Cart.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 20.—(To the Editor.)—Reading the article which appeared in The Oregonian today, let us have the exact truths in this matter.

In the first place, the drivers of these sprinkling wagons are not to shut off the water and not sprinkle any vehicles which are standing at the curb as they go by. But there are some drivers, of which type William B. Schlenker is a fine example, and with whose methods I have become very familiar, who make it their special business to thoroughly wet everything and everybody, just as they please.

Some three weeks ago he sprinkled my automobile, at which time I warned him not to repeat it again, as it was against his orders. The second time, which was the very next chance he had, was when my automobile was standing in front of the Corbett building, in which building my office is located. This time I again warned him, but it seems that my warnings had no effect nor made any impression whatsoever in the place where his brain ought to be, for on Tuesday evening, while I was starting my automobile, he drove along with his water wagon and with willful intent drove as close as he could to the automobile and gave both myself and the car the full benefit of his possibilities, namely, a thorough wetting. Witnesses will corroborate my statements. This act was sufficient to arouse the anger of any man. I thereupon grabbed the reins of the horse and told the driver a few things in very plain English, but it seems that he thinks he should still be permitted to carry on his "bullheaded" tricks at his pleasure without any interference. Other automobile owners have telephoned and told me personally that they have been put to the same trouble with these men who run the curb at my residence and about whose steps were taken to protect automobiles from such abuse—at least, our licenses provide for such protection.

As to my automobile standing next to the curb at my residence and being in the way of the Cleaning Department, I wish to state that I keep my machine

at that hour, usually 7 in the evening, on the Fourteenth street side of my house, in order to not be in the way of the wagons and brooms; but when it becomes necessary I use the Morrison street side of my house as a stopping place; and who has a better right when I pay for the paving of the street and its repair? Will I have to ask anyone's permission? Or has anyone the right to sprinkle my automobile, any more than to throw mud or deface it in any other way?

Nor has my automobile the bad habits claimed for it, namely, standing outside all night; for that happens to be another machine, standing next my curb, but not owned by me, as I keep mine in a garage but two blocks distant.

Besides, should it be necessary, as it is oftentimes in my profession, to keep the automobile in immediate reach, at any hour—even the wee hours of the morning—I propose to keep it where I need it and want it, putting it into the garage when I think best, and not at the convenience of the Street-Cleaning Department.

At the corner of Fourteenth and Morrison and see that stagnant mud puddle, specially made by these men. And yet a gardener is paid to keep the streets free of mud. Why have it rooted out by the sprinkling wagons. DR. H. W. HEGELE.

DRIVES AUTO INTO SLOUGH

HUGH STEVENSON PLUNGES DOWN STEEP GRADE. Although He is Little Injured, Accident Reveals Dangerous Condition on East Taylor.

That the unfilled portion of East Taylor street, between East Ninth and East Tenth streets, across Hawthorne slough, is a dangerous place was demonstrated Wednesday night when Hugh Stevenson, a chauffeur, who drove into the slough a big automobile from the F. A. Bennett Automobile Company, thinking he had a safe street ahead of him. He had been sent out at midnight with an extra tire for a disabled machine and as East Morrison street is closed, turned down to East Taylor street and then drove eastward over the west bank of the slough, where the automobile lodged in the brush partly in the mud and water.

Mr. Stevenson received no injuries except a few bruises. The machine, forenoon and was found to have been little damaged by the plunge. East Taylor street is improved on both sides of Hawthorne slough close up to the edge and there are no barricades on either side and no lights near. Standing a block away at night the slough is not so dark as it is when the sun is out, and one not familiar with the neighborhood would not know there was danger.

The danger is now emphasized from the fact that East Morrison street, usually taken by the public eastward, is closed and the next open street south of East Salmon, which is one block south of East Taylor. People are constantly driving down to Hawthorne slough on East Taylor from both directions at night and several have had narrow escapes from plunging into the slough. Councilman Kellaker fought hard to have Hawthorne slough filled in last year, but the Hawthorne estate protested and defeated the improvement.

THIS CIRCUS IS IMMENSE

Statistical Facts Concerning Barnum & Bailey's Great Show.

Statistical data regarding the great American amusement forms an interesting subject. The Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth, which visits Portland next Tuesday and Wednesday, is the largest year of its existence. The proof that it has kept faith with the public is evidenced by the fact that it occupies the proud position of being the greatest American amusement enterprise, representing an actual investment of \$4,000,000. The average daily running expenses reach \$3000. One item alone will give an idea of the magnitude of the proposition. In the kitchen tent and canvas dining hall, food is prepared and served to 100 people three times each day. This is more than 300 performances. The 500 beautiful horses require the attention of 150 grooms, hostlers, etc. A complete blacksmith shop, a wagon factory, and a harness shop, in fact, all the industries of a small-sized city are necessary for the successful maintenance of this monster show.

There are 25 distinct tents in the city of canvas, erected each day for the temporary home of the circus. The most interesting of these is probably the one which contains the most valuable models of equine luxury.

In the arena tent, where the performances are given, are three circus rings, the largest of which is an immense oval hippodrome oval, innumerable aerial contrivances, and seating capacity for 15,000 spectators. To transport the parade animals, the worst of which is a mammoth, requires the railway equipment of five full-length trains.

CHILD DROWNED IN DITCH

VALE, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The little child of S. S. Williams, of Drewsey, was drowned in the irrigation ditch at their home Sunday.

LONG WORK OF FAMOUS OREGON NATURALISTS BEARS FRUIT

Creation by President of Wild Bird Preserves Result of Efforts of W. L. Finley and H. T. Bohlman

THE creation by President Roosevelt of the wild bird reserves on Lower Klamath, Harney and Malheur Lakes, in Southern Oregon, is the result of several years' work carried on by William L. Finley and Herman T. Bohlman, of the Oregon Audubon Society.

Upon the recommendation of these naturalists, President Roosevelt set aside the Three Arch Rocks Reserve at Netarts, a year ago. In the Summers of 1901 and 1902, Mr. Finley and Mr. Bohlman made a careful study of seabird life on the Oregon Coast, and their investigations and reports led to the establishment of the reserve. In 1905 they made a study of the Klamath region, and the past summer they spent two months in Harney County in the interest of wild bird protection.

In the last ten years the ducks, geese and other water fowl in the region referred to have greatly decreased in number, and the condition would have been greatly augmented by the opening up of the country to railroad communication. Some of the highly plumaged species of birds have been annihilated and others almost destroyed by plume-hunters. Reports to this effect that were recently sent on to Washington, D. C., by these two Portland naturalists brought hasty action from the President.

Great credit is due Mr. Finley and Mr. Bohlman, and the members of the

POLICE CAPTURE WILLY CHAFFER

Cell-Door Closes on Escapades of Ernest Diebler, Ex-Cavalryman.

IDENTIFICATION IN PRISON

Mining Operator Declares Arrested Man to Be One Who Defrauded Him of His Money. Story of Crime.

Ernest Diebler, chauffeur and former cavalryman, whose escapades with a stolen automobile on the Pacific Coast have kept a hundred detectives guessing at various times within the past month, while on his way to keep an appointment with a young woman of whom he is enamored.

After escaping from Chicago detectives by leaping from a Northern Pacific train near Roseman, Mont., Diebler came direct to Portland. Prompted by a desire to see a Portland woman, he cast caution to the winds and is now in the City Jail.

Diebler was arrested at Fifth and Montgomery streets at 3 o'clock by Detectives Heliyer and Maloney. He was dressed in working clothes, but wore no disguise. He showed great indignation, insisting that a mistake had been made. He almost convinced the officers, for in his pockets were found letters addressed to "E. W. Smith," which he claimed as his name. He said he came from Seattle and was a locomotive engineer.

Diebler held to this assertion until C. A. Dunn, tobacco dealer and mining operator, was called to the station. Dunn had been defrauded by Diebler to the extent of \$387. When he learned that Dunn was to appear, the auto thief fell to the floor. The detectives soused him with cold water and he opened his eyes only to begin writhing as if in pain.

Identified by Dunn.

When Mr. Dunn leaned over to identify him, Diebler had his face twisted as if in pain, but failed to escape recognition. Dunn had known him for a year and only needed a brief glimpse of the suspect.

"That's the right man," he said, and Diebler's pain at once passed away.

Then a second idea must have flashed through the prisoner's mind, and he set about giving a description of violent mental derangement.

"Where's the rest of the battalion, Lieutenant?" he shouted, starting wildly. "See, they're coming and several of them are coming. They'll murder us all. We can't hold this position without more men. Hurry up, Lieutenant."

Diebler's exploits with a stolen automobile read more like a few pages torn from the frenzied literature of a freak magazine. Up to a year ago his life appears to have been an honest one. He served through the Philippine campaign as a sergeant in Troop A, Fourteenth United States Cavalry, and on returning worked for a railway company near Chicago, later becoming driver for the Haines Automobile Company, of Chicago. He is married and has a son of three years.

A year ago he came to Portland in search of work. He bore excellent letters of introduction and recommendation addressed to Mr. Dunn, who had known him since he returned to Chicago. In June he came here again and in July asked Mr. Dunn to advance him money to pay for shipment of a touring car here from Chicago. Mr. Dunn gave him the money and took a tentative bill of sale on the machine for security. Diebler said he expected a draft from his mother and would meet all obligations when it arrived.

Securing the machine, the young man set out for Monmouth. The day he left he reached the authorities that the automobile had been stolen from the Haines Automobile Company. The Monmouth authorities arrested him on a charge of exceeding the speed limit in order to hold him until a warrant arrived.

BOY BURGLAR IS CAUGHT

CLARENCE COON TAKEN WHILE ROBBERING GROVE HOME. Lad Who Escaped From Detention Home Says Oscar Grove Helped Him in Burglary.

Portland's youngest burglar was arrested yesterday morning at daylight, at the home of Herbert Grove, in University Park. The burglar was just 12 years old, looked even younger, was armed with a man's size revolver, and his pockets were filled with loot. He is Clarence Coon, son of L. Coon, of St. John.

He was caught by Mrs. Grove, who reported herself from turning the infant-burglar over her knee and sent for the police. The child made no effort to use the revolver, although it was loaded and he had every chance.

He got into the Grove's home about daylight in company with Oscar Grove, 11-year-old son of the owner of the house. Clarence says the other boy stood guard at the head of the stairs while he ran down the kitchen and sitting room on the first floor. When Mrs. Grove got up, the lookout slid down the banister and vanished. Clarence remained and was caught.

At the police station young Coon was searched and quantities of buttons, fish-bone and knickknacks of all sorts were found. The kid said they planned to steal money with which to buy something nice to eat.

Clarence was turned over to the Juvenile Court authorities. The other tiny fugitives have not been taken. So far as known the colored boy did not take part in the raid on the Grove home.

This morning Clarence Coon escaped from the Detention Home, having once been sent there for stealing a bicycle, once for making away with a wagon, and another time for pilfering a suitcase.

NERO, CITY PARK LION, TO BE MANICURED

Strong Cage Will Be Built, Anaesthetic Administered, and Veterinarian Will Pare Big Beast's Claws.

HOW would you like to contract for the job of manicuring the nails of old Nero, the big lion at the City Park Zoo? While the work may be a trifle exciting and unusual, it is to be done, probably early next week, by Veterinary Surgeon J. M. Greener who will perform the operation.

"Easy as pie to do," said Mayor Lane, when asked if he would attempt in his official and professional capacity to assist. "No need whatever for any help for that job; old Nero is one of those old boys that are good natured, you see, and he is as tame as can be. Why, you could go right into his cage and lid him down."

"Yes," said a bystander, "but you must remember that it is pretty hot inside these days."

Parkkeeper Mische found that it is necessary for old Nero's nails to be trimmed, and he secured Veterinary Greener to perform the task. It was at first thought that it would be best to do the work at once, as the nails, which have grown so long that they are cutting the flesh in the paws, are very painful to the beast. However, as the cage in which Nero lives is not very strong, it was deemed wise to wait until a new and strong one is built.

The old beast will be chloroformed for the operation. He will be driven into a strong cage that will just nicely hold him. The anaesthetic will then be administered and the performance will quickly be over.

WRITES CHECK ON BANK

Diebler promptly penned a check for \$500 on a Portland bank to secure his appearance. The rural constabulary accepted the check. They held the automobile, however, and took it to Independence for safe keeping. A lively stable was used for its storage.

On the night of July 20, before the fact became known to the authorities that he had taken a worthless check to secure the appearance of a criminal, Diebler went to the lively stable, climbed into his car and turned on "high speed." He sped out of the stable and drove before the auto's legal custodian could restrain him. He sped to this city, picked up Martin Stromberg and proceeded on his way to Seattle, stopping at American Lake to renew old acquaintances in the Fourteenth Cavalry. It took him six days to reach Seattle. He planned to stop on through Vancouver, B. C., and was driving to the dock when Mr. Dunn, who had gone on

REPLIES TO SISTER

Mrs. Collins Would Keep Books of Hawthorne Estate. MOTIVE OF MRS. BOISE

Defendant Says Petitioner Wishes to Ascertain Evidence Against Husband, Who Now Faces Charge of Embezzlement.

Mrs. Catherine Collins, as secretary of the Hawthorne estate, has filed in the Circuit Court her answer to the petition for a writ of mandamus which her sister, Mrs. Whitney L. Boise, recently brought. In this she says that Mrs. Boise's motive for wishing to examine the books and records of the estate is to find out what incriminating evidence there is to substantiate the embezzlement charges now pending against her husband. The latter had charge of the estate for about nine years, beginning in 1898.

Mrs. Collins says that Mrs. Boise is particularly anxious to check up Boise's bank book, which the estate has in its possession. She says that Mrs. Boise has pledged \$99 shares of 1000 as security for the payment of large sums of money "appropriated and embezzled" to his own use by Whitney L. Boise. The entire capitalization of the company is \$300,000, of which Mrs. Boise owns a third. Her 999 shares held by the estate as security for the alleged embezzlements of the husband are worth \$99,900.

During the six or seven years in which Mrs. Boise was secretary of the estate she kept no books, according to Mrs. Collins' allegation. The affairs of the estate were thereby involved in a tangle, which the latter says has not yet been unraveled. She says that as a director of the corporation her sister has at all times had the right to inspect whatever books or records she pleased, but insists that she has no right to employ a personal accountant to expert the record. She asks that the court make an order allowing Mrs. Boise to examine the records at all reasonable times, but under such restrictions as the court may decide upon when the hearing is had.

HUSBAND DISCHARGES WIFE

Della Lumsden Demands Divorce and Alimony From Husband.

That her husband loaded their furniture on a wagon August 1 and informed her that he did not need her services as housekeeper any longer, is the statement of Della Lumsden in a suit for divorce from George Lumsden, filed in the Circuit Court yesterday. She says that they were living together on Sauvie island, on a ranch acquired by their united efforts. She says that she always endeavored to do her part of the work incident to farm life, cooking for four or five men, who were employed about the ranch.

When she was ordered away from home she went to live with her sister, returning a week later with a request to her husband that she be permitted to remain. She says she was again ordered away.

Mrs. Lumsden says she has been cruelly treated for the past three years for the sake of her children. On the evening of September 18, 1907, she says that she issued by the Court compelling Lumsden to pay her \$50 at once, and after the trial \$20 a month alimony. She also demands \$100 attorneys' fees.

ASKS \$20,000 FOR LOSS OF ARM

Because his arm was crushed in a printing press, necessitating amputation, William G. Allgrunn demands \$20,000 damages from Robert C. Steinmetz, Allgrunn says he is the owner of a lithographing plant, and that Steinmetz is pressman. The latter, he says, negligently permitted the oil to accumulate on the fly-wheel and brake, as was shown on the floor about the press. There was no guard attached to the vibrating rollers or to the fly wheel, which would have prevented an accident. On the evening of June 11, while Allgrunn was operating the press, he says he slipped on the floor and caught his arm in the rollers. He says he is an expert lithographer.

CHEKAK ESTATE WORTH \$5075

The estate of Jerry R. Chehak, who was a partner in the grocery firm of Chehak Bros., is worth \$5075, according to the inventory and appraisement made by the County Court yesterday. The appraisers are G. E. McNeil, Joseph Strejc and Otto G. Svoboda. Two pieces of real estate in Caruthers Addition, owned by Chehak, are appraised at \$2600, the interest in the grocery being valued at \$1175.

SUIT OVER PROMISSORY NOTE

The Hugo Fritz Company, W. T. Mackey, G. F. McConnell and A. B. Widney are the defendants in a suit for \$2300 brought in the Circuit Court by Bessie Mackey. She claims that only \$120 has been paid on a promissory note for \$500, signed April 18. Besides the balance due on the note she demands \$100 attorneys' fees.

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