

BOY RUNS BEFORE CAR HIS WHEELS

Ernest Ulin, Nine Years Old, Mangled on Track of United Railways.

ACCIDENT HELD OWN FAULT

Warned by Playmate of Approach of Car, He Misjudges Time and Is Caught Under Wheels. Motorman Held Blameless.

While engaged in a boyish romp on the street with one of his schoolmates just after the Chapman School was out yesterday afternoon, Ernest Ulin, a 9-year-old pupil, whose parents live at 693 Wilson street, was knocked down and ground into a lifeless mass by a car on the United Railways line in charge of Motorman H. B. Smith, at Twenty-second and Roosevelt streets. The boy's body was wedged under the forward trucks of the car and mangled so shockingly that almost every bone was fractured. His skull and face were mangled into pulp.

The tragedy was witnessed by a large number of people, who say it was an unavoidable accident and hold the motorman blameless. The child's leg was dashed under the wheels, it is said, through his own recklessness. Accompanied by Jaimes Johnson, a schoolmate, who lived near by at the corner of Blackstone and Roosevelt streets, the Ulin boy was on his way home, and as they turned south on Roosevelt street they started a game of tag.

Warning of No Avail.

At the corner of Twenty-second street they both saw the oncoming car. It had stopped at the corner, but had not yet gained very great momentum. Jaimes warned Ernest of the approach of the car. Ernest stopped, and then, evidently believing he could beat the car, darted directly in front of it. He miscalculated the distance and the speed, and in the fraction of a second was crushed.

Motorman Smith, who threw on the emergency brakes the moment he saw the little fellow make his dash across the street, succeeded in bringing his car to a standstill within 57 feet. The sudden application of the emergency brakes threw the passengers out of their seats. This, followed by the announcement of the killing of the boy, caused much excitement.

Body Closely Wedged In.

The car had to be raised by jacks in order to get the body free. Deputy Coroner J. D. Dunning was notified and hurried to the scene, where he instituted an immediate investigation and took charge of the remains. After making extensive inquiries, he announced that, so far as he was able to determine, the death of the boy had been entirely accidental, but that an official inquest would be held at 4:30 o'clock today.

On the front platform of the car with Motorman Smith, Mr. Donner, master mechanic of the road. Mr. Donner said: "The car was coming along at a moderate rate of speed when the accident happened. I was started on ahead of us so rapidly it would have been impossible for Motorman Smith to have acted as fast as he did. I have done everything to have prevented the tragedy. This statement of the case was borne out by R. Churchill, a resident of St. John, who was seated next to the window and was looking out at the time. Willie Farr and Eugene Simon, two school boys of about Ernest's age who were coming along the street behind Ernest and Jaimes, said they heard Jaimes call to Ernest in Norwegian, their native tongue, warning him not to try to pass in front of the car.

Officials Clear Motorman.

Patrolman Gill was summoned and notified the dead boy's father, who is an employe of the Eastern & Western Lumber Company. The victim of the tragedy was the only child and the news of his tragic end prostrated both his parents. Motorman Smith was also greatly shocked by the accident. He had to be relieved from duty and sent to his home at Twenty-third and Thurman streets.

L. E. Wickerson, the manager of the company and G. O. Christ, the supervisor, made an immediate investigation to ascertain whether Motorman Smith was to blame. Mr. Wickerson said last night: "After examining all the witnesses, I feel that Smith did everything in his power to avert this tragedy and is in no way to blame for it. He has a clean record with us as well as with the Southern Pacific Company, with which he had been a locomotive engineer for years. He is a man of long experience and this is his first accident."

PRICE HIGHEST ON RECORD

Quarter Block in Warehouse District Sells for \$30,000.

Joseph H. Johnston yesterday completed the sale of a quarter block at the southwest corner of Fifteenth and Johnson streets. The property is improved with a modern residence occupied by the owner, Dr. W. A. Wise, and runs diagonally across the street from the Marshall-Wells double block, where the largest warehouse on the Pacific Coast will be erected.

WASTE IN DISTRIBUTION

This Cause Blamed Chiefly for High-Priced Food, Etc. PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—(To the Editor)—I have often read editorials and communications in the Oregonian, explaining the high cost of living as due to extravagance, that we have attained a higher standard of living which demands luxuries, that the high cost of living is the cost of being high and that if we wished to reduce the cost of living, we must return to the simple life. Who are the extravagant persons, may I ask? Are they the laboring men, attired in blue overalls, working ten hours a day for \$2, supporting a family, paying from \$10 to \$20 per month in house rent, and being found among the mechanics whose wages average from \$3 to \$4 a day, whose wives must plan and economize in order to make that sum buy food and clothing and other necessities for the family, and, if possible,

ADVERTISERS SAY RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IS MENACED

Adventists Say Religious Liberty Is Menaced. DECISIVE ACTION IS TAKEN

NORTHWESTERN BODY OF CHURCH GOES ON RECORD AGAINST UNDUE LEGISLATION

Northwestern Body of Church Goes on Record Against Undue Legislation—Praises Press and Establishes New Territory.

With resolutions adopted protesting against the legislation of Sunday laws, declaring them a menace to religious liberty of the Northwest and the country at large; endorsing the press and its power for good, and establishing a new mission conference of the territory of Eastern Oregon, were the principal features of yesterday's meeting of the North Pacific union conference, Seventh Day Adventists, in session in the East Portland church.

PARK READY FOR ROSES

CEREMONY OF PLANTING DAY WILL BE ELABORATE. Ceremony Will Have International Significance, Foreign Representatives Taking Part.

The official programme for the annual Rose Planting day to be celebrated a week from tomorrow (Washington's birthday) will be ready in a few days.

This year the rose planting will have international importance from the fact that numerous nations among the great powers have already brought from their native herb rose bushes of native culture its gifts to Portland in honor of this year's event. The committee on commerce of the various nations will have charge of the planting exercises so far as their own offerings are concerned and in each case the participation has been authorized by the foreign office of the country which has its accredited representative here.

Officers of the Rose Society and Rose Festival met yesterday to arrange some of the details of the day's programme. So far it has been decided that the planting ceremony to which the entire city is to be invited, especially the children, will take place at 5:30 o'clock on the afternoon of February 22, in a spot in City Park which has already been prepared for the reception of the roses. Superintendent Mische has notified the Rose Society of the ground which will be in excellent shape.

Some time ago Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson said he would send an official representative here and he was again reminded of his promise yesterday by telegraph. Governor Benson will represent the commonwealth of Oregon and Mayor Simon has consented to be on hand and accept the native roses from the different nations from the consular representatives.

Just how much of a procession and parade there will be on that day has not been determined but the state, city and other officials, as well as the Rose Festival and Rose Society officers will gather at the Oregon Hotel at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon and proceed in automobiles to City Park.

N. P. ADVERTISES ROSE SHOW

First Railroad to Boom Portland's Great Festival Systematically. First among the great railroad systems of the country actively to advertise Portland's fourth annual Rose Festival, June 5 to 11, next, is the Northern Pacific. The passenger department of this road has just caused to be printed several hundred letter-inclosures telling of the many attractive features of the coming show in this city. These leaflets have been distributed among the agents of this railroad system with instructions that one be enclosed in every letter that is mailed.

On one side of the enclosure is printed a description of Oregon-grown roses together with a view of a rose-decorated automobile which appeared in the annual parade last year. On the other side of the same leaflet is printed in prominent form a statement of the many attractions for which Portland's Rose Festival has become famous. This same statement also includes a reference to the many points of interest which are to be seen and visited in close proximity to Portland, the origin "Rose City".

\$3,000,000 BUYS TIMBER

Sale by S. Benson to Easterners of 27,000 Acres Is Reported. Reports of the sale of 27,000 acres of timber lands in Columbia County by S. Benson for a consideration of \$3,000,000 are current in Portland, but Mr. Benson is now in California and the reported buyers, yesterday, would not talk about the transaction. It is understood that the purchasers are the Weyerhaeuser syndicate, the Chapman Timber Company of Portland, and Henry Teuech, a Minnesota capitalist. Simcoe Chapman, president of the Chapman Timber Company, yesterday declined to discuss the deal, declaring that he would have nothing to say on the subject for several days. Mr. Benson, it is understood, is disappointed in his timber holdings and active business interests. He has recently become associated with J. B. Yeon in the proposed office building that will be erected at Fifth and Alder streets.

SUNDAY LAW WAR ON COUGHED ALL NIGHT

This Recipe Was Tried. Cure Followed in 5 Hours.

HELP IS NEEDED

C. W. Flax made a strong plea for the college and declared that the unpaid subscriptions should be paid for four hours. Then take one-half teaspoonful three or four times a day. Give children less according to age. They will tone up and rid the system of deep-seated coughs every time.

When completed this building will be the tallest on the Pacific Coast, exceeding the tower of the Call Building, in San Francisco. The Thompson-Starrett Company, of New York, through its local manager, Wilbur S. Sample, was the successful bidder. It was awarded the contract for \$60,000.

YEON CONTRACT IS LET

WORK ON TALLEST BUILDING ON COAST BEGINS MARCH 10. Venerable Shacks Will Disappear When Leases Expire—Skyscraper Finished in Year.

Work of wrecking the old frame structures on the site is scheduled to commence March 10 next. The building must be completed and ready for a grand opening March 15, 1911, according to a stipulation in the contract. There probably will be no more modern or beautiful building for business tenants in the Far West when the Yeon structure is completed. In addition to the present building, there will be a building equipped with a complete vacuum cleaning outfit.

MISSION CONFERENCE IS FORMED

By resolution, a new mission conference was formed in Eastern Oregon of the territory there excepting Klamath, Hood River, Wallowa, Baker, Union and Malheur counties. This territory had been part of the Upper Columbia conference, but G. E. Langdon, president, in his report recommended that this mission conference be formed. He reported that the population was now about 100,000, but was growing rapidly as the railway companies were building into the district from the Columbia River.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE FINANCES

C. M. Christensen read the financial report of Walla Walla College and Industrial School. The full resources of that institution were given as \$32,772, which is an increase of \$10,255 over the resources of a year ago. The net gain in resources was given as \$6881. The debt was reported at \$15,249. The question was raised why there should be any debt against the institution by Elder F. S. Bunch and others when \$25,000 in subscriptions were raised by pay off the debt and the jubilee was celebrated by the cancellation of the debt. It was explained that the jubilee was sung on the theory that there were ample subscriptions and cash to consider.

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By Reason of All These Facts Prices of Lots in Laurelhurst Are Bound to Double and More in 12 Months. You can purchase a lot in Laurelhurst, if you move quickly, at the original price. It will have every one of the above improvements. Say you buy one of our \$1000 lots. You pay us \$100 cash when you select your lot, and you pay us \$20 each month until paid for. In 12 months you will have paid us just \$340. In 12 months that lot will find a ready buyer at double what you paid for it, and more, because it has been increasing in value every day while you have been paying for it. Every home that is built and every improvement which is completed make your lots more valuable. If you sell it for \$2000, you have made a profit of \$1000, besides the return of your \$340—not quite 300 per cent profit in 12 months.

Call at our office and let us tell you more of Laurelhurst.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Fred W. Piper, of Seattle, is at the Nortonia. Mrs. J. R. McAllister, of Tacoma, is at the Lenox. L. C. Thompson, a capitalist of Carlton, is at the Perkins. Mrs. J. A. Morrison and daughter are registered at the Lenox.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Garland returned from property in Fulton. Photographs of the condition in which the railway company left the property, after grading for the electric line, were introduced in evidence.

Mr. and Mrs. Eschelberger, a Portland cigar dealer, left Saturday for Chicago to meet his wife, who was injured in a railway accident in Ohio in December. Mr. and Mrs. Eschelberger will return to Portland about the middle of March.

PASO ROBLES, Cal., Feb. 14.—(Special).—The following Northwest people are registered at Paso Robles hotel: M. O. Van Schuyler, wife and children, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hook, Portland, Oregon.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—(Special).—G. Butterworth, of Portland, is at the Morrison.

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PIANO RECITAL AT CHRISTENSEN'S HALL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 8:30 P. M. MISS PEARL BARDE (Pupil of Miss Marie A. S. Soule, B. M.) ASSISTED BY Mr. John Claire Monteith, Baritone. Mr. J. Ross Fargo, Tenor.

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