

# RUNAWAY HEIR IN FIGHT FOR CASH

## Perry Wood Kerr, Lost Three Years, May Get Estate Left by Woman.

# GUARDIAN LENDS FORTUNE

## Interesting Case Arises in Portland Court, as Result of Discovery Youth Had Joined Navy. Adopted When but Lad.

Following the accidental finding of a runaway heir, a Portland lad, suit has been instituted in the local court for the recovery of a small fortune left by an Albany, Or., woman, who adopted the runaway, now in Uncle Sam's Navy, when he was a lad.

The plaintiff in the case is Perry Wood Kerr, who has been missing for three years. Yesterday his attorney, John F. Logan, asked County Judge Cleston to require the boy's guardian to produce for Kerr \$18,750, willed to the latter by the late Mrs. Dora B. Davis, formerly the wife of an Albany physician, who was his foster-mother.

Mrs. L. C. Parish, the boy's guardian, has explained to the court that the money was loaned to her brother, Edward Helm, who gave nothing in return but his unsecured note. It has been left to Judge Cleston to determine whether legal action shall be taken to enforce toward the collection of the note.

### Serious Charges Placed.

In court yesterday Mrs. Parish was charged with having mistreated the Kerr boy and forcing him to run away from home. He also declared that she acted in defiance of the court's order, Webster, which were to the effect that she should produce the money.

Whether the money can be collected for the boy is a serious problem, for Mrs. Parish's bondsmen have proved to be of no financial responsibility, one of them, Patterson, having recently been sentenced to prison for a federal crime.

### Former Charge Falls to Hold.

In support of his charge that the boy had been mistreated by his guardian, Attorney Logan explained that upon one occasion she had him arrested for taking some milk, but could not support her charge of wrongdoing in court.

Mrs. Davis died in the Spring of 1905. She was living in Portland at the time of her death, and thus the fair was brought into the court of this county, although she had previously been living in Albany, which is the home of Mrs. Parish.

Young Kerr seems to have left Portland with no idea of ever returning to claim the money left him, for he never let any one know where he was going nor where he might be found, until recently a letter was received by one of his former friends in this city, in which it was stated that the boy had joined the Navy and was at the naval training station at Goat Island, in the Bay of San Francisco.

# FACTION FIGHT WITHDRAWN

## Promised Serious Legal War Over Mill Holdings Dies.

What promised to be a serious legal war between factions of the construction company has been killed in its infancy, and the suit filed by one faction to prevent the other, consisting of the members of the family of Frank Swoboda, president of the company, from retaining control of the firm, was withdrawn yesterday.

The suit was brought against Frank Swoboda, his son, Arthur Swoboda, and the former's wife, Mrs. Frank Swoboda, by Ira Moore, Arthur Moore, Ralph Moore, Elmer Eatinger and F. O. Weston.

It was explained to the court that to avoid litigation, the Swoboda family had bought out the stock owned by the plaintiffs.

The Swoboda family, who formerly controlled the majority of the stock of the concern, were accused in the complaint of holding an illegal directors' meeting, attended only by themselves, when they voted to increase their capital stock by selling to Arthur Swoboda 15 shares of unissued stock.

# EAST SIDE BACKS MOVE

## Plan on for Midnight Mail Collection at Points.

The Sunnyside Push Club has started a movement to secure the collection of East Side mail in the evening by automobile. If this service is established the mail along Union avenue, Williams avenue, Broadway street, Grand, Holladay, Hawthorne, Belmont street, and wherever there is a paved street, will be collected as late as 12 o'clock at night, and people having letters to get off on the train may put them in boxes on the paved streets at a late hour and be assured that they will be collected before 12 o'clock at night and go out on the train the next day.

Dr. J. A. Pettit spoke of the importance of getting this late and speedy collection of the push clubs to be inaugurated. Each club will be asked to urge the Oregon delegation to assist in the matter.

The club endorsed the movement to regulate the opening and closing of the bridge draws, by keeping them closed during the rush hours of the morning and evening. Councilman Kuhl's vote against the vacation of Adams street at the last meeting of the Council was endorsed. Secretary Walker was instructed to send a strong request to City Engineer Morris to leave East Thirty-fourth street extended to the Sunnyside Park on East Stark street.

# MISS KURTH GOOD BOOSTER

## Portland Girl Says Germany Is Anxious to Know of Oregon.

Portland and Oregon have a live booster in Miss Eleanor Kurth, daughter of H. Kurth, of 129 Emerson street, Wood-

# WOMEN ACCUSERS OF MEN

## Grave Charges Brought Against Two Youths Each 22.

Earl Hooper, 22 years old, and Bert Boyer, of the same age, are in the City Jail, charged with living off the earnings of fallen women, and Kate James, until one week ago an employe at one of Portland's sanitariums, and Hazel Jackson, are also being held as witnesses.

The women made damaging admissions against the two men. The Jackson woman said that she had given Hooper \$2 a day for the past year. The other said that she had been an innocent woman until one week ago, when she met Boyer, who forced her into her

present life. She recently came to Portland from Salem, Or., where her parents live. The Jackson woman and Hooper came to Portland from Seattle and both live in San Francisco.

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bar pipe, the Water Board, at a special meeting yesterday afternoon awarded to the Shaw-Batcher Pipe Company, of Sacramento, the contract for constructing the second Bull Run pipeline to Bull Run River for \$1,259,782.

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Having secured the contract for the work, the Shaw-Batcher Company will at once make preparations to fabricate the steel in Portland, or close to Portland, according to the promise made to the Board last Tuesday afternoon. The job is one of the largest ever undertaken in Portland, and it is estimated that the labor alone will aggregate \$100,000.

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The new pipeline is designed to carry 45,000,000 gallons of water every 24 hours. It will be 24 miles long and the most of it will be 53 inches in diameter; the rest 49 inches, under the terms of the new contract.

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# TEMPORARY OREGON-WASHINGTON BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN BAKERS BAY AND SAND ISLAND.

The accompanying illustration shows the arbitrary Oregon-Washington boundary line in the Columbia River between Baker's Bay and Sand Island, which has been determined at a conference between Fish Commissioner Riseland, of Washington, and Master Fish Warden McAllister, of Oregon.

The heavy dotted line shows the dividing line as it is contended by the Oregon authorities. The parallel lines, following an irregular course, mark the arbitrary boundary line as it was fixed at the conference.

The object in establishing a definite dividing line at this point, temporarily, was for the purpose of facilitating the assessment of property as between the two states as well as the collection of fishing licenses in the disputed section of the Columbia River. Final determination of the boundary line at this point in the river will be one of the subjects to be considered by the commissions from the two states which, it is proposed, to have authorized by Congress. At a conference in this city Wednesday between the officials of the two states, it was decided to request Congress for authority to appoint a commission from each state that the boundary question might be finally settled. The findings of the commission, under the terms of this arrangement, are to be ratified by the Legislatures of the two states before becoming effective.

# Y. M. C. A. TO FIND HOME

## Will Take Boys From Evil Environment, Not as Charity.

Authority was given the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian Association by the board of governors yesterday to establish a home for boys. This is a project that has been under consideration for the past six months and will probably be carried out during the next few weeks.

It is proposed to rent a house large enough to accommodate from 25 to 30 boys who will live there in the care of some man who yet to be selected. While the movement is backed up by several local business men, it is not a charity, for the boys will be required to pay the actual expenses of maintaining the home, these expenses to be kept as low as possible.

The purpose of the movement is to give a home to boys who are alone in the city and who have been living under undesirable conditions. Many cases have come to the attention of the Y. M. C. A. of boys who are living in an immoral environment, for the reason that they cannot afford to rent rooms in respectable quarters.

Six boys have already been selected to occupy the home. Until it is opened these boys, and perhaps others, will be accommodated in the large dormitory in the Y. M. C. A. building, in which there are 100 beds. The dormitory will be turned over to the boys entirely for the present.

The Y. M. C. A. governors also voted to purchase a five-passenger automobile, which will be used in road work by the automobile class in the educational department.

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## Fear of Smallpox Spreading Causes Needed Precaution.

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Every effort is being made by health authorities over the state to restrict the spread of the disease. Thus far, other than in the case of the infant, no deaths have resulted.

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