

CAPTAIN SPENCER ACCUSES SPEIER

Steamboat Owner Charges Discrimination in Arrest for Violating Speed Law.

OTHER VESSELS GO FREE

Time of Serving Warrant Was Fixed to Embarrass Him and Subpenas Were Refused, Is Charge of River Skipper.

Charges of gross favoritism, unfairness and injustice were preferred against Harbor-master Speier and Harbor policeman Ellis before Mayor Simon by Captain E. W. Spencer, owner of the river steamer Charles R. Spencer, yesterday morning.

Harbor-master Speier denied the charges and declared that he had always endeavored to treat all steamboat operators alike, having in mind only the enforcement of the laws regulating traffic on the river, and asserted that he never had discriminated against Captain Spencer or anyone else since he had been in charge of the harbor.

The charges grow out of the operations of various steamers on the Willamette River. They will be referred to the police committee of the Executive Board. They are addressed to Mayor Simon and are as follows:

"I have to report the following facts in regard to Harbor-master Speier and Deputy Harbor-master Ellis:

"On Sunday, July 3, the Charles R. Spencer left her dock and proceeded down the river at her usual and lawful speed. She was less than one minute behind the steamer Breakwater and was immediately followed by another boat.

Warrants Served Late.

The boat has a lay-over day on Wednesday of each week in Portland, sailing on Thursday morning. Warrants were issued by direction of Deputy Harbor-master Ellis on Wednesday for my arrest as master of the boat and were served on me late Wednesday night at an hour which would ordinarily have been long after dark, to enable me to procure a pilot to take the boat out Thursday morning, the arrest being thus perfectly calculated to deprive the boat of the day's trip.

"It was well known to the officers that I was in town all day Wednesday. The day of the hearing was set for July 12. On Monday, the 12th, I was subpoenaed to be issued for the officers of the steamer Bailey Gatzert, who, having followed my boat down the harbor in their importunate importunities. These subpoenas they refused to serve, on the ground that service of them would interfere with the sailing of the Bailey Gatzert. The excuse was not good in fact, since to my knowledge the arrangements were such that the Gatzert could have sailed without the officers subpoenaed.

Other Boats Equally Speedy.

At the time the case was set for hearing, neither the Harbor-master or his deputy appeared. As a matter of fact, there was abundant and overwhelming proof within the reach of these officers that the boat did not exceed the speed limit at the time in question, and it was also perfectly evident that if she had the day preceding her and the boat following here were equally guilty.

"In addition to these officers on this and other occasions have caused articles to be inserted in the newspapers making false, scandalous and injurious statements respecting the facts of my arrest and conviction, and falsely alleged violations of the law on the part of the Charles R. Spencer.

"I submit that the facts show a case of such gross favoritism, unfairness and injustice on the part of these officers as to require their dismissal.

WOMAN SWOONS IN COURT

Sharer of Young Man's Guilt Overcome by Threat of Judge.

When Judge Bennett said yesterday morning that he would take under advisement the question whether he should send Clifford Hall to prison, Mabel Gillfallen, sharer of Hall's guilt, leaped from the witness stand, ran several steps and fell in a swoon on the crowded floor of the courtroom. She was carried to the women's box and revived before being returned to the custody of Matron Simmons.

Hall, who is only 19 years old, and the Gillfallen woman, who is 22, were arrested together at Second and Main streets by Patrolmen Humphries and Montgomery. Hall said that he was a bookkeeper. He admitted that he had accepted money from the woman and Judge Bennett is considering the advisability of pressing that charge, which is a felony in this state. Judge Bennett said that the boy showed a determination to mangle in the affairs of the underworld and that it might be best to put him where he would have time to think it over. Hall denied that he had taken the woman's money for his own use, asserting that he held it for safekeeping and that it was at her command.

SHORTWEIGHT ICE SOLD

Employer Pays Penalty for Offense Committed by Driver.

While protesting innocence, L. H. Kayser, of the City Market, pleaded guilty in Police Court yesterday to a charge of selling shortweight ice, and was fined \$10, though protesting his innocence. He said that he did not wish to see his driver, a poor man, punished for the offense.

The wagon upon which the offense occurred was without scales and ice was being delivered by guess. Inspector Buchtel found some of the deliveries short in weight. Kayser said that scales were supplied with the wagon and that it was the driver's fault if they were not used.

"Very well, then," said Judge Bennett, "we will dismiss this case and arrest the driver." The employer demurred to this and, finding that he could not clear both himself and the driver, accepted the punishment.

Harry Joy, driver of an ice wagon, was also arraigned on a charge of selling shortweight ice, and sentence was suspended during good behavior.

POPULAR ACTRESS WHO WILL LAY CORNERSTONE OF THE NEW HEILIG THEATER TOMORROW.



MRS. FISKE.

In connection with the engagement of Mrs. Fiske, the eminently successful actress, which begins this evening at the Bungalow theater, the announcement is made that tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the actress will lay the cornerstone of the new Heilig Theater, now in course of erection at Seventh and Taylor streets.

Mrs. Fiske, who is always a great favorite in Portland, will appear this evening and again tomorrow evening in her famous delineation of "Becky Sharp," which since her initial appearance in the role has long been identified as peculiarly her own, and for which she is justly renowned. Her newest play, "Pillars of Society," by Henrik Ibsen, which she will present on a matinee on Saturday afternoon and again on Saturday evening, will probably prove a splendid stimulant to the study of the great dramatist by Portlanders.

Mrs. Fiske and her husband, Harrison Grey Fiske, were responsible for the original Ibsen vogue in America. It commenced with Mrs. Fiske's appearance in "A Doll's House" at a charity matinee in New York. The perfectly sensible interpretation of this play on that occasion made the ordinary theatergoer realize that he had been neglecting the greatest dramatic genius of modern times. The interest which then began was increased by other productions, until finally the name of Ibsen became almost as familiar as that of Shakespeare himself. Mrs. Fiske's latest play is an appeal to the imagination, to the brain and the soul, and is said to be her best vehicle in years.

PEOPLE MAY DECIDE

Sign Firm Practically Offers to Quit Home Section.

MAYOR CONSIDERS OFFER

Agreement Is to Place No Billboards in Residence Districts Without Consent of Majority of Residents—Height Limited.

Foster & Kleiser, billboard monopolists of Portland, are on their knees, begging for mercy, and have submitted to Mayor Simon a proposed ordinance which will virtually eliminate these obnoxious signs from residence districts of this city, if it passes the Council.

They agree to place no billboards at all in residence sections without the consent of a majority of the residents, and if any are placed there, that they shall be not more than 10 feet high.

This is by far the greatest concession ever made, so far as known, by any billboard firm anywhere, and Mayor Simon is inclined to give it serious consideration. He will turn the proposed ordinance over to Councilman Ellis, who is circulating, jointly with the Mayor, an initiative petition for the right to vote on a stringent measure that, if passed by the people, would cut down the billboard business to the minimum.

"I am inclined to give the proposition of the billboard firm serious consideration," said Mayor Simon, after a conference with F. W. Kistner and L. A. McNary, his legal adviser. "If we can get an ordinance that will virtually eliminate the boards from the residence sections, it is my belief that we have accomplished a great deal. While I have no doubt the people would pass any measure submitted, aimed to restrict the billboard business, nevertheless if we can reach a compromise and secure enough in the way of concessions, I would favor doing so. The world is largely run on compromises, and it is not always that one can get all one wants without granting something in return."

This is the first time in Portland that the billboard agents have as much as considered any restrictions on their business, and all previous efforts to regulate them have met with dismal failure. They now propose to divide the city into districts, residence and business, and to build no boards higher than 10 feet in residence sections, even when receiving the consent of a majority of the property owners facing on a given street, and none at all in the business districts, unless they have the majority consent.

That this means no billboards in the residence sections, is the assertion of the billboard agents, who declare that people will not consent to the erection and maintenance of the boards unless they have to. With an ordinance prohibiting it, the billboard people assert property-owners will not permit the boards on their grounds, and it will have the effect of restricting the signs to the business sections.

The proposed ordinance, submitted by the billboard concern, does not limit the height of the boards in the business districts further than the height now stipulated—30 feet. There are provisions for the safety of the signs and a clause relating to the license fee.

There is a probability that Mayor Simon and Councilman Ellis will insist upon further concessions, if they desire to accept the ordinance. They will probably ask that a clause be inserted, prohibiting any boards under any circumstances in the residence sections, and they may also ask for an improved license-fee system, such as a fixed sum per square foot of space used

throughout the city. The present license fee is on a flat basis of \$500 a year.

MAYOR COLLECTS ACCOUNT

United Railways Pays \$500 Corporation Tax Due Three Years.

Joseph Simon, collector of accounts. This may be "stretching" it a little, but as an adjustment agent Mayor Simon is "there." He yesterday collected \$500, due for three years, from the United Railways Company, although the present officers of that concern felt that the bill was hardly one they should pay.

Recently the railway company's officers asked for an extension of time of 90 days in which to complete the line to Mount Calvary Cemetery. In due time the City Council passed an ordinance granting this, and a few days ago it came before Mayor Simon for his official scrutiny.

Mayor Simon looked up the records and found that in 1907 there was an unpaid bill of \$500, corporation tax, due the city from the railways company. It was then known as the Oregon Traction Company, and later was taken over by a new concern, still later being bought by the Hill interests, which are now in control. There was a dispute as to who should pay the \$500, and no one paid it.

These facts were laid before the United Railways officials by the Mayor two days ago, with a notification that he was considering the time extension ordinance and wished the bill paid. An attorney for the company called at the City Hall yesterday morning, paid the bill to Treasurer Warfield and showed the Mayor the receipt. The ordinance was approved without further delay.

FOLK TO BE AT GLADSTONE

Ex-Governor Will Be Escorted by Former Residents of State.

Accompanied by Alex Sweek, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, and a number of friends, Joseph W. Folk, ex-Governor of Missouri and candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency, journeyed to Columbia Beach yesterday. Mr. Folk lectured at the Chautauqua during the day, returning to Portland last night.

A luncheon for Mr. Folk will be given by the lawyers of the city at 12:15 today, at the Portland Commercial Club. It will be an informal affair, and all attorneys of the city are invited.

Mr. Folk will lecture tonight at Gladstone Park, and will be escorted by the members of the Missouri Society under the leadership of William M. Davis. The train will leave the Junction of Morrison and East Water streets at 7 o'clock.

Senator M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, chairman of the reception committee, was much perturbed yesterday over the report that he had aided the legal fraternity in placing a non-partisan judicial ticket in the field.

"It is a mistake to say that I signed the paper circulated at the meeting of the State Bar Association which was intended, as I am informed, as a recommendation for the nomination of certain officers," said Senator Miller. "I did not sign any papers, and am not in favor of any assembly."

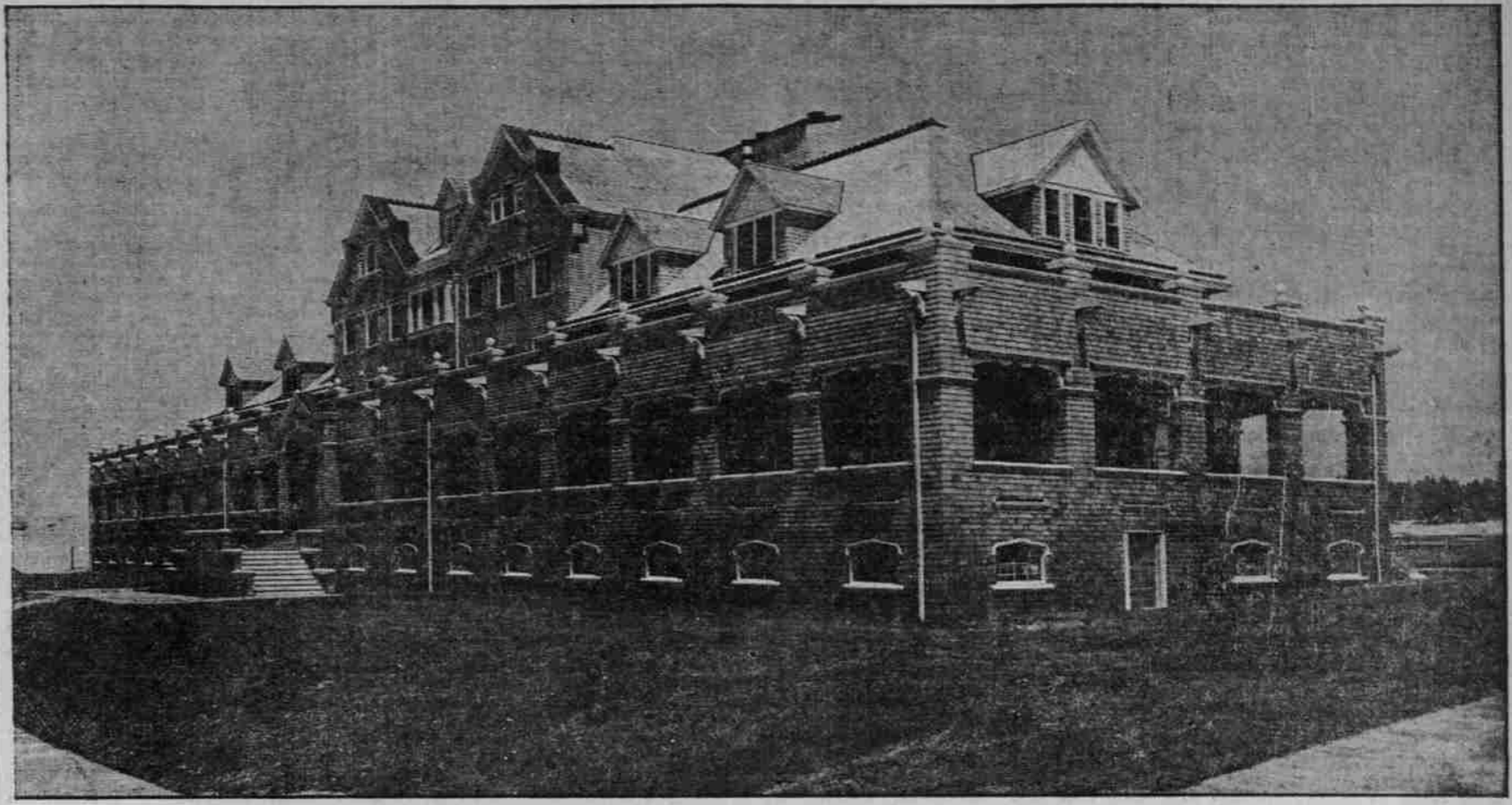
HOW YOUNG SHOULD LEARN

Miss Doyle Talks on Teaching, Father Yorke on Good Habits.

"The Means Experience Has Approved in Teaching Religion," was the subject of Rev. P. C. Yorke's lecture at the Institute of the Catholic Educational Society of Oregon, being held at St. Mary's Academy this week.

Two lectures were also given by Miss Mary E. Doyle, one on "Children's Rights" and the other on "Primary Reading." Speaking on the first subject, she said the periods of infancy, childhood and

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adolescence need different handling by the teacher. Children in the adolescent period need the sympathy of the teacher, she said, not her sarcasm. She said a great many children leave school because

their social rights are not clearly understood, and they are compelled to bow under the will of the teacher without understanding the reason. There would not be as much trouble with the discipline if the teacher understood better the process of development in the child.

Father Yorke said the formation of useful, intellectual habits is the end of mental discipline.

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