

PLAYGROUND SITE CAPTURED BY TOTS

Mount Tabor Children Invade Meeting of Water Board and Win Fight.

FLOWERS ARE AMMUNITION

City Officials Captivated When Little Girls Present Carnations and Division-Street Land Given Up Amid Cheers.

With smiles, flowers and cheers a large delegation of children from the East Mount Tabor district yesterday won hands down the fight for a playground on the tract of land on Division street adjoining Mount Tabor reservoir No. 2, occupied at present by the supplies of the city water department. The youngsters appeared before the Water Board at a meeting held at the City Hall and, after a demonstration, got the unanimous vote of the Board to donate the land for a playground. It will be fitted with equipment at once by the park department.

The children won a fight which older people have been unable to master during the last year and a half. Repeatedly the latter have appeared before the city officials and requested that the tract be turned over to the children, but to no avail.

It was after the older people practically had given up that the children took the matter into their own hands, and they won on the first step of their campaign. About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon they boarded special street-cars, furnished them by the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company, and in a band to the City Hall, where the Water Board was in session.

Filing into the Council chamber, they lined up behind Councilman Joy, who explained to the members of the Board the purpose of their presence at the meeting. The Board then took up the question of granting the tract and began a discussion. While this was in progress five golden-haired girls, from 5 to 12 years of age, filed around the room and presented each member of the Board with a white carnation.

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This capped the climax. T. B. Wilcox, a member of the Board, moved that the request of the children be granted and when Mayor Rushlight put the question to a vote it was unanimously favored.

"Three cheers for the Water Board!" yelled one boy in the crowd, and the chamber resounded with lusty cheers from the crowd of youngsters. They then filed out, leaving some of the older persons present to express thanks to the Board.

The tract, comprising three acres, is to be improved by the park department at once. The equipment is on hand and can be installed within a week or two. The pipe which is on the tract at present is to be moved to one corner, where it is to be stacked so that it can be moved without interfering with the playground.

The little girls who presented the flowers to the members of the Board were Violet Jobelman, 8 years of age; Neva Thomas, 12; Winifred Glass, 10; Ester Beach, 12; Leola Tesak, 13.

TIMBER CASE IS PENDING

Demurrer Filed in Government Suit Against Southern Oregon Company.

The defendant's demurrer in the case of the United States versus the Southern Oregon Company, identical in its issues with that against the Oregon & California Railroad Company, decided by Judge Wolverton Tuesday in favor of the Government, was submitted without argument yesterday.

The lands involved are those of the Coos Bay Military road grant, given by the Government on condition that a road should be constructed from Roseburg to Coos Bay. Some of the finest timber lands in Coos and Douglas counties are involved.

Judge Wolverton's decision will be rendered Monday. If he overrules the demurrer, John M. Gearty, attorney for the Southern Oregon Company, will file his answer at once. The case, however, may not come to trial until after the decision is rendered in the Oregon & California case, which will be ap-

pealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco.

CLUSTER LIGHTS ON BRIDGE

Illumination on Broadway Crossway Found Sufficient.

Cluster lights last night illuminated the Broadway bridge for the first time, displacing the strings of incandescent lamps installed for temporary use. The West Coast Engineering Company, which had the contract for installing the equipment, finished its work early in the afternoon and the current was turned on at once.

Representatives of the city, the contracting company and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company inspected the lights last night, and it was the consensus of opinion that the illumination is sufficient. The bridge will be so lighted as any other in the city. There are four lamps to each cluster.

Dead Heat Run in Street Footrace.

Denver Sprinter and San Francisco Cinder Path Speeder Engage in Fifty-Yard Sprint for Wages.

SCORES of patrons of the Portland Hotel and persons on the street were treated to an exciting footrace Wednesday afternoon when George Ackerman, formerly a sprinter of Denver, but now a resident of Portland, and Knight Pierson, of San Francisco, who has won medals for work on the cinders, ran 50 yards to a dead heat on Yamhill street. The men, who are registered at the hotel, got into a heated argument regarding their respective abilities as runners.

"Although I have not toed the mark for years, I am confident I can beat you," said Ackerman.

"Why, you don't know anything about racing," retorted Pierson. "You probably once thought you were a wonder, and evidently do yet. But if you will go with me to the street I will prove to you that you are the worst kind of a dub."

"Your proposition is accepted," retorted the Portland man, "with the provision, however, that there be a bet of \$20."

While the details were being arranged scores of persons crowded around the sprinters. G. J. Kaufman, manager of the hotel, and William Hanson were chosen judges and the former was made stakeholder. John Weil, of San Francisco, was made starter. The first start was a poor one and the men were ordered back to the line by the judges. The men got away to a good start the second time and ran neck and neck until they reached the finish mark, when Pierson fell heavily. He sustained the loss of a new pair of clothing and a badly bruised knee.

"It's a dead heat," exclaimed Kaufman. Then he surveyed Pierson and the runner's battered condition caused the judge to add to the prize a new suit of clothing and a good-sized patch of cuticle."

HOOD RIVER VALLEY

Now a Garden of Bloom.

If you have any doubt as to the arrival of Spring, it is because you have not been to the Hood River Valley since the forerunners of luscious fruit have burst into prolific bloom. The air is laden with the breeze of myriad blossoms; the songs of merry birds float on the gentle breeze; pretty homes with happy faces peep from behind long rows of flower-laden trees; streams, bright, sparkling, carry in their transparent waters an abundance of the finny beauties. All this in a few short hours from Portland on the line of the O.-W. R. & N., which road provides a week-end fare of \$3 to Hood River and return, \$2.30 to Mosier and return, and correspondingly low fares to other Columbia River points. In addition to this, if you only desire to spend Sunday, a round trip fare of \$2 and \$2.25 to Hood River and Mosier, respectively, can be had Sunday only. Give the folks and yourself an inexpensive outing. After the long winter seeing blossoms and nature will make life really worth the while. Phone Marshall 4500 or A 6121, or call at city office, Third and Washington sts., for further information and begin now planning to spend next Sunday there."

WEEK-END TRIPS

To Gearhart "By-the-Sea" are popular. Hotel always open. Special party going tomorrow night, many of whom will select sites for cottages in new district just opened. Call 100 1/2 4th st.

HONOR FALLS HERE

Cinderella Shoe Is Worn by Mrs. McCreedy.

DISTINCTION IS SOUGHT

All Over Country Trial of Women to Don Dainty Slipper Falls Until Portland Member of Fair Sex Demonstrates Ability.

"She put her foot in it, did she?" This was not a question with reference to any demure and dainty miscreant, or staid and comely matron getting into trouble over the charter. Not so, by any means.

"I was a question asked with great eagerness and a shade of disbelief, coupled with a tinge of jealousy, by Miss Violet McMillan, all because Mrs. D. J. McCreedy, of the Ockley Hotel, had earned the right to a couple of tickets at Pantages because she had a foot that could slip into the Cinderella shoe that the comedienne wears with ease.

Miss McMillan has the smallest foot in vaudeville. 'tis claimed and everywhere on the circuit she has been trying to find some one who could rival her. Not even Chicago could produce a successful contender for the honor, and it has remained for Portland to earn the distinction.

For four days it looked as if this city was going the way of all others. Hundreds found the shoe, by the aid of field glasses, in the center of Knight's shoe store window; hundreds tried it on, until even the genial salesmen began to get tired and to give up hope.

Now perhaps Miss McMillan will remember Portland and her fair women, and young men won't be in such a hurry to bet a pair of mauve silk socks against a five-pound box of candy that their girl is not a Cinderella.

NEW PRESBYTERY WANTED

New District Asked to Be Created in Coos and Curry Counties.

BANDON, Or., May 1.—(Special).—Rev. H. C. Hartman, of the Presbyterian Church of Bandon, and Rev. A. Haberly, pastor at Langlois, have returned from the meeting of the Southern Oregon Presbytery at Medford.

At the meeting of this Presbytery a resolution was adopted to be forwarded to the general Presbyterian assembly which meets at Savannah, Ga., this summer, calling upon the general assembly to create the Coos-Curry County Presbytery.

The Coos and Curry counties are a separate entity so far as the territory is concerned, on account of their lack of ready connection with the outside part of the state.

The Presbyterian pastors in the two counties are: Rev. W. S. Williams, Myrtle Point; Rev. H. C. Hartman, and Rev. A. Haberly, Bandon; Rev. J. E. Burkhardt and F. H. Adams, Coquille; Rev. D. A. McLeod, North Bend, and Rev. J. H. Hoyt, Gold Beach. There are several communities that are calling for pastors, which this new Presbytery will endeavor to supply.

POLES IN ROADS MAY GO

Ordinance Drafted to Put Cost on Phone and Light Companies.

If an ordinance prepared yesterday by City Attorney Grant meets with the approval of the City Council, the electric light and telephone companies of Portland will be required to move poles on streets where they interfere with private driveways and to pay for the cost. The ordinance is aimed to change the practice of the companies charging property-owners \$10 for the removal.

Many complaints have been received by City Attorney Grant regarding poles being erected in places where they interfere with private garage or wagon entrances to private property.

If the ordinance passes the property-owner may complain to the Executive Board against the location of a pole and the board may order the pole removed at no cost to the property-owner.

FURTHER HEARING ORDERED

Freight Rates to Willamette Valley Points Still Unsettled.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered a further hearing in the controversy over freight rates from Eastern points to the Willamette Valley, which has been pending for some time. Traffic Attorney Edward M. Cousin, who has charge of the shippers' interests, says he has not been advised just what further information the Commission desires to enable them to proceed. Some of the issues have been disposed of satisfactorily, but others are intermingled with the intermountain cases. The Harrison merger is said also to be involved.

Many hearings and volumes of testimony figures in these cases with intricate traffic problems put up to the Commission for solution.

CONTRACTORS HEED NOTICE

Work on Neglected Awards Starts in Response to Warning.

The notice sent out last week by City Engineer Hurlburt to various paving contractors ordering them to get busy on improvements which have been contracted for, has brought results. The companies have begun operations in several parts of the city already and will push the work through to completion as rapidly as possible.

Jeffery & Bufon commenced yesterday the work of paving Corbett street from Julia avenue to Nebraska street, and the Oregon Independent Paving Company began paving on Nebraska and Virginia streets in the Fulton district. Several contracts on the East Side have been signed this week or will be started within the next few days.

CHUNG CONFESSES KILLING

Chinese Later Denies Murder of Japanese Woman.

A confession by Chung Shui, a Chinese, that he killed the woman, later his denial of the crime and then being named as the murderer by the coroner's jury, were the developments in the murder of Miss Lydia, the Japanese woman who was slain April 25 at Fourth and Flanders street.

The confession was made to a Sister of Charity at St. Vincent's Hospital in the presence of Patrolman Presey, his guard, and Joseph Miller and Harry Kepper, patients, as Chung straggled to a cot following an attempt to escape from the ward. The denial was made to Deputy District Attorney Hammerley.

Chung told the Sister of Charity that the woman spurned his love.

GRANT OPPOSES PAYMENT

Railway Company Wants \$2563.29 for Conforming to New Grade.

In an opinion filed yesterday with City Auditor Barber, City Attorney Grant recommends that the city refuse an application of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for the payment of \$2563.29, the amount the company alleges it lost in transferring poles and other equipment in changing grades for the Broadway bridge.

Mr. Grant says the city is allowed to change grades at any time and that the franchise held by the company does not require the city to pay for the cost incurred by the company to conform to the changes made.

QUEEN OF MAY CROWNED

Albany Students See Miss Mary Bryant Receive Scepter.

ALBANY, Or., May 1.—(Special).—With beautiful and elaborate ceremonies, May day was observed at Albany College. Miss Mary Bryant, a popular member of the sophomore class, was crowned queen of the May, receiving her scepter from Miss Keith Van Winkle, queen of last year's festivities.

The exercises occurred on the college campus, the queen and her attendants occupying a throne and platform erected in front of the Administration building. Following the exercises, which included several special musical numbers, 24 co-eds wound the Maypole.

Salem Firm Gets Mohair Pool.

Albany, Or., May 1.—(Special).—Eddyville mohair pool, containing more than 22,000 pounds was sold Tuesday to W. M. Brown & Company, of Salem, for 34 cents per pound.

LOMBARD'S OPPONENTS

are making a desperate effort to show that because he is fighting the vicious and dangerous charter now offered the people he is an enemy of commission government. This is unfair to Lombard, whose attitude on the true and tried commission government that has proved a success in other cities is unchangeable. That Mr. Lombard's protests against this dangerous substitute for a commission government charter, or even for the old charter are well-founded is shown by the following opinions on the charter now before the people:

The Evening Journal says: "It abolishes the direct primary."

The Evening Telegram says: "A general indorsement of the principles of commission government will aid very little in carrying the commission charter that is now before the people of Portland. What they require is specific statements dealing, not with commission government in general, but with the proposed Portland charter in particular."

The Portland News says: "It has tucked away in its inside a lot of petty larceny thief provisions."

The Oregonian says: "Defeat of the charter, if defeat it be, will not be a decision against commission government. It will be due to the interference of visionaries in drafting the charter."

Attorney John F. Logan, Civil Service Commissioner, says: "Closer study of the document makes certain wherein I erred in the first instance. Instead of pointing out one isolated instance as being possibly detrimental to the public interest, I should have damned the whole document as the most unintelligible absurdity ever scrawled together by ten disinterested statesmen of this or any other city, time, place or age. It is not a charter. It is a hedge-podge. It is not an organic law guaranteeing to the people fundamental and inalienable rights and granting certain powers to those whom the people choose as public servants, but rather a mass of impracticable vagaries denying to a community of free Americans even the right to protest, and granting to any aspiring benefactor who can get 100 sponsors and sufficient first, second and third choice votes of those who do not know them, the right to apportion our substance as pleases their inclination."

Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway says: "I warned and am still warning the women voters against voting for a measure laid before them in such a way that not one man or woman in a thousand can tell what it means."

Next to Mr. Lombard's attitude on the charter, the most common form of attack leveled against Mr. Lombard is that in which he is accused of robbing the city through a bonding company. Acting Mayor Baker made such a fizzle in his attack on Lombard at Alberta Tuesday that Mr. Rushlight, temporarily recovered from his indisposition, at Montavilla Wednesday dragged out the old bonding company lie, accusing Lombard of receiving vast profits in writing paving bonds.

The actual earnings of the bonding company of which Mr. Lombard is a minority stockholder and which was formed for the purpose of keeping in Oregon money then being sent East for premiums, on paving bonds written between April 10, 1910, and April 20, 1913, were \$7556.57, of which Mr. Lombard's share for the three years was approximately \$700. It would require 30 years at this rate to amass a sum as great as that which represents the difference between the highest bid and the lowest bid made on the fire equipment contract that Mayor Rushlight is attempting to let to the highest bidder.

This campaign of misrepresentation on the part of Mr. Lombard's enemies is near the end, and in the closing hours more poison may be spread, but should be avoided by all fair-minded voters. Mr. Lombard has nothing to conceal, either in his commission charter record or in his unprofitable Oregon enterprise, the surety company, and respectfully asks the voters to weigh the evidence before rendering a verdict.

(Paid Advertisement.)

JANITOR HELD FOR FIRE

GEORGE NANGLE MUST FACE GRAND JURY.

Circumstantial Evidence Connects Former Employee With Blaze at Buck Apartments.

On evidence entirely circumstantial, George Nangle, formerly janitor at the Buck Apartments on North Twenty-first street, was held to the grand jury, in Municipal Court yesterday, to answer to a charge of setting the building on fire a week ago, and endangering the lives of some 50 occupants.

Before the case went to trial an effort was made to bring about the withdrawal of the prosecution. Mrs. Downing, proprietor of the house, said that Nangle, trembling and in great excitement, was present within 10 minutes after the fire, and Patrolman Stanton, who first pointed suspicion at him, said that he saw the man lurking in a doorway a few minutes before the officer saw the flames and turned in an alarm.

Nangle told several persons at the fire that he heard the alarm while in a saloon at Fifth and Washington streets, and hurried to the place on an owl car. The alarm was sent by telephone and was not turned in until eight minutes after the saloons should have been closed, and then Nangle would have had to travel more than a mile to reach the fire.

The defendant was discharged from her employment, after a stormy scene.

GRANGE WILL HOLD FAIR

Prizes to Be Offered for Juvenile Competition at Pleasant Home.

PLEASANT HOME, Or., May 1.—(Special).—At the last meeting of Multnomah Grange No. 71, Patrons of Husbandry, it was decided to hold a district grange and juvenile fair in Orient hall September 12, the week before the county fair opens at Gresham. It was decided further that Multnomah Grange will have a booth and display at the Gresham Fair, made up of the best display at the Multnomah Grange Fair.

The exhibit at Orient hall will not be confined to members of this grange, but will be made a community affair. Suitable prizes will be offered for the juvenile display to encourage children.

PARTY OFF FOR FESTIVAL

Representatives of City and Rosarians Go to North Yakima.

It was a lively and happy party of business men that left Portland last night for North Yakima to represent the city and the Royal Rosarians at the Blossom Festival now in progress there. The party was not as large as had been expected, owing to the pre-election campaign.

In the party were: Frank E. Smith, chairman; C. C. Chapman, Frank C. Risler, O. C. Bortzmeier, E. Shelley Morgan, G. W. Priest, R. H. Crozier, C. W. Cornelius, J. O. Elrod, George Young, N. G. Pike and William F. Ross.

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