

HOPES OF DASHFUL SUITS ARE DASHED

Girl Says "Yes" to Envoy, Then Disappears.

DREAMS, COIN ALSO, GONE

Alfred Jespersen Mourns Loss of Treasure, but Most of All His Intended Bride.

The doughty Captain Miles Standish shrank not from the singing army and the bloody tomahawk of the redskins; neither did he flinch at the hardships and privations of pioneer life, but when his appointed time came to face a dog-gone pretty little colonial dame and ask her to be his wife, the morale vanished; so far as Fricella was concerned he had no more nerve than did Alfred Jespersen, 220 Corbett street, who proposed through a friend—and lost.

Jespersen, who is 28 years old, loved a girl, Cora Johnson, of First and Clay streets, who, he said, was a beautiful, fluffy little lass that had his heart a-whirl. But, try as he might, he could not get the question. When he started to say "Will you marry me?" the words were formulated only in his brain. He specialized: "Isn't the sunshine beautiful when it doesn't rain?"

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up. That was where a speed "cop" spotted him. He explained the affair, with the trace of a smile across his lips, to Judge Rossman. "What penalty do you think I ought to impose for a trick like that?" asked the judge. "Woody tapped his temple a time or two and confessed it was a knotty proposition. "Do you think \$100 would be about right?" asked the judge by way of a suggestion. "Woody's smile faded to a very meek grin. "If you say so, I guess it is," he responded. "Well, we'll make it \$10," said Judge Rossman. "Woody's color came back with a rush. "But, mind you, don't do anything like that again," continued the judge as Woody turned away. "It's crooked," he said. "I know," he mumbled. "Woody to himself, catching only a part of the judge's remark."

Jespersen Still Missing. "But would you marry me now?" he was asked. "Sure I would," he answered, "if she wanted me."

Although Jespersen avers that he is in a mood for wedding bells, he is also worried over the tresspassing charge which he would have to face if he failed to give him satisfaction. He said he would have to give up his job which requires his attention at 730 A. M.

Whatever the outcome of the affair, he assured reporters that he would much prefer to have the girl materialize and keep her promise. He is indulging the hope that she may have been taken to a hospital the victim of an accident, or that she may have been kidnapped.

CHAMPOEG TO BE REVIVED

PIONEERS WILL CELEBRATE FOUNDED OF OREGON.

Seventy-Eight Years Ago Settlers Voted to Join American Union as Against Canada.

A large number of Portlanders will embark on the steamer Relief this morning for the Oregon Pioneer celebration, where a programme in honor of the birth of Oregon as a portion of the United States will be held under the auspices of the Oregon Pioneer association and the Oregon Historical society. With Judge P. H. Darcy of Salem as president of the day, there will be address, music, and a banquet. The steamer Relief will leave the foot of Taylor street at 7 o'clock. It will arrive at Clifton City at 2:30. A stop at Wilsonville will be made to accommodate those who wish to make the trip from Portland to Salem to that point by the Oregon Electric. On the return trip the Relief will leave Champeog at 4 P. M. and will make close connections with the Oregon Electric at Wilsonville between the north and southbound.

Today is the 78th anniversary of the meeting which decided whether Oregon should be a part of Canada or of the United States and will be the 21st annual celebration of that event.

Cats Begin Spring Cantos and Annoy Sleepers.

Damage to Gardens Also Laid at Door of Feline Visitors.

If the city council proves itself able to curb the chicken raising nuisance it may be called upon to remove annoyance that has weighed heavily on the minds of citizens in some parts of the city of late. Otherwise some have served notice that they will take the matter into their own hands and take drastic measures.

For it seems that in the neighborhood of East Fifty-third and East Washington streets cats have gotten beyond all bounds and in addition to the usual uncanny disturbances they are beginning to tear up the gardens and shrubbery.

Patrolman Lee, on the beat, was consulted, but confessed the matter was apparently beyond police control and ventured the suggestion that there seemed to be a scarcity of good dogs in the neighborhood.

His report of conditions as filed at the police station follows: "A resident at East Fifty-third and East Washington streets complains of the number of cats which frequent his yard at night and disturb his household with their hideous

noises. They also damage the plants and gardens. There seems to be a scarcity of good dogs in this neighborhood. She says her husband threatens to shoot the cats unless they quit bothering."

Two fire engines and a fire truck dashed up to 749 Water street in record time about 3 P. M. yesterday in response to an alarm that frantic neighbors telephoned in when smoke began to pour from the kitchen window. Flames hadn't broken through yet when the first fireman crowded through the door. He dashed into the kitchen, filled with heavy fumes, only to find that the woman of the house had imprudently put the family roast into the oven before starting off to see a neighbor "for just a minute" or run around the corner for an order of groceries.

Evidently the fire did not put in her appearance yet when the disgusted fireman backed up their apparatus and departed for Patrolman O'Connell's quarters as follows: "Mrs. Miller will find her roast well done when she returns. No other damage done."

A B. Woody received a set of temporary license plates to keep his jirney moving while he was waiting for a return on his application at Salem. They were long overdue, and the temporaries worked so well that he determined to bring up a large car from Newberg so he could clean it

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