

LOCAL SCOUTS ARE ORGANIZED HERE

Brigade Now Embraces Newer Organization and Plans for Development.

RUGBY FOOTBALL FEATURE

Lads Will Be Taught Fairness, Progress and Patriotism, but Not Blood-Thirstiness—Uniforms Are to Be Secured.

When steps were recently taken to form a branch of the Boy Scouts of America in Portland and the matter soon after dropped, the officers of the Boy Scouts held a staff meeting to take up the question of including scouting in their line of work. The result is that the Boy Scouts and the Boys' Brigade are one and the same thing in Portland.

Active work is being planned by this body for the coming year, and it is hoped by the members that the Commercial Club and other organizations of business men will become interested in their work. During next summer meeting will be taken up more ardently. Week-end trips will be made on each of which a different line of study will be taken up, such as study of nature, woodcraft and scouting. The Brigade game is to be Rugby football, the schedule of which is yet to be arranged and the game taught to the boys. They guess, say the officers of the Brigade, is different from the American football, inasmuch as those who participate need not be heavy-weighted, thereby giving all the boys a chance to indulge in this sport. This game is being played at Stanford University, and is said to eliminate the danger of physical injury which exists in the American football.

Six Companies Formed.

There are six companies formed in the Brigade, representing in all about 150 boys. With H. C. Krum as Division Commander. The main object is to cultivate in the boys self reliance and resourcefulness, thereby giving all the boys a chance to indulge in this sport. This game is being played at Stanford University, and is said to eliminate the danger of physical injury which exists in the American football.

A religious organization in military form is really what the Boys' Brigade is, but the Boy Scouts is non-sectarian. Of the latter, General Sir R. S. Baden-Powell says: "There is no military meaning attached to the name 'scouting.' Peace scouting comprises the attributes of colonial frontiersmen in the way of resourcefulness and self-reliance and the many other qualities which make them men among men. There is no intention of making the boys into soldiers, or of teaching them blood-thirstiness. But under patriotism, they will be taught that a citizen must be taught to take his fair share among his fellows in defense of the homeland against aggression in return for the safety and freedom enjoyed as an inhabitant. He who leaves this duty to others to do for him is neither playing a pious nor fair part."

Scoutcraft consists of first-aid, life-saving, tracking, signaling, climbing, nature study, seamanship and other instruction. The instruction is accomplished by games and team play which is not work for the boys, but pleasure.

Uniforms to Be Secured.

As yet the local companies are not equipped with uniforms and rifles. At these are to be obtained as soon as sufficient money has been subscribed for the purpose. Many boys of the city are taking active interest in the organization, and it is anticipated that the coming year will witness a large increase in membership.

The Y. M. C. A. is planning to form a wireless corps in the Brigade, when a detail of boys will be assigned to this line of work. Two transmitters and receivers will be taken out to the field and signals given. They also take up other flag signaling. At a recent staff meeting the following officers were elected: Mr. O'Dean, Mayor of the First Oregon Regiment; Mr. Proctor, Major First Battalion, and P. W. Lee, Physical Director of the Y. M. C. A., Major of the Second Battalion.

YOUTH CONFESSES THEFT

Officers Told How He Robbed His Employer of \$260.

Confessing to Detectives Day and Hyde that he stole \$260 from the Steel Bridge grocery, a well-known Lindsay Williams, 18 years old, employed by the grocery as a delivery boy, told the officers yesterday how he committed the theft. Being familiar with the surroundings, Williams had no difficulty in gaining entrance to the store, where he looted the till and started out the way he had entered, but could not succeed. He then started to remove a pane of glass by taking away the putty, when he chanced to think of some keys in his pocket, and with one of them picked the lock of the door.

A woman of the neighborhood saw the man clambering over the fence, when Williams was making his entrance, and called a police officer. The patrolman made a search of the premises, but found nothing. "I was hiding in the store all the time," says Williams, "and knew when the officer made his search."

Williams was trapped by a ruse of W. Harrington, the proprietor, who, made an excuse to leave the store and then sent a friend in to make a purchase. Harrington was at a window, and saw Williams pocket the proceeds. When the boy was arrested there was found in his room an order given him by Harrington to stop payment at the bank on a check which was among his loot.

Hearing in the case was continued in Municipal Court yesterday morning.

GOOD WORD FOR BALLIN

With a Few Questions Directed to Mr. McPherson.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 12.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian of this morning I read the statement of W. G. McPherson concerning Mr. Ballin's suggestions in the plans, specifications and construction of Sullivan's Gulch bridge across Grand avenue.

Is it not a fact, Mr. McPherson, that while you were chairman of the Bridge Committee of the Executive Board, during Mayor Lane's administration, that the specifications for the construction of that bridge called for a gravel fill, level with the railroad track? and is it not a fact that there is but one concern in the City of

Portland that could make that fill, and is not that concern the Pacific Bridge Company? Is it not also true that it would require an undetermined quantity of gravel to make the fill which was to be directly under the bridge, and would cost at least \$10,000, and might have gone as high as \$20,000? Is it not true that the piling that was finally driven in the gulch upon which the piers were built, was driven to a depth of more than 100 feet into the mire? Did not the first plans and specifications for that bridge call for said gravel fill? After the fill was made, were excavations made for the driving of the piles and building of the piers? And did not said specifications call for wood block paving on the city dory to fifty thousand dollars' worth of gravel on these three bridges. Do you think that is the reason somebody is sore on Mr. Ballin?

Now, Mr. McPherson, is it not true that Fred A. Ballin, engineer, called your attention to the fact that said fill was impracticable, and unnecessary, and a waste of the city's money? Is it not true that you acted on the suggestions of Mr. Ballin regarding the elimination of said expensive and unnecessary fill, and immediately brought said matter to the attention of Mayor Lane? Were not all bids on that matter then rejected by the Executive Committee and new plans and specifications ordered, which conformed to the suggestions of Mr. Ballin in regard to said useless fill and his suggestion to substitute concrete for the sidewalk and asphalt for the roadway on said bridge? Was not the bridge built with these changes at a cost of nearly \$20,000 less than the lowest bid made on the first plans and specifications?

Is it not true that the Union Avenue bridge and the Twelfth Street bridge have since been constructed minus fills, but with a similar super-structure, as suggested by Mr. Ballin for the Grand Avenue bridge, and has the city not profited because of the suggestions made by Mr. Ballin concerning the proper construction of the Grand Avenue bridge? Probably Mr. Swigert's company lost an opportunity to sell to the city forty thousand dollars' worth of gravel on these three bridges. Do you think that is the reason somebody is sore on Mr. Ballin?

ARTHUR LANGGUTH.

MOTHER'S CIRCLE FORMS

CONGRESS ORGANIZES NEW BRANCH AT IRVINGTON.

Mrs. H. L. Walter Elected President.

Mrs. Thomas Hawkes Is Speaker of Day.

The Mothers' Congress, with the assistance of Mrs. C. P. Clark, Mrs. Thomas Hawkes and Mrs. W. R. Litzberg, state organizers, formed a circle of the Irvington school, November 11. Officers elected were: Mrs. H. L. Walter, president; Mrs. S. L. Bowman, vice-president; Mrs. Rice, secretary, and Mrs. G. Peck, treasurer. Mrs. J. C. Mann and Mrs. E. L. Bayly were elected members at large.

There were 20 charter members and as many more have pledged their support. Professor Ryan, Miss Anderson and several other teachers were admitted to the "Live Wire" class.

In urging co-operation between parents and teachers, Mrs. Hawkes said in part: "It is evident that if one wishes to make noticeable progress it is necessary to begin by education in the family. Too often the efforts of benevolent men and social workers are not successful because they begin too late."

The thoughtlessness, the ignorance of parents is appalling. To raise the standard of home life means more than the learning of how to provide for and keep a house in a neat manner; it means the instilling of a life of morality, of love, of tenderness and kindness; it means refinement and culture; it means the endeavor to attain happiness that is greater than pleasure; it means an enlarged consciousness; it means discharging of your obligations to your fellow-men in the growing standard of home life, selfishness, fear, anger and vanity should find no place of permanency.

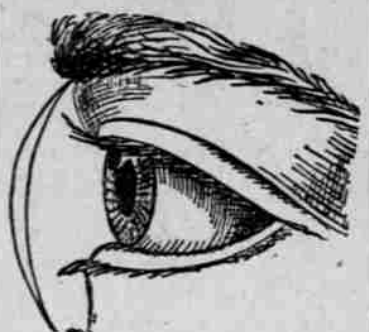
Physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and psychically our young people, the boys and girls who will be the parents, must be trained if they are going to advance. It is not possible to estimate the advantage to the race, as a whole, which will result from the establishment of mothers' clubs in every community. Upon investigation it has been determined that the woman who goes to the mothers' circle is the more intelligent manager of her home than the one who says "I need help in bringing up my children."

A meeting will be held November 18 at the Irvington school. Then the organization will be completed and various committees appointed.

Missionary to Speak.

At the Young Women's Christian Association next Friday evening Miss Carrie A. Holbrook's topic will be "Twenty-seven Thousand Miles by Land and Sea." It is a personal reminiscence and will be illustrated by stereopticon pictures. The talk will have special reference to world-wide mis-

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sions and is for the benefit of Miss Mathews, the Pacific Coast Y. W. C. A. secretary in Tokyo, Japan. The admission will be free, but a silver collection will be taken.

This afternoon Miss Caroline Barnum, secretary of the Travelers' Aid, will present the subject "The World's Committee of the Y. W. C. A." Mrs. E. S. Miller will have charge of the music. This will be the opening service of the week of prayer for the Y. W. C. A., and meetings will be held in its auditorium daily between 12 and 1 o'clock. The drop-in class will meet at 8 o'clock. The discussion class and social hour at 5 o'clock will be held as usual.

YAMHILL WEALTH GROWS

Chickens Valued at \$18,011 Are Assessed for First Time.

YAMHILL, Or., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—The summary of the assessment rolls of Yamhill County for 1910 shows a valuation of \$15,544,424.94, or about \$1,500,000 more than last year, exclusive of the railroad, telegraph and telephone property valued at \$1,072,182 in 1909 and to be assessed by the State Tax Commission this year.

Assessor Miller has made the greatest increase in the valuation of lands of all classes, of which he has listed 413,106 acres. Another source of wealth, but one not hitherto taxed, is chickens, of which there were listed 73,802, valued at \$18,011. Following is a summary of the county's assessment: Tillable lands, 123,341 acres, \$4,162,200; non-tillable lands, 28,753 acres, \$1,945,521; improvements on deeded lands, \$86,436; town and city lots, \$62,463; improvements on same, \$1,123,206; improvements on lands not deeded or patented, \$15,833; steamboats, manufacturing machinery, etc., \$135,000; merchandise and stock in trade, \$384,838; farming implements, wagons, carriages, etc., \$14,445; money, \$172,332; notes and accounts, \$60,040; shares of stock, \$450,328; household furniture, etc., \$231,020; horses and mules, \$540,448; cattle, 10,125, \$122,665; sheep and goats, 77,250, \$20,850; swine, 357, \$19,560; dogs 148, \$486; chickens, 73,802, \$18,011.

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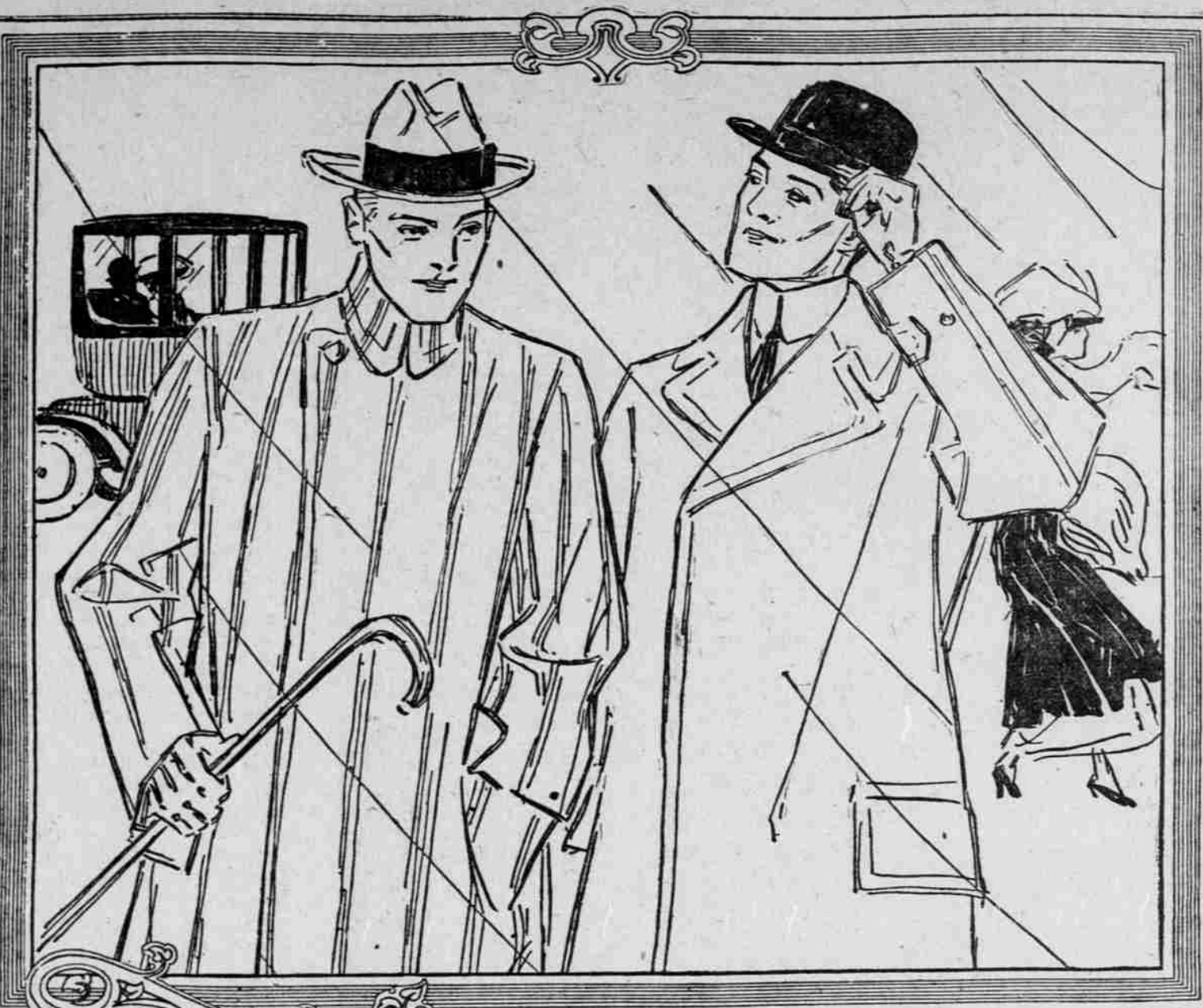
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