

JUBILEE OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS IS NOTABLE

Difficulties Overcome in Quarter Century Prove Way for Greater Future Undertakings—Economic Phase of Education Must Be Considered.

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A JUBILEE is pre-eminently a time for reminiscences. The 25th or 50th anniversary of any event forms as it were, a decorated promenade arch behind which the drama of the past lives and moves again. Old facts and old faces, memories grave and gay, all rise out of the mysterious slumber of the years and stalk ghostlike across the dimly-lighted stage.

The silver jubilee of the Christian Brothers in Oregon appeals in many ways. There is something akin to the heroic—if not parading of the very nature of the heroic—in the conduct of men who enter a new and almost hostile community, there to break, amid difficulty and discouragement, the bread of education. Such were the men who came 25 years ago to Portland—men who have and moves again. Old facts and old faces, memories grave and gay, all rise out of the mysterious slumber of the years and stalk ghostlike across the dimly-lighted stage.



Brother Xenophon Cyril, who reviews work done by Christian Brothers in Portland field.

Archbishop Makes Appeal.

The Christian Brothers came to Portland at the request of the late Archbishop Gross. Himself a former pupil of the Christian Brothers, he was in a position to know and to value the distinctive features of their methods of teaching. His first appeal was met with a refusal. The local superior of the Brothers on the Coast regretted that the number of available teachers in the district of San Francisco would not permit of the opening of the proposed Portland foundation.

But Archbishop Gross was insistent. He made a second appeal. "Surely," he said in substance to the then Brother Visitor, "you have a few Brothers who on account of falling health are unable to take an active part in your larger institution. Let some of these come to Portland. At all costs we must have the Brothers; a beginning must be made."

How could such an appeal go unheeded? Three Brothers were sent to assume charge of the institution which, formerly under the direction of Father Glorieux, now bishop of Boise City, was named after St. Michael the Archangel. When the school was transferred from Fifth and Mill streets to the cathedral site, the name was changed to St. Mary's School. In 1886 a further change took place. The Brothers removed to their old location at Fifth and Mill streets and the institution was henceforth known as Blanchet Institute.

The first years of the Portland foundation were trying years. Though consistently befriended by the archbishop and the clergy, the Brothers found the work of starting and maintaining the school in Portland no easy task. Unlike San Francisco, Portland was not largely a Catholic city, and parents were timid about experimenting with the educational system of the Brothers. But in course of time that system proved its own value, and the intelligent and hearty zeal of the Brothers won golden opinions on all sides.

Field of Work Extended.

For some 20 years the Brothers in Portland had been confining themselves to parochial school work. That work was thorough and satisfactory as far as it went, but the fact now became evident that the time was ripe for the establishment of an institution which would carry on the work to a higher grade of efficiency and prepare students, in even a more helpful and practical way, for the exigencies of workaday life. Accordingly, in 1886, the Brothers crossed the river and established in East Portland a more pretentious institution, now known as the Christian Brothers' Business College. The building is well equipped with thoroughly modern and the institution is one of which the Catholic population of Portland may well be proud.

The opening of the business college necessitated an increase in the number of teachers and the installation of up-to-date appliances. The new departure was made possible through the kind and

generous assistance of His Grace, Archbishop Christie, the co-operation of the reverend clergy and the loyalty of the Brothers' pupils, past and present. The business college is no longer an educational venture; it has passed out of the experimental stage and enjoys a large attendance and an enviable reputation.

This brief and sketchy account of the Christian Brothers in Oregon suffices to indicate that the present jubilee celebration is in every respect justified. A quarter-century of service in the cause of Catholic education in the Pacific Northwest stands to the credit of the Christian Brothers, and it is meet and just that they should pause in their work to recall the past and make provision for the future.

Future to Be Considered.

Yes, to make provision for the future; for I am convinced that the complete significance of the jubilee will not be reached unless a glance is cast forward to the years yet to come. The good work of Christian education must go on; and it will go on, thriving, if the cause but receives the practical support it so obviously deserves.

It is a truism that education costs money. No body of men can run a school successfully save at a tremendous outlay. Our Catholic schools could not exist at all were it not for the fact that the teachers, members of religious congregations, receive no personal compensation for their services. As in the golden age foreseen by Kipling, they "work for the joy of working."

New work for the joy of working is an excellent thing, but it has at least one notable disadvantage. It somehow leads the outsider to believe that Catholic institutions need no special support. As a consequence, while secular institutions, with large rolls of stockholders and donors, our Catholic schools are forced, as was once tersely said, "to eke out a miserable existence."

The economic phase of the educational problem is always an unpleasant phase, and I do not intend to discuss it further. However, a passing suggestion on this point is not out of place. Despite the fact that Oregon is blessed with a proverbial healthful climate, Oregonians occasionally die, and they usually leave wills. Were they, while still happily in the flesh, to ponder a little over the peculiar financial situation of the Catholic schools, they might find it opportune to insert clauses in their wills in favor of the struggling Catholic institutions. Money left to such an institution as the Christian Brothers' Business College ought to prove a splendid investment—not in the matter of dollars and cents, but in the consciousness of a well-earned share in making the world better and brighter.

Navy Officers and Men Piqued at Snub by Citizens of Seattle

When Skating Rink Bars Sailors from Warships Maryland and Virginia, Shore Leave Denied Men, and Visitors Not Allowed on Board.

SEATTLE, March 11.—(Special.)—Hurry orders to the warships Maryland and West Virginia came just in time to relieve tension between officers and men on board the cruisers and people on shore. No shore-leave for men on board, and no visitors from shore, was the rule enforced for a week prior to departure for Southern California. The order came just as the fact of cutting off about \$25,000 from circulation in this city. As an excuse for the restriction was the fact that three men in uniform had been denied admission to a skating rink, and the threat offered to the men was assumed by the officers as a personal affair.

In a letter to Mayor Dilling, the case was stated for the men by Perry Garrison, U. S. S. Maryland, adjutant of the Army and Navy Union. "We have no desire," he said, "to refer your city, but it is high time that some people were brought to a realization that the Navy is composed of men in every sense of the word, and that they command more respect than to be barred from a public skating rink because of uniform." An officer of the Maryland commented on the incident by referring to the experience of Portsmouth, N. H., which has paid the penalty of having tried to exclude men who wore the uniform.

"The small amount of Government money spent in that port since," said the officer, "is evidence of the attitude of the men in the ranks on that question. That all men wearing the uniform should be excluded simply because an occasional one exceeds rational limits in his behavior is decidedly unjust."

Since the order isolating the cruisers went into effect there has been no communication with the shore except that which has been necessary. On board the ships a reason for the order was ascribed to the fact that the time for target practice was at hand, and it was desirable to keep the men in perfect condition.

Coast. Stock issued to members bears 4 per cent interest, payable annually, and is held under an option of the lodge to buy it back on or before 10 years. Thursday evening a big dinner was given by the stockholders and subscribers in the dining-room of the present quarters on the top floor of the Alaska building, and assurances were given that work on the new building would begin within two months. The present move marks the completion of a plan which has been circulating No. 32 for nearly a decade.

Local interest has again been directed to the famous Sullivan will by a report from Dublin that Edward Corcoran, who was fourth in line of inheritance to be a cousin of Sullivan and heir to the \$1,000,000 estate, had been discovered living in equal and declared insane. Lawyers are credited with having taken most of the property on contingent fees. When John Sullivan years ago reached Seattle he had been on a schooner which had been caught in a fierce storm on the Straits of Fuca. His toes were frozen, and he abandoned the vessel and started a peanut stand in the saw-mill town of Seattle. He acquired the property where now stands the Sullivan building, and at the time of his death was worth approximately half a million.

Many Sullivans Appear.

It had always been understood that he had no relatives, and when Marie Carrau, who had cared for him on his deathbed, attempted to establish a non-cupative will, she appeared to have a first-rate chance of obtaining the estate. But Sullivans and descendants of the Sullivan family have been everywhere of the globe, with the result that the non-cupative will was overthrown and the battle won by the attorney for Corcoran. It is said that when the heir was here in July, 1909, he was paid \$40,000 in cash and \$149,000 in stock of the Provident Investment Company, and that the difference between these sums and \$1,000,000 represented the fees absorbed by the lawyers.

Originally the attorneys for the Irish heir were Piles, Donworth & Howe. Piles withdrew from the firm on being elected United States Senator; Donworth left before the litigation ended and at length was appointed to the Federal bench. They are said to have received respectively \$15,000 and \$16,000. The case was fought to a finish by James B. Howe, but before the final decree the contingent interest in the estate had been acquired by a corporation formed for that purpose.

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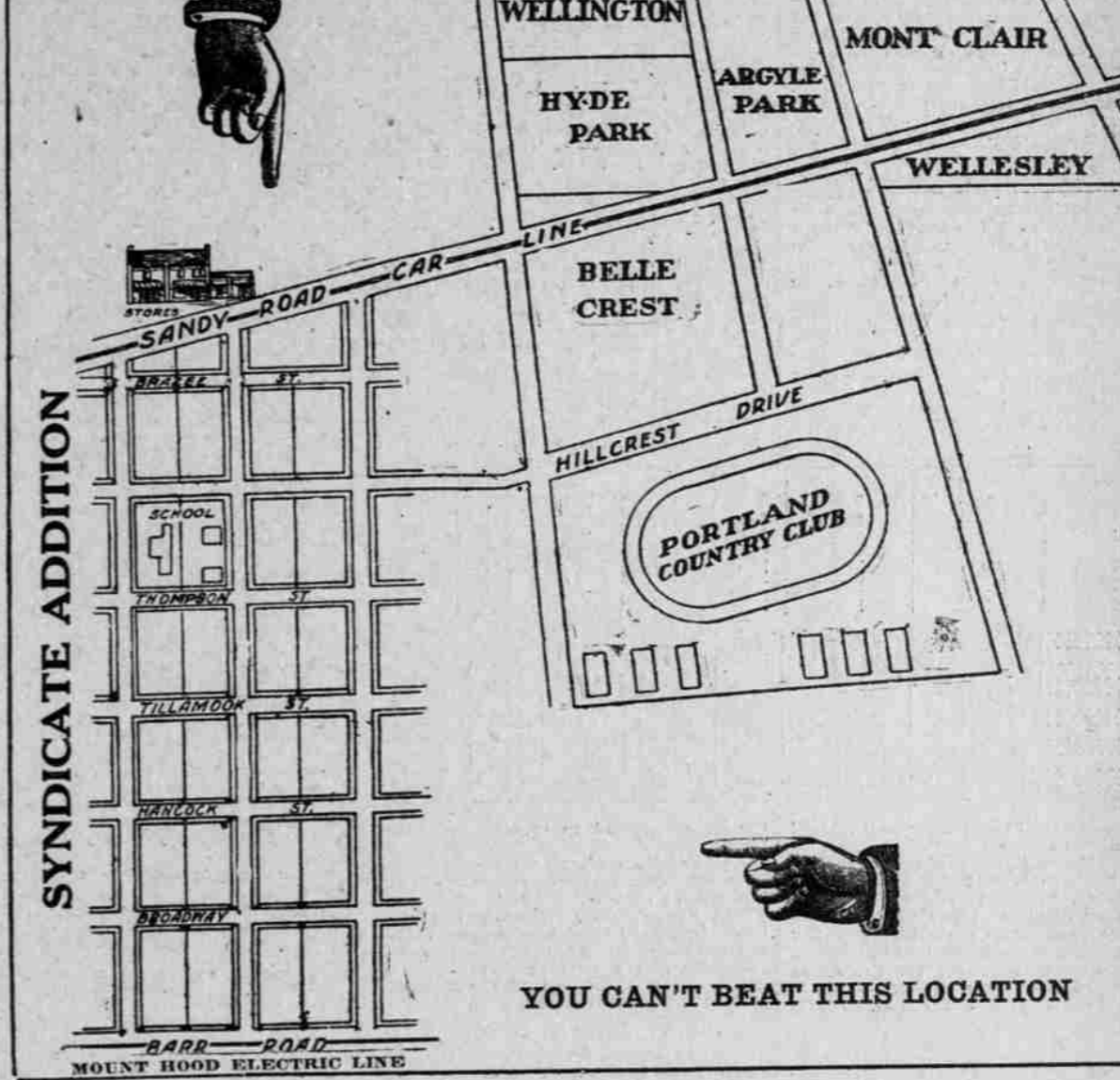
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TICKET SCHEME BARRED

WARNING IS ISSUED AGAINST "ENDLESS CHAIN" CAR RIDES. Traction Company Says Operators, Unless Stopped, Will Make Thousands of Dollars.

Warning is given the public by officers of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company against the operations of a concern styling itself the Allen Sales Agency Company, which purports to distribute streetcar tickets at a cheap figure through a so-called "endless chain" system of sales.

Tickets have been distributed among streetcar patrons, which, if taken to the office of the company entitles the holder to three other tickets at 50 cents each—\$1.50 in all. These tickets then are to be sold at 20 cents a piece—thus giving back to the purchaser the amount he paid to the company—and when these three tickets are returned to the office and three more tickets sold to each of the original ticket is given a book of streetcar tickets valued at \$2.25.

The traction company points out how the operators can profit by this scheme to the extent of thousands of dollars, as with the \$1.50 paid by the original ticket holder, together with the \$1.50 collected from each of the three persons to whom he sells tickets, the sales agency collects \$2 before it gives up a \$2.25 book of tickets.

While the man who handles the tickets apparently gets a book of streetcar tickets for nothing, the sales people always collect nearly three times their worth from other victims. In the end the affair is bound to become so involved that everyone will have trouble and the unfortunate operators who hold tickets when the agency ends its career will suffer.

STAR TO HAVE COMEDY

Programme of Tragedy and Vaudeville to Follow.

Following up the almost sensational impression created by "A Tale of Two Cities," the management of the Peoples Amusement Company has conceived the idea of presenting another differentiated programme, and will on next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, present an entire programme of comedy. This means that the complete entertainment will be in three reels each one thousand feet in length, and the programme will contain a clever and laughable biography, a vitagraph full of mirth and humor, and a satirical Lubin on a current topic.

The idea of a change will be further exploited, the management next presenting on successive dates an entire programme of tragedy, vaudeville, travel and history. In this connection the management is endeavoring to obtain subjects which will take the beholder from New York to the scene of the Mexican revolution, and back again, and various other subjects of current interest will be presented in this way.

To show what progress is being made in film productions, the announcement is made that on Sunday, March 19, and continuing Monday and Tuesday, Thomas A. Edison presents at the Star Theater, "A Problem of the Slums," telling the story of contagion and how it is conducted to the public through the medium of the sweat shops in the tenements, and more particularly describing how a large and grasping landlord was brought to a realization of his duty to the poor from the fact that his daughter on the eve of marriage contracts typhoid fever from one of his tenants.

annual reunion and entertainment provided by the company. An elaborate programme has been prepared. Speeches will be delivered and several unique features will be introduced. R. S. Josselyn, president of the company, and other officials will speak. Special cars will convey the crowd from First and Alder streets, beginning at 6:30 P. M. It is expected that fully 2500 will be there. A banquet will be provided and there will be dancing.

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Elks to Buy Property.

Seattle Lodge of Elks, No. 92, is bestirring its membership to raise \$20,000 to complete the purchase price on the lot at the southwest corner of Fourth avenue and Spring street. The Elks have an active list of about 1800 in this city, and they are issuing stock in \$10 shares in order to lift the debt on their property. The original purchase price was \$75,000. As soon as the obligation is removed an insurance company will advance the funds for a seven-story structure to cost between \$30,000 and \$100,000, which the Seattle lodge proposes to make one of the finest homes for Elks on the Pacific

People Interested in Oregon.

Joseph G. Kelley, a grand-nephew of Hall J. Kelley, who laid out a tract of land on the peninsula between the Willamette and Columbia rivers in 1820 and for the last ten years a resident of Oregon, has returned from a trip to the Atlantic states. He was in New York City for a time. From that point westward he heard a great deal about Oregon. All indications point to a large influx of people in this state during the present year, he said yesterday.

A Basket of Literary Wares.

"The West and the National Capital," by John E. Lathrop, and "The Trail Blazers," an account of a railroad through the Rocky Mountains, had written by Cal F. Stewart, are fund of information, in this month's number of the Pacific Monthly magazine. The story department is superior, and the number can stand comparison for quality of literary message and fine illustration with other and even larger magazines of our day.

Mazamas to Take "Hike" Today.

Led by L. E. Anderson, a party of Mazamas and their friends will "hike" today from Gwago to Oregon City, a distance of 8 miles. The outing seeks to plan to go to Oswego by train and walk from there to Oregon City, returning by car from that point. The road is good and the trip will be an easy walk of perhaps two hours' duration. Dinner will be taken in Oregon

Food and Character to Be Topic.

"The Effect of Food Upon Character" will be the theme for discussion at the meeting of the Vegetarian Conversationists at 80 Yamhill street, next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Dr. L. W. Myers will deliver the opening address.

2500 Employees to Celebrate.

Employees of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will gather with their families at the Oaks rink tomorrow night to enjoy the second