

SCENES AT COLUMBIA PARK—ANNUAL PLAYGROUND FESTIVAL ENTICES HUNDREDS OF KIDDIES.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL IS JOYOUS AFFAIR

Kiddies From All Over City Take Part in Celebration at Columbia Park.

OUTING IS GREAT SUCCESS

Little Ones in Dances, Drills and Exercises Exhibit Grace, Skill and Strength, Imparted at Playgrounds.

Symphonic children frolicked gay and joyous everywhere at Columbia Park and every child, like a happy lamb, danced and played at the annual playground festival yesterday.

Over 500 brightly garbed children wreathed with flowers, danced gaily on the green. Countless tiny spectators circled the whole play zone, and with their parents, friends and other friends crowded to several thousand persons.

The little girls who took part in the exercises were in little white frocks, tied up with dainty pink and blue bows. In the flower drill, in which these tiny dancers took part, they represented lilacs, roses and other garden beauties, and waving their flowery wreaths to the strains of the municipal orchestra.

But the majesty of the youthful dancers were in folk costumes, gorgeous and attractive of hue and quaint and pretty of design. These children were most prominent in the quaint "Danish Dance of Greeting" and "Kinder Polska," which were enthusiastically and gracefully danced.

Excellent time and most unusual attention were displayed by the long files that circled the field in the grand march at 2 o'clock. In this were seen all the boys and girls who were participants in the afternoon's fun on the field.

"Reading," the dance composed by J. Lee Thompson, proved especially enticing to the children and spectators. The rhythmic swing, with alluring, catchy steps, has made the dancing "hit" with the kiddies, and the dance is more popular with them than all the others. Before this came the Puritan, a "Venezian Gondolier" dance, which was striking in account of the admirable execution and harmonizing array of costumes.

The boys from all the 14 playgrounds vied with each other in the building of the pyramids. Various groups of well-trained, strong and skillful youngsters contended with ease in these tests of strength and vim.

The "wand dance" which closed the happy afternoon was a spectacular affair—a perfect panorama of childhood, gay and lively, yet attentive and alert to the music to which they waved their well-balanced wands. Out of that great body of 500, few were out of time, evincing the wonderful season's training out of which they have derived so much pleasure and vigor, to say nothing of the grace and art imparted.

J. O. Conville, superintendent of Parks, gave a brief talk prior to the presentation of the trophies. His speech was a tribute to the great benefit of public playgrounds. He then presented the trophies to the victors of the past season.

The ones awarded are: Play ball, boys 4-10, Lewis girls, 10, Columbia; boys 5-6, Fanning girls, 5-6, Lewis; volley ball, boys up to 10, Kenilworth; girls up to 10, Brooklyn; basket ball, boys, Washington; girls, between Brooklyns and North Portland; tennis, singles, North Park, Nate Rosen; doubles, Peninsula Park, John Welch, Ralph Holladay; singles, up to 10, Washington, Phil Neff; girls, under 10, Washington, Gladys Neff; doubles, Peninsula Park, Neff and Stewart; Washington, Lenurst and Crain; captain, Hal, Washington, 40.

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A. K. Bradford, Columbia Park manager, helped in many ways to make a success of the day.

Car tickets were given to all the youngsters.

STATE BUILDINGS TO RISE

Plans Decided On for Structures in Washington.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—The State Board of Control today decided on plans for new buildings at the institutions for the Feeble-Minded, Medical Lake and the Northern Hospital for Insane at Sedro Woolley, estimated to cost \$240,000, and bids for the construction will be opened September 21.

At Medical Lake, the board decided on a three-story administration building, a custodian building, two ward buildings and a laundry and power house building to cost \$230,000, not figuring equipment. All are of class A fireproof construction.

At Sedro Woolley, two ward buildings and an auditorium will be built, the former estimated at \$123,000 and the latter at \$10,000. Not figuring equipment, each two stories.

FARM TALKS TO BE GIVEN

Agricultural Instruction for City Is Being Arranged.

Through the co-operation of the Oregon Agricultural College and the Portland Y. M. C. A., Portland people will have the opportunity, next Winter, of attending lectures by competent instructors of the agricultural college, and by other persons with expert knowledge of agricultural subjects.

Arrangements for this service were completed last week at a conference at the Chamber of Commerce, at which were present R. D. Hetzel, director of the extension department of the agricultural college; George E. Hardy, manager of the Chamber of Commerce; F. S. Blackwood-West, entomologist of Portland; Dr. C. H. Chapman and Robert C. French, educational secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Women of Sara to Build Walk.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Trying to raise funds for the purpose of building a closer path for the children to travel over on their way to school, the women of Sara, seven miles south of this place, will entertain the business men and their families at Vancouver Wednesday at a chicken dinner here.



STATES HELD RULER

War's End Said to Rest With Bankers of America.

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BOSTON FINANCIER VISITOR

Robert H. Bean, on Way to Convention at Seattle, Declares Money Center of World Has Shifted and Prosperity Is Foreseen.

"It is doubtful if the people at large in the United States realize how completely the situation in Europe is now held in the hands of a comparatively small group of financiers in the United States," said Robert H. Bean, of Boston, treasurer of the Old South Trust Company and president of the American Institute of Banking, who is in Portland on his way to the convention of the American Bankers' Association, of which he is an executive member.

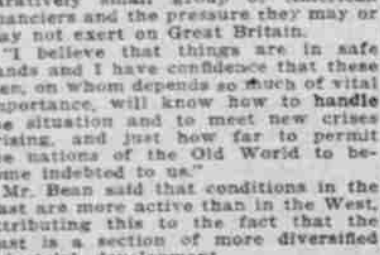
"America is now the financial center of the world and the belligerent nations are all turning toward us for their supplies," continued Mr. Bean. "Not only does America control the finances to a large degree, but also the manufacturing of supplies which the powers of Europe at this time need and must have."

"The depreciation of the British pound sterling, recently, phenomenon in finance with which the world has never before had to deal, is working to throw the control of the situation more and more into the hands of American financiers and shortly it may be an absolute fact that the termination or continuation of the great world war will depend upon the action of a comparatively small group of American financiers and the pressure they may or may not exert on Great Britain."

"I believe that things are in safe hands and I have confidence that these nations, on whom depends so much of vital importance, will know how to handle the situation and to meet new crises arising, and just how far to permit the nations of the Old World to become indebted to us."

Mr. Bean said that conditions in the East are more active than in the West, attributing this to the fact that the East is a section of more diversified industrial development.

"Bankers of course have been swamped with money and interest rates have dwindled accordingly, he declared. "It is safe to say that the demand for money for industrial purposes is practically at a standstill all over the country. This naturally forces down the rates. However, behind these conditions there is apparent a great feeling of optimism and there is every



Robert H. Bean, Boston Banker, Who Says United States Bankers Control War Situation.

GRIPPLED MAN FIGHTING

ABERDEEN EX-PUGILIST FORCED INTO AUSTRIAN ARMY.

Mrs. Nick Randitch, in Letter to Friends, Declares Much Suffering Exists in District.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—After once being discharged from the Austrian army because he was crippled, Nick Randitch, a well-known Aberdeen boxer, has been forced into the Austrian army again, and on May 15 left for the Russian front. The story of Randitch's second entry into the war, as well as of pitiable conditions prevailing in Austria, are told in a letter by Mrs. Randitch to local friends.

"My Nick went to war again on May 15," the young man's wife wrote, "and I closed the door behind him, for he will never return. His mother has died of typhoid fever, and I wish I could die also."

The Randitch family live near Zara, Austria, and conditions there are awful, according to Mrs. Randitch. She wrote that many people were dying of typhoid fever, and that added to this was the horror of having the town frequently bombarded by the Italians. Drought had destroyed most of the potato and grape crops about Zara, she wrote. She also said there had been no white bread in her home for seven months, and that the same was true concerning meats and coffee.

Randitch was on a visit to his old home. He had been in the United States since he was a small boy, but had never taken out naturalization papers.

4 CUT WAY TO FREEDOM

THREE-FOOT WALL IN UMATILLA JAIL IS DUG AWAY.

Noticed by Use of Chalked Paper Resembling Kalsomine, Bricks Secreted in Room.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Four prisoners, confined on serious charges in the Umatilla County Jail, escaped today by digging their way through the three-foot thick east wall and taking a 15-foot drop to the ground out of a small hole five feet above the floor of the jail corridor.

It is evident that the men were at work on their outfit unsuspected for some time. As the bricks were removed they were carried to an upper corridor room formerly used as women's quarters, but now only a bath room, where the bricks were secreted.

The opening was covered with paper chalked to resemble kalsomine to correspond with its surroundings. The

POLITICAL BEE IS BUSY

CANDIDATES ARE GROOMING FOR RACE IN PENDLETON.

Dozen Aspirants Are Expected to Be in Ring for Mayoralty and Councilmanic Jobs Soon.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Although election is four months distant, the political pot in Pendleton is beginning to simmer and the buzz of the political bee is plainly audible. Already a number of candidates for the several city offices are announced and still others are being groomed for early entry in the ring, with as many owners ready to shed their coats and do battle for the mayoralty and councilmanic vacancies.

Four councilmen and a successor to Mayor John D. Dyer are to be elected, the first Monday in December. Councilman D. D. Phelps, who has moved from the ward he was elected to represent, also may resign and this will create a fifth councilmanic vacancy.

Among the names most prominently mentioned just now for mayor are those of Dr. James A. Best, a member of the Board of Water Commissioners; Charles A. Cole, whose term as councilman expires; Joseph A. Blakely, ex-sheriff of Umatilla County, and ex-Judge James A. Fee, who has previously served as the city's chief executive.

It is probable that there will again be presented to the voters a charter amendment providing for commission government. This amendment has twice been defeated in Pendleton, once by a slight majority and once decisively. Its defeat before was accomplished largely through the persistent water board fight, but the water fight has now been settled and the commission government proponents are ready to take up the cudgels again for their measure.

ASSISTANT MANAGER OF OREGON HOTEL APPOINTED.

Eugene E. Larimore.

The oldest man in the employ of the Oregon Hotel in point of service, but not of years, is Eugene E. Larimore, who has been appointed assistant manager of the hotel.

"Larry," as travelers of the Northwest have known Mr. Larimore during his nine years of service as purchasing agent and steward of the Oregon Hotel, insisted yesterday that he would consider it an affront if his old friends ceased addressing him as "Larry."

Mr. Larimore is a son-in-law of the late Samuel Burges of Forest Grove, and has lived in Oregon since 1891.

GOOD WILL SET AT \$5000

Plaintiff Asks Sum for Each Said to Have Heard Charges.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 26.—For each witness alleged to have heard defamatory words spoken about him by John A. Jurgensen, James A. Anderson has sued for \$5000 for defamation of character. He says there were three witnesses. On January 15, says Anderson, Jurgensen said: "Anderson has systematically robbed me," before Charles Joseph. Anderson asks for \$5000 for his fall in Joseph's estimation.

"Luvernia Joseph was there, too," says Anderson. This is also a \$5000 matter. On February 4 Jurgensen is alleged to have said the same to Jacob Pantoskey, whose good will is also estimated at \$5000.

PIANO STOLEN IN DAYLIGHT

Instrument Loaded on Auto for Sale After Three-Day Robbery.

FRESNO, Cal., Aug. 27.—A daylight burglary extending over a period of three days, in which most of the furnishings of a house were stolen and disposed of, was frustrated today only after A. C. Owens, believed by the police to be an ex-convict, had taken the piano out of the house and was endeavoring to dispose of it.

When arrested in the business district, Owens had the piano loaded on an automobile truck.

Oakville Schools Open September 7.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—The Oakville schools will open a new year on September 7. Principal George W. Stewart already has arrived and is acquainting himself with the details of the year's work.

TERMINAL PORTS RULES APPEALED AGAINST

Back-Haul Rate Decision Now Opposed in Federal Court at San Francisco.

MANY CITIES ARE AFFECTED

Reversal of Interstate Commerce Commission Would Mean Re-adjustment of All Trans-continental Tariffs.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 17.—The recent decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Pacific Coast back-haul case, wherein the commission enumerated the Western ports entitled to terminal rates, is being assailed in the Federal Court at San Francisco. The cities of Sacramento, Stockton, San Jose and Santa Clara have joined in an appeal to the court for modification of the Commission's ruling.

The Interstate Commerce Commission held that these cities not being terminals, in the true sense of the term, in that ocean carriers do not deliver freight at those points, were not entitled to terminal rates, but could be charged transcontinental rates made by adding to terminal rates not more than 75 per cent of the local rates from San Francisco to each of the respective points.

While the case now being argued at San Francisco affects only the four cities which have appealed, the decision of the court will have widespread effect. If these interior cities are held by the court to be entitled to terminal rates, then numerous other points in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and other mountain and intermountain states will be justified in asking for lower rates than have been accorded them by the commission.

General Change Involved. This case has been declared to involve the entire transcontinental rate structure. Should the decision of the commission be reversed, a general re-adjustment of all rates to the Pacific Coast from Denver, Ogden, Omaha, Chicago and points east would necessarily follow.

In a way this contest is the result of the opening of the Panama Canal, affording actual and substantial water competition in coast-to-coast trade. It follows the enactment of the Panama Canal act which subjects ocean carriers, via the canal, to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission if they participate in a joint rail and water rate.

For many years the water carriers absorbed the inland local rates from San Francisco and other Pacific Coast points to certain inland cities. When the canal act went into effect, the ocean carriers, not wishing to become subject to the interstate commerce act, discontinued the practice of absorbing the inland local rates.

Terminal Ports Named. It was then that the rail carriers filed application with the commission for permission to charge less to Pacific Coast points than to intermediate points. The Commission passed upon these applications in its decision in the back-haul case and it then decided that terminal rates should be allowed only to Portland and Astoria in Oregon; to Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, Bellingham, Everett, South Bellingham, Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Cosmopolis, Wash., and to seven ports in California.

The commission, in effect, held that only those places situated on tidewater at which ocean carriers docked and where they delivered and received freight directly, were properly terminal points. This and towns that had previously enjoyed terminal rates, and fixed the rates for those points at the total of the rate to the nearest terminal, plus 75 per cent of the local rates from the terminal to the interior points.