

TRADES ARE TAUGHT TO PORTLAND BLIND

Hope Is That School in Time Will Be Turned Into Big State Institution.

LEADER IS SIGHTLESS, TOO

Relief Work Is Built Around Nucleus of Few Hundred Dollars and Some Aid Given by City. Trades in Course Varied.

The oft-quoted adage that "if the blind lead the blind both will fall into the ditch" has been contradicted. Its contradiction lies in the work that has been accomplished in the last two years by J. H. Myers, head of the Portland School for the Sightless, who is himself blind to everything except intense light.

A couple of years ago Mayor Albee became interested in doing some relief work for the blind of Portland and a fund was started for their benefit, the city's chief executive starting the fund with a liberal donation. The fund grew and with aid coming from the county Mr. Myers was able to begin the work that he is now doing to such an advantage and aid to other blind men.

The school board of this district soon became interested and the use of part of the school of Trades for the Boys was given to Mr. Myers, who has started his work of giving men instruction in trades that will make men, formerly wards of the county, at least partially self-sustaining.

Work for Pupils Solicited. With a nucleus of several hundred dollars and two rooms in the school of Trades Mr. Myers installed equipment, bought supplies and secured for students for his school. Many of the men who are now doing work under Mr. Myers became interested in the work after a picnic at Bonaventure had been given the Portland blind a few years ago.

In his workshop Mr. Myers teaches chair-making and hammock-making. He solicits the work that his pupils do, delivers the chairs when completed and collects for work done. Although blind, he scores assistance and there is not a place in Portland that he cannot go unassisted. He has gone through the roughest section of the city, delivering chairs, as many as four at a time, with no aid whatever.

There are approximately 15 men at work in his workshop learning to make hammocks and do chair-work.

The men are hyper-energetic, working from 8 o'clock in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon.

Piano-Tuning Also Is Taught.

Piano-tuning is another of the occupations that the pupils of Mr. Myers learn in his school. He has been a piano tuner for many years and for two years and more that occupation has been taught to a few of his pupils. Last year his first graduate, after taking a two-year course, was stamped as an efficient tuner by the state, where use is made of the piano-tuning school and Mr. Myers expresses confidence in their ability to compete with any other tuners.

This coming January he has two graduates from the piano-tuning school and Mr. Myers expresses confidence in their ability to compete with any other tuners.

As yet the school board has made no appropriation for the maintenance of the blind school, but it has furnished some of the material and equipment and the work has been done by the students of the Boys' Trade School.

School Aided by State In Hope. Mr. Myers is a member of the occupation schools that he hopes will become a reality before many years. It is his dream to have a school for the adult blind, fostered by the state, where useful industries may be taught to all the adult blind of the state.

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VERDICT WILL BE SEALED

White Slavery Case Decision From Jury Is Expected Monday.

A sealed verdict will be returned by the jury in the case of William Shook, of Marshfield, charged with white slavery, and the verdict will be received by United States District Judge R. S. Bean tomorrow morning.

When the jury went out on the case the judge advised them that he would receive their verdict at once, if it were returned before 5 o'clock last night. Otherwise, they were instructed to return a sealed verdict to be opened on Monday.

Shook was tried on the charge of having transported May Edwards and Beulah Thomas from Marshfield to Eureka, Cal., where he was said to have abandoned them.

MURDER INQUEST IS SET

Coroner to Complete Record of Death in "John Linn" Case.

Though the identity of the murdered man has not yet been proved beyond a doubt, the inquest in the Stark street trunk mystery will be held next Tuesday night, so that Coroner Dammasch may issue the death certificate and complete the records of his office.

"John Linn," as the dead man was known in Albany and Salem, was buried in Riverside Cemetery a week ago and his murderer—supposed to be George Bartholomew, alias Ed Hopkins—is still at large. A reward for his apprehension has not been offered.

COURT RECEIPTS \$28,085

Municipal Judge Reports for Year Ended November 30.

The Municipal Court took in a total of \$28,085.28 in fines, forfeitures and court costs during the fiscal year ended November 30, 1915, according to the annual statement of Municipal Judge Dawson, filed yesterday with City Auditor Barber.

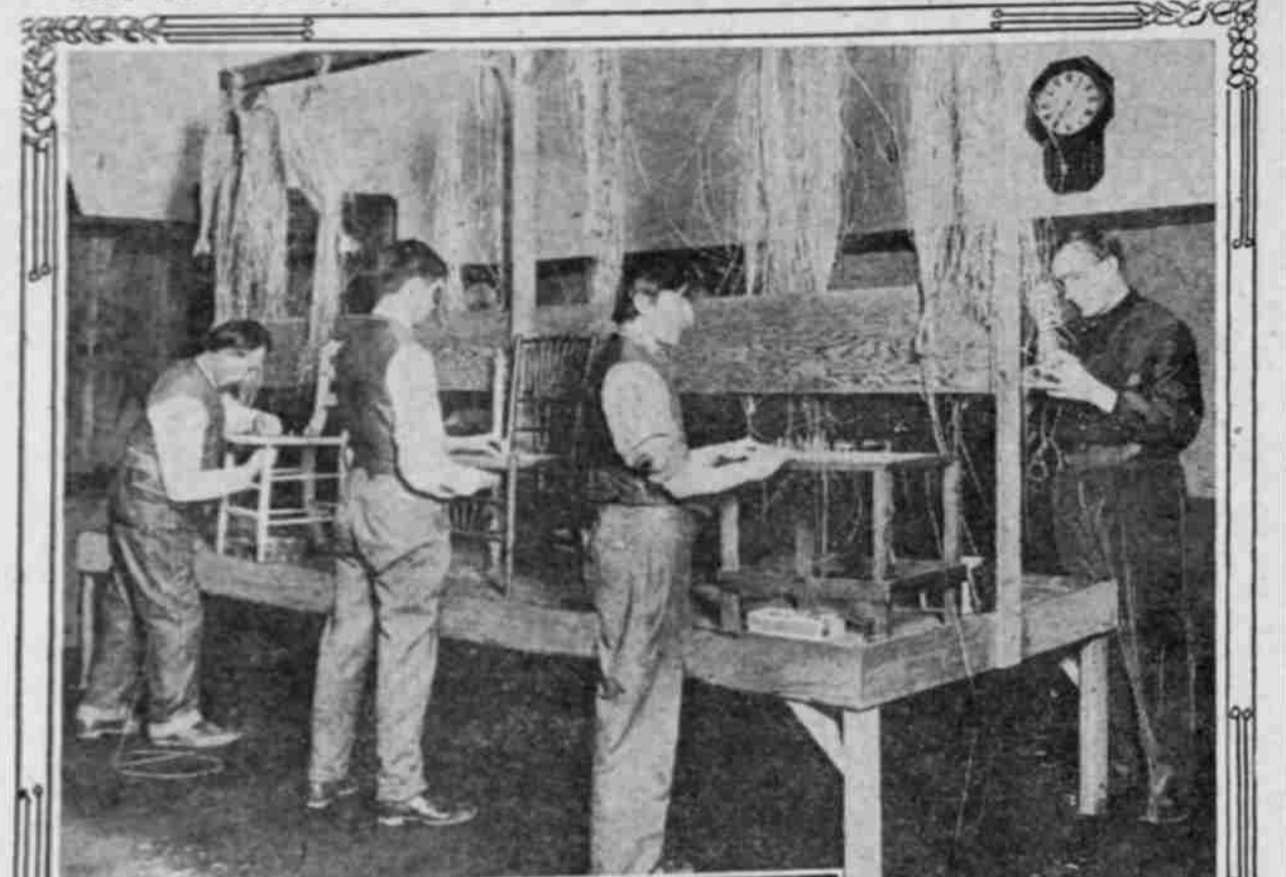
The fines amounted to \$26,181.79, the forfeitures \$1729 and the costs \$244.59.

Freelance also met the bank of England are worth \$275 a square foot.

SCENES TAKEN AT THE PORTLAND SCHOOL FOR THE SIGHTLESS, WHERE SELF-SUSTAINING OCCUPATIONS ARE TAUGHT PORTLAND'S BLIND.



Two of The Blind Students Learning Piano Tuning



Chair Centering And Hammock Making Form The Major Part of The Instruction



J.F. Myers, Head of the Portland School for the Sightless, a Blind Man

CARE OF GIRLS ADVISED

PROBATION OFFICER URGES MORE WHOLESOME AMUSEMENTS.

St. Johns Christian Temperance Union Hears Miss Emma L. Butler Explain Needs of Day.

That adequate and wholesome amusements must be provided young girls to safeguard them from temptation, was the contention of Miss Emma L. Butler, chief probation officer of the Juvenile Court, before the St. Johns Women's Christian Temperance Union. Her subject was, "Amusement in its Relation to the Delinquent Girl."

"One of the greatest means of preventing delinquency," said Miss Butler, "is in providing legitimate and wholesome amusements for the girls. When we have realized this necessity and made provision for it, then and then only shall we have solved the problem of either the delinquent boy or girl. The joy of life in every young creature, including the human creature, seeks expression in play and merriment."

"There must be some outlet for this energy, some satisfaction for the cry of joy and happiness. If we do not give it to our young people they will get it themselves. We need a kindergarten of play for our maidens. Folk dances have become a common feature of amusements in all settlements of our large cities, and investigations prove that young girls who frequent settlements seldom patronize dangerous amusements. Dancing has been introduced at the Jewish settlements in our city and the result has been most satisfactory."

BLACKBERRY CIRCLE ELECTS Grand Army Women Elevate Mrs. Mary Miller to Presidency.

Blackberry Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., met Wednesday at the hall in Sellwood, and was honored with the presence of Mrs. Anna Kornbrodt, department president, and Mrs. Charlotte Parker, past department president. Mrs. Parker, who attended the National convention of the Ladies of the G. A. R. in Washington, D. C., read a report of the proceedings of that body.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Mary Miller; senior vice-president, Mrs. Louise Halston; junior vice-president, Mrs. Mary Jackson; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Kemp; conductor, Mrs. G. T. Tichner; assistant conductor, Mrs. A. G. Whitman; guard, Mrs. J. L. Watson; assistant guard, Mrs. E. C. Ritter; delegates, Mesdames Woodworth, Whitman, Holden, Watson, Ritter, Hite, Doyal; alternates, Mesdames Tichner, Cleart, Dick, Price, Kemp, McClure, Reed and Burnside.

JUNCTION CITY ELECTION IS MONDAY. JUNCTION CITY, Or., Dec. 4.—Only one ticket has been entered for the city election Monday. L. E. Cook has been mentioned for Mayor. The Citizens' ticket follows: C. H. McKnight, Mayor; Councilmen for two years, P. O. Bowman, F. Rosborough and J. Loebner; Councilmen for one year, Edward Leppert, C. Wain and Chester Jones.

Cottage Grove May Get Plant. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the Commercial Club called for the purpose of considering free water and a free site for a milk condenser, Riley Boyd, the promoter, who will be manager of the in-

charge. I took Peruna and am well and a mother of two children. I owe it all to Peruna. I would not be without that great tonic for ten times its cost, for I am well and strong now, and cannot speak in too high terms of its value as a medicine.

In a later letter Mrs. Linder writes: "I cannot express my thanks enough to you for all the good your medicine has done for me and my family. This Spring I took cold and it settled in my kidneys. At first I thought it was kidney trouble, I took Peruna as directed on the bottle, and in a few days I was all right, so I owe my health to Dr. Hartman and his remedy."

Those who object to liquid medicines can now procure Peruna Tablets.

CLACKAMAS PUPILS ORGANIZE. CLACKAMAS, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—County School Superintendent Callahan and Professor Marie, State Industrial Agent, visited the Clackamas School Tuesday and organized an industrial club, with the following offi-

TEACHERS WIN PRAISE THREE PORTLAND WOMEN PASS YEAR IN BROCKTON SCHOOLS.

Eastern Newspaper Devotes Space to Telling of Work and Aims of Instructors From Oregon.

According to the Times, of Brockton, Mass., the three Portland teachers who are connected with the school department in the Bay State city for the school year ending in June, 1916 are bringing an enthusiastic interest to the work with Brockton's "future citizens." The trio, which includes Miss Nora B. Green, Miss Hallie E. Thomas and Miss Mabelle E. Ross, the Times says, are wide-awake women who are endeavoring to make the best possible use of their year in Brockton. They are well versed in the civic life and interests of their own city and are fast becoming acquainted with that in Brockton.

Coming from a suffrage state, they naturally are interested in the coming city election in this city. They claim the ballot is almost universally used by the women in their city and that all, especially school teachers, are decidedly active in the time of school committee election.

In speaking of this fact Miss Thomas, who is teaching at the Sprague School, said that in Portland no "party lines" are heard of in reference to candidates for school committee. Miss Thomas states she is finding much pleasure in her work in this city and has words of praise for the Brockton Public Library, which she visited frequently.

A believer in community center work and the adapting of methods to suit the school and its locality, Miss Thomas tells interestingly of the way that has been done in many cases in the West. She says: "Each school is endeavoring to do some social and community work to fit its individual need and the parents, teachers and children co-operate. The school buildings are used for these gatherings and children and parents come together for an hour or two in the evening."



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dustry, announced that it was only a question of whether Cottage Grove or Walker will be chosen. A free site is offered at Walker alongside the river.

Man Hit by Joyriders Lays in Street From Midnight to Morning.

Thames Christophous, a creamery salesman, was run down by a party of joy-riding autoists at Union avenue and Beech street at midnight Friday and was found in a semi-conscious condition at 6 o'clock yesterday morning by the car crew of an early relief. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital shortly before noon after treatment at the Emergency Hospital.

Though he lost a great deal of blood, his condition is not considered serious. His right leg was badly cut and he received a gash in the head. The autoists did not stop.

Quail Liberated in Klamath. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Two dozen Bob White quail were liberated this forenoon at the Eastwood ranch on Lost River by Deputy Game Warden Henry Stout. Several hundred quail, pheasants and partridges have been released here during the past two years to introduce these game species in Klamath County. They are protect-

ed by the sportsmen and the ranchers, and are red during the winter.

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