

GRAND JURY SCORES PRACTICE OF PAROLE

Panel Interrupts Judge in Course of Lecture.

6 INDICTMENTS RETURNED

Deputy District Attorney Mowry Also Clashes With Jurist About Investigations.

The prevalent judicial practice of paroling criminals from the bench was rapped informally by the Multnomah county grand jury in an appearance before presiding Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday.

Judge Morrow was lecturing the grand jurors on the reasons of many prompt indictments of criminals, recommending that grand jury investigations be initiated without waiting for the result of a preliminary court hearing, when he was interrupted by Foreman Rogers of the jury.

"We have been thinking, your honor, of getting the judges together to talk over some things," said Rogers.

"Yeah," interpolated M. J. Gray, a grizzled member of the panel. "We don't see much sense in that, going to all this trouble to indict criminals when you judges keep on paroling them!"

Attorney and Judge Clash. "There is a good deal in what you say, Mr. Grand Juror," replied Judge Morrow. "I think that the parole privilege often is abused, and, personally, I am in favor of the abolition of the parole system."

A clash between Judge Morrow and George Mowry, deputy district attorney, assigned to grand jury investigations, preceded the outbreak concerning abuses. When the grand jury arrived to report six indictments Judge Morrow addressed the body, saying that it had come to his attention that a great many cases, particularly those involving attacks on women, were not being handled as fast by the grand jury as they should be, in his judgment. He asserted that the jurors should understand that the district attorney or his deputies were not in control of the grand jury and that the jurors had a right to demand that cases in which they were interested be brought before them immediately, that they were not required to "putter around" with small cases unless they wished.

Mowry Places Up. "If what you say is a criticism of our office," flared up Deputy District Attorney Mowry, "I don't think that the district attorney has any apologies to make, or is concerned with what you think of our work with the grand jury. But if you are saying these things with the idea of informing the grand jury as to its powers, you are not telling the jurors anything they don't know already."

"Are you in charge of the investigations being made, or is our office?" demanded Mowry, turning to the jury.

"We are in charge," spoke up several of the jurors.

Six indictments were returned by the grand jury, two of which were secret. The other four were in two cases.

Jess Boydston, recently arrested in Beaman, Mont., on a charge of assaulting and abducting a girl, Edith Thomas and Mabel Baker in Portland April 19, 1921, was indicted on two counts, each carrying a maximum of life imprisonment.

Pair Shot by Assassin.

Boydston was said to have admitted that he was the man who shot and killed the Bakers in woods near their home in the Woodstock district, shooting the man in the arm and the woman in the head. For a time it was doubted that Mrs. Baker would recover. Boydston was alleged to have been an "old suitor" for the woman, who refused to leave her husband.

John Harding, alias Manuel Diez, arrested in Dunsen, Cal., suspected of being the man who held up Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Collins in their home near Bell station on East Seventh street July 14, shooting Collins, was indicted also on two counts, one charging burglary with intent to rob and the other assault with a dangerous weapon. One offense carries no minimum, but a maximum penalty of life. The other bears a penalty on conviction of not less than ten years and a maximum of life.

When Harding was arrested jewelry taken from the Collins home was found in his possession. He was positively identified by Mrs. Melvia Collins at the county jail as the assailant of her husband.

AUTO BREAKS GIRL'S LEG

Child Runs Directly in Path of Physician's Motorcar.

Mary Harago, 7 years old, suffered a fracture of the left leg and possible internal injuries, when she was hit by an automobile driven by Dr. Alan Welch Smith at Linnton yesterday.

The girl was removed to Good Samaritan hospital by Dr. Smith, who rushed her into the city. The physician was en route to Seaside when the accident occurred.

With other children, the girl was sitting on the rear of a bakery wagon. She jumped down and ran directly in the path of Dr. Smith's machine. He was driving slowly at the time and ran his machine into the curb in an effort to avoid striking her. The girl was hit by the rear fender.

Woman Found Dead in Bed.

May Anderson, about 55 years old, was found dead in bed at her apartment in the Alaska rooming house, 229 1/2 First street, yesterday. She had been missing for about two weeks. The body was found by L. Shaw, a collector for the telephone company, who went to the apartment with a bill. The coroner said the woman had been dead for about two weeks. Several empty bottles which had contained moonshine caused the coroner to believe that death had been caused from acute alcoholism. The body was removed to the morgue and the coroner is endeavoring to get into communication with relatives.

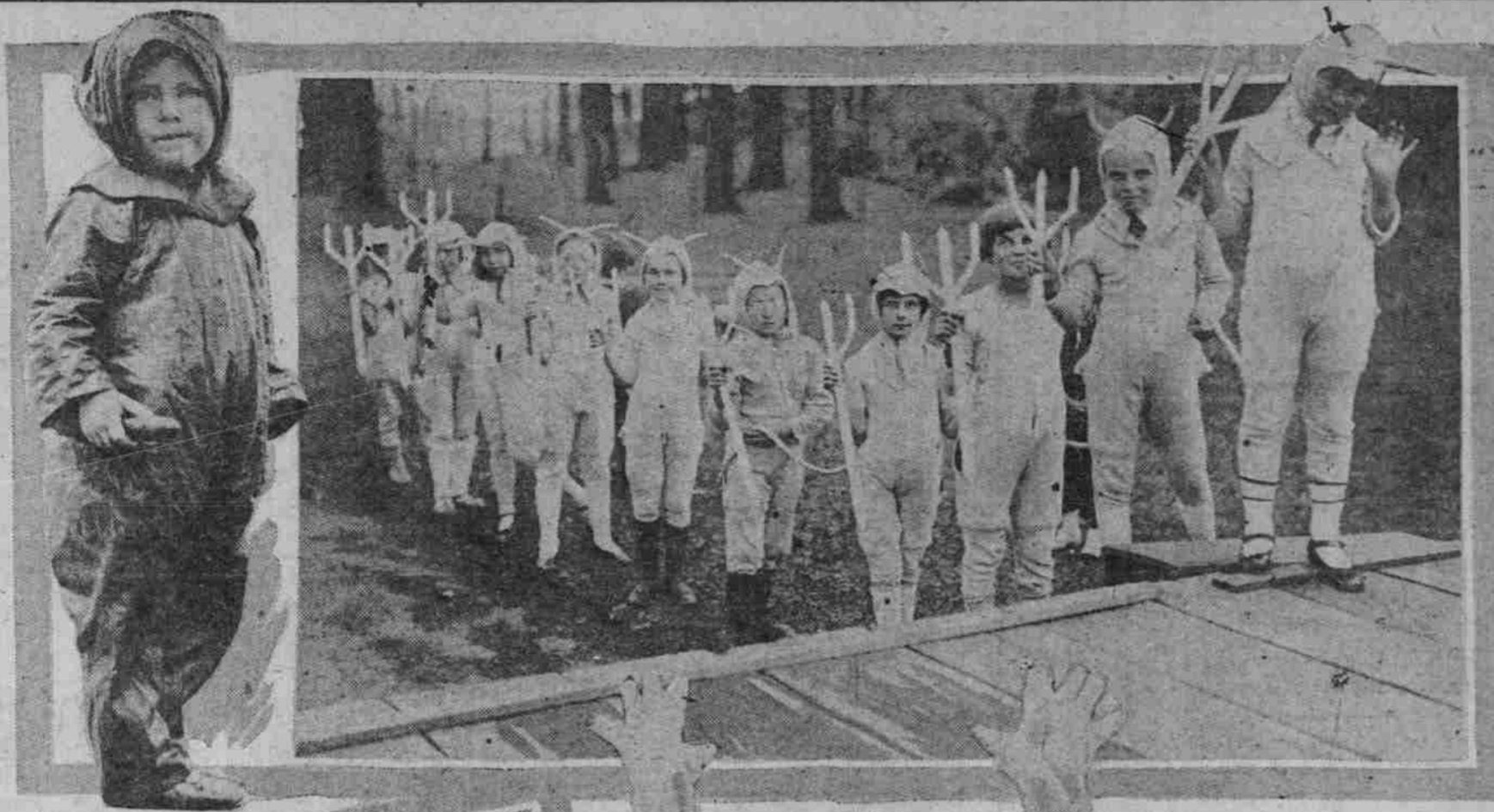
Aged Theater Employee Dies.

Philip Palmer, 75 years of age, an employe at the Circle theater for the past several years, died at St. Vincent's hospital Friday, following a short illness. The deceased was stricken while on duty and never regained consciousness. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock from the cathedral. Fifteenth and Couch streets, and interment will be in the Mount Calvary cemetery.

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BOYS AND GIRLS OF LAURELHURST PLAYGROUND PRESENT THREE-RING CIRCUS, MARKING CLOSE OF PARK SEASON

Mothers and Big Sisters and Grandmothers and Aunts Lead Assistance in Fashioning Costumes and Props—Older Boys Take Prominent Part in Show—Athletes, Clowns, Prizefighters and Girl Dancers Take Part in Programme.



A similar festival and exhibition and parade at Laurelhurst park was the forerunner of the group. 150 Children Take Part. One hundred and fifty children took part in "Laurel & Hurst" Great East Show on Earth, and the children ranged in ages from the toddlers who compose Mrs. Ehrenreich's kindergarten class, up to the 14-year-old girls who belong to the Loyal Laurelhurst club. The circus opened in regulation style with a grand and spectacular cavalcade in which all the dancers and performers took part. The parade marched down the historic steps and formed about the platform where the circus proper was held. Troop 40 of the Boy Scouts, with Van Watson, scoutmaster, led the procession, carrying its three flags, and contributed a patriotic spot in the big parade. A band of 30 tiny brown monkeys, the kindergarten children disguised as little simians, danced through a sprightly number, flapping their long, graceful tails and hopping gaily to the music. Then came Johnny Welch as a strong man, with abnormal and surprisingly large muscles and development of figure. Johnny put over a clever comedy, and a seven-foot man, lifting amazing weights and deftly juggling seemingly heavy objects. A dozen clever little folk called blue devils put on a beautiful dance of graceful moods and gay little meanings. The blue devils carried realistic pruned forks and waved fascinating long blue caudal appendages, the while they merrily danced. A group of four boys, Ted Pope, Tom Bradley, Herbert Calkins and Harold Bevers, put on a clever arrangement of athletic endeavor, including gymnastics, acrobatic arts and work on the horizontal bar. Another group of boys staged a realistic programme of pugilistic enterprise, featuring as the big event a fight between Dempsey and Carpenter, followed by a series of minor "fights." The realistic marvels included George Alvarez, a representative of Gordon Lawrence, John Welch, Archie Stewart, Edward Arndt, Travis Meyers and John Phillips, with Hugh and Jimmy Welch staging the Dempsey-Carpenter bout. Able Cassell was the referee. The bigger boys of the playground were prominently identified with some of the best features in the circus. In one instance a group of them appeared as clowning in the recreation of Gordon Lawrence, billed as "Funny." A mistle-ton band of 20 last year's bright comedy features. Seven girls garbed as rag dollies contributed a clever dance specialty, and a group of potato sacks, each of which was occupied by a nice little girl, danced merrily. Rainbow Brigade Dances. Seven pretty little maids in various colored tarlatan formed a Rainbow brigade, dancing about two whirling soloists who impersonated gray clouds. Japanese maids in quaint kimonos and parasols stepped demurely through a folk dance, and others as Holland kicked their wooden heels, a dozen sailor lasses danced the gay sailor's hornpipe, and the best of the best "O'Leary" dancers put on a delightful exhibition of the well-known game. The older girls of the playground appeared, some as gypsies in colorful attire, dancing to the tinkling beats of their tambourines, and others as Wild West showgirls, in smart round-up atmosphere. The 20 gypsy maids are all members of the Loyal Laurelhurst club, and the Wild West girls are members of the Laurelhurst Athletic club for girls. A representative and enthusiastic crowd of Laurelhurst folk was in attendance. The dates for the celebrations to be given by the other playground directors and children include: Vernon, August 24; Peninsula, August 25; Columbia and Forest, August 26; Lincoln, August 30 and September 1; Sellwood, August 31; Lents, September 2; and Kenilworth, Mount St. Mount Tabor and Washington, September 5. In addition to the individual games, the inter-playground tennis tournament at Washington park will be held August 22-27. The track meet will be August 27 at Peninsula and the swimming meet September 3 at Sellwood and Peninsula tanks.

ACTING JUDGE RETIRES

BARGE E. LEONARD LEVIENT TO PUBLIC OFFENDERS.

Last Day on Municipal Court Bench Marked by Charity Toward Erring "Boys."

It was his last day on the bench, so Barge E. Leonard, acting police judge during the vacation of Judge Rossman, was inclined to be a bit lenient with the "boys" who appeared before him yesterday.

Hubert Welch, suspected dog peddler, was one of the last to make his appearance. He was charged with a dog about a week ago during a raid on a notorious negro dive maintained by "Shankie" Walker. At that time he received a suspended sentence.

"I've just about exhausted my patience with you," vouchsafed the court as Welch appeared again yesterday. "You ought to stay here about six months."

Welch smiled perceptibly as the words were uttered, and a noticeable wobbling was apparent down about the middle of his face.

"But as long as this is my last day on the bench I am going to give you one more chance," said Leonard. "I will give you a suspended sentence of 120 days, but you must be out of town before 5 o'clock this afternoon."

"No sooner were the words spoken than Welch grabbed frantically at his hat, nearly bowled over by Sheriff Ogg during his flight, and ran full speed ahead out of the courtroom door. Policemen saw him turn down Third street toward the Union station.

The courtroom was thrown in an uproar over the prisoner's hasty flight, but Welch was caring for the feelings of neither the court nor the police as he hopped off with a speed that would qualify him for almost any Marathon.

During his period as acting police judge Mr. Leonard had had some unusual experiences, but his decisions, according to police and attorneys, have been uniformly fair. There was no radical departure from the class of fines and sentences which Judge Rossman has meted out.

"It has been a wonderful experience, but at the same time there has been a lot of grief," he said. "There

SIX SOLOISTS OBTAINED

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA GETS CELEBRATED ARTISTS.

Sophie Breslau, Member of Metropolitan Opera Company, to Appear in First Concert.

A soloist has been engaged for each of the series of six concerts to be given by the Portland Symphony orchestra for the first time this year, and the prominent artists engaged will add materially to the excellent programme usually rendered by the organization. Carl Denton, prima donna, announces that the season will open soon at the Heilig theater and gives out the names of the soloists engaged to appear with the orchestra.

Sophie Breslau, contralto, a member of the Metropolitan Opera company, will appear in the first concert. Miss Breslau was the recipient of columns of superlative criticism on her last trip west and she is characterized in many of these as "having one of the richest vocal endowments ever given to a singer." Harold Bauer, pianist, will take part as soloist in the second concert. Mr. Bauer is one of the greatest pianists now before the public according to the New York Post, his art being characterized by varied touch and keenly artistic phrasing.

Madame Helen Stanley, prima donna, enjoyed her most recent success with the Chicago Symphony orchestra. She will appear in the third concert. Arthur Hackett, tenor, is characterized by Henry Finck in the New York Evening Post as follows: "He is a singer with a splendid voice and style, who sang his very difficult part with the spontaneity of Caruso at his best."

Yolande Mero, "supreme mistress of the piano," has been engaged for the fifth of the series. Herman Davies of the Chicago American proclaims her to be one of the greatest women pianists he has ever heard. Yana Prihoda, Bohemian violinist, who will appear in the final concert, is said by the most conservative critics in Italy to be one of the greatest violinists of the age.

Unlicensed Fishermen Fined. ALBANY, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Carl Froehel and Hammond McRae, young men of Brownsville,

are more perplexing problems arising daily than I ever thought there could be." Rossman, who has been passing his vacation at Long Beach, will return to the bench Monday morning.

RING LOST BY ROBBER

Thug Knocks Woman Unconscious but Loses Plunder.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Falling to secure possession of a diamond stickpin by a rush, an unknown assailant knocked Mrs. Hugh M. Gibbs, 709 East Second street, unconscious with a blackjack and took from her finger a ring which he lost in making his escape at 10:30 o'clock last night. Mr. Gibbs returned home half an hour later and found his wife unconscious. According to Mrs. Gibbs, she answered the door bell and the stranger told her that Mr. Gibbs had sent him for his diamond stickpin. She told the man that Mr. Gibbs had the pin, and he said, "Then I will take that ring on your finger," he said. She made an attempt to strike back at him and he hit her on the forehead with a blunt weapon, knocking her unconscious, but not seriously injuring her. Mr. Gibbs later found the ring on the front porch, and it is believed the thug lost it as he made his escape.

White Salmon Elects Teacher. WHITE SALMON, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—F. Ford Northrup of Weiser, Idaho, has been appointed coach of athletics and instructor of manual training and mathematics of the local high school. Mr. Northrup is a graduate of the University of Oregon. This completes the corps of teachers for the ensuing year. Ellis Rogers, who taught last year in the Tacoma schools, is the new superintendent. The fall session begins August 23.

Extension of Permit Sought.

Request for a two years' extension of his temporary permit to conduct a hospital at 617 Kearney street has been filed with the city by George W. Derr, proprietor of the Derr sanitarium. The hospital is now housed in a dwelling which was remodeled for the purpose. Mr. Derr expressed his intention of erecting a permanent building for the purpose at a later date.

Cathlamet to Open Road.

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Citizens of Cathlamet and Wahkiakum county are planning to open the road from Cathlamet to the Gowitz county line this fall so that teams can use it. This route has been rejected by the state highway engineering board and the Ocean Beach highway, but Cathlamet residents intend to demonstrate its feasibility by opening up a practical route. Work will be commenced in the near future.

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