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A WORTHY INSTITUTION.

Superintendent Gardner Tells What the Boys and Girls Aid Society Is Doing.

Superintendent Gardner of the Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon was in the city yesterday on business connected with the society. He left on the boat for Olney this morning, where there are several children placed out in families under the supervision of the society.

The Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon is doing a great work throughout the state, in the rescue of homeless, neglected and abused children, as well as caring for juvenile offenders. It is purely a local organization, under the direction of a board of trustees, consisting of some of the most representative citizens of the state. The board is at present composed of H. W. Corbett, president; F. E. Beach, secretary; L. L. Hawkins, treasurer; Judges W. B. Gilbert and C. B. Bellinger of the U. S. supreme court, Judge George H. Williams, A. H. Breyman, Mrs. W. A. Buchanan and Mrs. Levi White. Dr. L. L. Elliot also takes a lively interest in the work. In addition to this, there is a board consisting of five representative ladies, who look after the welfare of the children while in the home.

The home is supported by an endowment fund, state and county aid, and by voluntary subscriptions. Children are committed from every county in the state.

The society has received and found homes for over 300 children during the past year. The home is only used as a depot to keep and train the children until homes in families can be found for them.

Mrs. Mary J. Graham, the present matron, has had charge of the home for the past eight years, and Superintendent Gardner has held his position for seven years. Prior to coming to the Oregon home Mr. Gardner had many years' experience in the East.

Speaking of some of the children received from this county, Mr. Gardner says, that only one is at the present

time at the home. This is a 3-year-old boy named Yd, whose parents abandoned him. The society has previously cared for another of this family who was turned over to them by the management of the Salem Orphan's Home, when that institution closed its doors.

The Wright family of five have all been well placed, the two younger boys in one family. The two children, Clarence and Mabel Irish, are in excellent homes, and are much improved since being removed from the terrible influence that surrounded their home in this city. The poor, neglected and abused girl, Rosie Fairfield, aged 12, who a year or two ago was the occasion of considerable newspaper notoriety, both in this city and Warrenton, is now under the care of a very excellent family and doing well. Mr. Gardner says she has so much improved that those who have not seen her since she was sent to Portland, would now scarcely recognize her. In place of a pale thin face and hollow eyes, she now presents the appearance of a healthy robust child.

The society feels grateful to those generous people of this city who have on several occasions remembered them with donations and they are cordially invited to visit the home when in Portland, which is situated on the East side of the river, on the line of the East Ankeny cars, where the superintendent says they will find the model institution of the state for the care of children.

A PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Packers Association Will Pay Out Nearly \$60,000 of Dividends in Astoria.

An officer of the Columbia River Packers Association confirms the report that at the meeting last Thursday a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent was declared on the capital stock of the association and is now payable at the office in this city.

This will result in the immediate disbursement of nearly \$60,000 in Astoria, and shows the prospective value of such business institutions and the good policy of fostering and encouraging their location and establishment in the community. Any manufacturing or industrial enterprise upon so large a foundation as to be capable of the accumulation of such a profit, under even the most favorable circumstances, upon so low a dividend percentage, is certainly worthy of the praise and good will of every citizen.

When it is remembered that the dividend thus declared by the packers association represents, not a year, but only eight months' operation, involving the extraordinary initial expense of perfecting and starting the new organization, an idea is afforded of the importance to this section of Oregon of the packers' association and such a record is at the same time a splendid testimonial to the efficiency and intelligence of its official management.

It is understood that the scope of the coming season's operations will be much enlarged as compared with last year, and that the aim will be to make the association even more distinctly a home institution; every dollar spent for materials and supplies being laid out as far as possible in Astoria and Clatsop county.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds were filed in Recorder Clinton's office yesterday: United States to Ole Hanberg, W 1/2 of NE 1/4 and E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of section 21, T 9 N, R 9 W, patent.

Ole Hanberg to Erick Hanberg, same property, \$1,300. Trustees of Pacific lodge No. 17, K. of P., to trustees of Astor lodge, lots 1 to 4 block 54, Greenwood cemetery; \$1,000. Chris Peterson and wife to Augusta Olverson, ten acres of land in section 22, T 7 N, R 9 W; \$1,000. Chris Peterson and wife to Hans Olverson, lots 4 and 7, and SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section 22, T 7 N, R 9 W; \$2,000.

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The Best Washing Powder.

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THE MODDER RIVER FAILURE.

British Led Into Ambush by Treacherous Guides and the Men Panic-Stricken.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—The following account of the Modder river fight was received today from one of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders:

"We have had some hot fighting with Methuen, but we got through all right until the eleventh hour when we got a licking. We, of the Highland brigade, had to march during the night to surprise the Boers. No one knew what we were going to do or where we were going. The rain came down in torrents and we were soaked through, and that on empty stomachs.

"We were led right into the Boer trenches by guides and before we could deploy from our half of us were shot down. We all ran for our lives and reformed five hundred yards back, when the Gordons joined us and we again tried the trenches. But it was no good. All day we lay out in the sun, without food or drink, and in the afternoon the Boer shells began bursting among us so we made the best of our way to the rear. The men were sick and dispirited. There was no light left in them, and they would not stop for the officers or for anyone else. General Wauchope was killed—hit in seven places. He was the right sort. They say it was not his mistake at all and he did not want the night attack. Anyway it was a ghastly failure.

"The camp at Modder river was full of Boer spies—colonials and others—so our every movement was watched and information carried to the enemy. Why these people are allowed to mess about the camp I cannot understand. Some of these cloiyal colonials have been caught red-handed fighting against the queen. Why don't they shoot them right off instead of sending them down for trial? They don't deserve it.

"Most of the regiments here are full of young boys for officers and the men don't care about them. I saw some of them at the Modder river fight act like a lot of school boys, shouting out orders that none of us could understand, so the old hands took no notice of them and went their own way as best they could. Most of the regiment are the same. The guards are the best off for officers. None of us can make out why so many young officers are sent out to take charge of old soldiers. Why can't we have more of our old officers? My late captain, who left us at Aldershot, came to see us off and we asked why he was not coming with us. He replied that the war office would not let him join. He was a good man. We should not have lost half the men we had if we had had older officers.

"We were a good brigade if we had not been messed up, and if only Wauchope had been left to handle us himself. This is a terrible war and God only knows how it will end.

"My wound is not a bad one—a shot through the fleshy part of the thigh—and I was so excited I did not notice it for an hour or two."

ANOTHER DISTORTED VIEW.

Tolstoi Falls to Comprehend England's Responsibility in South Africa.

MOSCOW, Jan. 26.—Count Leo Tolstoi, in an interview published in the Russki Listok denounces the war in South Africa as showing the "sordid and soulless commercialism that rules the world." He says:

"I hope daily to hear of a fresh British reverse. It is incomprehensible to me that England, boasting herself to be the land of freedom, should wish to crush small republics, which have never done her the slightest injury."

Bisque Ware Bargains.

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BUSINESS CONTINUES GOOD.

Woolen Manufacturers Have Opened the New Season With Largest Transactions Ever Known.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—R. G. Dun & Company's Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

No news is always good news. New business for manufacturers this year has been light in some branches and much below the production of last month. It is, perhaps, too often forgotten that industries start this year with larger contracts ahead than ever before known, and when half the work of a whole year has been ordered in advance there cannot continue quite the same activity as in new buying.

The woolen manufacturer has just opened the new season with the largest transactions ever known in a single week, it is said, but in most other lines the contracts previously booked would make a similar activity impossible.

Yet there is seen enough of hesitation caused by the advanced prices to make inactivity trying. Distribution to consumers throughout the country is rapid and large, especially in quarters where it had been feared that retailers were overbuying, so that there is strong confidence in the future.

The failures for the week have been 231 in the United States, against 224 last year, and 38 in Canada, against 35 last year.

MC'CONNELL KNOCKED OUT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—At the Broadway Athletic Club tonight, Mysterious Billy Smith knocked out Frank McConnell, of San Francisco, with a right hook on the jaw in the twenty-second round of what was to have been a twenty-five round bout.

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN.

All fishermen who are fishing now, or who intend to fish the coming season, are requested to send in their applications for licenses, with the required fee, to the fish commissioner without delay.

463 Commercial St., Astoria, Or., or 467, Oregonian Bld., Portland, Or.

F. C. REED, Fish Commissioner.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Charles Richel, has this day retired from the firm known as the Astoria Meat Company. All outstanding obligations of said firm will be assumed by the remaining partners, and all accounts of said firm will be payable solely to them.

CHARLES RICHEL, Astoria, Or., Jan. 20, 1900.

The mind cure doesn't require any faith, and the faith cure doesn't require any mind.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all of the assets of the Astoria Football and Athletic Club have been transferred to the undersigned as trustee for the benefit of all of the creditors of said club, and that all claims against the said club should be presented to the undersigned within 30 days from this date.

C. J. TRENCHARD, Trustee.

January 11, 1900.

The political whitewash brush covers a multitude of freckled reputations.

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung troubles. Harmless and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for grippe and its after effects. Chas Rogers.

NOTICE IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the District Court of the United States, for the District of Oregon.—In bankruptcy.

In the matter of Benjamin L. Ward and the firm of Howell & Ward, bankrupts.

To the creditors of B. L. Ward and Howell & Ward, of the County of Clatsop, State of Oregon, and district aforesaid, bankrupts.

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of January, 1900, the said Benj. L. Ward and Howell & Ward were duly adjudicated bankrupt. And that the first meeting of their creditors will be held at room No. 4, Page building, corner of Commercial and Twelfth streets, in the city of Astoria, on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1900, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

CHAS. H. PAGE, Referee in Bankruptcy, Astoria, Oregon, January 16, 1900.

MGR. CHAPPELLE'S ACTIONS.

He is Accountable to the Pope and Not to the Washington Legation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: At the Apostolic legation in this city explanation was made of the probable reason for the differences which have arisen between the Philippine supreme court and Manager Chappelle, papal delegate in the Philippines.

Manager Chappelle, it was stated, had no connection with the American legation, but is delegate extraordinary from the papacy in Rome. No one here knows anything about the instructions which he is acting under. These instructions were received directly from the pope, and for their carrying out he will be responsible only to the pope.

It was explained that it is universal canon law of the church of Rome that ecclesiastical matters shall be handled only by ecclesiastical tribunals.

It is supposed here that Manager Chappelle desires a continuation of the laws of the Philippine islands regarding ecclesiastical matters on the same basis under American rule as they were under the Spaniards.

AMERICAN RULE FAVORED.

Commercial Interests of Hong Kong Want America to Control the Philippines.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—George H. Medhurst, a prominent merchant of Hong Kong, while in Chicago today, on his way to London, said:

"The commercial interests of Hong Kong look with favor on the American rule of the Philippines. In the past it has been the misfortune of those islands to have been most wretchedly governed, and in general the conditions which have obtained there have tended to check progress on the part of the people and the development of the undoubtedly great natural resources of those islands. Under the rule of this country all those conditions will be changed, the resources of the islands will be developed, business will expand greatly and the policy of the country will make them inviting fields for commercial venture and enterprise. The business interests of Hong Kong will unquestionably be benefited by these changed conditions and in other ways we hail the advent of the United States into the Orient."

PHILIPPINE WAR OVER.

Only Danger Now Lingered Feuds Between American and Filipino Soldiers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila, says:

The war in the Philippines is over. No further surrender can be hoped for. The danger in the present situation is that a bloody feud may arise between the American army and the Filipinos. This danger can be greatly lessened by action of congress which is now imperative, outlining the policy of the government in the Philippines.

It is likely that many insurgents are still holding out for the very terms which congress will be willing to give. The time is ripe for a conciliatory policy allowing the Philippines to have some say as to the nature of the government under which they will be obliged to live.

CAPTURED IN KANSAS CITY.

Portland Man Wanted for Embezzlement to Be Brought Back.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 26.—James E. Muse, charged with having embezzled \$620 from the Title Guarantee & Trust Company of Portland, Oregon, nearly a year ago, was arrested here today. He had been in Kansas City several weeks and had secured employment as a bookkeeper.

Mrs. Muse, who was with her husband, started back to Portland today and Muse has expressed a willingness to return with the officers without requisition papers.

ALBATROSS AT SUVA, FIJI.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 26.—Advised by the steamship Mowera say Professor Agassiz's scientific party on the yacht Albatross ask to be reported at Suva, Fiji, December 29, all well.

HIS MOTHER'S BREAD

He says was always so light and well baked. Well there is a knack in making it. But don't forget the kind of stove or range used makes a difference. His mother used a Star Estate Range



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Eczema broke out on my daughter, and caused her head was entirely covered. She was treated by several good doctors, but grew worse, and the dreadful disease spread to her face. She was taken to two celebrated health springs, but received no benefit. Many patent medicines were taken, but without result, until we decided to try S. S. S., and by the time the first bottle was finished, her head began to heal. A dozen bottles cured her completely and left her skin perfectly smooth. She is now sixteen years old, and has a magnificent growth of hair. Not a sign of the dreadful disease has ever returned.



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