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Today's Weather.

Portland, Jan. 28.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, Sunday, occasional light rain.

SUNDAY SERMON.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and even when old he will not depart from it."—Prov. xxiii:6.

Apocryphal of numerous complaints made relative to acts of vandalism committed by young boys; of insulting and obscene remarks made to ladies from young men congregated on the street corners, it is evident that many of the parents are not familiar with the scriptures admonishing them as to bringing up and educating their children in the paths they should go. Too much latitude is allowed young men. Too little interest is taken in their moral training. They do not learn vandalism or obscenity at home. One of the principal causes of the present condition of boys in Astoria and their propensity for acts of lawlessness, is because their early training is neglected. Good judgment is not exercised in the books or papers which they are allowed to read. There are too many dime novels sold at the stores. Sensational papers like the San Francisco Examiner, the Portland Journal and several eastern papers, whose columns reek with sensational accounts of crimes and criminals are not fit journals for young men to read. There is nothing refining or educating in reading accounts of murders, daring adventures and the like, but the most pernicious of all literature is the detective stories and lives of noted criminals sold at the book stores.

Nearly all the crimes committed both in murders, hold-ups, train robberies and the like, are committed by young men from 17 to 22 years of age. One young man aged 19 is now in the Portland jail awaiting trial for holding up a man on the Morrison street bridge, and he is enjoying the notoriety. A description of the parties that held up the Spokane Flyer a few days ago are all young men, averaging about 18 years of age. Nine-tenths of all the crimes committed are by young men. When such a state of affairs exists, it is the duty of the respectable journals to sound the cry of warning, and admonish parents of young men in Astoria of the scriptural injunction, "Train up a child in the way he should go and even when old he will not depart from it."

There are a large number of young men employed at the various stores of Astoria who show the good effect of early, religious training. They find employment, because they are fitted for it, not only with sufficient mental capacity to comprehend the duties required of them, but because they do not ape the high collared dude that stands on the street corners and makes insulting remarks to ladies passing by. These young men are certain to rise to positions of trust and distinction, and they offer a striking contrast to the street corner loafers. If these young men who frequent street corners; who indulge in vandalism; whose actions, manners and inclinations show a lack of refinement, only knew that they are watched by merchants and those who employ young men, and that it is impossible for them to secure employment. That the fact that they frequent dance halls and associate with the lowest and vilest class of prostitutes, and then ingratiate them-

selves in decent society, is well known it is possible they would mend their ways and strive at least to be respectful and decent while on the public streets. Such young men are simply candidates for the jails and penitentiaries.

If some of these young men had sisters, who were subjected to the insulting and obscene remarks indulged in by the street corner dudes they would resent the insult, but they seemingly forget that they have mothers and sisters who do not relish the insulting remarks passed by rowdies and toughs that make up this contingent of Astoria's population. The fault is not wholly with the young men. It shows a lack of parental authority. It is evidence of a lack of home training, and a part of home training is to see that all young men are at home instead of becoming street corner loafers and dudes. A dude, or a young man who apes the dude, is the most displeasable of the human family. He is so closely allied with the lower order of animals as to be scarcely discernable from the ape. There is evidently a good field for missionary work in Astoria.

TALE OF WOE.

Among the unpleasant duties assigned to a newspaper is to chronicle the demise of a friend, or the winding up of the earthly affairs of a committee appointed to carry out a certain specified object. On this beautiful Sunday morning when the church bells are ringing as an admonition to saints and sinners from the anointed followers of the Meek and Lowly One, who had no hotel wherein to lay His head, comes as a crash out of a clear sky, the sad intelligence that the Astoria hotel committee has turned its toes up to the daisies and gone to that bourne from whence no hotel committee ever returns.

Born of poor and misguided parents the hotel progeny was ushered into existence amid the blare of trumpets and the plaudits of those having hotel sites for sale. Although the child was weak and puny and had no professional nurse to administer to its wants, it was thought it would grow and develop into manhood, but fate decreed differently. After a short and precarious career, it gave up the ghost and has gone from our gaze like a beautiful dream.

"Oh death, where is thy sting,
"Oh grave, where is thy victory."
Evidently the hotel committee was conceived in sin and born in iniquity. Developments have shown that it had no excuse for living. Animated by a grand and ennobling impulse, all lesser aspirations lost their proper place in harmonizing subservience. At one time, while in a comatose condition, restoratives were applied and it was raised from its lethargy, but was too puny and fragile to survive the trying ordeal and gave up the ghost, passing into the sweet subsequently.

SENATOR PILES.

The Washington legislature settled the senatorial contest in that state by the election of Samuel Piles as United States senator. The three leading citizens of Washington vied with each other to secure the senatorial toga. Spokane had a favorite son in Mr. Sweeney, a multi-millionaire, but he stated that he could not afford to buy the office and if he won it, it must be on his merits. King county, according to an article published in the Tacoma Ledger some time ago raised \$100,000 to secure the election of Mr. Piles. Any man with that amount of money becomes a favorite among representatives and senators. Tacoma had a favorite son in Allen G. Foster, who has represented the state at Washington for the past six years. Tacoma is an outlying suburb of Seattle, although it is in another county. There has always been rivalry between the two cities, especially in politics. When King and Spokane counties unite they generally carry everything before them, and poor little Tacoma is left out in the cold.

Samuel Piles is a man of ability, an orator of magnetic influence, and an able and popular man. He will no doubt represent our sister state in congress with distinction and honor, and will do much toward solidifying the republican factions in King county.

THE TUTTLE CHARTER.

Tuttle's Astoria charter bill has been printed and a copy received at this office and can be inspected by any person desiring to do so. As stated in The Astorian, there is no provision in the charter creating a public thorough-

fare. All of the amendments of the Burns charter are incorporated in the Tuttle charter. The only changes made in the charter is changing the time for holding the elections from December to June, and providing how they shall be held; providing for the reorganization of the Astoria police commissioners and appointing S. S. Gordon, F. J. Carney and R. G. Prael as commissioners to hold until the election in June, 1906; provides that all councilmen now holding shall hold until the expiration of their term of office, which extends the time of Councilmen Belland, Stanglund and Kuboth six months, but legislates no one out of office. Provides for awarding the city printing contracts to the paper having the largest bona fide subscription. These are the only changes and when they are thoroughly understood there is no doubt but they will be endorsed by a large majority of the people of Astoria.

ASTORIA SOCIETY.

An Epitome of Society Happenings the Past Week.

Mrs. M. McKenzie entertained a few of her friends on Friday afternoon.

Harry E. Cherry of Portland visited his parents in this city on Tuesday.

Mrs. Anna Fulton was the entertainer of the Friday afternoon club this week.

Mrs. C. M. Cellar and son Fenton have gone to California to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Leahy have returned from their wedding trip to Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Jordan of San Gabriel, Cal., are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Curtis J. Trenchard.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts were the entertainers of the Every Fortnight club on Friday evening.

The members of the whist club will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Dunwoody on next Thursday evening.

Charles H. Abercrombie has returned from Montana, where he went to be with his mother during her last illness.

The members of the Thursday Afternoon club anticipate spending a pleasant afternoon with Mrs. Richard Carruthers next Thursday.

Mrs. M. Cordner entertained a few of her friends on Wednesday afternoon. Games were played by those present after which refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Griffin entertained the members of the Semi-Monthly Eucler club on Friday evening at the home of Mr. Ferguson. Mrs. Ella Sharpstein assisted in entertaining the guests and prizes were won by Mrs. Carlton Allen, Mrs. Frances Dunwoody, Mrs. Charles Heilborn and Mr. Charles Houston.

The first elaborate entertainment of the new year was given by Mrs. W. E. Schimpff and Mrs. R. J. Pilkington on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Schimpff on Fourteenth street. The rooms throughout the residence were elaborately decorated with ferns and potted plants and those present spent a pleasant afternoon playing six-handed euchre, at which Mrs. Frances Dunwoody, Mrs. Richard Carruthers and Mrs. Martin Foard were the fortunate prize winners. The catering was attended to by Mr. Hoefler and was very much appreciated by those present.

Mrs. Pilkington and Mrs. Schimpff were assisted in entertaining and receiving their guests by the Mesdames J. E. Higgins, E. J. Ferguson, Walter Lounsberry, Charles Houston, Richard Prael, Charles Callender, Charles Richardson and the Mesdames Pearl Cole, Winifred Higgins, Hazel Robb and Mildred Smith, while those present to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. Pilkington and Mrs. Schimpff were: Mesdames Albert V. Allen, Carlton Allen, Daniel Allen, Edward Baker, Charles S. Brown, Charles A. Cooldge, Charles Callender, Richard Carruthers, Norman Callaway, H. W. Christensen, Ralph Dyer, Francis Dunwoody, Albert Dunbar, Edward Ferguson, George C. Flavell, Martin Foard, Robert Foerster Arthur Fulton, John N. Griffin Aubrey Garner, George H. George, Richard Habersham, J. E. Higgins, Charles Hell, born, Otto Heilborn Charles Houston, F. D. Kuettnner, Walter Lounsberry, William Logan, Samuel Maddock Norman Marrs, Swepson Mortor, Quincy Newman, Frank Parker, Frederick Prael, Richard Prael, Thomas Ryrie, Charles Richardson, Charles Rogers, Walter Robb, George Roberts, George Sanborn, Nellie Swift, Donald Stuart, John H. Smith, Albert M. Smith, Henry Smith, Ella Sharpstein, William Sherman, Phillip A. Stokes, Eben Tallant, Nathaniel Tallent, Elmer Thayer, Jay Tuttle, Ammon Taylor, Perry Trullinger, Hustler Van Duzen, Brenham Van Duzen, A. Van Duzen, James Welch, George Wood and the Mesdames Pearl Cole, Helen Dickinson, Grace Moore, Ruth Garner and Alice Wood.

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