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THE WEATHER

Oregon and Washington—Showers in west portion, increasing in cloudiness.
Idaho—Probably fair.

THE HOODLUM

All hoodlums are boys, but all boys are not hoodlums. The girl as a hoodlum, pure and simple, is so rare as to take a class all by herself, when she rarely appears in the role. And all boy-hoodlums are not of the generic breed and substance; they are often made so by contact, example, bad home training and the general license of the streets. "Boys will be boys" is a saying that goes far in extenuation of some of the worst of their pranks and it is only when they become vicious and devilish that they begin to wear the style and title as though it belonged to them.

Astoria has the genus in plenty. She has no more, no less, than belongs to her, perhaps, but she has him, alright; he is causing her all the trouble that is to be expected of him. The hoodlum is a "hard and fast" proposition always; hard as nails and fast as he dare be; he smokes and chews and drinks and fights, upon the assumption that he is one of the precocious men of the hour, a man who has reached his estate by a short cut of vice and bad-habit usually attributable to the grown man. The born hoodlum is a State charge from the hour of his birth, and usually lands under the ban before he graduates into the Penitentiary; he is the incorrigible child, the vicious youth, the dangerous man; but the hoodlum that is made by the carelessness of his own people, is quite another affair; like his natural prototype he is not to blame for his lapses altogether the first responsibility rests with the parents who fail in their cardinal duty and give him his head and tacitly urge him on his course and then rally to his defense when he has made himself so notoriously bad as to invoke the law for the protection of society he preys upon.

We respectfully recommend that the Police Commission issue some orders in this relation that will do some real good, and direct the force to deal summarily with the parents as well as the child; since both are to blame, more than the lad who is but the first and last expression of their training or lack of it.

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easy it is to fall into the license and leeway of wrong-doing; every man remembers the hours when he was a reprob to himself and his family; of the risks he ran, and the escapes he made, and those he did not make. And these things ought to move us all to save the youngster from the inevitable and steer him aside from the reckless and wretched culmination that waits upon him. And what is done to help and guide him, should be done with a snap and vigor that will sink in on him and make him remember it. There is a false sympathy that makes for the undoing of boys, and the police are the very last who should feel or exhibit it. An officer can do more to straighten out a wild youngster than parent, teacher, or friend, and he should use his authority and influence promptly and vigorously, for the sake of society as well as the lad that invites his official interest.

MR. SIMON'S NOMINATION.

While the matter of Senator Simon's nomination for the mayoralty of Portland, is primarily, a purely local matter there, it has an effect out in the State, that means much, if it is as significant as most of us hope it is: It is taken, here, and nearly everywhere else, as the first definite sign of the merging Republican interest in Oregon; the electorate which gave him the nomination by such pronounced lead, is the largest grouping of Republicans in any one field of the State, and the source whence such things are first looked for; and if this is the real inspiration behind it, every man in the party may be grateful to the Senator for permitting the use of his name for the office, upon the two-fold hypothesis, that he will make a dignified, well-poised, able mayor for the metropolis, and that was fortunate enough to inspire the movement that every honest Republican in Oregon has looked and longed for these several years. Upon these high grounds his election should be made unanimous as far as Republican Portland is concerned.

WHY ASTORIA?

Will someone, (outside of Portland of course) please tell us why Astoria, a city of 15,000 people, at the mouth of the great Columbia river; at the western terminus of two great trans-continental railway systems; with splendid maritime facilities of all sorts; at the foot of a thousand-mile, down-grade-water level haul, should be the only port and point on the upper Pacific coast without the common-point rate on the grain of the northwest?

We doubt whether the question will be deemed worth answering, so plain, so palpable, so logical, is the affirmative nature of the case. But we ask it, just to emphasize the quality of resistance Portland is framing up and working against it; just to show the animus that actuates the metropolis of a State that hopes to live and flourish upon the normal tribute of the lesser towns about it, and to illustrate the cause for the venomous fight Portland is making against Astoria. There is but reason, in all the philosophy of the hour, why we should have the rate, and that is that Portland will lose the Columbia river shipping. Nothing else has ever been raised against the project; there is naught to raise, that will stand for an instant.

But the fight is on; petition and answer are on file at Washington; argument will ensue, and the ruling will be made. If Astoria does not get the common-point rate, there will surely be a reason given then, that will probably go farther to reconcile us to the denial, than anything we have ever heard of yet. But we reserve the right to take even that to the supreme court, and there it will go, for the fight of Astoria's very life, before we will cease striving for it!

WING SHOTS.

Portland is busy these days sending Spelling-Jackets into the territories that have abandoned her, seek-

ing to revive the trade she lost to Puget Sound and San Francisco. She should send a special train down this way; we have some very interesting things to tell the eager merchants of that city; and yet again, some things to inform the real estate-section-splender of. Don't forget Astoria, gentlemen. Be neighborly!

Let no Astorian think for an instant, that any of the great conventions on this upper coast are coming to this city, if Portland can help it. They will never get by her unless they come in airships. Anything headed this way is lawful prey for the Portlander who happens to be in the commercial saddle up there.

There is a much more cheerful tone to things Astorian now. The good word of satisfaction is heard in the land, and business is being done with zest at the old stands around. Astoria never is behind any city of her size in Oregon, in doing her share of the current work and business of the day, be it dull or lively.

Romance-up-to-date impregnates the story of the double killing up at Gates, and the knightship of the Santiams seems to be in full flower! Pity 'tis, was only a widow! And yet, no man may tell the difference between a pretty widow and a pretty spinster; both are dangerous, with the widow a lap ahead in the matter of luring ways.

FOOL KILLER GETS VICTIM.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Several boys found a cigar box in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn last night and on opening it discovered a quantity of powder and half a dozen loaded cartridges arranged in a semi-circle and other articles which the police say are commonly used in the making of infernal machines. Desiring to see how the thing worked Enrico Cavallini, 10-year-old boy dropped a lighted match into the box. The machine exploded with a loud report and as a result Enrico lost both eyes and his face and hands were badly burned. The police started an investigation to determine the maker of the infernal machine.

BIGGEST BULLDOG ARRIVES.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Chineham Young Jack, one of the biggest bulldogs ever shown, has arrived from England on the American liner St. Paul. He has been purchased by J. Cooper Mott of Great Neck, L. I. at a price said to have been \$500. Chineham Young Jack during his career on the other side of the ocean, has won something like 600 prizes and has beaten every crack bulldog in England. He will be shown for the first time here at the American Bulldog Club show.

ROBERIES TOTAL MILLION.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Since the first of the year more than \$1,000,000 worth of watches, diamonds, jewelry, silverware and other valuable chattels have been stolen in this city, according to the lists of the loot which have been furnished pawnbrokers by the police. Each day police headquarters send pawnshops printed lists of valuables which have been reported stolen by burglars or thieves. The stolen goods enumerated in these lists since January 1, now total more than \$1,000,000.

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MAY LOSE BALL FIELD.

NEW YORK, May 10.—The New York Giants are in danger of losing their famous ball field the Polo Grounds, because of petitions by surrounding property owners who ask the Board of Aldermen to authorize the opening of a street. If the street is opened it will go through the middle of the Polo Grounds, north and south.

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SALT LAKE, Utah, May 10.—What came near being a most serious automobile accident happened yesterday in Parley's Canyon when a big touring car ran off the roadway and down a sixty foot embankment, throwing the five occupants from the machine to the ground. Four were somewhat injured but the fifth occupant escaped without a scratch. The party consisted of Wm. Crooks and wife, C. C. Lovejoy and wife and Carl Larson, the driver. The road at the point where the accident occurred is rather narrow and in order to avoid running too close to the edge of the embankment, Larson says he kept his machine near the farther side of the road. The brush and willow were thick at this point and the women were being constantly brushed in the face by the limbs. One willow struck Mrs. Lovejoy in the face. Larson thought she was injured and as he turned his head to see, the machine struck a large boulder in the roadway, causing it to sheer to one side and run off the embankment, dropping almost sixty feet. The machine in dropping turned completely over three times but the occupants were not thrown out until the auto turned the third time. Mr. Crooks and his wife, Mr. Lovejoy and the driver were thrown some distance from the machine, while Mrs. Lovejoy clung tightly to the seat and was pinned underneath. She was the only one of the entire party who escaped unhurt. Mrs. Crooks sustained a deep gash about four inches long on her left arm and her body was badly bruised. Mr. Crooks was bruised and cut about the body. Mr. Lovejoy's injuries consisted of a badly sprained back and limbs, and right foot broken. Carl Larson, the chauffeur, escaped with a severe cut on the scalp and several slight cuts on the body. The automobile was completely wrecked.

SHOULD PRESENT BILL.

CHICAGO, May 10.—Rev. D. D. Vaughan who has been delivering a series of talks on the "Ideal Family" believes an itemized account of the cost of rearing a boy should be preserved and presented to him. He said: "Parents should always let a boy know that it has cost a great deal of money to rear him. It is estimated that a child costs its parents from \$3,000 to \$5,000. When a boy reaches the age of 21, his father should present him with a bill for the amount it cost him in raising him. Whether the boy ever pays the bill or not makes no difference. He is taught a lesson he will probably never forget."

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CRITICISE RIDING.

LONDON, May 10.—English sporting writers have been criticising Jockey Mayer's riding, several saying he ought to have won at Chester with Belle of Hellus. Mayer attributes his weak finish to neuralgia from which he has been suffering for ten days. He says he has had no sleep, cannot eat and is suffering torture all the time.

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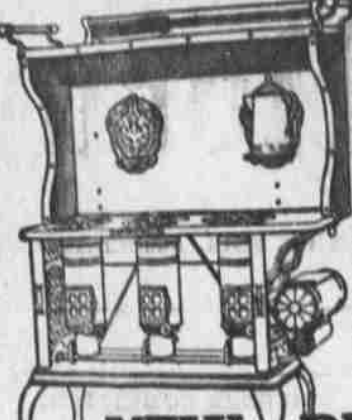
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