

CHILDREN UNDER FOURTEEN WORK

It Is Claimed Youths Under 14 Years of Age Are Working for Their Parents and Not for the Corporation.

The Oregon statute which positively declares that "no child under 14 years of age shall be employed in any factory, store, workshop, or in or about any mine, or in the telegraph, telephone or public messenger service," is being openly violated, at least in spirit, by several concerns of Portland, many children who have not yet seen their 14th birthday being worked at exactly the same occupations given persons of mature years and fully developed bodies.

But the letter of the law, it is claimed, is being complied with, for these children do not directly enter the employ of the companies and are not numbered upon the payrolls. The parents of these little ones hire out to the corporations and the children work with them without themselves receiving remuneration. The companies are given the full benefit of child labor and the parents get the money their children earn, but at the same time the children are working for their fathers and mothers, and are not employed in the factories where they work.

Whether this point is covered by Section 8, of the Oregon Child Labor Law, is a problem that the Child Labor Commission may be called upon to solve. This section governs the sanction of parents or guardians to the unlawful employment of children, and reads: "Any parent or guardian who shall permit a child to be employed in violation of the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$25."

Complaints Are Made. Labor unions and individuals kept from employment because of children doing the work which otherwise would be theirs, have complained of this condition, charging that no effort was being made to observe the law.

This statement is denied by S. E. Holcomb, local manager for the Oregon Packing Company, one of the concerns against which complaints have been made. At the present time the Oregon Packing Company, in its cleaning and canning factory at East Seventh and Belmont streets, is working a force of between 200 and 300 packers, fully half of whom are under 21 years of age. That many of them have not entered their 14th year is attested by their small size and extremely youthful appearance. However, no one appears on the payroll of the company who is under 14 years of age.

"We do not employ children under 14 years of age," said S. E. Holcomb, resident manager of the company, "and when youngsters appear and ask for work we always explain the law to them before we assign them to work. If they are under 14 we reject them. But we cannot keep parents from bringing their children here with them, and it is not our business if they allow those children to help them in their work."

Turn No One Away. "Any statement made that we turn women away from our factory that we may employ children is absolutely without truth. We would rather have

badly hurt in a steel works. John, another son, immediately left for the works to find out about his brother.

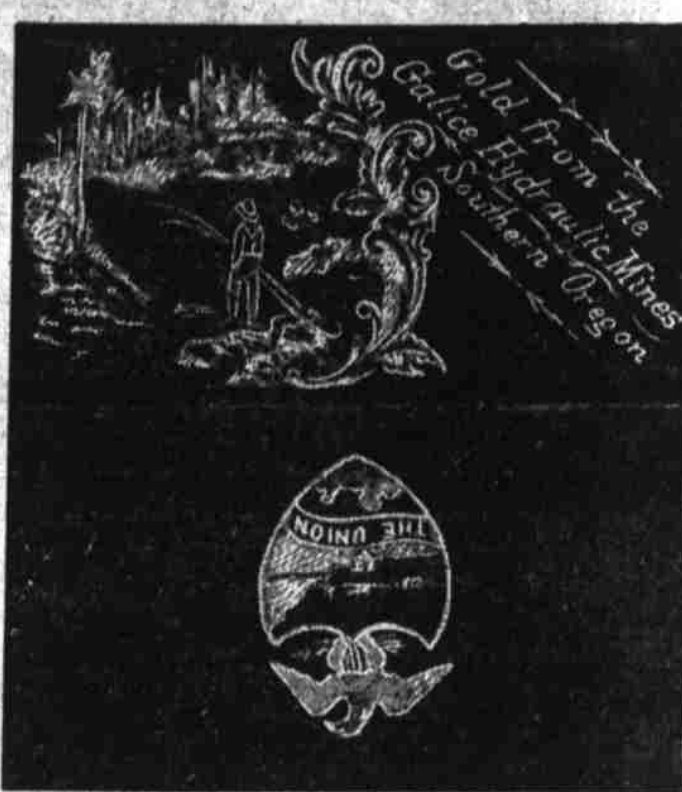
About 9 o'clock he returned and said Harry was all right. Later Gertrude went out in the back yard and screams for help were heard by her brother. She says that when she entered the yard a tall, thin man grabbed her and hit her on the head and body, and then with either a knife or a pair of scissors cut off her back hair.

When she screamed he made his escape over the fence. Gertrude has an acquaintance who resides in West Philadelphia who met with the same experience about a year ago. Special officers are working on the case.

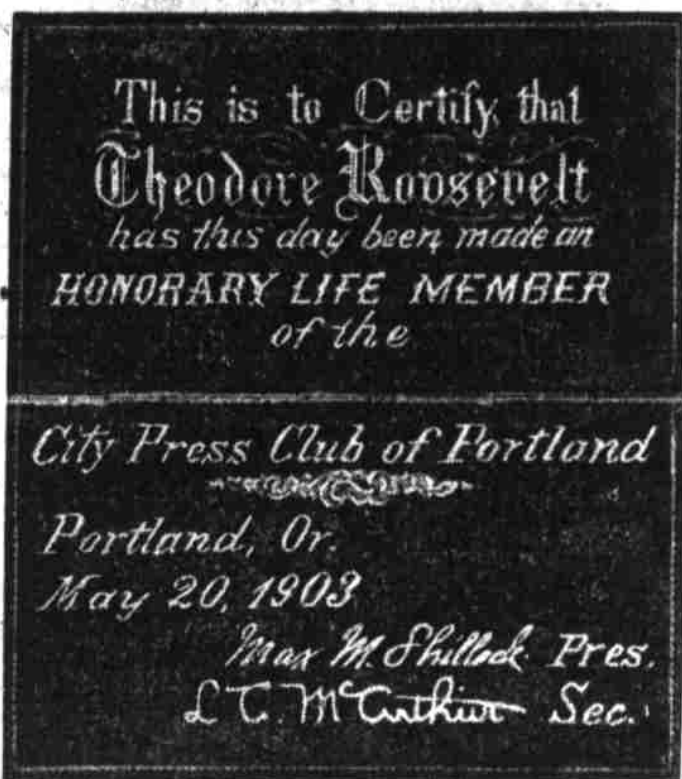
LETTER-CARRIERS' EXCURSION.

On Sunday, June 28, to Seaside. Round trip \$1.00. This is the last \$1.00 excursion of the season. Tickets on sale at Woodward, Clarke & Co. All street car lines will run early cars. Patrons will have no trouble in getting to depot on time.

THE PRESIDENT'S CARD



Outside of Card, Showing Design When Opened.



Inside Inscription.

No handsomer design could be conceived and no more beautiful workmanship wrought by the hand of man than is displayed in the engraved gold tablet which proclaims President Theodore Roosevelt a member of the City Press Club of Portland. This valuable token of regard, remembrance and appreciation has been completed by the goldsmith who had its making in charge, and will soon be forwarded to Washington, D. C., addressed to the President of the United States.

The tablet is made from Oregon gold, mined at Galice Creek. As a gift from

the newspapermen of Portland to the chief executive of the American Nation its worth cannot be estimated.

The tablet is in the form of two cards, hinged together, on the outer face of which is carved the shield of Oregon. On the inner faces are the words which made Theodore Roosevelt a member of the Portland Press Club, bearing the signatures of Max M. Shillock, President, and Louis McArthur, Secretary.

The reverse side shows the hydraulic mine where the gold was gathered.

The tablet is contained in a handsome plush case and will be sent to Mr. Roosevelt within the next few days.

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LOCATIONS AND THEIR HOLDING

Prospectors Work Under Impression that Labor Performed on Discovery Will Count as Assessment.

Notes from the Mineral Section of the State Showing Activity in All the Districts Where the Leads Exist.

Now that the snow has gone from the foothills and the white line is receding toward the higher peaks, the prospector is scratching the mountains in search of the yellow metal that rules the world. This year the man with his pick and glass is out in force. From present indications he will stay till he finds something for "writings" are made periodically, and they are due.

Some of those which may be made will be heralded far and wide, only to fall back into that stage termed "now being developed." It has been a common practice throughout Oregon, particularly in the Southern portion of the state, to locate a good lead and in making the location perform the so-called necessary amount of work on the discovery. In doing that many prospectors have considered that they have been performing assessment work. That is a mistaken idea. Frequently they have presumed that because they put down a 30 or 40-foot shaft or drilled into the mountain an equal distance at the time of discovery that they had done sufficient work to cover the required assessment. That is another mistake.

The law of Oregon requires, in its strict letter, a shaft or drift showing ten feet of a vein or ledge in place, "and such work shall not count as assessment work." The law does not say that a shaft or drift shall be ten feet, but an exposure of ten feet of the lead must be shown in order to make a bona fide location, no matter how deep a shaft or how long a drift it may take to do it.

It is true that the true letter of the law is not lived up to in the matter of locations, nor is the question of the legality of the assessment work brought forward with any particular force except in rare cases.

When the county paper tells its readers that so and so is expecting to begin development work on such and such a claim, it is usually nuggets to pyrites that the lead has plucked and it will be a long time before anything is done unless some capitalist receives a favorable report from a reliable expert. The claim lies idle. No further work is done until the last of December of the following year rolls around, and then the prospector drifts back and adds a few more feet to his 40-foot drift and goes away with the idea that his claim is safe from the jumper.

To a great extent the mining interest of Oregon have suffered from such tactics, for many men are willing to take a chance of making a hit after a lead has plucked by going ahead from where the original locators have quit and working for themselves. They are barred from doing so by the common recognition of the so-called assessment. And that is wrong.

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trict, to tap the main chute. The tunnel is in 500 feet and progressing daily.

A rich strike is reported on the Red Lion, where a body of ore was encountered while running a cross-cut.

A ledge of coal three feet wide has been discovered on property belonging to George Ward, at Hoodoo Springs, about 35 miles from Ontario. The vein is being opened and shows considerable improvement with every foot of advance. The intention is to supply Ontario with its winter fuel.

The Gem mine, near Baker City, has been bonded to Eastern parties through H. T. Hendryx for \$30,000. The bond covers all the property, including the 10-stamp mill.

The Gold Bug Grizzly has been pumped out and work is now going on in the way of sinking an additional 200 feet.

The Black Eagle, in Malheur County, is milling 120 tons per day, with a 20-stamp mill, at an average cost of 70 cents per ton. The ore is soft, enabling the millmen to speed the stamps to 110 strikes per minute, with a 4 1/2-inch drop.

HOT LAKE.

People contemplating a visit to Hot Lake should notify the management at least one day in advance. The new bathhouse is completed. Rates \$11.50 to \$14.50 including baths.

MONUMENT TO DEAD HEROES DEDICATED

Great Crowds Witness an Interesting Ceremony—Design of Rudolf Schwartz.

(Journal Special Service.) SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 24.—South Bend's \$25,000 soldiers' monument was dedicated today with interesting exercises and in the presence of a great crowd of spectators. In addition to the veterans of South Bend and vicinity, large delegations were on hand from Grand Rapids, Mich., Elkhart, Logansport, Frankfort and other points.

With the exception of the magnificent memorial at Indianapolis, the monument is the finest of its kind in the State of Indiana. It consists of a massive column of granite, surmounted by a bronze figure representing a color sergeant. The figure is nine feet high. Four life-size bronze figures representing the army and navy surround the column. The monument was designed by Rudolf Schwartz of Indianapolis.

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PRETTY YOUNG GIRL SHORN OF TRESSSES

Mysterious Stranger Cut Off Miss Taylor's Hair With a Knife or Scissors.

Gertrude Taylor, a pretty young woman about 18 years old, was assaulted and had her hair cut off in a mysterious manner by an unknown man in the back yard of her residence, 829 Stillman street, Saturday night, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. No clue can be learned as to the man, but it is believed by the police he is the same who did a similar act in another section of the city a short time ago.

Shortly after supper Saturday night a message was sent to Mrs. Taylor stating that her son, Harry Taylor, was

OHIO CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS

Are Now in Session at Elyria, Where Important Business Is Before Annual Meeting.

(Journal Special Service.) ELYRIA, O., June 25.—Hundreds of enthusiastic Christian Endeavorers have taken possession of Elyria for their annual state convention, which will be in session here during the next three days. Large delegations have arrived from Toledo, Cleveland, Marietta, Columbus, Dayton, Springfield, Findlay and other cities of the state, and the outlook is bright for a highly successful convention. Many prominent speakers will be heard, among them Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the society; Rev. J.

Wilbur Chapman, the noted evangelist, and President H. C. King of Oberlin College. The reports prepared by the officers for presentation to the convention show the society in Ohio to be in a highly flourishing condition.

TO VISIT EASTERN CITIES

Charles Cooney Leaves Today for a Six-Weeks' Trip to Atlantic Coast States.

Charles Cooney, the well-known military tailor of this city, leaves today for a somewhat extended visit to many of the leading cities of this country. He expects to be gone six weeks, during which time he will visit with friends in St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York City, and perhaps Boston and Washington, D. C., returning by way of San Francisco.

Mr. Cooney stated that he expected not only to have an enjoyable vacation, but that he would also attend to many business matters while in the East.

SOTHERN'S DRAMATIC STUDY OF FRANCOIS VILLON.



It is that strange character of the fifteenth century, sometimes called France's vagabond poet and again Omar Khayyam of France, and again the first great poet of the people, Francois Villon. E. H. Sothern will embody in his production of the medieval romance, "If I Were King," at the Marquam Grand Theatre tomorrow (Friday), Saturday afternoon and night, Villon lived and loved and sang his songs when Louis XI. was proving to the world the divine right of kings to rule wrong. Perhaps no stronger, more contrasting, contradictory or unique character has come to us through the echo of history. Such a study of poetry pic-

turesqueness and perverseness has seldom been met with in the record of the vagaries of mankind, and it is strange that this Villon has not been brought to the prominent attention that he receives at the hands of Mr. Sothern and Mr. McCarthy, the author. During the last few years scores of the most brilliant writers of France and England have been fascinated by the strange history of this man whom Sothern is to present to us with the undoubted finish of portrayal for which he is so noted. Villon literature is only a recent fad, for until 1872 his real name had not been fully ascertained.

Francois Villon lived in the slums of

Paris, yet he wrote ideal verses that touched the Alpine peaks of thought. He wrote of noble warriors, of lofty deeds, and minds, yet he himself moved among the gutter creatures of Paris. His intense longing to accomplish great things—to live beyond his surroundings—is shown in every verse he has written. He has been called a cupbearer, a swordsman, a brawler, yet always a poet and a dreamer. Swinburne has named him "The sweetest singer of us all," and again, "Our sad, bad, glad, mad brother." Stevenson has written of him unkindly in his "Lodgings for a Night," which the great novelist afterwards repented. Some historians tell us that

Francois Villon died upon the gallows, others again that he was banished from Paris and died in England, and still others admit that his end, like much of his life, is shrouded in impenetrable mystery.

In one of his verses Villon tells what he would do—if the great things he would accomplish—if the opportunity were given him. McCarthy seized this theme for his play and gave to Villon of the drama the opportunity that Villon, the poet, had sighed for. He transplanted him from his companionship of vice in which he is pictured in the first act of "If I Were King" to surroundings and authority second only to the King

of France himself. Through courage and honor, which is born to him through these new surroundings, he lifts himself from the mire in which he had lived. Sothern's portrayal of this marvelous role has made the study of Villon a moral uplift of a man through successive stages which, while it entertains and fascinates, strikes to the heart a deep moral lesson. The role affords Sothern the widest range of dramatic expression, for it plays upon all the chords of human emotion that may effect a strong manly nature, and Sothern has made it a dramatic portrayal that will be referred to in the drama for many years to come.

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