

# WORK LOOKS ON WITH SUSPICION

### People Aroused Over the Determination of the City Council to Have a Full Investigation of All Public Structures Before Accepting or Paying for Them.

## PORTLAND PAYS TOO MUCH FOR BUILDING MATERIAL

### All Bridges Constructed Lately or in Course of Construction Will Be Closely Scrutinized—Committee Appointed Which Shall Have Full Control of the Matter.

Whereas, There are rumors and insinuations current that the bridge across the river at Morrison street, the bridge at South First street and the bridge at South Front street are not being constructed according to plans and specifications;

Whereas, There are complaints that the bridge at Williamsite Heights will not be completed within the time allowed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a special committee of C. E. Rumelin, Sanford Whiting and M. Foeller be and these are appointed to take such steps as are deemed necessary by them to ascertain the facts concerning the bridges above named. Said committee is directed to report in writing its findings, together with such recommendations as they deem proper in the matter.

This resolution was adopted at the special meeting of the city council yesterday and the question is being asked: What will the new investigating committee bring to light?

Expectation is held, both from what has been done in the sewer canal and from numerous rumors that have been about regarding the specific objects of the next inquiry. Down on First street, where Marquam gulch is spanned by a new steel structure, taxpayers were grouped at different times this morning and involved in animated discussion.

Other taxpayers found vent to their feelings through offering modes of relief. "Since it has become necessary to appoint special committees from the council to hire engineering firms for inspecting improvements before paying for them, what use is the city engineering department? Taxpayers can have no confidence in a man or office with such damning evidence against them as that produced the present week. We have spent a million and three quarters dollars in public improvements this year, and we are not getting any benefit out of it. It is the resolution appointing an investigating committee that has done this."

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## FALLS ON RAILWAY IN EPILEPTIC FIT

### Frank Griffith, a Deserving Sailor's Apprentice, Found at Woodburn.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Woodburn, Or., Nov. 24.—Frank Griffith, a ship's apprentice, was found on the Southern Pacific railway in a South Woodburn, with his back on the rail last night, where he had evidently fallen in an epileptic fit. He regained consciousness this morning and says he deserted from a British merchantman in Portland and was on his way to his home in Honolulu. He had been driven from the Overland train south, where he was stealing a ride.

Two companions robbed Griffith after he fell of an overcoat, his shoes and \$13.70 in money. There is no evidence of his having been clubbed, as was stated in a Portland paper this morning.

Six months ago, he says, he was knocked down by a mate on a British ship and his skull was cracked. A portion of the skull was removed and no plate put in. He is now 21 years of age, of good appearance, now talks rationally, and his papers show that he is well connected.

Griffith says he swam ashore when he deserted his ship in Portland, and he is now in great fear of the officers of the ship, claiming that if caught his life would pay the forfeit.

## MRS. FLANNAGAN LANDS MR. BURGLAR IN JAIL

(Journal Special Service.) Sterling, Ill., Nov. 24.—Harry Dyer is in jail nursing serious wounds he received while attempting to rob the home of Mrs. Anna Flannagan, a widow, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Flannagan was awakened by a noise and saw a burglar sitting in the room. Armed with a piece of cutting glass, she entered the room and struck the burglar on the head.

The loss is estimated at nearly \$20,000.

## CHINESE PREPARE FOR WAR

(Journal Special Service.) Rome, Nov. 24.—A dispatch to the Italian newspaper Militaire from Peking says that subscription lists are being opened throughout China for war funds. It is feared that if peace is not concluded in the far east speedily, China will be forced into the conflict.

## NEW NAVAL STATION

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Nov. 24.—Lakes Bluff, 28 miles from Chicago, will secure a naval training station. The president today returned the report of the commission, which selected the site, with his approval.

## LORD CURSON SAILS

(Journal Special Service.) London, Nov. 24.—Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, left for his post this morning.

# TOUGH LITTLE BOY BETTER CARE OF GIRL'S COSES

### Johnny Walker Escapes from Charitable Institution, but is Soon Discovered.

## TELLS OF ADVENTURES WITH STREET URCHINS

### Is Taught All the New Winks to Youths Who Flirted with Him.

"Oh, I make a crackjack girl. I do. Nobody would have known me if some guy hadn't piped me off to Detective Hawley."

This was the utterance of little Johnny Walker, who ran away from the Boys' and Girls' Aid society while attired in girls' clothing, when he was taken to the police station in flight. The boy was away from the institution five hours, and was discovered by Detective Hawley hiding in a scow at the foot of Morrison street.

The practice prevails at the society of attiring boys who run away in female apparel. This is done for two reasons: First, because it is deemed a punishment, and secondly, as a deterrent to future runaways.

Johnny has run away several times. The girls' clothing failed to make a hit with him, but it did not stop him from escaping from the institution.

It was about 6 o'clock yesterday evening when he got away. He was traced by Detective Hawley to this side of the river. After spending a short time there he was returned to the society.

"I guess I make a good-looking girl," said the incorrigible youngster, with a grin, when taken into custody. "All the boys on the street tried to mash me, and I gave 'em the latest in make-up."

"I had to slide around corners and run like blazes two or three times to get away from fellows that thought they had won me out for sure."

## LONG-LOST DIAMOND IS DISCOVERED BY POLICE

Five months ago Captain Joseph M. Healy of the Healy Investment company lost a diamond stud valued at \$275. It was recovered this morning by Detective Dyer and William G. Stovall.

The detective has learned who is responsible for the loss of the stone, and only the reluctance of Mr. Healy to being himself made the object of publicity prevents a prosecution.

It appears that the ring was in the pocket of a fancy waitcoat which was sent to a laundry. The waiter was missed shortly afterward, and the loss was reported to the police. At that time all the clothing of Mr. Healy at the laundry was overhauled, but the stone could not be found.

When Stovall was taken into custody this afternoon he informed the detectives that he had been given the stud to sell by a woman who is employed at the laundry. The officers say they verified his story.

## CONTESTANTS OF MRS. REED'S WILL ARE HERE

Henry C. Wood of San Francisco and J. Brainerd of Pasadena, Cal., are in the city. They are among the heirs of the late Mrs. Amanda W. Reed, who among other public bequests, left \$1,000,000 for the founding and maintenance of a public library in this city. The will is to be contested by California heirs.

While the purpose of the visit to this city of Mr. Wood and Mr. Brainerd has been kept a close secret, it is presumed that they are here to visit other relatives in order to ascertain the details of certain facts which will be brought out in the course of the litigation. It is said that they are endeavoring to secure the assistance of certain relatives who are not considered as firm in their determination to oppose the claims of the California heirs as others.

They have made no offer of compromise to legal or other representatives of the estate. Indeed it is said that such offers would not be heard.

## SALOON LICENSE NEAR FIRE HOUSE REFUSED

At a special meeting of the liquor license committee of the city council yesterday afternoon the application of E. Emmert for a license to conduct a saloon at 408 Washington street was refused. This saloon was to be located very near engine company No. 3 of the Portland fire department and within 400 feet of the High school. Before the application was received, strong remonstrance from the residents of that vicinity was placed on file.

After a short discussion on the location of the saloon at this place, the committee refused to grant the license. Retail licenses were granted as follows: C. C. Walker, 220 Crosby street; Madden & Lowe, 2d Second street.

The following transfers of licenses were made: J. Binjar to Stephen Sitta, 422 Felling street; B. Finnick to Vernon Knight, 191 East Twenty-eighth street; J. N. Klein to Lewis & Peterson, 611 North First street; H. J. Krouse to J. Spicker, 75 North Sixth street.

## POLICE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS HOLDUP STORY

According to the story which he gave the police this morning, J. C. Harris of 466 Larabee street, was the victim of a bold holdup last night in front of his residence. He says he was compelled to surrender a money bag worth \$18, all the money he had in his pockets. Though they will give no reason, the police say that they are inclined to place little credence in Harris' account.

The alleged victim says the robber wore no mask, but had a black slouch that pulled down over his eyes. The affair, he says, happened shortly after 11 o'clock. He thinks this is the same man that he saw standing on a corner near his residence the previous night. The revolver used, he says, was nickelpated.

## MORNING BASEBALL GAMES

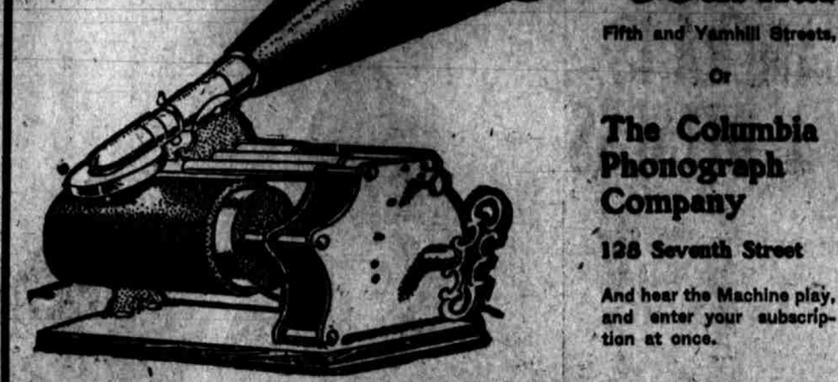
(Journal Special Service.) Los Angeles, Nov. 24.—Seattle: Runa, 1 hit; 5; errors, 2. Total, 1. Los Angeles: Runa, 1 hit; 5; errors, 4. Total, 1. Batteries: Hogg and Leahy; Gray and Spies.

## PREFERRED STOCK OWNED GOODS

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—The morning game ended in a score of San Francisco 3 against Oakland's 1.

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## CAMERA IS A WITNESS

(Continued from Page One.) Tangled forest and rock mountain side, apparently almost impassable to even the most experienced woodman, showed the remarkable play which Henry Barr had given to his imagination.

"We would like to see this picture, but it is so important that we cannot pass over the defendant's attorneys while Pater and McKinnis leaned over the shoulders of those in front of them to get a glimpse of the exhibits. Then they returned to the courtroom.

Henry Young was another of the alleged settlers who had built a cabin, cleared several acres, raised crops and cut a trail. But none of the evidence of his activities could be found by Mr. Barber and his companions.

Barr made homestead application for the southwest 1/4 of section 24, alleging in his affidavit that in September, 1892, he established a residence upon the claim of a log house, barn and a barn, besides placing several acres under cultivation. The value of the improvements he declared to be \$400.

Barr testified that he lived on the claim continuously from 1892 to 1900, except for four or five months every year, and that for eight or nine years he had raised crops upon the land. The chief witness who testified, he declared, was for grazing purposes.

"Did you find a log house or any sign of a house of any kind on this land?" asked Mr. Heney.

Judge O'Day promptly interposed an objection to the testimony of the witness in every case the testimony of the witness was substantially the same. Once when Mr. Heney paused to decipher the affidavit made by Maud Witt, Judge O'Day interjected sarcastically:

"We ought to have a school teacher here."

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"If you will loan us the writer of this affidavit there will be no trouble in making it put in evidence in the prosecuting attorney with an obvious reference to the government's contention that many of the papers in the question were written by the defendants.

The government's claim of John Graham, Frank H. Walgamot, Nellie Backus and the other pretended settlers were all found to be virgin wilderness, without a sign that they had ever been traversed by any white man save the government surveyors. In many places Barber and his party were unable to get on the land at all, owing to its precipitous character, and the photographs offered in evidence constituted a gallery of the wildest mountain scenery. The testimony was concluded at 1 o'clock.

Ed to Jail by His Dog. From the London Daily Mail. Old and blind, a man was sentenced to a week's imprisonment at Waterford for being drunk and disorderly, and his dog was allowed to spend the night in the lock-up with him.

Next morning the prisoner, led by his dog and escorted by the police, was taken to the jail, and at the gate the animal whined so piteously on being parted from its master that the man was ordered to go to the public pound with his canine companion.

Once more was a procession formed, the dog leading the way, and a motley crowd bringing up the rear. At the pound the companions were parted, the dog howling dismally.

Not Proper Sphere. "Doctor," said a young lady, "I want you to suggest a course in life for me. I have thought of Journalism." "What are your natural inclinations?" "Oh, my soul yearns and throbs and pulsates with an ambition to give the world a life work that shall be marvellous in its scope and weirdly entrancing in its vastness of its structural beauty!" "My dear madam, you're born to be a milliner!"

## NEGROES' DEBT TO THE PILGRIM FATHERS

Last night at Bethel African M. E. church the basar which has been in progress for the past three days was brought to a close with a Thanksgiving literary and musical program under the supervision of Rev. J. W. Tolliver. The address of the evening was delivered by Attorney McCants Stewart, his subject being "The Negroes' Debt to the Pilgrim Fathers of Plymouth Colony."

He gave an outline of the progress and development of the African race as a people in the United States, and in a minute they are cool and ready to talk over the situation peaceably. The men kickers simply couldn't raise a row with a handsome girl, and the women—well, their motherly instincts are touched and they become good-humored.

Girl Quits Father's School. Miss Etta K. Morton, of Asbury Park, N. J., made an unusual record for a woman on election day, when she cast a ballot for candidates from presidential electors down.

Miss Morton's father, Justice J. K. Morton, of Asbury Park, was a member of the polls in a wheel-chair, and on his application the election officers allowed his daughter, who had been instructed previously, to register her father's vote.

When the young woman emerged blushing from behind the curtain concealing the voting-machine she was warmly applauded by the assembled electors.

Had Her Wish. From the Houston Chronicle. "Yes," boasted young Slowboy, "I always embrace an opportunity, and I realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose."

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