

HOW JUDGE FRAZER HANDLES BOYS



A Glimpse of Judge Frazer's Courtroom on "Juvenile Day."

By Race Whitney.
Aerial navigation may be solved some day, but youthful mischievousness—never!
The juvenile court can't do it. It can only help.
There is probably not another judge in the land who exercises better methods and greater power, when it comes to "kids," than Arthur L. Frazer of Portland, but in a motley throng of young offenders who came before him yesterday forenoon he found a half dozen or more who had trod the halls of justice at least once before, and some of them three or four times.

With these cases the judge was inclined to abandon hope, but he controlled his temper, suppressed his disgust, and gave each of them a final warning, with a whispered word picture of the horror and disgrace attached to the front door of a reform school.
Courtroom Filled.
For two valuable hours the courtroom was filled with mild offenders and their parents. The latter proved the more interesting study. Some of them looked upon the bench as though it were a gallows, believing all was at an end with their offspring. They wore long, sour faces, and occasionally clutched each other violently and offered suggestions as to the best plan to be pursued in order to assure Willie's redemption. Others there were who, knowing the limits of jurisprudence, allowed their better senses to conceal a chuckle that would have said, "Boys will be boys."
As for the youngsters themselves, until their arms were pinioned by the magistrate's large hands, and their eyes were forced to meet his, they appeared to be absolutely indifferent as to the outcome of what was bound to be an unpleasant—even though profitable—interview.

Frazer Knows Boys.
Judge Frazer's methods are admirable. Nobody blamed him when, after viewing the crowd, he announced that hereafter he would attend to juvenile matters day to day, instead of weekly; and there are so few men nowadays who thoroughly understand the American boy and his peculiar ways that you couldn't help giving the credit to his honor in that line of work. He was not unkind to any one of them, but his arguments were strong, and if the "kids" he lectured fell to profit by his view of the situation it will be because the right stuff isn't in 'em.
The first lad up was named Jim. He had a shock of red hair that would put Mrs. Leslie Carter out of the profession. He also has a mania for borrowing bicycles from curbs-stones and forgetting to return them. This was his third appearance in the juvenile court and his honor was somewhat exasperated. He took Jim's diminutive hands—he is only 10 years of age—and held them tight while he asked the lad what he supposed would be the finish if he did not mend his ways.

Jim's Case Interesting.
Intense interest was displayed in Jim's response. The other youngsters looked on with anxious ears, not only to learn why Jim had been arrested, but to discern, if possible, a method of conversation by which the court might be brought around to their way of thinking.
No answer from Jim—or if there was, it was inaudible. For the judge holds very quiet sessions. He does not allow the youth before him to exploit his criminal achievements for the entertainment of the remainder.
"Look at your mother there," commanded the judge. "Doesn't she treat you well? Did you ever go hungry? Isn't she a nice woman? Do you suppose she wants her boy in a reform school? Now, I like to tell you this—for you are a nice-looking boy and might be a great man when you grow up—but Jim, I tell you that if ever you come back here again, you're going to jail! Pending good behaviour, you are paroled."
Tears Are Frequent.
That's the way Judge Frazer talks to his boys, and usually it starts the tears. You can bet a hat that Jim will never appear in the role of the bicycle kid again with a deal more assurance of winning than that McClellan will remain mayor of New York.
A slender, gentlemanly looking boy, his mother had combed his hair carefully and put on his Sunday clothes—was accused of striking a little girl with a big stick. A woman had made the accusation. Mother and father were on hand to defend.
"Let her bring in the evidence," said pater, warmly, "and we'll prove the boy's innocence."
This seemed to please the court. Here, at least, was one case that evidently was not incorrigible.
"Tell me what happened, Roy," said the judge, and Roy went on to say that, being aggravated beyond the limit, he had slapped a girl on the wrist. She, it

appeared, was teasing him. A warning sufficed in his case.
Second Jim Didn't Ours.
Another Jim, light-haired and easy-going, twirling in his hands a cap that would fit two of his size, might have been the symbol of mischievousness. He didn't seem to care whether school kept or not. He was a partner of the chap with the bicycle penchant, and the judge readily foresaw that strong argument only would induce Jim to kneel to justice. At the end of a lengthy description of those horrible things which happen to men in penitentiaries, the court asked:
"How, Jim, can you be made a good, noble man?"
"Quitin'" was the laconic response.
"Yes, but how about that—will you quit?"
"Sure, I'll quit."
"And you say there were three other boys mixed up in this bicycle case. Now, Jim, I want you to ask those other boys to come and see me next Tuesday—bring them up here right after school. I won't hurt them; I just want to talk to them. Will you do it?"
Won't Come Himself, Though.
"I'll send 'em," answered Jim; "don't think I'll come myself."
"What! Are you afraid of me?"
"Nope."
"Then, will you do as I say?"
"Yep."
Jim was assured that he was the court's personal representative—a deputy, in fact—and the chances are he will have his partners in crime at the courthouse on the minute, although the juvenile grinned his way out of court.

Rider Jensen, a messenger whose legs were all bound round with guards, was more sinned against than sinner. He was charged with riding his wheel without a light. As he stood there, a diminutive picture of Iver Larsen, the court was inclined to be merciful. After questioning the boy, he concluded that the Postal Telegraph company was as much to blame as he stood there for allowing him to work after 8 o'clock in the evening. It later appeared, however, that young Jensen had broken promises made to Mrs. Trumbull; so the judge merely continued his case.
The next one had made an effort to run away from home and school and mother and was severely lectured on the inadvisability of making a tramp of himself.
There were a dozen or more cases of truancy, and in each of them the court showed the same disposition—to take the meanness out of youth by kind treatment and eloquent advice.
But still I doubt that the juvenile court will accomplish all.

In Their New Home.
"Removed to new quarters," is the announcement that appears over the door at the old stand of the haberdashery firm of Hewitt, Bradley & Co., who have just opened their new store at 244 Washington, two doors east of the old location. Here is an illustration of what industry and close application to business will accomplish in this prosperous northwest country.
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Globetrotter to Zachure.
Oscar Eden Zachure, who is traveling around the world on a water, will deliver an address tonight at the Turn hall, Fourth and Yamhill streets. His subject is, "Six Thousand Miles Through Russia to Siberia." The lecture will be given in German.

GEER ASPIRES TO BE SENATOR

Former Governor Tells Friends He Will Not Try for Chamberlain's Place.

RUMOR HE HAS BOUGHT THE PENDLETON TRIBUNE

This Would Enable Him to Turn Paper's Batteries on Judge S. A. Lowell—Present Governor's Popularity Makes Longing Ones Shy.

T. T. Geer, ex-governor of Oregon, has officially informed his friends that he is a candidate for United States senator and will enter the primary election contest the coming June. Mr. Geer says that for a time he considered the advisability of running for the Republican nomination for governor, but, having gone over the field, he decided that the senatorial field was the most inviting. The ex-governor returned from Pendleton last Wednesday and went home to Salem. He is building fences throughout the eastern part of the state.
The story has been current for some weeks that Mr. Geer is negotiating for the purchase of the Pendleton Daily Tribune from E. P. Dodd. If the story is true, it is regarded as significant, as the ex-governor doubtless would turn the paper's batteries on his opponents for the senatorial nomination. Pendleton is the home of Judge S. A. Lowell, who also has been credited with an ambition to represent the state in the senate.
Marion county republicans also are agitated over the report that Professor W. C. Hawley of Willamette university is a candidate for congress from the first district. Walter Toose of Woodburn and C. E. Moores of Salem have been open candidates for some time, and their friends are said to be concerned lest another Marion man's entrance into the political arena spoil their chances.

The success of Congressman McCleary of Minnesota, who was a professor in the normal school of Mankato, in the second district of that state, is said to have spurred the Willamette university faculty man to strive to emulate his example. Professor Hawley has taken great interest in the politics of the district of late and was one of the conspicuous figures at the recent Republican peace conference.
It is said that the decision of Mr. Geer to select the senatorial office for his choice was due largely to the growing impression that the Republican nominee who opposes Governor Chamberlain for reelection will have an uphill road to travel. The assertion is made that a number of Republicans who aspire to occupy the gubernatorial chair at Salem have been frightened at the popularity shown by the present chief executive.

TOBACCO DEALER CHANGES PLEA TO NOT GUILTY

Admitted Charge at First to Avoid Trouble of Fighting Case.

B. F. Hansgar, a Sellwood tobacco dealer, charged with selling tobacco to a minor, through his attorney, yesterday afternoon withdrew his plea of guilty and entered a plea of not guilty. Hansgar will be tried before Presiding Judge Frazer next Tuesday afternoon. The complaining witness is Clarence Hoard, aged 16 years. Hansgar said that he pleaded guilty because he thought he would get off with a light fine and avoid the trouble of a contest.
"If this is the case," said Deputy District Attorney Galloway, "I would like to have Mr. Hansgar withdraw his plea of guilty. We do not wish to railroad an innocent man through this court."

MEAT INSPECTION LAW UPHELD

Circuit Court Decides That Portland Officials Can Oversee Slaughter Houses.

ANIMALS CANNOT BE KILLED IN CITY

Judge Cleland Holds That Even If Council Did Give Such a Privilege It Would Not Be Constitutional If Only Given to One Firm.

Portland's meat inspection ordinance passed last spring by the city council may or may not be constitutional as a whole. This question will be passed upon by local circuit judges at some later date. But that section of it relating to the right of the city officials to inspect meats was held to be constitutional by Circuit Judge M. C. George yesterday by his refusal to issue an injunction against this inspection as had been asked for by the F. L. Smith Meat company.

Circuit Judge John B. Cleland, several minutes after the findings of Judge George was announced, gave his decision in the case of the city against J. W. Cook, J. M. Neal and T. W. Bigger, officers of the Pacific States Packing company, announcing that the defendants were guilty of unlawfully slaughtering animals within the city limits. The case had been appealed from the municipal court, where the defendants had been fined \$100 each. Judge Cleland held that the ordinance passed in 1936 granting L. Zimmerman a right to erect a slaughter house within the city limits was unconstitutional. It was Zimmerman who erected the Pacific States company's plant, and it was one of the contentions of the defendants that they had the right to operate the slaughter house on that ground, even though the law had been repealed.

Judge Cleland also held that the meat inspection ordinance, if used by the defendants as a defense for their operating the slaughter-house, is unconstitutional; that is, if the owners aver that they comply with the ordinance in the killing of animals and therefore have a right to conduct a slaughter-house within the city limits, the ordinance is unconstitutional.

Judge George, in declaring the section providing for the inspection of meats valid, said that the police power of this city was of the very broadest nature and that the charter gave this power just as fully as the state legislature could give it. He held that the city officials had power to provide in every way for the care of the health of the citizens, but that the ordinance passed by the council have no power outside of the city limits. The jurist held that the board of health might grant permission to persons to kill animals in places other than those allowed by the council.

Judge Cleland also held that the city has ample power to pass ordinances regulating slaughter houses. He held it was unconstitutional for the council to allow Zimmerman a right which was denied to others. The attorneys for the packing house officials allege that the council did not have the right to repeal the Zimmerman ordinance because such action was unreasonable, but Judge Cleland held that a court did not have a right to declare an ordinance invalid simply because it had been declared unreasonable.
It is expected that the case of the Pacific States Packing company will be appealed to the supreme court.

and if he is not guilty he should not be fined at all. The case need not take up much time, and it would be a great deal better for the court and for the tobacco dealer to be tried.
Judge Frazer agreed with Mr. Galloway.
Thinking that the case was to be settled yesterday afternoon, Miss Titus, a clerk in the Hansgar store, appeared and declared that she had heard Mr. Hansgar refuse to sell tobacco to minors and at numerous times advise boys not to use it.

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