

ADOPTED GIRL DISAPPEARS SUDDENLY

Pretty Marie Cooper Deserts Foster-Parents to Join Mother, Believed to Be in California — Climax of Long Battle.

Petty Marie Cooper, 15 years old, left the home of her adopted parents Saturday shortly after noon, and is now being diligently sought for by the police. The disappearance of Miss Cooper is the climax of a battle for her possession that has extended over eight years and from the Great Lakes to the Pacific coast. Twice before, her mother has attempted to wrest her from the people who adopted her, but not until Saturday was she successful.

Miss Cooper is now being looked for on all outgoing trains and steamers as Detective Hawley is working on evidence that shows that she is expected in Los Angeles by her mother. The persons in what F. H. Cooper and his wife consider a deep plot are the girl's 19-year-old brother and Pearl Reynolds, a waitress living on Hood street near Sweeney avenue. Miss Reynolds denies all connection with the disappearance of Miss Cooper, but it is understood that she has told the detective enough to prove that she was fully aware of the intended kidnapping of the girl, if not actively concerned in it.

At present the police are using their efforts to lay hands on the brother who arrived from California Friday evening. It has been found.

Daughter by Adoption. "Marie is not our daughter except by adoption," said Mr. Cooper today at his restaurant on Macdonald street near Sweeney avenue. "My wife and I adopted her in Charlevoix, Mich., eight years ago after her father had died leaving her mother a dependent widow. At the time we had determined to adopt some child, having none of our own, and we chose her with every intention of making her quite our own."

"Some time after we had legally adopted her, her mother tried to regain possession of her. We would not consent, as Mrs. Cooper and I both had come to look on her as our own, and, further, the mother didn't appear to be able to look after her. The lower courts decided in our favor but by this time the mother had got very angry and appealed the case to the supreme court of the state of Michigan. After long litigation and much expense we were confirmed in our possession of the child."

"Then we found that much damage had been done. The girl felt that everybody knew her history. She was unhappy. Her mother made two attempts to kidnap her, and the last time was only prevented by Marie's school teacher who struggled with the mother until the police came."

"Mrs. Cooper and I felt that this meant that we must leave Charlevoix, if we were to bring Marie up happily. So we packed up and came to Aberdeen, Wash., where we stayed until once again Marie was made unhappy by thinking, in her sensitive way, that everybody knew that she wasn't our child."

"Once more, we moved, this time to Portland, where we got a home way out on Macdonald road. At last we thought we had found peace and that our little daughter could have very advantage and forget her troubles. But the expense of these moves had been so great, that I felt compelled to go into some business. I got this restaurant and we moved into rooms two blocks away."

"In the meantime the mother had come to Los Angeles and the oldest boy to Portland, where he worked in a flour mill. The boy has always been a favorite with us and was constantly about the house while here. Then he left and the trouble commenced all over again. The mother made a demand from Los Angeles that Marie be given her. We refused it. Then Marie took into her confidence a waitress, Pearl Reynolds, whom we knew and liked."

"Gradually Pearl got out daughter's confidence and poisoned her mind against us. While we had carefully kept Marie's secret, she found that it was abroad and suspected us. Of course it was Miss Reynolds who told it. But that was enough to start the girl on her morbid brooding again, and then her mother, through good intermediation, began a clandestine correspondence, which has just come to light."

"Last Friday Marie told a friend that she was going away. Saturday she got

FUNERAL TODAY OF ROBERT RAMSDELL



Robert E. Ramsdell.

The funeral of Robert E. Ramsdell, son of H. D. Ramsdell, was held from the pro-cathedral of St. Stephens this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Simpson while internment was at Riverside cemetery.

Ramsdell died from a wound received accidentally while on a business trip up the McKenzie river in company of Robert McClure and Ormond Rankin. He stumbled and fell while crossing a bridge, accidentally setting off the rifle. So long was he in reaching Portland where the proper medical attention could be given him that a clot of blood formed over the heart causing his death Sunday. The right arm was shattered by the bullet at the elbow.

Ramsdell was a prominent fraternity man and both the old Portland high school from where he graduated in 1896, and at the University of Oregon, where he was a sophomore. The pall bearers were members of his class at the University of Oregon: Ralph Hahn, Merwin Rankin, William Calk, Tom Roland Kennedy and Edwin Davis.

on a car to go to Montavilla for a music lesson, and we haven't seen or heard of her since."

Did Everything for Child. It develops that Mr. Cooper has almost begged himself in the attempt to keep his adopted daughter. He has denied her nothing, the neighbors say, and even bought her a fine piano, which is still here.

"The girl has been taking music lessons for eight years," said a friend of the family, "and Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have kept her at her music apparently regardless of expense."

Detective Hawley will not talk on the matter, except to say that in a few days at most he will have the girl to return to her parents. But it is learned that Miss Reynolds and Miss Cooper took a car together Saturday afternoon, and that Miss Reynolds had been at no pains before that to conceal her dislike of Mr. Cooper, who had discharged her two weeks before, he asserts, for refusing to obey orders.

Miss Reynolds returned Saturday evening to the home of her cousin, Mrs. Eastman of Hood street, but she refused to admit Mr. Cooper to the house, or to speak of Marie to him.

A man boarding with the Coopers named Cheek stated that on Friday Marie showed him a picture of a young fellow, and said that she was going away to meet him and that "Pearl" had arranged everything. The picture is that of Marie's elder brother, who, it has been found, arrived in Portland Friday evening.

Escaped With Brother. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper seem anxious only to have the girl returned to them, as they evidently think of her as their own daughter. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are quiet, middle-aged people, of evident refinement.

Owing to the fact that the girl's mother has been in communication with her, the detectives believe that the scheme was to entice the little girl away and get her to the southern city. This is given color by the fact that the girl's brother came up to Portland, and has not been located as yet. While the police will not admit it, it seems likely that the scheme worked, and that dependence is now placed on catching the fugitives at some town along the railroad, or at some California port.

Miss Cooper looks to be about 12 or 14 years old, is pretty, well dressed and self-composed.

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structed as true to line and model as the engines of an automobile. It will be the finishing of these engines that will be done at the factory on the Peninsula.

It is contended in behalf of the new engine that it will revolutionize the farm work of the Pacific coast. While the present type is intended for the big wheat fields, smaller types can and will be made for use on small farms. The engines will do all that the ordinary traction engine will do, with the added advantage that they do not weigh as much, do not use water or heavy fuel and can therefore be used in the dry sections where both water and fuel are scarce or hard to get.

The Pacific Gas Traction company will have the engine as the Pacific coast as its territory, and it is expected that it will assume the proportions of one of the largest and most important manufacturing institutions of the coast as the country develops.

BARGAIN BASEMENT
Golden Eagle's New Department Finds Favor With Hundreds of Portlanders.

With crowds of eager shoppers on every hand from morning until night, the new Golden Eagle's Bargain Basement was opened Monday morning with pronounced success. This department has been installed within the past few weeks at the instance of the manager, Mr. Burke, who has been in the New York market the last six weeks making purchases for the basement and other departments. No expense was spared in making this department one of the most complete of its kind in the northwest—and while not completely finished for the opening Monday, the many remarks of the patrons who inspected the bargain basement on Monday were but a portion of the favorable expressions made regarding it by those who had the pleasure and opportunity to look it over. In speaking regarding the bargain basement, Mr. Burke said: "Catering as we do to the great working people, and realizing the need of a department of this kind where housefurnishings can be purchased at reasonable figures, I caused the entire basement to be completely remodeled, and as advertised, opened it to the approval of the public on Monday. While not completely finished at the time of opening, the bargain basement will be in the best of condition by tomorrow when we expect to have a repetition of the crowds that greeted the opening on Monday. I am more than pleased with the success of this department of crockery, housefurnishings, linens, graniteware, etc., and from the many pleased expressions made to me today I cannot feel otherwise than that it has been a wise step on our part."

The new bargain basement is under the direct management of Mr. E. T. Sawyer.

Last Trip Steamer Potter
The O. R. & Steamer T. J. Potter from North Beach will make her last trip leaving Megler's dock at 5 o'clock p. m., Monday, September 1, Labor Day.

ROAD WILL FIGHT FOR TIDELANDS

Corvallis & Eastern Railroad Stops Proposed Sale of Valuable Granted Lands in Lincoln County by State Land Board.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Aug. 24.—Judge George H. Burnett this morning granted the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad company a restraining order enjoining the state land board from selling or otherwise disposing of tide lands in Lincoln county once donated for the purpose of constructing a railroad to Yaquina bay. The suit is the beginning of one of the biggest legal battles the state has undertaken since the settlement of the Oregon City canal and locks case. On October 31, 1874, an act of the legislature of this state was approved whereby considerable tide lands in Lincoln county were granted outright to the Willamette Valley & Coast railway in consideration of which the corporation was to build a railroad from Corvallis to Yaquina bay. The interests of that corporation passed through several hands, eventually into the ownership of the Corvallis & Eastern, at present the holding company, and the railroad was completed.

Last year Oswald West, formerly state land commissioner, took up the matter and submitted a long report to Governor Chamberlain in which the position was taken that this land, which has now become quite valuable, still

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Belongs to the State. because the terms of the act granting the tract to the railroad corporation were never fully carried out.

Advertised for Sale.
The land, which belongs to the state school fund according to the contention of ex-Governor Chamberlain and Commissioner West, was advertised for sale by the land board and was to have been

sold today. Attorney Bingham, a Harman attorney of this city, filed a petition in the circuit court for Marion county yesterday contending that the terms of the act had been fulfilled, and an order was made by Circuit Judge Burnett this morning temporarily restraining Governor Benson and the state treasurer, who constitute the land board, from selling the lands at public sale.

The matter will undoubtedly be carried to the highest court before a final determination of the matter can be arrived at. The land is worth a great deal of money now and is becoming more valuable each day. It will mean several hundreds of thousands of dollars added to the school fund if the state is successful in wresting it from the corporation.

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