

# HISTORY OF FERRER

### Says Progress Has Been Marked by Long Trail of Martyrs' Blood From History's Dawn Down to the Present Day.

One of the largest meetings of Socialists and sympathizers with the cause were held in Portland assembled at Morrison hall last night and centered about the story of the life and murder of Francisco Ferrer, as told in an address by C. E. S. Wood, who placed the name of the great Spaniard in the role of the world's greatest martyr.

Following the address by Mr. Wood and other speakers, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and a copy of them ordered sent to the Spanish minister at Washington:

"Whereas, ignorance is the greatest bar to human progress and the growth and spread of knowledge is the only hope of future humanity; and that those who devote their lives to the spread of knowledge should be honored as social benefactors and their memories cherished in the hearts of all mankind, therefore be it

Resolved, That we regard the murder of Francisco Ferrer, the great Spanish educator and founder of the modern school in Spain, as the most deplorable crime of modern times and a reversion to the darkest days of the darkest ages. We regard it as a crime unparalleled since the burning of Guy Ordano, and future generations will so regard it and venerate Ferrer's name, while the name of his bloody murderers will be a mockery and a byword to the end of history."

### Mr. Wood's Address.

"We are gathered together tonight," said Mr. Wood, "about the open grave of another martyr to freedom. How old the struggle is, how weary the way and how deep with the blood of millions women! Back to the dawn of history and ever it is the same—the privileged few seated upon the backs of the people and refusing to get off. The constant figure in history is the brave men and women who protest against the authority of man over his brother.

"The most tragic thought in history is that every step toward liberty has now been falling to the ground—murdered by legalized power. No tongue shall ever speak or pen write their names. They have passed into the vast unknown like the leaves which now are falling to the ground—millions of them who are the noble army of martyrs, and the blood of the martyrs has forever been the seed of liberty."

### Martyrs Now Glorified.

"Some of these martyrs, spit upon in their own day, are now glorified as the greatest benefactors of our race. Four hundred years before Christ there walked the streets of Athens a plain man in coarse neglected garments, who boldly questioned every one and by his questions killed the gods of superstition and the tyrannies of the times. He was the world's great educator—Socrates. He sought the truth, he was the socialist of his day. A few followed him as his disciples—more accepted his thought but were afraid to openly approve him.

### Power Calls for Blood.

"Two thousand years ago a young Jew of Galilee walked the streets of Jerusalem. He was poorly clad and had nowhere to lay his head. He sought not money but the truth. He preached that all men are equal before God. He taught love, charity, peace and justice; yet he was called a dangerous agitator and he too was condemned to die. He questioned the authority of church and state and church and state lifted him upon the cross; but there upon that cross he is worshipped by millions, who call him their savior. Whatever of truth he uttered has lived. You cannot crucify thought, and as the world grows toward brotherly love it calls him the Prince of Peace.

## St. Johns Lawmakers Refuse to Aid Street Vacation Scheme by Notes.

Councilmen C. L. Johnson and S. L. Dohie of St. Johns are still firm in their stand against the sale of the lately erected city dock and until one of these gentlemen changes his mind or at least his vote the dock will not be sold, as it takes six of the seven councilmen to vacate a street. Until that portion of Philadelphia and Tacoma streets upon which portions of the dock stand are vacated no sale can be effected.

Councilman Johnson is so firmly convinced that he is right that it is doubtful if a direct vote of the people would cause him to change and such a vote is the only thing which could possibly change Mr. Dohie's action, he having been three times elected to his present position upon his known objections to street vacations of any kind.

Mr. Johnson calls attention to the action of Portland in urging the mayor to sell the bonds authorized by the annexed waterfront industries and that only five are left reaching beyond Bradford street to the water.

Mr. Johnson thinks a feasible route for a spur to the new dock can be recovered through the holdings of the Portland manufacturing company, the Marine Iron works, and the St. Johns Lumber company, which will at the same time be of much benefit to these institutions, the last two of which are wanting favors from the city and ought to be greatly persuaded.

If a truck can be secured this way it will be much cheaper than the \$700 foot spur proposed from the O. R. & N. oil tanks, up the river, to the dock. With this spur in, transfer of cargoes from water to rail and from rail to water would be very simple and would save passing through the several bridges necessary to reach Portland.

Another objection raised to selling the dock is the possibility that it might fall into the hands of the O. R. & N., which now, in one way or another, controls most of the docks on the river, thus eliminating competition by imposing excessive dock charges.

The speaker also pointed out the position of Portland as the only place from which water grade railroads can be built is just as applicable to St. Johns and the matter of the bridges before spoken of is an added argument in her favor, as a building point.

While such cities as Baltimore, San Francisco, Buenos Ayres, Oakland and New York say it is advisable to own portions at least of their own waterfront and while St. Johns owns the only dock on the river, the fact that the city of St. Johns, both Mr. Dohie and Mr. Johnson say it would be ill advised at least to sell what has been secured with much labor and expense, and which would ultimately have to be replaced at a greatly enhanced cost to the city.

## Frederick Gebhardt, Alias Alta Gihiland Says Man Residents of South Portland Persuaded Her to Pose as His Wife.

(United Press Special Wire.) New York, Oct. 23.—Frederick Gebhardt, alias Otto Moeller, confessed this afternoon that he killed Anna Luther, whom he married at Newark, near Islip, L. I. in April, 1924, according to a statement given out by the Brooklyn police.

The police say Gebhardt confessed that he killed the woman because she had learned that he had another wife and threatened to prosecute him for bigamy.

Gebhardt, or Moeller, was arrested at the Waldorf Astoria last night, where he was living with his wife and two children under the name of Gebhardt.

Mrs. Gebhardt told the police that she was the eighth woman that her husband had married, and that she had been married to him for a year and a half.

The police this afternoon are investigating the fate of the seven other alleged wives of Gebhardt.

Police Captain O'Loughlin, to whom Gebhardt is alleged to have made the confession, gave out a part of it for publication this afternoon. According to O'Loughlin, Gebhardt stated that he and the Luther woman went to Bay Shore, N. Y., to look over some property. While there, Gebhardt told the police that he was married and that she replied that she did not care, as she loved him anyway.

Later on the same day, Gebhardt says, they quarreled over money matters and he threatened to leave her.

## Improvement of Marquam gulf on First street between Arthur and Sheridan street is to be one of the chief objects of a club organized by residents of South Portland last night, to be known as the South Portland Boosters.

At the meeting, the club should be asked to bridge the gulch, make a fill at that point. An added reason for so doing, it was pointed out, is the location of the new county hospital, which would be made much more accessible by filling or bridging the gulch on First street.

The boosters organized by the election of G. Heltemper as president, C. H. Feldman as vice president, Frank Webster as treasurer and B. C. Jones as secretary. Rev. W. S. Hughes presided.

Another meeting will be held tomorrow night at the same place, at which plans for the betterment of South Portland will be further mapped out. It was the sentiment of the meeting that South Portland people should be organized to secure their share of public improvements.

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## DRUGGY WOMAN'S ERROR IS FATAL

Turns on Gas but Fails to Light It—Back to Bed—Two Dead.

(United Press Special Wire.) San Francisco, Oct. 23.—As a result of carelessness in lighting a gas stove this morning, Mrs. Joseph B. Bywater, 20 years old, and her brother-in-law, Charles Bywater, 19 years old, of Loomis, Cal., who was visiting his brother, were asphyxiated in Bywater's apartment at 573 Valencia street.

Bywater, a glass blower, left for his work early. His wife rose later and, according to the police, was probably not fully awake when she attempted to light the gas stove. A burned-out match lying beside a pot of coffee near an unlighted gas burner told the story.

The state is suing the Corvallis & Eastern for \$10,909 because the company failed to obey the order of the commission and built a depot at Lyons, Linn county. The company demurred to the complaint by attacking the legality of the procedure, claiming the railroad could not delegate the power to a railroad commission to regulate stations.

The demurrer was argued last term, taken under advisement and decided this morning.

North Powder News Sold. (Special Dispatch to the Journal.) North Powder, Ore., Oct. 23.—The North Powder News has been sold by Miss E. I. Roberts to Glen H. Salinger, late manager of the Tulelake, Wash. paper. Miss Roberts and her sister, Mrs. Grace, go for the present to Selma to visit their brother, J. E. Roberts, of the Idaho Outlook.

## PASTOR STRICKEN BLIND IN PULPIT

### Rev. John Partridge of Petaluma Victim of Overwork—Brain Hemorrhage.

(United Press Special Wire.) Petaluma, Cal., Oct. 23.—No change for the better has been discernible in the condition of Rev. John Partridge, who was stricken blind yesterday while pronouncing the benediction at the morning service at St. John's Episcopal church. At that point in the service the members of the congregation saw him totter and then suddenly fall. He stood as if paralyzed for a second. He turned to his congregation and announced calmly, "My sight is gone."

### IDAHO LAND FRAUD CASES IN COURT

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Moscow, Idaho, Oct. 23.—The United States district court here today with Judge Detrich presiding. The most important cases to be tried are the Koster-Kettenbach land fraud cases. At the instance of Peyton Gordon, special prosecutor, the government and the attorneys for the defendants, these cases were set for trial tomorrow morning. A special venire was ordered summoned for the grand jury, which meets tomorrow.

### PROMISE MAY CAUSE LAND GRANT TO CITY

Manager J. P. O'Brien of the Harriman lines in Oregon, has promised Mayor Simon that he will lay the matter of a gift of 60 acres of land bordering Marquam gulch to the city for park purposes before the eastern headquarters of the railway system. Mayor Simon expects to receive a favorable reply to his request in the near future.

### Commission Controls RAILWAY STATIONS

Albany, Ore., Oct. 23.—That the state of Oregon can legally sue a railroad company for statutory forfeiture of its franchise for failure to obey the orders of the state railroad commission regarding railroad stations, was the decision of Judge Burnett in the state circuit court here today in overruling the demurrer of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad company. The decision sustains the right of the commission to regulate the management of railroad depots.

### HILL'S COMING IS RUMORED ON BAY

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Marshfield, Ore., Oct. 23.—Some time ago it was positively announced by those who claimed to know that John F. Stevens, Hill's railroad builder, had visited Coos Bay and Curry county. Further verification of that statement came from Coos Bay, Ore., where the county seat of Coos county. The story is that Stevens visited Assessor Thrift and made a careful examination of the tax roll of the county. There has been a rumor of a feeling that Stevens would undoubtedly reach this place.

## THROUGH TRANS ANEWILSON

That the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul will operate through cars at least into Portland as soon as the operation of transcontinental trains is begun, was the statement made by W. J. Cannon of Chicago, assistant general passenger agent of the Milwaukee who reached Portland this morning traveling in company with C. A. Fox, also of Chicago, secretary of the Central Passenger association.

Mr. Cannon said that his road would begin the operation of through passenger trains to the coast until next July.

### ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE TO OUTLINE PLANS

Delegates from all parts of the state will gather at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon to attend the regular semi-annual meeting of the Oregon Anti-Saloon league. The trustees in particular will be present tomorrow to outline the political work of the league for the coming year.

As yet we have nothing to say as to our plans for making Oregon dry in 1916," said Superintendent J. R. Knoll of the league this afternoon. "This work is to be secret up till the time it is actually ready for operation. In this manner we hope to keep our opponents in the dark and hinder them much in their opposition. Committees covering each branch of the work will be appointed tomorrow and the work will begin in earnest. We expect a big attendance at our meeting tomorrow."

### UNSEEMLY END FOR ONCE PROUD BRUI

Curator C. F. Wiegand of the city museum has engaged the services of a taxidermist to begin work today on the stuffed bird collection at the city hall. Many of the specimens are so badly eaten by a species of small parasite which attacks the skin that they will have to be destroyed.

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from reliable sources it is believed the hotel would be completed by the end of the year.

### Wishard Shares

The interest in the hot Wishard estate was recently and it is believed ultimately to the sale of Norman Brook.

### SUIT IS BROUGHT ON THREE COUNTS

Suit for \$5000 has been begun in the circuit court by Thomas F. Saunders against J. P. Myers. Saunders is suing on a note for \$5000 given by Myers. The note was given by Myers to Saunders and said to have been guaranteed by Myers, and \$5000 alleged to have been advanced to Myers in May or June by the Fresno Irrigated Farms company of California, to be repaid in 30 days.