

PORTLAND "SPOOK" GOES TO ENGLAND?

Strange Case Similar to One Affecting Local Lad Is Reported in Sheffield.

In Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, physical manifestations similar to those attributed to 11-year-old Ernest Harps of Portland have terrified the natives. The Yorkshire Telegraph and Star for Monday, January 16, received by Charles Jones of Portland, says:

"Most of the inhabitants of Candow street, Attercliffe, have forgotten for the time being the budget, tariff reform and Mr. King Barlow. The fear of the ghost lies heavy on their souls. It is an invisible groat—at any rate, one that does its work in the dark—and it possesses the vindictive, destructive instinct that distinguishes no many of its tribe.

"It started its physical manifestations some days ago, and is a plectan 'spook,' selecting for its habitat and scene of operations not a picturesque country mansion, redolent of the mystery of centuries, but a working man's small dwelling house in a thickly populated part of the east end of Sheffield.

"The only really romantic flavor about the affair is the man's name, Cupid—William Cupid of 37 Candow street, who, together with Mrs. Cupid, three little children, and two brothers-in-law, Benjamin and George Cupid, have been disturbed by a series of new racking incidents by which, by a steady sure progress, all the crockery and breakable things in the house have been completely destroyed.

"All the happenings have been in the dark. Let the faintest flicker from a wax taper appear, and the supernatural symptoms vanish on the instant. Early last Tuesday morning noises were heard in the kitchen by the family upstairs, and on investigation two plates and a bread loaf were found on the floor. On Wednesday the table was moved and a rattle flung across the room, while a brother-in-law alleges that his bed was spun around and that he himself was clutched by the throat by unseen hands.

"On Thursday night, when Mr. Cupid's mother and sister and brother came to lay the ghost, nothing but bumpings were heard, but the next night when neighbors went in to prove or disprove these happenings, ornaments were flung off the dresser and smashed, a basin centered across the room, narrowly missing a human head; a plate was crashed and a woman faint.

"Barrel Flies Back. When on top of this, a beer barrel bumped down the cellar steps, one at a time, rattled ominously and flew up, contrary to all known physical laws, to the top of the steps again, of its own accord, the only thing left to do was, of course, to call in those next persons, the police. A large number of people gathered outside the house, when, on Saturday night, several members of the Attercliffe police force, fearing naught, entered with other persons, and then a number of plates smashed a table turned over on its side and a walking stick walked. But when the persons in the room were dis-

posed so that nobody could get near the dresser or the table, the ghost became sulky and refused to manifest.

"This morning a Star representative saw Mr. and Mrs. Cupid, who are so frightened that they have removed many of their goods and chattels from the house, and refuse to return. They are lodging with a kindly neighbor. The neighbors up and down the street are all in a state of excitement over the occurrences, and their imaginations are so overwrought that they scorn the suggestion that the Cupids have been victimized by a silly and too obvious practical joke.

"The floor of the kitchen was this morning strewn with broken crockery. Mr. Cupid told our representative that the ghost had been up to its pranks again last night. Mr. Cupid and another, drawn hither by the fascination of the unknown, went last night into the kitchen where all the manifestations occurred, and placed a bottle on the dresser. Then, in the darkness, the bottle jumped off on the floor. Trembling but inquisitive, Mr. Cupid replaced the bottle on the dresser. But off it hopped again onto the floor, and this time the spiteful ghost smashed it.

"While Mr. Cupid was relating this latest incident a crowd of open mouthed onlookers, who were assembled about the open doorway, commented in awestricken accents on the mystery, and the cynical smile of the skeptical reporter drew only a chorus of invitations to 'come tonight and see for yourself.'

"Come late," said Mr. Cupid, "and you can have the house to yourself as long as you like."

Ernest Harps agitated Portland and the northwest several months ago, when psychical influences supposed to be possessed by him, were alleged to have caused furniture, bric-a-brac and crockery to dance about in the home of his grandparents, at Sixteenth and Marshall streets, for a period of more than four hours. About 100 persons witnessed the cavortings of the furniture. When the boy went outside the house, a woodpile across the street toppled over. Several days later Ernest Harps was taken to the Valley hotel to be with his mother, Mrs. Annie Harps, the housekeeper. There, on several occasions, the chairs and tables danced and skipped about.

Then Ernest was put in charge of Dr. J. Allen Gilbert, and for more than a month was closely watched. Nothing occurred during the time he was under the physician's care. Several days after being taken back to the Valley hotel, however, and while the boy, his mother and several others were eating luncheon, a lemon pie suddenly rose in the air, hung suspended for a short space of time, and then fell back to the table. Following the incident of the pie, silverware and crockery rolled from off the table and pandemonium reigned in the room. During the last few weeks nothing out of the ordinary has occurred in the presence of the youth.

President Beckwith, of the Commercial club has announced the appointment of the following standing committees to serve for the ensuing year:

Reception—Colonel Jackson, chairman; W. J. Hoffman, vice-chairman, assisted by the board of directors.

Membership—Roger B. Sinnott, chairman; George Lawrence, vice-chairman; F. S. West, E. B. Piper, L. J. Wentworth.

Auditing—L. J. Wentworth, chairman; F. H. Ranson, vice-chairman; C. C. Colt, T. W. B. London, George W. Simons.

Library and Property—George W. Simons, chairman; T. B. Wilcox, J. C. Alnsworth, F. J. Fuller, R. B. Sinnott.

FRENCHMAN LIKES DIRECT PRIMARY

Charles Oster Here Studying Oregon Method of Holding Elections.

Charles Oster, noted barrister of Paris, France, and author of works on American election laws and legislation, is in Portland studying the workings of the direct primary, initiative and referendum and recall. When he returns to Paris in May, Mr. Oster intends to write a book on the direct primary.

"France is not yet ready for the direct primary or the modern election laws now operating in the United States," said Mr. Oster today. "Nevertheless, wherever I have been I have found the direct primary in great favor and predict its eventual adoption in France."

Convention System in Paris. "But at the present time, the convention system, such as it worked during the administration of President Jackson in the United States, is in operation. Our election laws are crude and yet not too crude. We elect by means of two ballots. If, on the first ballot none of the candidates have the majority, a second election is held and the two candidates who had the largest number of votes at the first election, are voted on. In case of a tie, the older candidate is appointed. Elections are usually held two weeks apart.

"Under the convention system now in operation, everything is cut and dried before the elections. Some sort of a primary under the convention system, or assembly plan, is being tried out, but so far has been a farce, such as is your old convention system.

Campaigning Different. "Campaigning in France is different from electioneering in the United States. Public meetings seem not to change the mind of the masses. The people applaud brilliant speakers, but that is no sign they will vote for them.

"The best method to gain votes in France is by personal, individual solicitation. During one campaign I personally visited 1500 persons in a period of three weeks. French hospitality often makes these visits onerous for the candidate. One candidate of whom I knew visited 2500 voters in six months.

"In France a much larger per cent of people vote than in the United States. Out of 10,800,000 registered voters—and registration is compulsory in France—3,500,000 voted at the last election. Causing that percentage to fall is the fact that we have a standing army of 600,000 men, all of whom are registered but are not allowed to vote."

Mr. Oster will leave for San Francisco Thursday, but will return to Portland in March, before going back to France to participate in the spring campaign. He is a guest at the Hotel Oregon.

Espee Negotiates at Merrill. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Merrill, Or., Feb. 2.—H. P. Hoey, assistant engineer, and W. S. Worden, right-of-way agent, met with the chamber of commerce to discuss the construction of the proposed Southern Pacific

line through Merrill. A survey was made a year ago, when Merrill offered a free depot site and right-of-way for six miles to the north toward Klamath Falls.

Two surveys were made, one running to Klamath Falls and the other to Midland. Mr. Worden suggested that Merrill provide rights-of-way half the distance to either point, and the chamber named a committee to begin work securing the desired strips of land.

Captain Marshall Visits Newport. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Newport, Or., Feb. 2.—Captain John Marshall of Portland was in the city yesterday. Captain Marshall is one of the owners of the steamer Newport, which plies daily between Newport and Yaquina. Captain Marshall is one of the oldest steamboat men on the northwest coast.

3 Miles of Pipe at Newport. Newport, Or., Feb. 2.—About three miles of pipe has been laid on the line of the Newport waterworks, and is progressing. It is expected Newporters will be able to drink mountain water by June 1.

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Concert Daily by M. & F. Ladies' Orchestra, Seventh Floor Restaurant, 11 to 2:30—Take Lunch Here Agents Warner Corsets, Perrin and Trefousse Gloves, Nulife Shoulder Braces, Fay Stockings, etc., etc.

At the Greater Meier & Frank Store "Digging Out" Odds and Ends Thursday Bargains

Kerch'f Cleanup 25c Val. 12c
Digging Out women's and children's Handkerchiefs. Great cleanup of Kerchiefs, fine hemstitched, embroidered and lace edges; large assortment patterns; 12c reg. 25c values, special Digging Out price, each



Women's 50c Hose 3 Pr. \$1.00
Women's fine imported black lisle Hose, full fashioned, silk finish, extra long legs, fast dye, all sizes; regular 50c values, three pairs for \$1.00

10c and 15c Kerchiefs at 6c
Great cleanup on soiled and mused Swiss and linen Handkerchiefs; regular 10c and 15c values, special Digging Out Sale price while they last, each

75c-\$1.00 Drape Veils 29c
Odds and ends of Lace Drape and Clifton Drape Veils with silk embroidered borders, scalloped and plain edges; assorted colors; while they last, ea. 29c

Children's 25c Hose 18c Pr.
Boys' and girls' black cotton ribbed seamless Hose, made of best combed maco yarn, fast dye and will wear satisfactorily, all sizes; 25c values, pair

The Great Fifth Annual Food Fair--Fourth Floor

This comprehensive exposition of good things to eat is one of the greatest events Portland housekeepers have an opportunity of attending. Fifty exhibits, arranged in tastefully decorated booths, thousands of free samples and sweet music all day. You know how thoroughly the Meier & Frank Store does things. See what splendid entertainment and display have been prepared for you here. Come and sample the good things that are entirely free, listen to the music and learn what to buy for your table.

Thursday's Big Four Specials Tomorrow Only

Every Item Presented in This Lot Is a Sensational Value—Attend

One of the Big Four—Basement
Sugar Cured Ham 18 1/2c Pound
Tomorrow only, in the basement Grocery section, best sugar cured ham, an especially mild cure, deliciously good; buy all you want for this one day; a rousing special for one of the big four at low price of, per pound **18 1/2c**

One of the Big Four—First Floor
12 1/2c Gingham at 6 1/4c Yard
Remnants and short lengths of best Domestic Gingham, in stripes and plaid patterns, a clean up of all remnants at half the regular selling price. Come and supply your needs Thursday at the very low price of only, yard. **6 1/4c**

One of the Big Four—Third Floor
\$5 White Wool Blankets \$3.57
For Thursday only in the third floor Bedding and Blanket section, a lot of fine white wool blankets, full size, fleeced wool, pink or blue borders; regular price \$5 pair; tomorrow for the big four, at, special. **\$3.57**

One of the Big Four—Basement
500 No. 9 Wash Boilers \$1.19
Tomorrow only for this remarkable special. A lot of 500 tin, copper rim Wash Boilers, No. 9 size; sell regularly at \$1.60 each. A stirring special for the big four **\$1.19** Thursday specials, at low price, of, each.

Edition De Luxe Book Sale—Save 3/4 the Publishers' Prices

This sale is attracting the attention of every booklover in Portland, for this is the first opportunity the better class book trade of Portland has ever had of supplying their wants at any price. At such phenomenally small prices as these rare sets are selling, is it any wonder that we're overwhelmed with purchasers? More on the way now, and those who wish to share in these new arrivals had better come to the big store at once and leave their orders. The great book bargains are exhibited on fourth floor.

Framed Pictures at Half
Digging Out Odd Lots in This Dept.
An exceptional offering on high-class Pictures. Large selection of frames, subjects, sizes and prices. 'Tis a seldom found opportunity to add to your home at small cost. Remember that these Pictures never were marked high and now they are offered at... HALF PRICE
Some of them are slightly damaged, but the defects in any case are hard to discern. Water colors, hand-colored gravures, pastels, engravings, carbons, etc. Regular prices run 1/2 from 50c to \$20—Digging Out Sale price

Valentin's
1c to \$5 Each
Remembrances for St. Valentine's Day should be purchased early, then you're sure of a full choice. Many are buying now and those who attend to the matter promptly while stocks are full have wide selections. For sale on 4th floor, 1c to \$5

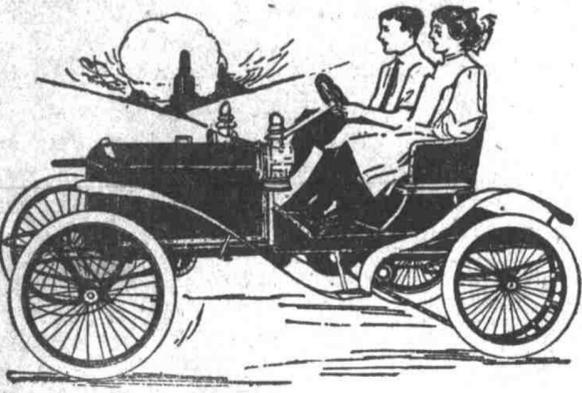
"Fix-It"
Cement 15c
Favorite vase or piece of fine china broken? Don't mind. Mend it with "Fixit Cement." Hot water bag leak? Mend that with "Fix-it," too. Sticks tight. See the demonstration on first floor. Fixit slot Water Bag and Rubber cement with patches... 25c
Fixit China and Crockery Cement 15c, 25c

Digging Out Women's Underwear
Regular \$1.00 Values at Only 59c
Wool-mixed Pants and Vests, in white or gray; \$1 and \$1.50 garments, special price, ea. **59c**
Women's Silk and Wool Tights, cream color, sizes 4, 5 and 6; \$2.00 values, special, the pair **73c**
Women's Union Suits, low neck, sleeveless, lace-trimmed, white lisle; \$1 values, sale price **53c**
Women's Vests and Pants, flat wool garments, extra size, natural or white; \$1.50 vals. **93c**
Children's mixed Wool Union Suits, Onca style; sizes 10 to 14, cream color; \$1 values **43c**
Children's black Cotton Pants and Tights, knee or ankle length, broken sizes; 75c values **33c**
Women's fleece-lined Vests, extra sizes only, in cream color; regular 50c garments, special **21c**

Digging Out Men's Furnishings
Regular \$1.75 Dress Gloves \$1.15
Men's Dress Gloves, in tan cape, M. & F. Special and Perrin's Imported P. K. Kid; also English tan cape, hand sewed. The regular values run from \$1.50 to \$2.00 the pair, all sizes, special for tomorrow, pair **\$1.15**
Men's Neckwear, our entire line at great reductions, for the Digging Out and Inventory sale. Select any of the grades and save money. Sweater Coats, for men, women and children, all sizes, styles and prices, at very low prices for tomorrow, while they last. Great reductions on our entire line of men's and boys' Underwear. Choose them now.

Sale Short Lengths Carpets
Take advantage of these very low prices and bring in your room measurements. Look through the patterns in this lot and see if there isn't one that you'd like. Not many yards of some patterns, but all great bargains. Come early for first choice.

All Winter Millinery at 1/2 Price
Digging Out all our Winter Hats and Trimmings at just half the former prices. Patterns Hats worth \$15.00 to \$70.00 each, or the lowest priced hats—all on sale at... HALF PRICE



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