

ONE PLAYGROUND WISHED BY 136,348 DURING SUMMER

Report of Park Superintendent E. T. Mische Contains Many Suggestions for Improvements Next Year.

Attendance at the eight playgrounds of the city last year during the months of June, July, August and part of September totaled 300,215, this being the official figure given by Park Superintendent E. T. Mische in his annual report, which has been filed with the city auditor.

By far the most popular of all the playgrounds was the spacious and well equipped enclosure in Peninsula park. The records show that 106,348 people visited the playground during the summer. The greatest attendance at any playground was at Sellwood park, where the record was 45,561 visitors.

The record of attendance of the eight playgrounds was as follows: Columbia park, 27,322; Peninsula park, 106,348; Brooklyn park, 17,530; Kentwood park, 10,675; North parkway, 10,280; Washington park, 24,283; Sellwood park, 45,561; Lincoln park, 24,863.

While the park superintendent expresses the opinion, in his report, that it is idle to recommend any large program of park and boulevard extension for the present year, owing to the fact that the electorate has turned down a bond issue submitted to them to provide for systematic improvements, he nevertheless, manages to suggest plenty of innovations to the park board.

Among these, he says, an arboretum in connection with the park system is greatly to be desired.

"In this country," reads the report, "the arboretum is represented after a fashion at some of the colleges, but the best examples are those of the Arnold arboretum at Boston and the Missouri botanical garden at St. Louis.

"In addition to their direct and potent value to our citizens their scientific value has a decidedly important effect in establishing the country's reputation in an enviable way among the people of the world. No city west of St. Louis has so favorable a climate, advantageous relations with educational institutions, or more apt opportunities to engage in this field as has Portland.

"In order that the idea may be better appreciated by our citizens, it should be added that the best institutions of this sort are those which were established as the personal legacies left in trust to a municipality or institution. I would therefore point out to our citizens the marked advantage of establishing a monument that for perpetuity is rarely equaled. Coupled with the fact that an arboretum is a particularly appropriate form of public benefaction is the knowledge that the landscape gift like this has an ever increasing use and value to one's fellow men.

Makes Many Suggestions.

The report calls attention to the improvements during the year in Macleay park in the shape of new walks, the planting of the slopes of Terrillier parkway, the construction of play facilities in the various playgrounds, and the acquisition of a playground site in Marquam gulch.

"The proposed plan for improvements in Washington park involve the elimination of the zoo, but until funds are available for the purchase of more land on which to move the animals, I recommend that the present location of its present location be retained.

"Before concluding his report which is voluminous and contains many valuable suggestions for improvement, Mr. Mische takes occasion to thank G. Benson for his public-spirited gift of 50 handsome bronze street fountains.

TIES PLACED ON TRACK ENDANGER S. P. TRAIN

What may have been a mysterious attempt to wreck a Southern Pacific passenger train by placing a pile of ties across the track near the outskirts of Oregon City, was reported to the Portland police last night. The local authorities were told to watch all incoming trains and electric cars for persons who may be suspected of committing the act.

The train, which was southbound, was bowling along at a lively clip when it struck the obstruction shortly after 9 p. m. The engineer saw the ties ahead, but was unable to stop his engine in time to avoid the collision.

One of the ties was carried on the pilot of the engine clear to the station at Oregon City.

PARCEL POST DELIVERS BABY FOR 15 CENTS

By the International News Service. (United Press Leased Wire.) Boston, Jan. 25.—A new use for the parcel post was discovered today when a newborn child, wrapped in a parcel accepted and delivered a 15-cent baby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Houghton, living near Glen Estate. The baby was safely delivered to the grand mother's home, she said, and the mother, who is 17 years old, and insurance on the baby, \$100.

Money King Who Evaded Process Servers



William G. Rockefeller, multi-millionaire, brother of John D. Rockefeller, who eluded process servers of the Pujio money investigating committee for several weeks, photographed at Palm Beach, Florida.

PLAN TO FLEECE BUSINESS MEN IS LAID BARE

Isadore Lang, Who Was Approached by Negro Solicitor, Gets Evidence; Prominent Men's Names Used.

Operating exclusively among business men of the white race, a fraudulent scheme, operated by three negroes, was brought to light last week. Isadore Lang of Lang and company, who was approached by the trio in an effort to secure money, is responsible for revealing the operations of the men. Mr. Lang caused one of the men to give up a subscription to the paper and the names of thirteen prominent business men, and ultimate inquiry developed the fact that a pure robbery was being perpetrated.

Last Thursday morning a negro approached Mr. Lang in his office.

"Good morning, Mr. Lang, and have you the money for your subscription to our paper?" he asked.

Mr. Lang very vigorously declared that he had not promised anything for the home and told the colored man that he always paid subscriptions when he made them.

The black, who gave his name as F. B. Ferguson, agent for the Omega Industrial Training school, argued, while and then left. The next morning he appeared again with "Rev." George Harrison, who gave his address as 289 Crosby street and said he was a minister of the negro Baptist church.

"That is a rank forgery," said the merchant the instant he laid eyes on the man going to turn that over to the district attorney's office. Following the argument and demands for the return of the fake list, they left on Mr. Lang's threat to have them arrested at once.

The list included 13 names, all among the most prominent commercially in the city.

Six of these people were shown their subscriptions on the paper and all declared the signatures forged. Following the names on the list, which is at the Journal office, are various amounts, ranging from \$10 to \$25.

One of the negroes in the course of several visits, told one of his victims that the home was at Tenth and Everett streets. Investigation revealed these things:

That there is nothing like a negro industrial home in Portland. At Tenth and Everett streets the Bethel A. M. E. church is located. The pastor is Rev. J. W. Crow, a member of the Portland Ministerial association who has been securing a few subscriptions for a new church, but he has the backing of the ministerial association in his work, and is equipped with proper credentials.

That there is no active negro Baptist minister in Portland, save the pastor of the one Baptist church. Finally, there is no 289 Crosby street.

None of the negroes in town have heard of these men and know nothing of them and all are united in declaring the subscription taking a device for obtaining money under false pretenses.

WOMEN DISCOVER ROBBER IN HOUSE

When Miss Martha Gross and her mother, 602 Ladd avenue, returned home last evening shortly before 8 o'clock, they discovered a burglar upstairs. As they were telephoning the police, the man raised an upstairs window, jumping out, landing in a thorny bed of rose bushes. The man's leap to liberty was 25 feet, and examination of the rose bush shows he fared badly among the thorns.

PAID 50 CENTS FOR GEM; IT WAS SOLD FOR \$50

By the International News Service. (United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 25.—A man named H. Rooder of Springville, Md., bought a jewel for fifty cents the other day at Uncle Sam's dead letter auction sale and sold it for 75 cents, making a profit of 50 per cent. Notwithstanding this fair profit, he feels that he made a mistake. The man who bought it from him took it to a jeweler today and sold it for \$50. It was an opal of fine quality.

WILL ASK THAT A DATE BE SET FOR ROWE SENTENCE

Deputy District Attorney Maguire to Take Vice Scandal Case Up Soon; New Indictment Possible.

Whether H. L. Rowe is to return in the near future to be sentenced on charges connected with the vice scandal will be definitely settled within a few days, for Deputy District Attorney Maguire declared yesterday that he would take the matter up within a day or two with Circuit Judge Morrow and would request that a date for sentence be set. Rowe is at present supposed to be in Duluth, Minn., where he was soon after he was released on bonds of \$2000.

Rowe pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge one Saturday evening in Judge Morrow's chambers, though no notice of the fact was given to the district attorney's office until afterwar. He, with N. B. Healy, who pleaded guilty to similar charges, was to be sentenced a few days later. Former Deputy District Attorney Frank T. Collier, who was handling the prosecution and investigation of the vice scandal at the time, found that Rowe could get but a rock sentence under the indictment to which he had pleaded guilty, though the facts in the case constituted a felony instead of a misdemeanor, and announced that he would object to sentence being passed.

Sentence was deferred on that account and Rowe was to appear again a few days later, but on the day set Mr. Collier was in Seattle on extradition matters in another case of the same nature. The question of sentencing Rowe was then allowed to stand without action, Judge Morrow declaring that he would not sentence Rowe until all of the facts in the case had been presented to him. This statement has been reiterated by Judge Morrow whenever any question was raised regarding Rowe.

An investigation of the records yesterday by Mr. Maguire disclosed the fact that a second indictment charging Rowe with a felony has been dismissed. Former District Attorney Emmerson made the motion for the dismissal in open court a few days before his term of office expired and Judge Morrow dismissed it, though he has never filed an order of dismissal. Should Rowe fight efforts to bring him back for sentence, the only method possible to force his return is to secure a new indictment charging a felony, which Mr. Maguire declares will be done if necessary.

A statement made by juvenile officer White that a man employed in the same wholesale house where Rowe was employed at the time of his arrest had declared there was an understanding between Attorney Emmerson, Rowe's counsel, and Judge Morrow that Rowe should not be made to return was indignantly denied by Judge Morrow. Judge Morrow declared that Rowe would be produced whenever the district attorney's office had furnished the information which he desires regarding the case. The statements made against Rowe are now in Judge Morrow's hands and he declared yesterday that Friday, when he secured them, was the first time he had had any information regarding the case.

Rowe was one of the first taken in by the juvenile court. His investigation and was a resident at the Y. M. C. A. It was largely on his account that an attack was made on the good name of that institution. At the time of his arrest he was credit man for a wholesale hardware house. His family lived in the middle west and is said to be wealthy. He is a young man of prepossessing looks and intelligence.

ADVENTISTS FIGHT PROPOSED BILL

"Sunday Legislation Measure Step Toward Union of the Church and State."

Resolutions, remonstrating against the proposed Sunday legislation, now pending before congress, were unanimously adopted yesterday by the members of the congregation of the Central Seventh Day Adventist church in their regular meeting. The resolutions were introduced by Milton H. St. Johns, Elder of the church. They are as follows: Whereas, The constitution of the United States is religious in its character, in that it is designed to foster the religious observance of Sunday, and Whereas, The exemption clause attached to one of the sections of the bill indicates most clearly its religious character, by exempting from the application of this section those who belong to a religious society which observes some other day of the week than Sunday as a Sabbath, and Whereas, religious legislation is contrary to both the spirit and letter of the constitution of the United States, and if carried to its logical conclusion means a union of church and state, and the persecution of dissenters; therefore, Resolved, That we respectfully but earnestly remonstrate against the passage of this bill, or any bill requiring the observance of Sunday as a day, which may come before the senate.

Similar resolutions have been passed in every one of the 2000 Seventh Day Adventist churches in the United States, thus showing, it is said, that about 70,000 members in this denomination are strongly opposed to any kind of Sunday legislation.

Elder Milton H. St. Johns said yesterday that the reason why the Seventh Day Adventists are so vigorously opposed to the Johnson Sunday closing bill now in congress is because that its passage would be the first step toward the union of the church and state, which would ultimately bring persecution upon dissenters.

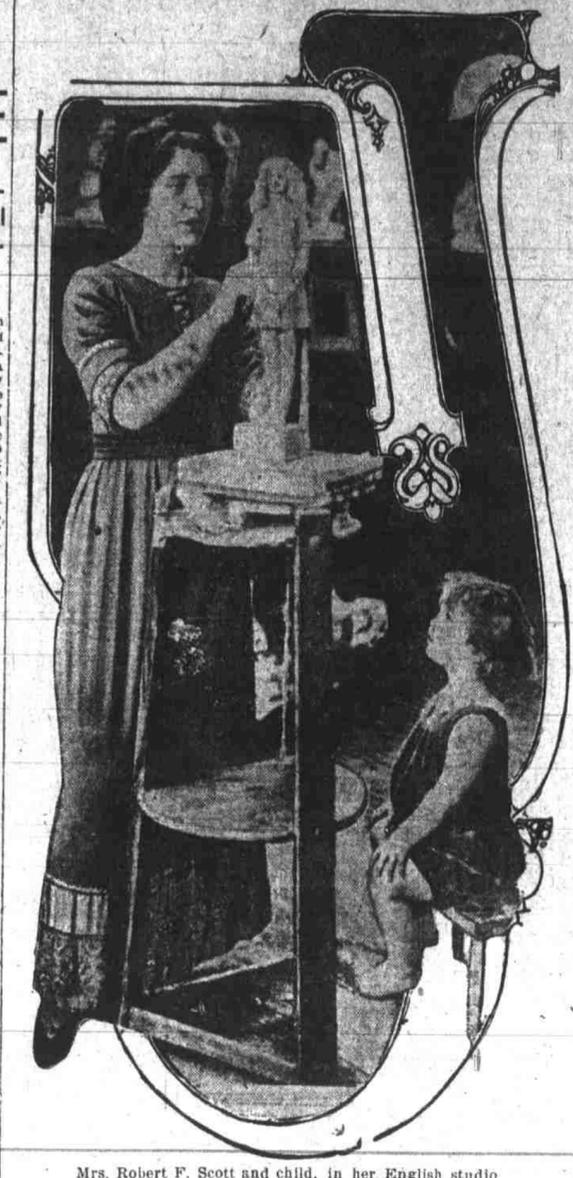
BRIDGEY WEBBER WILL GAMBLE IN CANAL ZONE

By the International News Service. (United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 25.—"Bridgey" Webber, who has been living in seclusion following his testimony in the Rosenberg murder case, disappeared mysteriously Thursday evening. On the following day he took a steamer for Panama. To several old friends he confided that he is going to open a gambling casino at Colon. Webber plans to invest \$25,000 in luxurious quarters. He has interested other wealthy gamblers in the scheme and it is their intention to make the resort the Casfield of Central America.

GASOLINE EXPLODES; TWO MEN INJURED

While filling a gasoline can last evening by a lamp, Hans Muster and Anton Christian, butchers at North Plains, were badly burned about the face and breasts when the gasoline exploded. The two men were in a shed as the rear of the butcher shop. Both were brought to the Good Samaritan hospital.

Explorer's Wife to Exhibit Art Work



Mrs. Robert F. Scott and child, in her English studio. New York, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Robert F. Scott, wife of the English Antarctic explorer, who just arrived in New York, will exhibit some of the works of sculpture she has executed since her husband left to search for the South Pole. Captain Scott is still in the far south.

BROWN RETIRES; KEEPS PROMISE TO THIRD PARTY

Chairman of Executive Committee of State Central Body Resigns Following Party Friction.

Following an agreement made last November shortly after the general election was held, George Arthur Brown, chairman of the executive committee of the state central committee of the Progressive party, at a meeting of the state central committee held yesterday afternoon in the Oregon hotel, retired from his position and the reorganization of the committee was effected, with Thomas B. Neuhausen as chairman.

In November Mr. Brown agreed to resign the chairmanship of the executive committee if the other members, consisting of D. L. Povey, L. A. McMillan, Sanford Macdonald and Dan Kellaher, would do the same. The friction between Chairman Brown and the other members of the committee was an outgrowth of the Progressive state convention held in September at Salem, when Jonathan Bourne, who was backed by Chairman Brown for nomination on the Bull Moose ticket for United States senator, was eliminated from the councils of the party and A. E. Clark nominated. Since that time Dan Kellaher, known as a silent member of the committee, never attended any of the meetings.

New Officers Elected. There was also a great deal of criticism directed at Chairman Brown concerning the manner in which the finances of the committee were being handled, and for a time it looked as though the organization of the entire party in this state would be disrupted, by the ill feeling between certain members.

At this meeting he stated that he felt that he could no longer devote the time necessary to carry on the duties of chairman and that he was to engage in the practice of law in this city. L. M. Lepper, secretary of the committee, also resigned, stating that he would be unable to give his undivided efforts to the party.

Following the passing of resolutions expressing the thanks of the committee to Mr. Lepper and the members of the state executive committee, new officers of the State Central committee were elected by a unanimous vote. They are Thomas B. Neuhausen, chairman; E. O. Burdon, secretary; J. B. Holbrook, who succeeds himself as treasurer; R. G. Brand, who succeeds himself as secretary to the treasurer.

The new chairman was empowered to appoint an executive committee of four members, to take the places left vacant by the resigning of the other members. These four members shall act coordinately with the chairman.

ADAMS JUMPS 5 FEET, 5 INCHES—NEW RECORD

By the International News Service. (United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 25.—Platt Adams, of the New York Athletic club, broke the world's record for the standing high jump by jumping five feet five inches tonight. The former record of five feet two and a half inches was held by Ray Erwin of the New York Athletic club.

BURGLAR ELUDES HIS PURSUERS

Man Who Robbed Woods Residence in San Francisco Fools Detectives.

(By the International News Service.) San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 25.—The mysterious and daring Wood robber who has kept the police busy chasing his shadow and handwringing ever since he took \$500 in jewels from the merchant's residence at 1458 Page street, on December 12, was actually in the hands of Burns detectives for a few minutes tonight, but he easily escaped from them.

How the robber wrote another note to the Wood family offering to return the jewels for \$2000, how he arranged for the delivery of the money by Mrs. David H. Green, Wood's daughter, at a certain hour of the night, how the trap was laid and sprung and the exciting scenes that followed, reads like the most dramatic detective fiction.

Detectives and the robber exchanged a number of shots before he got away. The shooting took place in front of a vacant flat at the southwest corner of Oak and Central streets and in the shrubbery across the street.

BRITISH NOBLEMAN IS MISSING ON CONTINENT

(By the International News Service.) London, Jan. 25.—Sir Walter William Strickland, owner of an extensive estate in Yorkshire, has mysteriously disappeared on the continent. His intimate friends have been unsuccessfully trying to discover his whereabouts since November 29, when he left the Hotel Veritas in Marselles, leaving his baggage behind. Not even his bankers or lawyers are able to explain his strange disappearance.

BLANCHE RING IS SICK AS RESULT OF SKATING

(By the International News Service.) Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 25.—A cold contracted by Blanche Ring at a skating rink last Sunday has developed into acute tonsillitis. Miss Ring has been confined to her bed since last night's performance.

told of the recommendations of that body to the various state committees concerning methods of organization. Those Present at yesterday's meeting follow: George Arthur Brown, Dr. Henry Wald, Paul B. Wallace, H. J. Goff, Alfred E. Clark, E. Elmer Kennedy, T. A. Lezard, Fred S. J. Toole, L. M. Lepper, E. O. Burdon, Max Telford, F. A. Sweeney, T. B. Neuhausen, L. H. McMillan, Martin Svarred, Sanford Macdonald, O. W. Eastham, D. L. Povey, W. Edward Burke, James Gaitens, O. Middlekauff, J. W. Campbell, Frederick W. Post, F. W. Mears, George E. Sanders, Robert Van Glines, Hugh McCall, C. T. McDaniell.

DR. FRIEDMANN ASKS \$1,000,000 FOR CURE

(By the International News Service.) Berlin, Jan. 25.—Dr. Friederich Friedmann, who claims to have discovered a serum for the cure of tuberculosis, stated to night that he wanted \$1,000,000 for the exclusive rights for his discovery in America. This attitude is strongly condemned by German doctors, who class it as unethical.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD SAVES HIS SISTER FROM DEATH

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 25.—Little four-year-old Benjamin Schier is too young to realize, as he lies swathed in oil-soaked bandages at his home at 723 East One Hundred and Fifth street, that he is a real hero. But if his three-year-old sister Annie, now in Fordham Hospital recovering from serious burns she will have her brother to thank, and the doctors said tonight the chances were in her favor.

Annie set fire to her dress while playing with matches and Benjamin knocked her to the floor and hid the fire out with his bare hands when his mother reached the children.

A school for telephone operators in New York rejects applications for admission to its course from more than 15,000 girls annually, accepting only about 2000 who fill its requirements.

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Tenants' Directory

Table listing tenants and their addresses, including names like Bear, Dr. Gustav, Berger Bros, Blumauer, F. M., M. D., etc.