

RAISING OF VALUATION WHEN CITY WOULD BUY APPEARS CONTAGIOUS

Another Glaring Instance Is Brought to Light in Realty Negotiations.

Illustrating a peculiar phase of human nature, which, it is pointed out, is too frequent among men who have and are required by the public for public use, is the situation which has arisen with reference to the final extension of Oak street through the John Klosterman lots to that street's confluence with Riverside and Eleventh.

Under the original proceedings instituted to open Oak street west to Eleventh, the street was opened to Tenth and there was stopped by Mr. Klosterman refusing to take the \$25,000 awarded him in payment for a fractional lot on the north side of block 67, required to extend the street to Eleventh.

In a communication addressed to the city auditor, Mr. Klosterman demands \$25,500 for the 3789 square feet needed to open the street and as damages to buildings partly on the property, of this sum \$75,000 is demanded as the value of the 3789 square feet of ground, which is just about three-fourths of a block by 100 feet lot.

Objected to Assessment. In this same communication, Mr. Klosterman says that he refused an offer of \$75,000 in January, 1912, for the property wanted for the street opening and that he can sell it now for \$100,000. Last year this property was assessed for \$51,000; but Assessor Reed valued it this year at \$59,000, whereupon Mr. Klosterman filed a protest with the board of equalization in which he declared that the parcel had not increased in value since last year and that the assessment put on it by Mr. Reed was unfair and not in proportion to the assessment of the surrounding property. The protest was not heeded, the assessment being allowed to stand.

IT IS SAME OLD STORY.

"Here we have the same old story," says one who is interested in the opening of Oak street. "Property, when required by the public for public purposes, suddenly becomes very valuable—in this case it increases as much as 43 1-3 per cent in one year—but when the same property is called upon to contribute its share of taxes for the purposes of government, it has not increased a dollar in value, is worth no more than when the assessor was around last year. It may be well to call attention to the fact that if the Klosterman lots are more valuable now than last year, it is because of the opening of Oak street right up to them. In other words, their increased value is due to the expenditure of a large sum of money in a much needed public improvement."

ROBBERS BURN FEET OF ORIENTAL VICTIMS

Japanese Give Up Their Coin When Candle Flames Singe Flesh.

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 21.—Torturing their victims with fire and commanding others to lie face downward under penalty of death, four masked highwaymen robbed and plundered the little village of McAleer, five miles southeast of here, early today. The bandits escaped in a stolen rig and are being pursued by a posse of citizens and deputy sheriff.

The robbers first appeared at a Japanese grocery store. In the place seven men, together with the proprietor, K. Ida, were forced to lie on the floor while all the money and valuables in the place were collected. About \$200 in cash was secured. The men then left in the direction of Fife.

Near First street another Japanese store was entered and the two Japanese were bound hand and foot. After they had been securely tied, lighted candles were held to the oriental's feet by one of the robbers and demand made for their money. One of the Japanese gave up \$100 after his feet had been badly burned. The other Japanese contributed \$20.

Both were severely injured.

EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE MEETINGS ANNOUNCED

The Oregon Citizens' Educational League, supporting the appropriation to the University of Oregon, has announced meetings as follows: Thursday, October 25, 8 p. m., Albina branch library; Friday, October 26, 8 p. m., Montavilla, Graebel hall; Saturday, October 27, 8 p. m., St. Johns, St. Johns city hall; Monday, October 28, 8 p. m., Rose City Park club house; Tuesday, October 29, 8 p. m., Sellwood, Strahlman hall; Wednesday, October 30, 8 p. m., North Portland branch library, corner of Commercial and Killingsworth avenue.

The University of Oregon quartet will be present at all of these meetings, giving a good musical program. Good speakers.

TO DONATE LEGAL AID TO COMMISSION

Father E. V. O'Hara, chairman of the Industrial Welfare commission, announced yesterday that Dan Y. Malarkoy, who drafted the minimum wage law, had been appointed as associate of the attorney general and District Attorney Walter Evans in defending the commission against the attack on the constitutionality of the minimum wage law. Mr. Malarkoy's services will be given without fee. Other lawyers have proffered their services without charge.

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY IS UNAVAILING



Robert W. Dill.

Young Robert W. Dill, who disappeared from his home 405 Jefferson street, Saturday last, is still missing. Search by the local authorities and the boy's relatives has thus far proved unavailing. Robert is 11 years old and has been a pupil of the fourth grade at the Ladd school. He left his home Saturday morning to go swimming at the Y. M. C. A. and has not been heard from since.

Investigations at the Ladd school indicate that the boy is in the company of an older pupil of the school. Mrs. Dill believes that her son, if a runaway, would make towards Spokane, whence the family came to Portland. The boy is said to be a good student and of a homeloving disposition. His relatives are at a loss to understand why he should leave home unless influenced by someone older than himself.

The missing lad's description follows: Brown hair, blue eyes, four feet six inches tall, dressed in a gray Norfolk suit with a brown cap.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

BILL COLLECTOR WAS GUILTY OF TRESPASS

Court Holds It Illegal to Deceive Lawyer in Order to See His Client.

Bill collectors have no right to deceive a lawyer, especially if the lawyer represents the person whom the bill collector wishes to see. Such was the decision this morning of Judge Stevenson of the municipal court.

The question arose in the arrest of W. H. McPherson, a bill collector and process server. Attorney Thomas Mannix complained against him. McPherson has been trying to serve an order on a woman client of Attorney Mannix, so went to the law office of Sullivan & Mannix, waited there until the woman entered.

The complaining witness testified the bill collector represented he was a friend of the woman, but said nothing about the court order he wished to serve. The woman was considerably excited when the bill collector explained his business. The court held that McPherson had trespassed upon the attorney's office, but did not impose a fine.

DIDN'T KNOW MATE HAD TWO CORK LEGS

Miss Eva Zelmer did not know P. D. Chamberlain had lost both legs when she married him. This is one of the reasons given by the young woman for readily consenting to appear as a witness against the man, who is charged with bigamy. In addition to the Portland wife he has a wife and child in Portland, Maine.

It appears Chamberlain told Miss Zelmer he had one cork leg, but did not say anything about the other. When she learned that both legs were cork, the first quarrel occurred. However, this matter was passed over, until Sunday evening, when the two officers went to their apartments at 318 Eleventh street to arrest Chamberlain. The case will be heard this afternoon in the municipal court.

TALENT SECURED FOR FREE ENTERTAINMENT

The free literary and musical entertainment to be given Thursday night at the Central Christian church, East Twentieth and Salmon streets, is a great deal of interest because of the good talent that has been provided. The following artists are to appear: Adeline M. Alvord, Harold Hurlbut, George Hotchkiss Street, Madeline Stone, E. D. Gilhouse, Mary Schultz, Master Gordon Soule, Mrs. G. F. Alexander, Helen Bauer and an orchestra of 21 pieces under the direction of Ted Bacon. Admission is to be free and no offering taken.

BLUECOATS FINED FOR HUNTING IN CITY LIMITS

Motorcycle Officer Evans and Patrolman Frey Assessed \$50 Each.

Motorcycle Officer L. K. Evans and Patrolman Charles Frey were each fined \$50 yesterday by District Judge Dayton for hunting within the city limits. They were charged with shooting pheasants in the Woodstock district last Sunday morning.

"We were walking along when the bird flew by and the dog caught it," was the explanation given by Evans and corroborated by Frey. "Someone else had crippled it and we took it along. We did not shoot inside the limits and were on our way to the country."

Evidence showed that the men did shoot and that the shot rattled against a neighboring house. Both policemen declared that they heard others shooting around the neighborhood where they were charged with doing the shooting and said they were seeking the law breakers. They admitted that they found no one on whom to lay the blame for the shots they heard.

Evans holds an appointment as special deputy game warden and State Game Warden Finley has declared he would revoke the appointment. An appeal may be taken from the conviction. The charge against the two men was brought against them as individuals and not as officers. Had they been charged as officers the penalty would have been more severe.

FOUR JOYRIDERS SHOW NO CONSIDERATION FOR VICTIMS OF ACCIDENT

Four joyriders on the Linton road ran away from the overturned auto of W. R. Sawyer and V. J. Flebiger yesterday evening, leaving the two injured men to get along the best way possible. Sawyer and Flebiger were going west, while the joyriders were Portland-bound. The latter did not give any road, thereby forcing the Sawyer auto into the ditch. The machine turned turtle, pinning the two men underneath. There were two men and two women in the other automobile.

SUES FOR \$25,000 DAMAGES.

Suits on in the federal court by Mrs. Mary T. Blake, administratrix of the estate of Harvey Blake to recover \$25,000 from the Great Northern Railroad in compensation and damages for the death of Harvey Blake. The latter was killed in the yards at Vancouver, January 23. When walking along the tracks he was struck by a passenger train.



Boys' Overcoats

The boys' store on the second floor shows a splendid collection of nobby chinchilla overcoats for boys of 2 1/2 to 8 years; the colors are light and dark grays, seal brown and navy. All are lined with plaid or checked cassimere and are tailored in full belted styles, with military collars—of exceptional worth at the prices \$5.00 and \$6.50

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