

BOYS AND GIRLS' AID SOCIETY VINDICATED BY COMMITTEE REPORT

Investigators Appointed by Last Legislature Find Charges Unwarranted.

Complete vindication of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Portland is contained in the report of the investigation committee appointed by the last legislature, which was made public yesterday.

The report is addressed to Governor West and represents eight months' painstaking work, a thorough examination being made of the conditions at the society's home since its establishment in 1887. Members of the committee are State Senators L. N. Day, of Portland, and Hal G. Patton, of Salem; Representatives D. E. Lofgren and J. H. Nolte, of Portland, and P. O. Bonebrake, of Corvallis.

Moral, living conditions, teaching facilities, finances and records of the institution are all given a clean sheet. Regarding the allegation that children had been entered more than once on the rolls the committee found no more than two such cases in a registration of 4199 children since the founding of the school. These exceptions were laid to clerical errors.

Moral Status Investigated.
The investigation was made as the result of a resolution, House No. 13, introduced by Lou G. Carpenter, of Multnomah county. Allegations were made questioning the moral status of the institution and that the children were falsely entered with a view to increasing the legislative appropriations. The committee further presents a comparative table showing the expenses of maintenance of the Oregon institution with the one in California, with a decided economy of management in favor of the society in this state.

The committee's report in part says: "We have investigated into the management and find that the home is conducted in an admirable manner. The matron and assistant superintendent live in the house. The boys and girls are segregated and have separate sleeping quarters. The manners and morals of the children are duly safeguarded. The building is kept scrupulously clean. The food is plain but substantial and sufficient. The children are plainly but warmly clad."

Inmates Given Education.
"We have investigated the morals of the institution, and in particular the conduct of the officers in charge, and their conduct toward the inmates, and the conduct of the officers in charge towards each other," says the report. "During the investigation we examined witnesses, among them former attaches of the institution, and found that the moral standard of the institution is high and the personnel in charge conduct itself with due regard to its responsibility and position."

"All the inmates of school age attend the Kern public school. The girls who are above school age, and who previously had little or no opportunity to attend school, are provided with school at the home. In the forenoon they assist in keeping the house in order and learn to sew, mend and darn, in fact, affording a fairly good course in domestic science. In the afternoon they attend classes in the common school."

branches, conducted in the school room of the home under the instruction of a teacher furnished by the county school board.

"The visiting of children who have been sent to homes for care or adoption is done solely with regard to the welfare of the children and this work is carried on efficiently and economically."

"In case of sickness or ordinary ailments of children medical attention is furnished free of charge to the inmates by a medical staff. This includes also the necessary attention of competent dentists."

DISCUSS SLOUGH IMPROVEMENTS

North Portland Committee Will Confer With City and County.

The first meeting of the committee appointed by the North Portland Commercial club and the Women's Auxiliary to work up public sentiment in favor of the plan to dredge Columbia slough and build with the slt three roadways as approaches to the Interstate bridge, was held yesterday afternoon in the offices of C. L. McKenna, in the Beck building. It was decided to take the matter up with the city and county commissioners at the earliest opportunity, after consulting with Commissioner Dieck.

The three roadways proposed are on Patton, Union and Vancouver avenues, Vancouver and Union avenues join, after which there would be but one roadway.

J. H. Nolte, who promoted the plan, declared that having the county make these fills will save \$200,000 to the property owners of the district and that the slough dredging is the only solution of the sewage problem for the territory from Montavilla to St. Johns, all of which slopes north to the slough.

The committee is composed of E. M. Orth, H. A. Ruble, S. L. Woodward, J. H. Nolte and C. L. McKenna.

MRS. GERLINGER WILL FIGHT ASSAULT CASE
Mrs. Gertrude Gerlinger will go before a jury in District Judge Jones' court next Saturday afternoon, according to present plans, to defend herself against a charge of assault and battery preferred by Attorney Fay L. Brown. The charge was made as the result of an altercation in Brown's office, during which Mrs. Gerlinger plied a horsewhip on Brown because of testimony which he gave in her breach of promise suit against Lloyd Frank recently.

Attorney A. I. Moulton, representing Mrs. Gerlinger, had the case postponed yesterday afternoon and called for the jury trial. A motion for a new trial in the breach of promise suit made by Mrs. Gerlinger will be argued before Circuit Judge Davis Saturday morning.

In addition to her other troubles, Mrs. Gerlinger has been made a defendant in a suit in the district court brought by L. G. Reid to collect \$152 alleged due on a \$4500 house which Mrs. Gerlinger bought in August, 1912. The suit is on an assignment from William Durlinger, from whom Mrs. Gerlinger bought the house.

VANCOUVER AVENUE WILL BE PROMOTED

A public meeting will be held by the Albina Business Men's association at 8 o'clock next Tuesday evening in the

Albina branch library, 350 Knott street, to promote the selection of Vancouver avenue as the approach to the Interstate bridge. The county commissioners will be invited to attend. A brief social program will precede the main discussion.

The committee to work for the Vancouver avenue approach has been appointed, as follows: S. Collins, chairman; T. J. Murphy, A. Rutherford, A. R. Zeller, Henry Hennings, E. F. Schneider, J. F. Hill and T. L. Adams. At its meeting in the Albina library last night, the new club completed its organization by adopting a name and a constitution and by-laws. Seven new members were admitted. A membership committee was appointed, to consist of W. M. Smith, L. G. Schroeder and A. R. Zeller.

HASTE IS PROMISED BY INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Jan. 28.—The interior department has informed Representative Sinnott that delays in selling isolated tracts of land have been due to a lack of field examiners. The policy of the department is said to be to facilitate cases as much as possible.

NO FUNDS ON HAND FOR JACKSON COUNTY ROADS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Jan. 27.—The fourth assistant postmaster general informs Senator Chamberlain that practically the entire appropriation of \$500,000 for the cooperative road improvement has been assigned to the various states, and that it is impracticable to

increase the allotment of \$10,000 to Jackson county, Oregon, as requested by Judge Touvelle, unless congress states, and that it is impracticable to grants an additional sum.

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