

# 'PSYCHASTHENIC' PATIENT MUST GET JOB OR GO TO JAIL

Jacob Harth, Object of Charity for Two Years, Declines to Work; Pleads Mental Fatigue.

## JUDGE TAZWELL GIVES ORDER

Issue Comes to Head After Harth and Wife Kidnap Their Child From Waverly Home, Friday.

If Jacob Harth, "gentleman of leisure" for two years through the courtesy of various city and county relief organizations, has not taken a position by next Tuesday morning, his address for some time to come will be the county jail. This decision was made Saturday by Judge Tazwell of the county court following the action of Harth and his wife, Caroline, in kidnaping their 14-month-old baby from the Waverly home Friday night after overpowering the matron.

"If the county has got to support Harth," remarked the judge, "it might just as well do it in the jail. There is a law providing for men who can work but refuse to do so and let their families suffer."

Seven Members in Family

Officials of the bureau of public welfare, who are thoroughly acquainted with the affairs of the Harth family, declare that since Mr. Harth was injured in an accident more than two years ago he has never done a day's work. Innumerable positions which they have secured for him have been consistently declined, they say, for no apparent cause.

There are seven members in the family—father, mother and five children—the latter all being under the age of 10. They own their home at 592 East Sixteenth street. At the present time the family receive \$16 a month and their clothing from the bureau of public welfare. During the past two years practically every relief society in the city has given assistance to the Harths, including the German Aid society, which is now contributing.

Couple Threaten Officials

The children were recently made wards of the juvenile court. The four eldest were placed in the Frazier home and the youngest turned over to the Waverly home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Harth made strenuous objections to this action and even went so far as to threaten violence to the officials of the court.

At the solicitation of the bureau of public welfare, Mr. Harth was twice examined for his sanity. Although the physicians were unanimous in declaring him sane, they all agreed, according to A. V. E. Gephart, secretary of the welfare bureau, that the patient was suffering from an extreme case of "psychasthenia."

It was upon the grounds of his having "psychasthenia" that the welfare commission decided to make Harth and his family a permanent charge, with a bounty and include a necessary amount for him and his family in their budget. Up to this time their assistance had been intermittent.

Defined as Mental Fatigue

"Psychasthenia" is defined in the medical dictionary as mental fatigue.

"If mental fatigue were allowed as a valid excuse for being supported, in leisure at the expense of the county," declared Judge Tazwell Saturday, as he ordered Harth out of the court to find a job, "I suspect that 'psychasthenia' would become a very popular ailment."

## Progress of New Guard Pleases May

Adjutant General John L. May has returned from a second trip to Willamette valley towns in the task of organizing the new Third Oregon regiment of National Guard. He speaks highly of all the units organized and was greatly pleased with the showing made in Ashland recently when he was there to inspect a full company young men. In every company are being placed veteran officers or non-coms to assist in training the new men in modern tactics and to help build up a permanent organization of the National Guard to perpetuate the old Third Oregon.

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## WOODSTOCK GRADE PUPILS PLEASING IN DAINY OPERETTAS



Above—Butterfly girls: Barbara Leisz, May Tarantini, Anna Bergstrand, Ruth Folkmar, Ruby Teler, Frances Dean. Below, at left—Evangeline Stanton as Gypsy queen. Right—Three daffodils: Anna May Hensley, Dorothy Hoffmiller, Myrna MeLeon.

"Mother Goose's Garden," presented by the pupils of the primary grades of the Woodstock school, and "Babies in the Woods," operetta by the intermediate grades, at an entertainment Friday night, won the approval of fond parents and friends who heard and saw them.

Boys and girls took parts of violets, lilacs, buttercups, Johnny jump-ups, roses and daisies and made a pretty flower garden for Mother Goose.

In the intermediate operetta Jean Louisa gave "Benton Shilbire" played the "Babe," Donald Harris King Rupert and Fred Bowen, Rudolph, the uncle.

The features of the entertainment were a club drill by boys of the seventh and eighth grades and a patriotic pantomime, "America," by the girls of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

## NEWSPAPER MEETING AT EUGENE EXPECTED TO ATTRACT THROG

New Arrangements for Conference Made Necessary by Indications of Interest.

Eugene, April 13.—Indications for a vastly larger attendance than at first expected at the first annual newspaper conference for Oregon are forcing new arrangements for the reception of the visitors at the school of Journalism of the University of Oregon, April 25 and 26.

A new composing room in the Journalism laboratory is being rushed to completion in order that the visiting editors may see to the best advantage the fully equipped print shop in which the students study the newspaper profession. Up to the present time the work has been done under crowded conditions.

The Eugene Chamber of Commerce will welcome the visitors with a banquet Friday evening, at which President P. L. Campbell will be toastmaster. The ladies' auxiliary will entertain the wives of the editors Friday afternoon, and the ladies of the university and school of Journalism faculty Saturday morning. The university will be the host at a farewell banquet to be held in Hendricks hall, the new women's dormitory, Saturday noon.

The keynote of the program is announced as "Strictly Business: How to Make the Paper Pay More Profit." The Friday session will be devoted to advertising, the discussion to be opened by C. W. Robey, publisher of the Oregon City Courier. C. E. Ingalls, publisher of the Corvallis Gazette-Times and president of both the Oregon and Willamette Valley Editorial associations, will be in charge of the conference and will preside at all sessions except the banquet.

The annual meeting of the Willamette Valley Editorial association will be held in connection with the conference, and officers will be elected.

The State Editorial association will discuss and announce plans for entertaining the National Editorial association in August.

Frank Jenkins, publisher of the Daily Register, has written to all members of the Oregon Daily Publishers' association, presenting a plan for the formation of a paper purchasing corporation which should act as purchasing agent for all papers in the state, effecting a saving of perhaps a cent a pound on the purchase price.

Portland Man Buys Laundry

White Salmon, Wash., April 12.—The North Bank steam laundry has been sold by L. Nicolls to Mr. Paterson, who was formerly connected with the Oregon Laundry company of Portland.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS WORLD'S ONE HOPE, ASSERTS DR. AKED

Civic League Speaker Describes What He Saw in Russia Before Revolution.

"A league of friendly nations pledged to keep the peace of the world is the only hope of the world, and unless there is such a league formed, your sons will be dying in European and Asiatic trenches 10 years hence," declared Dr. Charles P. Aked, in an eloquent appeal made before the Oregon Civic League at its luncheon Saturday.

Dr. Aked was in Russia shortly before the outbreak of the revolution and he traced in a most forceful and illuminating manner its inception and development, referring to the secret treaty between Russia and Germany and its fiendish plans and purposes, declaring that international life is impossible when a country is capable of so flagrantly violating all international law, and that international life would be inviting international anarchy.

He declared that the nations of the world are bowing down to the fetish of the balance of power. Imperial Russia was the enemy over all. It was the menace of the world, but Russia today may be the hope of the world. A new alliance must be made not of antagonistic nations, but of friendly nations, and this movement America has a glorious destiny in leading in the formation of a League of Nations to keep the peace of the world.

Sigismundo Giampiccoli, head of the Waldensian society, the Protestant church of Italy, gave a scholarly address, outlining Italy's part in the great world war and her relation to other countries, closing with a brief statement as to his real mission in this country, namely, that of securing aid for the orphans of Italy, of whom there are thousands. He said that in the United States but one child in 4000 is an orphan, in Italy one child in every 20, and that not orphans frequently have fathers left legless or armless or returned from German prison camps physical wrecks.



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## August Kollemeier Stricken by Death

Oregon City, April 12.—Coroner Johnson was summoned this afternoon to Peats mountain to investigate the sudden death of August Kollemeier. Kollemeier, who was a well-to-do retired farmer, aged 65 years, living at Willamette, was on his way up the mountain to visit a neighbor, when he was stricken with heart failure. The coroner decided that death was due to natural causes. Kollemeier left a widow and two sons, Louis and Will, both prominent in the Willamette district.

Approximately 1800 men will be engaged under Rear Admiral Strauss in the dangerous task of removing the 57,000 mines which American naval forces laid in the North sea.

## NORTHWEST POTATOES BEING SOLD BY ARMY QUARTERMASTER HERE

Supply Contracted for Use of Army Is Being Disposed of to Private Parties.

Nine thousand tons of British Columbia potatoes and 6,484,000 pounds of Washington potatoes are being marketed through the United States army quartermaster's department in Portland. These spuds were contracted for by the United States government and are being sold for army use. At the termination of the war contracts were cancelled and the potatoes are being resorted and repacked for the Eastern market.

George L. Burt and Jacob, Malcolm & Burt, San Francisco produce dealers, is selling agent for the government, acting in cooperation with Major Frank F. Tingley, officer in charge of the quartermaster's office here. The British Columbia potatoes are being shipped for the most part to Chicago and cities in that section.

The British Columbia potatoes were stored at New Westminster and are being shipped out on government bills of lading and sold on delivery basis. The government is using its best grade rates in handling shipments and the whole transaction is being handled in the most economical manner possible, according to Mr. Burt.

This is one of the largest deals of its kind ever transacted in the United States and the fact that the whole supply of potatoes held under government contract in the Northwest is being handled through the Portland quartermaster's office speaks well for the efficiency of Major Tingley. According to Mr. Burt the potatoes are being distributed in such a way that the market will not be disturbed at any point in the country.

One million pounds of the Washington potatoes were purchased by the Beaverton starch factory and 4,000,000 pounds were purchased at \$20 per ton by Jacobs, Malcolm & Burt on their own account. The loss through resorting is estimated at about 25 per cent by

## War Trophies to Be Exhibited in Towns of Oregon

A. D. Weir, who spent more than a year in the field of war activities in France, is making a tour through sections of the state which were not given an opportunity to view the trophy train, with a splendid exhibit of war trophies gathered from a number of sources, in the interest of the Victory Liberty loan.

The exhibit contains many interesting souvenirs of historic interest, various kinds of guns, weapons and munitions, and shell-riddled and battle-scarred relics of great variety.

Mr. Weir's itinerary is as follows: Silverton, Sunday, April 13, 9:25 a. m. to 3:47 p. m.; West Seio, 6:08 p. m., April 13 to 7:56 a. m., April 14; Mount Angel, 9:26 a. m. to 2:10 p. m., April 14; Woodburn, 2:30 p. m. to 3:15 p. m., April 14; Creswell, 7:19 p. m., April 14, to 8:41 a. m., April 15; Yoncalla, 8:16 a. m. to 2:55 p. m., April 15; Oakland, 4:30 p. m., April 15, to 1:50 a. m., April 16; Dallas, 8:10 a. m. to 2:20 p. m., April 16; St. Mary's, 5:18 p. m. to 8:37 p. m., April 16; Hillsboro, 9 p. m., April 16, to 9:53 a. m., April 17.

## Man Risks Life to Destroy Evidence of Booze Dealings

Aberdeen, Wash., April 12.—In a daring attempt to destroy evidence, Glen Parmeter, arrested this morning on a charge of bootlegging, somersaulted from the front seat on the automobile in which he was being brought to the police station, abandoning the wheel to the officer beside him, and with a hammer broke four bottles of whiskey in the tonneau of the car. The officer had difficulty stopping the car and regaining control of his prisoner, who, though a man with but one leg, managed his sensational somersault and the destruction of the whiskey bottles with remarkable speed. Officers tagged the broken bottles and saturated automobile carpet and from the oil cloth covering one part of the floor drained a small quantity of liquor.

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