



BECAUSE IT IS THANKSGIVING.

People Think of Charity and Here is a Worthy Cause.

A little over 21 years ago a few of our representative citizens saw the great need of some organization for the care and protection of dependent children and also to aid children who had committed their first offense against the law—hence the organization of boys' and girls' Aid Society of Oregon. At that time it was a charitable organization dependent entirely upon the generosity of the public for its support. Since that time, however, it has grown rapidly and its work has commended itself to the charitable public and to the state officials, and today it is not only assisted by private subscriptions but by state and county appropriations. It is, however, conducted on a very economical basis and its total expenditures each year do not exceed \$10,000.

Its methods are to place dependent and neglected children in family homes where they will receive a parent's care and attention, and in order to insure this, visitors are kept on the road the entire time, and besides which at this time there is organized at many of the county seats an advisory board composed of representative citizens who assist the society in its work of aid and supervision over its wards placed out in homes. In this county Prof. G. W. Deuman is the president and Mrs. J. H. Harris is secretary.

From January 1st to November 1st, 1906, a period of ten months, the society has received 326 children, or an average of about 32 per month. These children were received from the following counties: Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Crook, Douglas, Grant, Lane, Marion, Multnomah, Umatilla, Union, Wasco, Washington, Wallowa and Yamhill.

Many of the children committed have sad histories, and if there is any worthy cause for charity the boys' and girls' Aid Society should certainly appeal to every person who has the welfare of little children at heart. The public schools throughout the state have heretofore been of great assistance and it is sincerely hoped that they will do their best this year. In addition to this, any person who will send a trifle in money, provisions, vegetables, or in fact anything and everything that would be useful in a household, will receive the gratitude of the management.

The railroad and steamboat companies running into Portland carry all donations at Thanksgiving time free of charge if addressed to the boys' and girls' Aid Society, Portland, Ore. Those who wish to send money, or lend their aid in anyway should apply to the Corvallis advisory board members mentioned above. It certainly is a worthy cause and one in which Benton county is directly interested, since some of the inmates of the home were taken there from this county and given a home, care and protection in an hour of need.

Dan Kelly Has It.

The world's record as a sprinter is awarded to Dan J. Kelly, the modest young athlete of Eugene. The story of the final decision is related in the press dispatches this week, and is as follows:

"Champion Sprinter of the World" is the proud title that Dan J. Kelly, Oregon's great athlete, can now claim. The long-looked-for decision is given by the Amateur Athletic Union, and the decision makes Kelly champion of the world in the 100-yard dash. His great run was made at Spokane on June 23 in a track meet between Seattle, Spokane and Portland. Kelly

ran under the colors of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. Arthur Duffy's record of nine and three-fifths seconds was expunged by the union, it having been proved that Duffy was a professional at the time he made his record. This leaves Kelly undisputed champion of the world.

Kelly is attending college at the University of Oregon. He is only 22 years of age and commenced his athletic career at Baker City high school, and later attended Columbia University of Portland where he first showed signs of future greatness in the athletic world.

Kelly is a quiet, studious fellow and immensely popular among his college associates. After his record breaking dash at Spokane he had many offers to go to Eastern colleges, but has decided to finish his course at Eugene. He will appear on the track again in the spring.

GAVE WORTHLESS CHECKS.

Then Failed to Meet Contract—A Peculiar Affair.

Like all the rest of mankind, hop growers have their troubles. Sometimes it is lice, mould, scarcity of pickers, a light crop and a lighter price, and occasionally it is in the form of a bunco buyer who fails to meet his promise at the time of delivery. In the case in question it is the latter, and a pretty state of affairs has resulted from the refusal of the buyer to receive the product for which he bargained.

The trouble is at Buena Vista in the well known hop belt where dozens of Corvallis families go every season to assist in gathering the harvest, and no doubt many a bale of the hops involved were gathered by Corvallisites. The story is told in the Polk county papers as follows: Several hop growers residing in the vicinity of Buena Vista are having trouble in the matter of delivering their hops to Phil Niece, a Woodburn hop dealer, who contracted for the hops several days ago, and claims to be representing foreign dealers.

The growers interested are W. J. Steele, R. J. Steele, Thos. Pomeroy and W. Bilyeu. The hops were contracted for by Niece and checks tendered given upon the Bank of California or Portland. The entire crop of the gentlemen named was contracted for and delivery was to be made at the Buena Vista ware house.

The hops were delivered and placed in the warehouse but when it came to cashing the checks tendered trouble commenced. Niece instructed his local representative not to receive the hops.

Attachment proceedings commenced to enforce the collection of the checks and it was found that there was no money in the Bank of California behind the checks.

The hops are stored in the Buena Vista warehouse and are in possible danger from floods unless removed, and altogether the growers are having a pretty hard time of it. Attorney Jones is looking after their interests and will exhaust every means at his command in seeing that they get a square deal, and before the case is settled fully the grand jury may be called upon for a little service unless adjustment is made otherwise.

One of the neatest and most unique advertisements seen in Corvallis in the way of Thanksgiving designs, is a turkey made of linen towels in the J. M. Nolan & Son clothing store. A red napkin furnishes the necessary color about the head, and the red borders on the towels is cleverly displayed in the huge fan-like tail. The entire device is sufficiently "cute" to catch the eyes of all who pass the window.

SOMETHING DOING.

In the Big Agricultural Fair—Money and Prizes Coming In.

A subject that is much discussed and that has awakened the keenest interest of the business men and general public is that of the school children's agricultural fair that is planned for next August in this city. As has been stated in these columns before, it is proposed to hold the fair the week before hop picking; the exhibitors are to be the school children of the county, and seeds are to be furnished them free, from which vegetables and other products are to be grown for exhibition at the fair.

Besides three or four grand prizes there will be many handsome and useful prizes for individual winners, and these are being put up by the business men of the town. Already there is \$700 in sight, cash, and more coming in each day, while the prizes are well worth the effort of any boy or girl in the county.

The list up to the present date is as follows:
Musical instruments to the value of \$25, N. A. Fisher.
\$20 cash or five barrels of flour, Corvallis Flouring Mills.
\$25, Registered Shropshire ewe, E. D. Baker.

Agricultural implements or household utensils, \$12, R. M. Wade & Co.

Parlor stove and Overland wagon, \$15.50, J. R. Smith.

Two pocket knives, \$4, Earnest Veal.

Saw, square, hammer, embroidery scissors and shears, \$6.25, R. H. Huston.

Con Gerhard, \$19 in stock.
Suits, hats, skirts, \$15, S. L. Kline.

J. M. Nolan & Son, \$17, one pair of shoes and one suit.

Suit, dress and \$5 in grocery department, \$15, F. L. Miller.

Toilet and shaving sets, \$6.50.
Dishes, \$6, A. Hodes.

Two silver watches, \$11, A. J. Metzger.

Two gold filled chains, \$10, E. W. S. Pratt.

One watch and chain, \$6, D. E. Matthews.

Suits, shoes, shirts, \$11, A. K. Russ.

Bamboo fishing pole, and ball and bat, \$4.50, M. M. Long.

Rugs, pictures and table, \$16.50, Hollenberg & Cady.

Chairs, commode, \$11, O. Rogoway.

Music cabinet, chairs, writing desk, \$10.50, O. J. Blackledge.

Suit of cloths and dress pattern, \$11, J. H. Harris.

Photographs, \$9, W. S. Gardner.

Jockey saddle and riding bridle, \$10, Grant Elgin.

One pair shoes and umbrella, \$4, Wellsber & Gray.

Ice cream for a free social for 1500 children, \$40, Corvallis Creamery Co. by H. W. Kaupisch, manager.

As soon as possible a complete list of prizes, together with full particulars concerning each contest, will be published in the Gazette for the benefit of all who may be interested in the big fair.

It Was Poison.

The question is settled as to the cause of Mrs. Creffield's sudden death in Seattle. The Portland Journal of Tuesday night says:

The coroner's physicians who analyzed the stomach of Mrs. Maud Hurt-Creffield, the widow of the late Edmund "Joshua" Creffield, the Holy Roller leader, reported this afternoon that enough poison was found in the stomach of the dead woman to kill several persons. It is therefore evident that the woman was either murdered or committed suicide, probably the latter.

Mrs. Creffield was the daughter of O. V. Hurt of Corvallis. At the time of her death she was in

prison with Esther Mitchell, both charged with the murder of Esther's brother, George Mitchell, who was killed by his sister in revenge for the murder of Creffield. She died suddenly about midnight last Friday night supposedly from heart disease. She was buried yesterday beside the body of her dead husband. Esther Mitchell, who attended, exhibited the first sign of emotion she had shown since her crime, and it was believed that the hypnotic spell under which Esther had been held by the elder woman was broken.

Suicide was threatened by both women when first arrested and a close watch kept over them to prevent them from carrying out their threats. Both expressed their desire to die frequently. Lately, however, officials have been off their guard by the changed demeanor of the women which is believed now to have only been a ruse to secure the poison.

How the poison was smuggled in is a mystery. It is believed, however, that Esther Mitchell is in the secret. The closest kind of a watch is being kept upon her to prevent her following in the footsteps of her friend the mentor.

HER FUNERAL.

Mrs. Maud Creffield at Rest—The Services Were Private.

The funeral of the late Maud Hurt-Creffield was held in Seattle Monday. The services were attended by none save the members of the family who were in the city. Mrs. Creffield was 25 years of age and resided for many years in Corvallis. The Oregonian gives the following concerning the funeral:

"For the first time since the unexpected death of Mrs. Creffield, Esther Mitchell this morning broke down and wept like a child at the bier of the widow of the leader of the notorious Holy Rollers. The funeral was held at the Conney Watson Company's chapel for Mrs. Creffield. It was at the end of this service, when a handful of friends and relatives of the dead woman were asked to take their final leave, that Esther Mitchell stepped to the casket and bowing, wept.

Behind Esther Mitchell were O. V. Hurt, father of Maud Creffield, Mae Hurt, her sister, Frank Hurt, her brother, and Mrs. Frank Hurt. In another part of the room were Attorneys W. H. Morris and S. M. Shipley, who represented George Mitchell at his trial for the killing of Joshua Creffield, and Attorney Holzheimer, attorney for Esther Mitchell. There was no music and few flowers.

Coroner Carroll has not yet received a report of the chemical analysis of the contents of Mrs. Creffield's stomach, and the examination will not be completed until this evening. Hurt announced that the funeral services for Mrs. Creffield would be strictly private, and expressed himself as being very thankful that the morbidly curious public were not allowed to see the body.

Among the jolly events of the week was an aletroon given Wednesday by Mrs. E. W. S. Pratt, who proved herself a resourceful and altogether charming hostess. There was a program which included a comic solo by Mrs. Pratt; instrumental solo, Miss Mina Yates; vocal duo, Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Taylor; instrumental solo, Miss Darby; vocal duo, Misses Laura Pratt and Lora Hill; a comic "stunt" by Mrs. A. Wilkins and a "reading" contest by J. B. Horne and Mrs. Tarter, who were first blindfolded and then required to sit on the floor and feed each other crackers. The program kept the company convulsed with laughter, and those present declare the event to have been the most enjoyable of all their experiences. The room were prettily decorated with chrysanthemums, and an appetizing luncheon was served at five o'clock. About 25 ladies enjoyed the occasion.



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