

APPEAL TO AID THE DESTITUTE

Persons In Portland Are In
Dire Distress

An appeal for aid comes to the citizens of this community through Naomi R. Stengel and Mrs. C. M. Ogle of Portland, who will undertake to gather up and pay transportation of any donations that may be given and see that the sufferers will get the benefit of what is donated.

The communication follows:

"Much has been said in the papers recently concerning the destitute condition of which a large number of people are to be found at this time of the year.

"Allow me to add a few more lines to the general tale and then determine whether or not you feel that you can add a mite in the way of a sack of potatoes, a box of apples or any other substantial article of food. This is a result of personal investigation and only two or three cases will be cited as each is just a repetition of the same condition in a more or less exaggerated form.

"We found in one house were three families—16 persons, sickness, want and despair. One wee child of 9 months had but one garment. Its pinched features and pitiful moans told a tale of want that needed no interpretation. The father, a Russian, unable to speak English, was disabled. His arm had been cut while he was working and lack of proper medical care left the wound a running sore. The mother is also unable to speak English. Like her children and her husband she is weak from want of care and nourishment. It seems more like reading in some story book to learn that there was not a morsel of food in the room. Flour, potatoes and other necessities in small quantities were provided for them an hour after we learned of their desperate conditions. Their gratitude knew no bounds.

"Another family was found. Here there were 12 children, ranging from 2 to 20 years. They have but recently arrived from Russia and as none of them can speak English, they have so far been unable to find employment.

"Here, too, conditions were desperate. The father said when he saw that help was offered 'I've work! Give work! No work! No work!'

"But there must be help until we may be secured.

"In another instance a father was sick in the hospital and six children all under fifteen were huddled together in a dark, cold room. The mother died last summer.

"Other instances, very similar to these may be found by the score."

Commodus and His Arrow.

Many of the Roman emperors were famous archers. It is said that Domitian would place boys in the circus at a considerable distance from him and as they held up their hands with the fingers outstretched he would send arrows between them with such nicety and accuracy of aim that he never inflicted a wound.

The wicked emperor Commodus boasted that he never missed his aim, that he never inflicted a wound, that he shot with a single arrow. He would set a shaft in his bow as some wild beast was set free in the circus to devour a living criminal condemned to death. Just when the furious animal was springing on his prey the emperor would strike it dead at the man's feet. Sometimes 100 lions were let loose at once in order that he, with 100 arrows, might kill them. With arrows the heads of which were semi-circular he would sever the necks of ostriches in full flight.

A Discovery

By MARY L. BLACKISTON

One day a man stood in London beside one of those holes left for the use of persons who descend to the sewers. The place was in an unfrequented portion of the city, and there was no one near him. He looked about him and listened for a footfall, then, producing a crow bar, inserted one end under the round metal cover of the hole and, lifting it, descended, permitting the cover to fall back into its place. Once in the sewer he drew from under his ragged coat a lantern.

John Murphy made his living by picking up articles that, having got into the sewer, were lost to their owners. Soon he found an umbrella. It was covered with sewer mud, but was of silk with an elaborately carved handle. John knew that when new it was worth a couple of sovereigns; when cleaned he might get half of that for it. This was unusual luck. He went on looking about him for other articles, but after an hour's walk had found nothing. He was about to leave the sewer when he stumbled on the big door that in his life—no, the biggest find in the world.

He came to a place where a small piece of the masonry had fallen in, lighting the lamplight of his lantern upward, he threw the light into the aperture, left vacant and disclosed a broken floor composed of marble squares. Piling the fallen debris so as to enable him to get his hands on what was above him, he drew himself up and found himself in a room. Throwing his light on him, he saw a number of boxes, some of which were loosely covered. Examining the contents of one of them, he threw his light on gold coins. Other boxes contained like contents. In the room was a treasure of inestimable value.

It was now night. Murphy wished to emerge by a window near the break and took the risk of doing so. Several persons saw him, but thought nothing of the matter. As soon as he got up on the street he saw straight before him the Bank of England. Then he knew that he had been in the strong room of the largest banking institution in the world.

One morning the governor of the bank received a note addressed to him ungrammatically, unsigned, bearing every evidence of having been written by an illiterate person. The writer said that the bank was in danger of losing a great deal of money. A letter addressed to John Murphy at a certain postoffice substitution, inviting the said Murphy to state his case to the governor, would receive attention. Many odd letters reach the Bank of England, and Murphy's letter was weeded out of the governor's mail before reaching him.

A few days later the bank received by express ten sovereigns wrapped in a piece of paper, on which was written in pencil the number of the box in the strong room from which they had been taken. The money in the box was counted and found to be short by ten sovereigns.

The incident excited a commotion among the officials of the bank. A meeting in the governor's private room was called to consider the loss and how it could have occurred. No one dreamed that there was a hole in the floor of the strong room, and no one could suggest a probable way by which the coins sent to the bank had been removed. While the officials were considering, John Murphy appeared before an official at a desk and said that he wished to see the governor. Having been questioned by the startled official, he said that he was the man who had sent the ten sovereigns to the bank and was there to tell how he got them.

The official had not heard of the sending of the coins, for that had been kept a profound secret. He told John Murphy to move on, and John did so, but to another part of the building, where he told his story again and again. He was just about to be taken into custody by a bank policeman when a prominent official of the bank who knew the secret of the returned sovereigns happened to inquire his offense.

Within five minutes the ragged sewer searcher was standing in the governor's room confronting a number of sleek looking directors. He was permitted to speak and told the assembly how he had got into the strong room from the sewer and how he or any else who knew the secret might go and come at will.

If the recital of the sovereigns had caused a commotion this information raised a whirlwind of excitement. A committee was sent to examine the strong room and returned confirming Murphy's information. John was held for two reasons—the money must be counted to make sure that he had not appropriated any of it, and if he should tell the secret the matter would make a much greater sensation among the public, then even if it did among the officials of the bank.

NOTICE OF SALE

City Marshal's Notice of Sale of Real Property for Delinquent Street Assessment.

Notice is hereby given that the Recorder of the city of Monmouth, Oregon, has placed in my hands a warrant for the collection of the delinquent street assessments for the improvement of Broad street, by building a concrete sidewalk thereon upon the West and East sides thereof, and abutting the hereinafter described premises, which assessment amounted to the sum of \$53.15, and cost of entering same in the lien docket of said City was and is \$1.00, and said Recorder has transmitted to me a list of said delinquent assessment for said street improvement, as aforesaid. Now, therefore, pursuant to said warrant, the charter and ordinances and resolutions of the City of Monmouth, Oregon, I will on Monday, the 26th day of January, 1914, at the hour of one o'clock P. M. thereof, at the front door of the City Hall in said City of Monmouth (the same being the building in which the Common Council holds its sessions), offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption, the following described parcels of real property, to-wit: Lot described as follows: Beginning at a point 250 feet East and 150 feet South of the Northwest corner of Out Lot No. 12, in Monmouth, thence 30 feet South, more or less to the corner of Alderman's lot; thence 100 feet West; thence 30 feet North more or less to Hewitt's line; thence 100 feet East to the place of beginning containing 30.0 square feet more or less in the City of Monmouth, Oregon, and assessed to the heirs of the estate of Mrs. C. Will, deceased, in the sum of \$33.87, interest and cost to date hereof \$1.00, cost of advertising \$7.40, owned by the heirs of Mrs. C. Will, deceased.

Lot described as follows: Beginning at a point 254 feet West and 280 feet South of the Northeast corner of Out Lot No. 12 in Monmouth, thence East 2.38 chains; thence South 50 feet; thence West 2.38 chains; thence North 50 feet to the place of beginning, in the City of Monmouth, and assessed to the heirs of the estate of Mrs. C. Will, deceased, in the sum of \$33.87, interest and cost to date hereof \$1.00, cost of advertising \$7.40, owned by the heirs of Mrs. C. Will, deceased, and that said tracts of land will be then and there sold to satisfy said assessments, interest and costs due upon each as aforesaid.

Each piece or parcel of land will be sold separately or otherwise as is likely to bring the highest price, and for a sum not less than the unpaid assessment thereon and interest and cost of advertising and sale, and cost of entering same in said lien docket.

Dated January 2, 1914.

J. A. STURKIN,
City Marshal.

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The count required a long while, and during the time it was in progress the sewer was repaired and the room made strong. When it was all over the discoverer of the break was summoned to the governor's room.

"How many persons have you told of this matter?" asked the latter.

"No one except you in the bank."

"On that table are a thousand sovereigns. Take them and make yourself comfortable. You are also appointed one of the strong room watchers with a salary of £100 a year."

His Narrow Escape.

A jolly old steamboat captain with more girth than height was asked if he had ever had any very narrow escapes.

"Yes," he replied, his eyes twinkling; "once I fell off my boat at the mouth of Bear creek, and, although I'm an expert swimmer, I guess I'd be there now if it hadn't been for my crew. You see, the water was just deep enough so's to be over my head when I tried to wade out and just shallow enough"—he gave his body an explanatory pat—"so that whenever I tried to swim out I dragged bottom."—Everybody's.

The Reason.

All sorts and conditions of men have excellent reasons for their position in life. Illustrated Bits tells of a tramp who had no illusions about the cause of his own condition.

Mrs. Finchall (at hotel entrance)—No; I have no money to spare for you. I do not see why an able-bodied man like you should go about begging.

Lazy Tramp—I s'pose, mum, it's fer about the same reason that a healthy woman like you boards at a hotel instead of keeping house.

Why He Felt Happy.

"Vernon told me this morning," related the lady with the cold blue eye, "that he passed the tree where two years ago he carved your initials and his own and encircled them with a heart. He says he felt so glad he almost danced for joy!"

"Ah," said the tall brunette anxiously, "then he must still love me, after all! Did he tell you why he felt so happy?"

"Yes, dear. He said some men were cutting the tree down!"

Ordinance No. 176

An Ordinance amending portions of Section 33 of Ordinance No. 168, "an Ordinance creating the office of Water Board, providing for the time and manner of election and appointment of the officers thereof, and for the appointment of subordinate officers under them, and their duties. Rates for water, rules and regulations for general management of the water system."

THE CITY OF MONMOUTH DOES ORDAIN:

That the following schedules be changed to read as follows:

Sprinkling Lawns.—That on each lot 50 by 100 feet, or fraction thereof to the curb, including the space occupied by buildings, with nozzle 3-16 inch or less \$1.00
Schools of 250 pupils or less 8.00
Garages 1.50
Private toilets, not in connection with residences .50
Meter Rates.—A minimum charge of \$1.50 with an allowance of 3,000 gallons of water, and all above this amount as follows:
The next 10,000 gallons or fraction thereof at 25 cents per 1,000.
The next 50,000 gallons or fraction thereof at 20 cents per 1,000.
The next 100,000 gallons or fraction thereof at 15 cents per 1,000.
All over 100,000 gallons or fraction thereof at 10 cents per 1,000.
Passed by the Common Council on this 9th day of December, 1913.
Approved by me this 30th day of December, 1913.

IRA C. POWELL,
Mayor.

ATTEST:
D. E. STITT,
City Recorder.

EMPLOYMENT PROPOSITION

December 1, 1913.

To the Editor:

We wish to ask your kind co-operation in a movement to connect our unemployed with a job. There are undoubtedly many residents of your county who could use the services of a good hand this winter and there are many idle men in Portland and other cities in this state who would be glad to have a place.

If you will be kind enough to run this letter and attached information blank in a few issues of your paper our plan will be called to the attention of those needing a hand. Any requests for labor made to our office will at once be taken up with those who are hunting for employment.

Assuring you that your co-operation will be greatly appreciated, I am

Yours very truly,

OSWALD WEST, Governor.

OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT.

Name _____
Address _____
Nearest railroad station or steamboat landing _____
Number of men or women needed _____
Character of work offered _____
Wages to be paid _____
With or without board and lodging _____
How long services, if they prove satisfactory, will likely be needed _____
This blank to be filled out and mailed to the Governor's Office, Salem, Oregon, that it may be brought to the attention of those seeking employment.

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Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
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Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

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Morning Service at 11:00 a. m.
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Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8:00 p. m.

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G. A. POLLARD, PASTOR

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship 11:00 a. m.
Christian Union Endeavor 6:30 P. M.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m.
Prayermeeting Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

Mail Departures and Arrivals

Mail Arrives as Follows:

7:15 A. M. From Portland, Newberg and Corvallis train.
8:55 A. M. Arrive from Salem and Portland.
9:05 A. M. From Airline train
11:15 A. M. From Portland and Corvallis train.
11:15 A. M. From Independence
1:25 P. M. From Dallas
2:40 P. M. From Portland and Corvallis train.
2:40 P. M. From Independence
5:35 P. M. From Airline
7:30 P. M. From Portland, Newberg and Corvallis.
7:30 P. M. From Independence

Mail Dispatched as Follows:

6:35 A. M. To Salem
6:55 A. M. To Portland and Corvallis.
7:15 A. M. To Airline
8:55 A. M. Portland and Corvallis train.
8:55 A. M. To Independence
11:15 A. M. To Dallas
1:25 P. M. To Portland and Corvallis train.
1:25 P. M. To Independence
4:30 P. M. To Airline
5:35 P. M. To Portland, Newberg and Corvallis.
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