

Negro Boy Charms Court by Singing

DALLAS, Tex.—Sitting huddled in a chair in juvenile court here a diminutive yellow negro, 11 years old, recently sang himself from a charge of bicycle theft. There was nothing of apparent greatness about the lad unless it was his feet, encased in a pair of worn-out man's shoes, it was difficult to tell how much shoe leather was superfluous.

"Judge, you ought to hear that boy sing," suggested a court officer when the case was called.

Judge R. B. Seay of criminal district court No. 1, presiding temporarily in juvenile court, said he "didn't mind."

Without a trace of embarrassment the negro boy closed his eyes, threw back his head and broke into the melodious croon of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." Court officials and spectators literally held their breath as the singer's voice rang through the court room.

"That boy has a ten-thousand dollar voice," Judge Seay declared. "He shall be educated and trained as a singer. I am personally going to see that he is placed where he can have the proper advantages. With that voice he will be a power among his race."

The boy, who says he does not know his own name, was placed under the care of the Dallas Negro Y. M. C. A. pending other arrangements.

DEVER, Ore., Dec. 31.—R. V. Froeman went to Portland last Tuesday.

A. C. Maddox spent Christmas in Astoria, visiting relatives.

J. L. Bass and son, John went to Eugene last Wednesday evening to

spend Christmas with Mr. Bass' daughter, Mrs. O. T. Tinkle.

Miss Evelyn Steele came up from Portland Wednesday evening to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rainwater.

Eldon Botdorf, who is attending school at Portland is spending the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Willard of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harnisch and small daughter spent Christmas day at the John Wills home.

Joseph Groshong came down from Albany Wednesday to visit his son, J. W. Groshong.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sarff of Cottage Grove spent several days with Mrs. Sarff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones.

Mrs. Wm. S. Hofer spent Christ-

mas with her mother, Mrs. Arnett of Shedd.

Fred Jones came up from Portland Wednesday evening to spend Thursday at home.

Mr. Southworth and family spent an enjoyable Christmas at the S. K. Barnes home. Mr. Southworth is section foreman on the Oregon Electric.

Ralph Rainey, of Oregon City spent a few days last week at the Willis Groshong home.

Chas. Barker and family, of near Phillomath, Chas. Woodruff, of Sacramento, and Albert Woodruff, of Camas, Wash., spent several of the holidays at the Jos. Woodruff home.

Miss Lois Wills, of Oakland, Oregon, spent the past week with her parents. Miss Wills is attending school at Oakland.

Mrs. Ronald Woodruff, of Portland spent several days of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Groshong. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop of Idaho were also visitors on Saturday for a few hours.

J. A. Jones and family, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sarff spent Friday in Jefferson visiting relatives.

Frank Ede made a business trip to Lacombe last Friday. He returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Leden of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Deane and son, of Newberg, Ore., spent Christmas at the Carl Ede home. On Friday Mr. Deane, Wm. Ede and Ernest Ede went to Minor to visit a sister, Mrs. W. J. Hanchett.

Wm. S. Hofer spent the day in Salem last Saturday.

Mrs. Donald Humphrey of Roseburg is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Groshong.

Mrs. Alice Sharp came up from Portland Sunday to spend the day with her parents. She returned Monday morning.

Jos. Arnett returned to Shedd on Sunday after visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. Hofer.

Ralph Taylor, of Albany spent Monday and Tuesday visiting Chas. Jones. Mrs. Willes Groshong, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sarff and Miss Amy Rainey, of Oregon City visited at the Jones home Monday.

August Lovy came down from Albany Tuesday morning.

Pierson Harvey, of Bellfountain is spending a few days visiting in this vicinity.

Oil Prospects at Lacombe Good

The Lebanon Express has the following to say about the prospects on the oil prospecting at Lacombe:

H. C. Pyle, manager of the Oregon Petroleum Company, returned today from Portland, where he has been to purchase tools and pipe to use in boring for oil in the Lacombe section. He also stopped in Salem to see Mr. Watt, who has been employed by the company as driller. Mr. Watt has recently come from Wyoming, and before that was in New York state, in both of which states he worked as an oil driller, for a number of years. The tools are expected to arrive soon, and then operations will begin.

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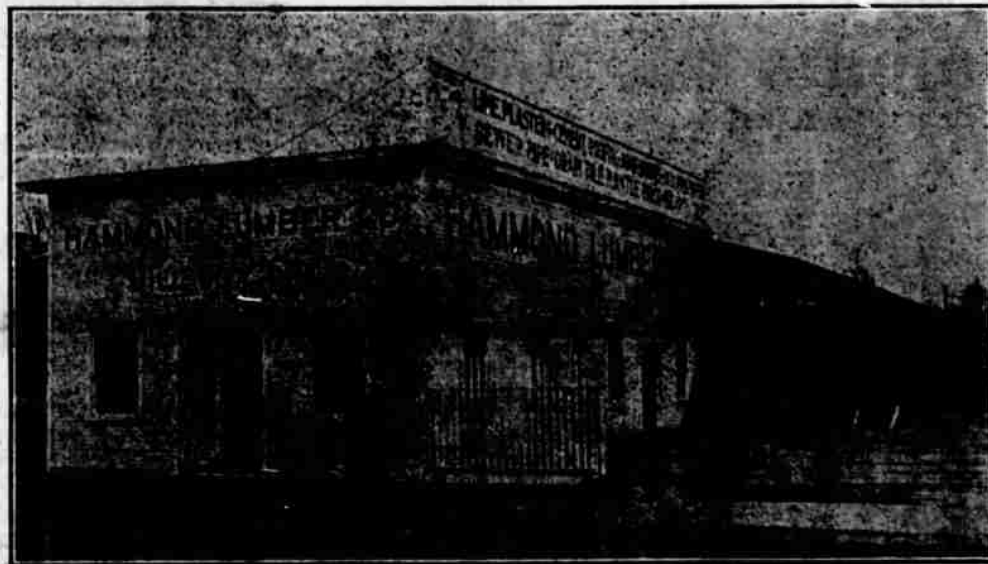
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