

## FOR OREGON WAIFS

Bit of History of Boy's and Girl's Aid Society.

IS DOING EXCELLENT WORK

The Peer of Any Similar Institution in the East—How Children Are Provided For—Clatsop County's Youngsters Cared For.

The Boys' & Girls' Aid Society has passed through its hands during the last year of its existence a greater number of children than any other institution in the State of Oregon or, in fact, any other institution of its size in the United States. During the last National Conference of Charities and Corrections, Superintendent Gardner says that in comparing notes with a superintendent of one of the large eastern child-placing agencies, he found that the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society had as many children pass through its hands during the preceding year as did the State School of Minnesota located at Owatonna of that State. Its work in the past has been caring for the homeless, neglected and abused children of the State of Oregon, and also juvenile offenders who had committed their first depredation, to provide for such until suitable homes or employment were found for them, and to continue a systematic attention to their condition and treatment. However, the largest class cared for by the Society is the former, and many cases of deep interest come before the Society for adjustment. Among the little ones at present to be placed out for legal adoption or indenture are some interesting little children. The two-weeks' old baby that was mentioned has parents in Eastern Oregon, who had placed the child in the care of a person in this city and then left the child to its fate. The child was placed with this Society and a home has now been found for it in an excellent family who will adopt it as their own. One of the girls to be placed out in a family home is the last remaining child in a family of four committed to the Society from an outside county—two girls and two boys. All now have found good homes with the exception of this 13-year-old girl, and a home is now in prospect for her. Their story is indeed a sad one and was unearched by the traveling agent of the Society, who found the family living in a tent amid the most polluting moral surroundings. The father was one of that class of men who let things go on as they may, and the mother was an immoral woman and allowed her young daughters to run around town with dissolute men, until the case became so notorious that it came to the ears of the officers of the Boys' & Girls' Aid Society. No one, however, in the vicinity could be found with courage enough to make the complaint, as they were afraid the parents would burn them out, so that the Society's agent did that part of the work and the county officers completed it by committing the children to the Society. Another of the children at the Home

to be placed out is known as case 1918, a girl about 14 committed with her sister from a Southern Oregon county. The father in this case is serving a term in the penitentiary for incest. The mother is described as a woman of loose character and unfit to care for her offspring. The younger sister has been provided with an excellent home, and the older sister has also been in a good home up to this time, but was returned. Not, however, because of her misconduct but on account of her custodians making some changes in their domestic arrangements. She has been going to school for a considerable period, and the environment in the family home where she was placed by this Society has been excellent, so that the girl has been very much improved and there will be no difficulty in finding for her as good a home as she had before.

In speaking of the Mitchell family who were taken from their mother recently by County Judge Trenchard, Superintendent Gardner, who took charge of the six older children, says there is but one left in the institution at present. It will be remembered that this is the case which Sheriff Linville and Superintendent Gardner went to look after a short time ago at Knappa. They found the family living in a house which was too filthy for human habitation, and the mother at the time incompetent physically and mentally to care for her family, while the father had deserted them, leaving them without means to care for themselves. Sheriff Linville procured the services of a farm wagon and brought the entire family to the depot at Knappa and finally to Astoria. Judge Trenchard, after hearing the evidence, turned the entire family of eight children over to Superintendent Gardner, six to be cared for by the Boys' & Girls' Aid Society and the two younger to be placed in the Baby Home. The three older children were named Johnson, half brothers and sisters to the Mitchells. Mr. Gardner took an application for a brother and sister by a wealthy farmer, and placed two of the children in that home. The people were so well pleased with the children that they sent for the remaining brother, as they thought it would be nice to have the three together. These people are able in every way to give the children a good home and education and there is not the slightest doubt but they will grow up to be good citizens. The only one remaining of the Mitchell family at the Home is a boy aged about six. Mr. Gardner says that the father has called on two or three occasions to see the children and expressed himself as wanting to care for them, but when finally cornered and asked what his ability was at this time, said that just at present he had very little means, but would care for them as soon as he could. Mr. Gardner's advice to the father was to start out and begin anew and under no circumstances to bring a family into the world unless he is prepared to care for them.

**A Habit to Be Encouraged.**  
The mother who has acquired the habit of keeping on hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saves herself a great amount of uneasiness and anxiety. Coughs, colds and croup, to which children are susceptible are quickly cured by its use. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and if given as soon as the first symptoms of croup appear, it will prevent the attack. This remedy contains nothing injurious and mothers give it to little ones with a feeling of perfect security. Sold by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

## CURIOUS BEQUEST

Woman Wanted a Crossing Refuge Erected.

IS DEDICATED TO BEAUTY

Was to Stand in the Central Part of London to Gladden the Public Eye, and to Cheer the Sorrowing.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A curious bequest was referred to when the last will of Miss Lena Beatrice Clayton Browne of Windsor came before the court. The plaintiff was the testatrix's cousin, George Lawrence Stewart, who, with her brother-in-law, Sir William Henry Hornby, bart., of Pleasington Hall, Blackburn, were the executors of a will dated August 11, 1900. The defendant was William Dealtry Browne, a brother of the testatrix, who alleged that she was of unsound mind at the time that the will was drawn up.

Mr. Barnard, K. C., for the plaintiff, described the curious bequest. After leaving \$500 each to her brothers and a sister and a few other legacies, the testatrix gave instructions for the whole residue, with interest, to be accumulated for five years:

"For the erection without buying land of an ornamental structure of Gothic design, such as a market cross or street crossing refuge in the style of a market cross, tall clock, street lamp stand, or all combined, in a central part of London, the plan whereof shall be offered for open competition and ultimately decided upon by the Royal Institute of British Architects, and I especially desire that no inscription of my name shall be placed on such erection."

She expressed a desire for the following inscription:

"Many and manifold are the gifts ministering to the ills of the flesh, therefore is this structure dedicated merely to the more neglected gladdening of the eye. 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever.'"

Eventually his lordship pronounced the will of 1900, the costs of the action to come out of the estate.

### NEWS TO ASTORIANS.

Hon. Thomas A. McBride Has A Ticklish Experience.

Judge McBride, who honors the circuit bench of this district, and who assumes his function here this morning, was the chief figure in an episode, lately, that might have precluded his appearance here today, but, which, happily, did not. A late number of the San Francisco "Call", contains the following account, under a Portland date:

"A crow hunt with a brand-new combination rifle and shotgun came near costing the life of Judge Thomas A. McBride of the Fifth Judicial District of Oregon. The Judge killed his crow, but the rifle exploded and came near killing him. The breach clock and firing pin blew out, grazed his temple and went entirely through a two-inch board back of him. Judge McBride, who

has a ranch on Deer Island and is fond of hunting, stopped in Portland on his way to the ranch a few days ago and purchased a gun of the latest make. He thought he would try his new gun before starting after big game, and a crow being the only thing in sight he loaded the gun and took a shot. Fortunately he had the gun at such an angle that the stock lay parallel with the side of his face, for when he pulled the trigger the barrel exploded. Judge McBride's was badly powder burned."

### PLAYED PRANKS.

The heavy thunder and lightning storm which occurred last night was one of the hardest ever known even by the oldest residents in Astoria, and while it lasted, caused those on the street to flee precipitately for shelter. One of the bolts of lightning struck the trolley wire of the electric company near the Astoria Box factory, and the entire force traveled down the line and quickly put the fuses on cars No. 4 and No. 5 out of commission. The cars were at once hauled back to the barns, and three other cars put on the remainder of the evening. Today the company will have four cars in operation, and will repair the damaged ones as fast as possible.

## OLD AGE

Depends Not Upon Years, But Upon Vital Force.

In Astoria lately there has been a good deal of discussion in regard to old people. Some at fifty years call themselves old, and really appear so, while others at seventy years seem active, vigorous, and young.

It is not years, but it is loss of vital force that makes a person old. Weakened digestion, thin blood and poor circulation soon start functional powers and vitality on the wane, and then the symptoms of old age quickly appear.

Our well known druggist, Mr. Charles Rogers, says, "that old feeling may be warded off, and we wish every person in Astoria who feels old, whether they are so in years or not, would try the great discovery, Vinol. We know that it has vital principles which will in a natural manner strengthen digestion, send rich, red blood coursing through the veins, and give new life and strength to every organ of the body, and this is what makes the old feel young again."

Mrs. H. W. Avery says: "At the age of eight-nine I felt the need of a tonic, something to strengthen and build me up. For some time I have been taking Vinol, and I have found that it brings vigor and renewed vitality to the aged as nothing else will."

Vinol repairs worn tissues, checks the natural decline and replaces weakness with strength. It is an ideal body builder for old folks.

We promise you that Vinol is, first of all, agreeable, because it contains no fishy oil. Second, that it is a genuine cod liver medicine, containing all the medicinal curatives and strength-making elements taken direct from fresh cod livers; and third, we will return your money if it does not do exactly what we claim for it." Charles Rogers, druggist.



## Invitation

**Your are cordially invited to attend our Hat opening, beginning Feb. 17, when we will show the Dunlap Hat in all its new styles and colors for Spring and Summer.**

This day is set aside by the makers and all over the United States and Canada the Best Stores will show the new shapes for the first time.

You who are good dressers and wish to be dressed right will do well to consult our hat man about your Spring hat—Come in and see them. They are worth looking into. They will interest you.

# P. A. STOKES,

THE STORE THAT LEADS.

### FIND ANCIENT KING'S RING.

Manq Claim It's Betrothal Band of Burherd of Mercians.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—While digging upon the site of the Roman remains at Wanborough, in Wiltshire, a laborer came upon a ring, whose inscription showed that it had been made for Burherd, king of the Mercians. King Burherd was married at Chippenham about 8504 to Aethelswyth, the daughter of Aethelwulf, king of the West Saxons, and from the appearance of the ring itself there are those who argue that this may have been his betrothal ring.

### DUCHESS ROBBED OF JEWELS.

Thought to Have Been Stolen on Board a Steamer.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 18.—The police believe that the duchess of Connaught's jewels were stolen on board the liner Armandale Castle, which is now on its way to Port Elizabeth. The missing jewels include a gold brooch, set with two large uncut rubies of great value, with three large diamonds and clusters of small diamonds. The loss was not discovered until 10 days after the duchess last wore the jewels.

Circulars are now being sent by the police throughout South Africa and Europe.

### Gas in the Stomach.

Belching and that sense of fullness so often experienced after eating is caused by the formation of gas. The stomach fails to perform its functions and the food ferments. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will correct the disorder. They aid digestion and strengthen and invigorate the stomach and bowels. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

By starting a party newspaper at Selt Lake, Senator Smoot serves notice that he will not lie down even if he loses his seat.

### Croup.

Begins with the symptoms of a common cold; there is chilliness, sneezing, sore throat, hot skin, quick pulse, hoarseness and impeded respiration. Give frequent small doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, (the child will cry for it) and at the first sign of a croupy cough apply frequently Ballard's Snow Liniment to the throat.

Mrs. A. Vliet, New Castle, Colo., writes, March 19, 1902: "I think Ballard's Horehound Syrup a wonderful remedy, and so pleasant to take. Sold by Hart's Drug Store."

### THE OLD GOVERNMENT.

The perfection of whisky used in the medical department of the United States military and naval service. Also in hospitals. Recommended by the highest authorities as the purest stimulant for family use. Sold exclusively by Wm. Bock.

Officers of the court while engaged in the trial of causes should lay aside their guns; justice can be done without them.

### Common Colds are the Cause of Many Serious Diseases.

Physicians who have gained a national reputation as analysts of the cause of various diseases, claim that if catching cold could be avoided a long list of dangerous ailments would never be heard of. Every one knows that pneumonia and consumption originate from a cold, and chronic catarrh, bronchitis, and all throat and lung trouble are aggravated and rendered more serious by each fresh attack. Do not risk your life or take chances when you have a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure it before these diseases develop. This remedy contains no opium, morphine or other harmful drug and has thirty years of reputation back of it, gained by its cures under every condition. For sale by David Ingram.

## FLOWER SEEDS

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New white shirt Waists.

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and domestic wash goods.



## Well Dressed Women

As well as those who must adorn themselves more economically and always on the lookout for bargains. They wish to supply their wants at the lowest possible price, consistent with quality and style of the goods, and we now have in our New Spring Stock of Dress Fabrics and can please you and your pocketbook.

- 38-inch all wool Serge, per yard .....\$0.59
- 38-inch all wool Albatross, per yard ..... .59
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- 54-inch Panama Cloth, per yard ..... 1.19
- 48-inch Fancy Mohair, per yard ..... 1.39

Gray, the season's most fashionable color we have in all shades.

## The New 1906 Embroideries Here

Our stock is by far the largest in the city and includes everything new and pretty.

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Astoria's Greatest Store. Where the New Things Make Their Debut.

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Best values for the least money, quick service, courteous treatment.

## Special Items

Monday Tuesday and Wednesday

All goods sold under a positive money back guarantee.

Log Cabin Flour highest grade:  
Sack .....\$1.25  
Barrel ..... 4.85

Long's Maple Syrup, guaranteed pure, \$1.05 gallon.

Creams, Oregon Grape or Pacific, 3 tins for 25c; case, 4 dozen for \$3.85.  
Corn Starch, good 10c values, 4 packages for 25c.

Magnos, white floating Borax Soap, 11 bars for 50c.

Mince Meat, condensed, 2 packages for 15c.

We make a specialty of Fruits and Vegetables, we carry none but the best at the very lowest market prices

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Harden steel balls and bearings; beautiful designs.

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\$7.50 to \$10.00.

Values from \$9.00 to \$15.00.

## Gray Granite Stew Pots

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Maseot Range; high closet....\$27.50

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