DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1905.

Scenes of a Day in the Children's Court.

How Justice, Tempered With Kindness, is Meted Out to Youthful Offenders-No Unwholesome Publicity Given to the Exploits of Bad Boys or Parading of Mis-

fortunes of Those Who Are Good.

special Correspondence, EW YORK, April 4 .- The children's court in this city has now received a practical test of more than a year and its establishint has proved to be as much of a reform as the most ardent of its suporters hoped. In this city, the comjete separation of children accused of various juvenile offenses from the oriminals and dregs of a city's population which dil the ordinary police courts. has been the outgrowth of a long struggle for better methods of caring

Next comes a girl of 10 or 12 and a boy much younger, whose father re-fuses to have them in the house. It apcation to have him committed to an institution because his mother has tak-en to bad ways. The stepfather is discovered asleep on a setter, is awakened with difficulty and shoved up to the bench in a half dazen state, plainly "under the influence." The Justice gives one quick look at the man's dirty countenance, and sees there only an additional argument for taking the little fellow away from his parents. A brief consultation with Mr. Townsend, and the boy is committed to the Juve-nile asylum, where he will get his first fair chance for improvement.

INTERIOR CHILDREN'S COURT.



Here is shown the bar of the children's court with the famous Judge Wyatt, known as the "Kid's Friend," on the bench. The scenes that are daily enacted in this little courtroom are pathetic. Every child arrested in the greater city of New York must be arraigned in this court.

struggle has at last met with much ried sister and neighbors think she is struggle has at last met with inden success and now there is a court, sit-ting daily in a special building, to re-pare the sufferings of children as well to poundst their crimes. punish their crimes.

NO POLICE COURT LAWYERS.

the first year of its existence. The the rest year of the existence, 547 children, most of whom were ar-rested by policemen without warrants, were arraigned before the court. No rolice court lawyers are on hand to take a \$10 fee for haranguing the magfor the proceedings are really like a family council than a let en te more The justice, the agents of th for the Prevention of Cruelty dren, the two women missionto Chiuren, the two women inission-aries who care for the interests of Catholic and Hebrew children, and Mr. Howard Townsend, vice president of the New York Juvenile asylum, talk over each case as it comes up, more mixicus to do the best for the culprit than to find some clause in the penal code to hold him on. This is the only ond caring for his own prop-which Mr. Townsend puts his training and to it he devotes the ing of every week day.

A LOOK AT THE BOYS.

the casual observer, the general the canadi observer, the general mance of the room is much like of an ordinary police court. Out-the railing which divides the room two unequal parts and separates instice courts musicomarks and

fuses to have them in the house. It ap-pears that this "house" is two or three rooms in a cellar, where these children have lived, neglected and dirly. for months. Their mother sceme to have disappeared. The boy and girl have often been left alone in their burrow, and several complaints have been made of the indifference of the parents. The father is called. He is an Italian with a courtenance which would qualify him for admission to a band of brigands without further credentials. The child-ren are sent to St. Agnes' home, and the father is to pay a certain weekly sum for their support. The day comes to an end with a case of more than usual sadness. A woman, whose principal characteristic A WEEPING GIRL. struggie for better methods of caring for unfortunate young people. This ing violently. She lives with her marA LEGAL POKER MAND. [New York Telegraph.]

thing of poker would refrain from answering questions about the game, A while ago the Evening Telegram, in answer to a query, said that four cards made a valid, or "legal," hand in pok-er, and the decision nearly caused a homfeide that night in a Park flow newspaper office during a holimit game.

same. Naw a Cincinnati paper says that if one card is dealt to a player on the draw, and source one else by mistake picks up the card, the one who was entitled to it can play the four cards in his hand. It is bla said of the base of the ba



a picturesque house in Vermont and from this pleasant home he often Hill Drug (

more isolated parts of the state. During a recent visit to New York Mr. Parrish said: "I stopped overnight at a basely Ver-mont farm last month. The house com-manded a barren and desolate hind-scape. It was anything but gay. "I remember the brief conversation I had with the farmer as he showed me to my bed. "'A very quist place," I said. "'It is,' said he. "Does a newspaper ever find as

makes excursions into the wildest and

" Does a newspaper ever find Rs Boldom: "Then.' I said 'you don't hear much

of what is going on in New York, ch?

TEVENED UP. Maxfield Parrish, the filustrator, has a picturesque house in Vermont and from this pleasant home he often

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I wish that persons who know no-

case of more than usual sadness. A woman, whose principal characteristic seems to be complete stolidity, comes in, followed by two sturby boys, hold-ing in her arms a bright little buby, which talks and laughs and crows, making everybody laugh too, and cheering up the whole assembly. But it appears that this baby was found cheering up the whole assembly. But it appears that this baby was found almost naked and the two little boys starving, after their mother had been picked up drink. The agent had to take off his overcoat to wrap the child-ren up, when they were taken away in the patrol wagon. The husband is a respectable, hardworking man. There is a pause, then the justice has one of the older children brought to him, takes him on his knee and talks to him. The mother, the only indiffer-ent person in the room, calmin ac-knowledges without change of expres-sion or show of emotion, that she got drunk and left the children. The case

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OFT REPEATED SCENES. Such scenes as these are repeated such scenes as these are repeated in the building on Third avenue every work day in the year. Much, in fact everything, depends on the justice's judgment for it has at last been rea-

lized that to attempt to judge young children and to decide cases of ill treat-ment and neglect by hard-and-fast laws

is to do far more harm than good. In the Children's court the justice is really

"in loco parentis" and the whole ten-dency is toward leniency. Five jus-tices of special sesions, sit in rotation in the Children's court, each serving a month at a time. With them there is

none of that harsh, abrupt disposal of one case after another which character-

lises the work of the police magistrate accustomed to deal with the lower elements of a great city's population. Whenever possible the offending child receives another chance. When len-

is put over.

in his hand. It is this sort of talk that makes one loss failth in Ohio people. Five cards-no more, no less-make a legal hand in poker. No one is playing your ne to take the card that is dealt to you it's your own fault. The four-card hand is dead. And even in Cinetonatd, where I hear they play with the lokes. where I hear they play with the joker, this should be understood.

agents, missionaries and from the spectators, sit sev-es of men and women, silent mot part and manifestly anxi-Many of the faces are those of seigners, some are stupid, some prei justice enters all rise while he als seat on the bench. He is oth-shaven, keen-featured, kindly aring man, looking in his black like a bishop—but one who knows of the world than most bishops. clerk calls a name, and the onstable brings in a boy by a onstable brings in a boy by a life door. He is taken up to the "before the bench, Mr. Town-ad the Gerry society agents round him, while the bissionaries stand near. A rol a woman from the audi-re called up. Not a word lible ton feet away from the After a few minutes the basis

After a few minutes the boy is at again. Outside the rall no the slightest, idea what he was of, whether he was accused of a ut all, and still less of what me of him. This is intention-re is no wish either to make a bad boy by giving publicity a good one. One might spend o forenoon in court and go wiser than one came.

ON THE "BRIDGE."

ding on the "bridge" however, istoning attentively one can catch athlog of the whispered conversa-in progress. A boy of ten or so is with stealing from an Italian vagon an immense flat-loaf of lich looks half as big as he is. a tells his story with great through the medium of an The boy with tears run-his dirty cheeks defends m his hard, mechanical manner ad a bard, mechanical manner, edging, however, that he has by been before the court twice, clared guilty and remanded for Another boy, with a crim-ce, admits stealing a blanket. wise, has been here before and is ulity and remanded. One or ility and remanded. One or up on his stepfather's appli-

brother-in-law—an honest, kindly man in appearance—says the girl has always been treated well. One of the missionaries talks with the child apart, but can get nothing out of her. The justice has made up his mind about the brother-in-law and declares that no action is to be taken for the present. After a time the child de-cides that she wants to go home again and her brother-in-law takes

ODD NEW YORK SCENES.

One of the most interesting places in the great city of New York is the building at the corner of Eleventh street and Third avenue, where is located the famous children's court. Here are brought all offenders of tender age, that they may be kept entirely free of hardened criminals.

her away. Clearly a case of diseased nerves and meddling, though proba-bly well-meaning, neighbors. Here is an Italian boy found sitting on a decretar in McKetar Warshill and in the asylum is \$131 and in the protectory it is about the same. Institution life is at the best far from ideal. But the some philanthropic

on a doorstep in Hoboken. He says he ran away from him home in New York because he had lost half a dollar and was afraid his father would beat him. He has been two years in the Juvenile asylum and would like to go back there. His case is held over for further consideration further consideration

FOR SNOWBALLING.

A bright little office boy is charged with having snowballed a man. Hon-est, straightforward and not a bit abashed, the lad acknowledges that he did snowball the man, because the man first threw a bottle at him. "I'm going to let you go," says the justice, "but you must remember that the fact of your having been assaulted gives you no right to take the law into gives you no right to take the law into your own hands. Don't do it again."

WANTED TO BE AN ACTRESS.

A well grown Hebrew girl who had run away to Philadelphia is brought up. She wanted to become an actress, it is said. She is pretty in a hard, unpleasant way, and seems utterly without nacharged with petty offenses with an admonition and then make of a different sort. A pale a drawn, frightened face is on tward affection as she looks over once at her nother. She tells an improbable story with a decided, stolid, yet eager utterance. She is sent to the house of mercy.

making itself felt in the transformation of the places to which the children ar-raigned there are sent. The Juvenile asylum is about to move from the city to a farm at Dobbs Ferry, where a model village is being erected for it by York & Sawyer, the New York archi-tects. Here no effort will be spared to make the stay in the asylum a real op-portunity to the child to regain physi-cal and moral health. The day of the old-fashioned reformatory is over and the Children's court and the change in location and methods of the Juvenils asylum are among the signs of the new era.

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years of the discovery of Ameri-

a, when the disease broke out be soldiers of Columbus in San b. But the first authentic ac-of an epidemic which occurred arbados in 1647. Since then inthe epidemics have ravaged the f North and South America, America, and even Europe, the Napoleonic wars the most e epidemics occurred. In 1800 as visited by this scourge. ttacked 48,000 out of 57,000, 8,000 n a few months. One of the pidemics which has ever rav-United States occurred in 1855 anded along the Atlantic coast all the southern states and as h as Rhode Island. One hun-d twenty-five thousand persons loken, more than twenty thou-ing of the disease. ricken

A peculiarity of the disease. A peculiarity of the germ of yellow fever is that it may be carried long dis-tances and preserve its vitality for months. During the epidemic of 1800 in Ju radius there was an instance of this. A pative fielding from the infected city went to his villa in Medina, Sidonia, er.

IE discovery of yellow fever is | and there died of the disease on his said to date back to the first arrival. The house was immediately closed and the following year the articless of clothing and furniture were sold to a dealer in junk. He died of yellow fever in a few days and the epidemic which followed was directly traced to this case.

which followed was directly traced to this case. The infected trunk of a man who had died in the Barbados of the disease was the beginning of the outbreak in Phil-adelphia in 1741. The effects of this math, a Mr. Bingham, were sent of from the place where he died and the germs had enough of vitality in them when the trunk was unpacked to lead to a disastrous outbreak. Individuals of all ages and races are attacked. It was at one time thought that the croole was immune, but this is found to be a mis-take. The negro is not as susceptible as the white man, but he is by no means exempt. One attack, as a rule, seems to render the vicitm immine for life, though the immunity may be lost

seems to render the victim immune for life, though the immunity may be lost by a proloaged stay in a northern cli-mate. Yellow fever is a hot weather disease, being most prevalent in June. July and August. One or two frosts may arrest an epidemic, though it may reappear on the return of warm weath-

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