

HE HAD REFORMED

Davis Begged Forgiveness for His Misdeeds.

WEPT WHEN HE WAS FORSAKEN

Young Dentist Closes His Evidence Against His Mother-in-Law, Denying That He Had Affairs With Other Women.

In the action for damages of John H. Davis against his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Nicolai, Judge George this morning will decide a motion for a nonsuit made in behalf of the defendant. The motion was argued during yesterday afternoon by O. F. Paxton and Y. Beach, attorneys for the defense, and by Charles F. Lord and John R. Caples, counsel for Davis.

When court convened in the morning, John Davis resumed the witness stand to submit to further cross-examination by Mr. Paxton.

In answer to questions, he said he learned to play the eight or nine years ago, and he was interrogated concerning his drinking habit. He acknowledged that he drank some, smoked and had played poker.

Regarding some of his personal associates, he stated that he had been mostly on chummy terms for the past two years with his attorney, Charles F. Lord, and a well-known local physician, Mr. Paxton.

Mr. Paxton remained in this was a pretty hard crowd. Mr. Lord agreed, but retorted that this was not so hard a crowd as some other people ran with.

Davis was interrogated about his relations with a married woman on Portland Heights March 2, 1900, and if he did not secure the services of Luther Baker and have him linger around his office in the Hamilton building to protect him from the woman's husband.

Questions were put to him about an Alice Brown, of Sumner, and his frequenting the White House of that city. He answered that he did not know Alice Brown, and denied having frequented the White House.

Two letters were introduced, written by him to his wife while she was in California. In the last one he informed Mrs. Davis that he was living a "straight life" and had quit whiskey entirely.

NORMAN SAYLOR ACQUITTED.

Young Man Charged With Wrecking O. R. & N. Train Goes Free.

A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury yesterday morning in the case of Norman Saylor, who was tried on a charge of wrecking a special train on the O. R. & N. Co. near Latourel Falls on June 7 last, causing a train wreck.

Attorney George W. Joseph, who successfully defended Saylor, took the position throughout the trial that there was no spike on the track, and that the accident was the result of the train going at a fast rate of speed.

Mr. Lord in his argument against the granting of a nonsuit contended that there was abundant evidence showing that Mrs. Nicolai persuaded her daughter to abandon her husband and go to California with her, and that she told Mrs. Davis there were plenty of men who would provide for her much better than Davis did, and she could easily get married again after she obtained a divorce.

ON TRIAL FOR BURGLARY.

Gosman's Trouble With Former Wife Ends in Criminal Charge.

Robert Gosman, who some time ago created considerable trouble for his former wife, now Mrs. D. C. Burns, was on trial yesterday in the State Circuit Court on a charge of burglary.

BUUNCOED OUT OF \$2.50.

Policeman Slobber Done by Fake Deaf and Dumb Man.

Tender-hearted Policeman Slobber, who is on duty at the Terminal Depot, and just out \$2.50 as the result of their philanthropy toward a "fake" deaf and dumb man, last night.

BECAUSE IT WAS HOLLOW.

Duffy's Son Saves Makers of Cylinder Head Which Killed Him.

The trial of the suit of M. L. Duffy, administrator of the estate of his son, James Duffy, deceased, against the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, for \$5000 damages, was commenced yesterday before Judge Frazer and a jury.

The cylinder head was manufactured at the Willamette Iron Works and the company's officials were aware it was hollow and liable to contain water after it had been used, and consequently liable to burst when subjected to much heat.

IS 1903 LEVY VALID? Courts Will Be Asked to Straighten Out Tax Tangle.

Suit to have determined by the courts if a valid levy of taxes for the year 1903 can be made in January next, will be filed soon in the State Circuit Court, and be carried as quickly as possible to the Supreme Court for a final decision.

Governor Chamberlain has stated that he will not call a special session of the Legislature to amend the law, believing the courts can straighten things out, but if this cannot be done, he would probably convene the Legislature in extra session.

ECLIPSED IN FIRST QUARTER.

Mrs. Bowen's Honeymoon Ends in Divorce Suit Thus Early.

Suit for a divorce was commenced in the State Circuit Court yesterday by Lotie Bowen against Harry Bowen. The defendant is charged with infidelity and cruel treatment, and Mrs. Bowen also asks the court to decree that her husband shall return to her \$1000, which she turned over to him to keep for her at the time of their marriage in this city, only a week ago.

She alleges that Bowen, unprincipled of the vows taken at the altar to love and protect her, on Wednesday evening of the carnival grounds of the Multnomah Athletic Club, openly assaulted and beat her.

GOVERNMENT SUES FOR DUTY.

Cocoa Butterine Subject to Tariff Like Other Like Products.

Suit has been instituted by Edwin Meys, assistant United States District Attorney, against the Oriental American Company, a Portland corporation, to recover the duty on cocoa butterine, which the Oriental American Company is charged with having imported under the name of coconut oil.

TWO MORE BRIDGE SUITS.

Victims of Accident File Claims Against the County.

Two damage suits, growing out of the Morrison-street bridge accident last July, were filed against Multnomah County in the State Circuit Court yesterday by O'Day & Tarpley.

Business in Probate Court.

Laura E. Black was yesterday in the County Court appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband, Joseph Black, deceased, consisting of insurance amounting to \$3000.

Sherman Rancher a Bankrupt.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court yesterday by Charles J. Dickman and Carrie M. Dickman, his wife.

G. P. Nunn's Estate Wound Up.

Walter J. Haight and Wilson B. Smith have filed their final account as executors of the will of Green P. Nunn, deceased.

Tax Claim is a Cloud.

R. C. Edwards has filed suit against Multnomah County to quiet title to block T, Caruthers' Addition. The county holds a tax claim against the property.

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No amount of work or expense has been saved to make this Garment Store what it is. The success of yesterday is the starting point for today and not anywhere can be found a more complete, a better variety or a more satisfactory supply of Ladies' and Children's Ready-to-Wear Apparel.

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This line of popular priced Hats will impress you as being very expensive until you learn the prices. We've the largest, the best assortment of stylish headwear at \$2.50, \$3.98 and \$4.98 to be found in the city—reproductions of many of the imported models from many of the Parisian makers.

School Hats—new styles at popular prices, in immense variety.

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Boys' School Clothing must be bought today or tomorrow—no better place to buy them than here. We can please the boy in style and the parents in price. These bargains should bring you here bright and early today.

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Astonishing value in Waist Flannel. Hundreds will have new Fall waists at little cost, the result of this tempting offer. New Granite Flannel Waistings in a big assortment of styles—all the leading shades, cream, cardinal, navy, black, turquoise, old rose, pink, olive and so on. Every yard 75c value. This lot today and tomorrow 37c Yard

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- \$1.75 Curtains \$1.10 pair
\$1 Flannelette Gowns 65c
\$1.50 Union Suits, 95c
Nurses' \$2.50 Shoes \$1.89
\$1.00 Golf Shirts 49c
10c Kid Curlers 6c
25c Lunch Boxes 15c
Hooks and Eyes 1c card
25c Soap Boxes 14c
Soap at 1c a Cake
Great School Sale

Today the 726th Friday Surprise Sale \$1 Velvet Waistings 59c



You can't resist the unequalled value in handsome Velvet Waistings for this 726th Friday Surprise Sale—3000 yards in the lot; all new, desirable styles in dots, figures, metallics and chenille dotted effects; immense assortment to choose from; a most reasonable offering of stylish waists or dress material; very few yards of 75c grade, the great majority being regular \$1.00 value.

Blanket Sale

The great September Sale of Blankets and Comforters continues to interest hundreds of economical housewives. No better time of year for supplying heavy bed covering.

Ribbon Sale

Enormous Ribbon business all day yesterday—from 8 o'clock until closing time the department was lined with eager buyers. Two surpassing values, and quantity enough to supply everyone up to 9:30 tomorrow night.

New Neckwear

Take a peep at this Neckwear showing for women next time you are in the store. A bewildering array of styles from the best-known makers in the land. Silk, cotton, chiffon novelties by the hundreds—every pretty shade, every new combination. The most extensive showing we ever made, and remember we are sole agents for "Keiser" Neckwear

Knit Underwear

For women and children at special low prices this week—Winter-weight garments at a saving of about one-third—best styles—all sizes.

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