

GIRL'S ROUGH LIFE

Threatened With Consumption She Dons Male Attire.

WORKS ON A MONTANA RANCH

Develops Into a Billiardist and Baseball Player, and Makes a Great Hit With Society Ladies—Secret Leaks Out.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—With the consent of her father, a wealthy organ manufacturer of Louisville, Ky., pretty Alice Pitcher, 21 years of age, has for three years been masquerading through Montana as a boy, and her undying fame as the result of a cold contracted while driving with a young lady. The exposure of her identity created a mild sensation in Helena, where she was known as "Percy" Pitcher.

It is learned from an intimate friend of her that three years ago she overheard her physician in Louisville tell her father that she was threatened with consumption, but that if she could get out of the "country" in which she was living, she would ward off the dread disease. After a consultation with her father, she donned a suit of clothes belonging to her brother and with only sufficient funds for the fare for her immediate wants, she arrived in Montana. After spending her ready cash, she accepted a position pushing ore cars in a mine at Hassel, but finding this too heavy for her frail constitution she resigned. As she had shown such willingness to work the superintendent offered her a place in the boarding-house as waitress. Later, she worked as a ranch hand, and it is related that the result was a season's work she had three horses.

Selling these to a Whites Sulphur Springs merchant, she left the proceeds in a poker game, but leaving the barn, she then came to Helena where she became a splendid billiardist. Later she acquired a thorough knowledge of baseball, smoked cigarettes, and as the finishing touches to becoming a thorough Westerner, she took a sack for Jack snipe. She would have been kept at this all night had not several young society ladies, with whom Percy was a great favorite, heard of the plan and after a long ride rescued her.

While driving with a young lady two weeks ago she contracted a severe cold, and it was necessary to summon a physician, from whom she could not conceal her identity. A telegram was sent to Louisville and an order came for a ticket and funds, and she has rejoined her father.

EVIDENCE AGAINST GRAVELLE

Alibi is Given a Hard Blow by Trainman's Statement.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 29.—The most damaging testimony in the Gravelle case was introduced by the state today to disprove the defendant's alibi. Gravelle was released from the Deer Lodge penitentiary July 16, and the first threatening letter to him was mailed from Butte, Mont., July 17.

When Gravelle left Deer Lodge he had a ticket for Butte, and he testified that he did not go to Butte for two days, taking a branch train and going to Anaconda. In support of his statement of being in Anaconda July 17, he introduced two witnesses.

Today the state put on the stand P. H. Hayes, trainman of the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Railway, which runs the branch from Stuart to Anaconda, and he proved by the train sheets of the road that July 16 not a wheel turned on the branch, and that therefore Gravelle's statement that he had changed cars that day at Stuart for Anaconda was false.

The taking of testimony was concluded today and arguments to the jury began. The case will go to the jury Wednesday afternoon.

PLANTS UNDER ONE ROOF

Economy in New Arrangement at Agricultural College.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—In a few days one plant will be the source of heat, power and electric light at the Agricultural College. Originally the power and light plant was built on an eminence, unavailable when the Legislature provided for it, for the heating plant. The establishment of two plants resulted, but an addition to the heating plant has just been completed that provides for a combination of all under one roof.

The work of removing the light and power machinery to the new site is now in progress, and by Saturday everything will be in working order. While separated, the electric and light plants, after use was wasted as exhaust, by the union, after its first use, it will again be utilized by turning it through the heating system where it will assist in supplying heat. A further fruit of the union of the two plants is a saving in labor and fuel.

The addition to the heating-plant building is a one-story structure with a floor space of about 200 feet, built of brick with cement floor.

DAIRYMEN IN ANNUAL SESSION

Inspector Denies That Foreign Butter Gets Washington Label.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The 11th annual convention of the State Dairymen's Association is in session in this city. There are a large number of delegates present from over the state. President H. L. Blanchard, of Hadlock, is presiding, and among the other prominent men of the state present are: State Food Commissioner E. A. McDonald, Professor E. E. Elliott, Dr. A. C. Bryan and Professor E. Palmer, of the State Agricultural College.

James Hart, of Christopher, and Clark Ferguson, of Snohomish, are also here to make addresses. The annual address of the president was made this afternoon. During his remarks he said a great amount of butter is being shipped in from outside of the state and labeled Washington butter, but this was denied by the state inspector.

North Yakima Land Office Business.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—During the closing quarter of the North Yakima Land Office 130,148 acres of land passed from the general Government to private possession, the state and the railway company. This is the largest business ever done in the history of the office. There were seven homesteads, 38 timber claims, 14 cash sales, 20 desert land entries, 206 homestead entries, 12 final proofs, seven state selections and one railway selection. The fees for the period amounted to \$21,151.33.

Baby's Body in the Ditch.

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Charges Henry Mahncke With Conspiracy to Desert.

EFFORT TO LEAVE PENNILESS

Tacoma City Councilman Sued for Support—Family Said to Be Interested in Effort to Defraud.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—City Councilman Henry Mahncke, a prominent politician and spokesman for Mayor Campbell, is made defendant in a suit filed in the Superior Court today by his wife for an allowance of \$50 a month for her maintenance. The complaint, filed by Mrs. Alice E. Mahncke, recites a sensational story of conspiracy on the part of the defendant and his family to desert the woman and leave her penniless.

Prior to the marriage in February, 1902, Mrs. Mahncke alleges her husband represented to her that if she would put \$1000 into a home he would put in a like amount; that he would also insure his life in the sum of \$2000 for her benefit; and that his fruit ranch at Long Branch should be used by her so long as she lived.

In pursuance of this arrangement Mrs. Mahncke says she paid out \$500 she had in the bank, discounted a \$600 mortgage and invested \$200 in lots. Mahncke has failed to do as he agreed and on Sunday, June 23, the complaint against the defendant, having induced plaintiff to go to church without him, took the opportunity to go through her papers and private belongings and to destroy receipts for household goods and other property purchased with her own money, and other proofs of the uses to which her money had been put, and packed up his private belongings and clothing and on Monday, June 23, defendant and his youngest daughter, Lee, completed the desertion of plaintiff by removing themselves and their belongings, and have ever since lived separately and apart from the plaintiff.

Mrs. Mahncke alleges the desertion was without cause or provocation, and she was left penniless. Mrs. Mahncke further alleges that part of the ranch at Long Branch, which was to have been held by husband and wife during their life time, was deeded by the defendant to H. B. Ritt and wife as a gift or reward for the latter's services in bringing about the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mahncke.

Mrs. Mahncke says her husband's income is \$3000 a year, and that he has large expectations from an estate in Germany.

LASHES FOR A HOUSEBREAKER

Ten Years and 60 Stripes a British Columbia Sentence.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—Ten years' penal servitude and 60 lashes was the sentence meted out by Judge Bole at New Westminster yesterday to William Page, an American, arrested a week ago in the act of robbing in the house of J. D. Rae. Page, a 30-year-old man, was placed in the workhouse and the first installment of 30 lashes each, the first within a week after sentence, the second in the last week of the term of imprisonment in the penitentiary.

It is probable that the authorities will not delay the unpleasant duty longer than to have the necessary medical examinations made. It is many years since a flogging was executed in the institution and only three times since its establishment have lashes been inflicted upon a prisoner. The British Columbia Housebreakers and Burglars Association, which was organized in the center of the city within the past week. The police put them down to crooks from Seattle. The press is urging that particularly severe sentences be meted out to American housebreakers who are captured, so that others may take warning not to include Vancouver in their criminal itinerary.

FIGHT FOR ARMSTRONG'S LIFE

Attorneys Say They Will Carry to United States Supreme Court.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The former bill of exceptions in the matter of the appeal of Pleasant Armstrong to the Supreme Court of the state was filed with the County Clerk this afternoon. Only two points are raised. The first exception is from the ruling of Judge Eakin in refusing to discharge the defendant on his motion to that effect when he appeared in court for sentence under the recent mandate of the Supreme Court. The second exception is from the order of the court fixing the date of execution for January 22.

Armstrong's attorneys announce their determination to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States if necessary in order to prevent his being hung.

10-MILL TAX AT FOREST GROVE

Council Also Figures With Telephone Company on All-Night Service.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The City Council at its meeting last night voted a 10-mill tax levy, which is the limit for the coming year. Mr. Thatcher, representing the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph System, was present at the meeting, his object being to induce the council to grant him a franchise to place an all-night telephone at this place. The franchise was not granted, but an ordinance was drawn which grants a franchise under certain restrictions, which, if granted by the council, will be placed at the next meeting of the Council.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

Mrs. Mary E. Werts.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary E. Werts, an Oregon pioneer, died at her home in Tangent, Clatsop county, last night. Death was the result of old age. Mrs. Werts was one of Linn County's oldest pioneer women.

Mrs. E. Green was a native of Kentucky, born April 15, 1825. She was removed with her parents successively to Alabama, Tennessee and Illinois, where on April 1, 1855, she was united in marriage to Michael Smith, who later moved to what was then the Black Hawk Territory, now the State of Iowa. There they remained until 1852, when the trip across the plains to Oregon was begun. They arrived in Tangent, Clatsop county, where Mr. Smith died at Burnt River. Eleven children blessed the union, eight of whom survive the mother. They are: William J. Smith, of Albany; M. C. Smith, Ping, Wash.; O. G. Smith, Springfield; M. G. Smith, Willow Ranch; C. L. F. Smith, Tangent; Mrs. J. H. Simpson, Pullman, Wash.; A. A. Smith, Tangent; Mrs. G. W. Luper, Pendleton.

In all Mrs. Werts is survived by 106 living descendants of her first marriage. There are 43 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Site for Carnegie Observatory.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The year book of the Carnegie Institution shows that the institution has total assets of \$1,010,500, and that it has expended \$1,010,500 on November 1, of \$445,672. Mount Wilson, a few miles east of Los Angeles, is suggested as the main station for the proposed Carnegie observatory. It has an altitude of 6000 feet.

Dropped Dead at Banquet.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 29.—Charles Reynolds was stricken with heart failure and expired suddenly at a banquet given Saturday night by the Masonic fraternity for the chapter, Reynolds Lodge and Eastern Star. Mr. Reynolds has been a prominent figure in Oregon history for many years.

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Gold crowns, \$5. Full set teeth, \$15; bridge work, \$25; gold filling, \$1.50; silver fillings, \$1.00.

Small Fires at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Vancouver was aroused by two fires today, one in a single-story building occupied by Farrell's shoeing parlors. As the fire was confined to the attic the loss to the building was small. The other at the sawmill owned by the Columbia River Lumber Company. Owing to the prompt action of the mill employees the fire was checked before serious damage resulted.

Foot Crushed by Falling Trunk.

VANCOUVER, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Roy Bell, a young man in the employ of the Southern Pacific at this place as an assistant station agent, while handling baggage here yesterday, had his foot badly crushed by a falling trunk.

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