

INNOCENT, SAYS WIFE OF CHASE

Declares She Cares Not the Snap of Her Finger for Him.

SURE HE IS NOT GUILTY

Chief of Police Gritzmacher Talks of the Man Arrested in San Francisco and Declares He Is Wanted Here.

WHAT MRS. CHASE TELLS THE OREGONIAN.

Mrs. Fremont R. Chase, whose husband is under arrest in San Francisco, was located early yesterday morning by Headquarters Detective Hartman, and when seen by a reporter for The Oregonian, she made a statement, of which the following are extracts:

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"He is innocent of any connection whatever with the murder of Mrs. Van Dran."

"He knows no more about drugs and chemicals, so far as I have knowledge, than a child."

"There is no sentimentalism connected with it; I care not the snap of my finger for the man; I know he had no part whatever in the murder of Mrs. Van Dran; he is not that kind of a man."

"He's innocent; they can't bring enough proof of guilt to change my opinion," was the most important statement made by Mrs. Fremont R. Chase, whose husband is under arrest in San Francisco, suspected of complicity in the murder of Mrs. Minnie E. Van Dran, when she was seen last night at the City View Hotel.

"From what I know of Mr. Chase, he is innocent of any connection whatever with the murder of Mrs. Van Dran," continued the wife, "he knows no more about drugs and chemicals, so far as I have knowledge, than a child."

Headquarters Detective Hartman succeeded in locating Mrs. Chase at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and went immediately to the City View Hotel, where at present she is engaged in assisting in the care of the hostess. It was in a saloon below, a year ago, that the mysterious murder of Gus J. Bremer, never solved, took place early one morning.

Interviews Wife of Chase.

Detective Hartman held a consultation with Mrs. Chase for almost an hour, during which he endeavored to ascertain facts that might assist in clearing up the mystery now puzzling the police. What he learned, if anything, he declines to state, having strict orders to remain silent upon all matters pertaining to the case.

"I am Mrs. Chase," answered a neat-appearing woman, clad in a black evening dress, in response to the query of a reporter for The Oregonian last night.

"I have been advised by a friend to say absolutely nothing concerning this matter, and I know the advice is good," said Mrs. Chase, when asked for a statement. The friend alluded to was giving advice, Mrs. Chase's attorney, he told her the "least said, the soonest mended."

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us to whether or not Mr. Chase is guilty in any way of the murder of Mrs. Van Dran?

Maintains His Innocence.

"He's innocent; they can't bring enough proof of guilt to change my opinion," replied Mrs. Chase, firmly.

"I'll say that much, for that can't hurt anything."

"The police claim that Chase is an expert chemist—is that true?" was asked.

"I'll answer that question, too; so far as I have any knowledge, he knows no more of drugs and chemicals than a child," was the reply.

Mrs. Chase hesitated at many questions that were asked, and declined to answer anything that tended in any manner to involve the names of her parents, or those of her husband.

"All of my people live in Portland, and this affair hurts them, as well as me," said Mrs. Chase. "It is greatly to be regretted, but can't be helped. One thing I want clearly understood is that although I have told you my husband is innocent, and that he does not know drugs or chemicals, there is no sentimentalism connected with it; I care not the snap of my finger for the man; never intended to again live with him, and have no affection for him. I make the statements I have because, knowing him as I do, I know he had no part whatever in the murder of Mrs. Van Dran; he is not that kind of a man."

Separated Six Months Ago.

Chase and his wife separated six months ago, since which time he has been working in various places, and

she has supported herself by daily toil. She is a bright woman, clever in speech and guarded in her every word. She is evidently past her 30th year.

Chase is a very intelligent man. He is about 42 years old, was born in Portland, Me., and received his education there. He was graduated from college with high honors in the Greek and Latin class. His parents are not wealthy, but are said to be highly respected and widely known. One of his brothers is a prominent railroad official.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase were married in Spokane, five years ago. Notwithstanding the excellent schooling he had received, he never achieved anything very notable. While still in Spokane, he accepted a position as a bartender for "Butterick" Goetz, in the Coeur d'Alene Theater.

From Stable to Saloon.

After coming to Portland, Chase shifted about. He was at one time employed by the Fashion Stables as manager. Later he tended bar for Watt Monteth, a brother of Mrs. Minnie E. Van Dran, and finally took a position as bartender on the night shift that Joe Young, now on trial, entered the establishment and shot Van Dran high into death. He was to have been the chief witness against Young, but with William Kenny and two women, calling themselves Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Kenny, he took flight on the steamer Spokane last Friday morning, under the name of Ray Fremont. Kenny signed as a brother.

Upon the arrival of the Spokane in San Francisco, the entire quartet were placed under arrest and lodged at once in the City Prison. This was done upon telegraphic instructions from Chief of Police Gritzmacher. The latter states that all of the prisoners will be held until the arrival of Headquarters Detective Vaughn and an assistant, who accompanied him at Vaughn's request.

"I do not know definitely whether or not Chase has any knowledge of drugs and chemicals," said Chief Gritzmacher last night, "but such was the information secured by Detective Vaughn. 'It really does not make much difference, anyway.'"

What the Chief Says.

"Chief, what is the purpose of the return of Chase?" was asked.

"Primarily, to testify in the case against Joe Young," was the answer.

"Chase will not be needed, however, and what else is he wanted for?"

"He is charged with embezzlement of between \$200 and \$300 from Van Dran," replied the Chief, adroitly.

"Have you a single thing that connects Chase with the murder of Mrs. Van Dran?"

"Not unless there are developments."

"Well, do you know of any motive he might have had, sufficient to impel such a crime?"

"No; I do not."

"Did he have any grudge, that you know of, against the Van Drans?"

Definition of a Grudge.

"Not that I know of. You wouldn't call it a grudge, I guess, if a man robbed his employer of a large sum of money, while he is on what was expected to be his death-bed."

It is the belief of the police that Chase does understand chemicals; that he knows a great deal that he has kept from his wife since their marriage, and that he possesses much information concerning the mystery now up for solution. Mrs. Chase, it is said, knew Chase but a year before her marriage to him.

MAY REVOKE ITS LICENSE

Tuxedo Saloon May Be Forced Out of Existence.

An attempt was made at yesterday's meeting of the liquor license committee of the City Council to agree upon a box ordinance for submission to the main body at its session today, but the proposition failed.

After the committee had heard ex-Municipal Judge Harry Hogue give his version of a night's experience at the Tuxedo saloon, the committee lost no time in recommending the revocation of its license, although Annand and Shepherd did not think it was exactly right to apply the rule adopted a few weeks ago in relation to convictions by the Municipal Court.

Final action in the matter will be taken by the body this afternoon. The place was running as usual last night.

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, superintendent of the Travelers Aid Association of Portland, appeared before the committee and delivered an earnest address in opposition to any ordinance that would permit saloons and restaurant boxes to be maintained, claiming that they were a positive menace to young girls, and pointed out many alarming instances to sustain her contentions. She was listened to with respectful attention, and assured by Chairman Gray that the committee had no idea of permitting any form of closed box for either saloons, restaurants or hotels, and that their delay in recommending any ordinance was based upon a desire to agree among themselves which was the best for all concerned.

NO LICENSE FOR FARMERS.

Proposed Ordinance Is Killed After Hearing From Granges.

Numerous protests on the part of the farming community in the vicinity of Portland had its effect upon the license committee of the City Council yesterday afternoon, and the ordinance recently introduced before the body making provision for a license for the privilege of selling farming products upon the streets of this city, was put to death without a struggle.

Committees from several state Granges were in attendance to protest, and they submitted a petition containing the names of fully 200 local citizens, and announced that there were several more precincts to hear from. J. J. Johnson, master of the Evening Star Grange, an organization with 300 members, F. M. Hill, state deputy, of the Russellville Grange, and L. D. Elliott, also of the Evening Star, were the most active in presenting the farmers' side of the story, but every Councilman present had his hammer out for the ordinance, and Rushlight's motion to kill it was adopted with a hurrah.

The licenses of A. L. Loewenstein, 213 Washington street; S. Weinberger, of the Imperial Jewelry Company, 54 Third street, and S. Mazorovsky, 8 North Third street, were all revoked, as it appeared from a letter sent to the committee by Acting Chief Gritzmacher that these places started up about the time the Fair opened, and all were engaged in the sale of cheap jewelry, in consequence of which they are a great annoyance to the police on account of the constant complaints of countrymen.

A. J. Cromwell & Co., of 136 Sixth street, met with a similar fate. It was charged that they had obtained their license by false pretenses, and that the store was simply a branch of the Chinese curio establishment of F. Sule One, of Los Angeles, Cal.

LOW EXCURSION RATES EAST.

On September 15, 11, the Great Northern Railway will sell excursion tickets to Chicago and return, \$2.50; St. Louis and Chicago, \$2.50; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth and return, \$3.00; tickets good for going passage for 30 days; small return rate, \$1.00; good going via Great Northern Railway, returning same or any direct route; stop-overs allowed going and returning.

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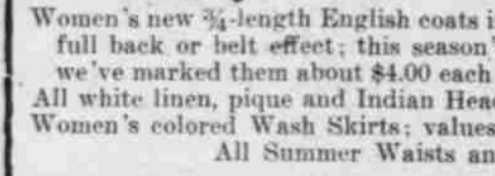
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Women's new 3/4-length English coats in fancy tweed mixtures, fly front and double-breasted styles; full back or belt effect; this season's very best models; to start the buying early we've marked them about \$4.00 each below real value; your choice, each. **\$18.50**

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300 dozen union linen huck Towels, 18x38 inches; best value in town, at, each. **12c**

Hemstitched linen huck Towels, best 25c values; buy all you want at. **19c**

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\$2.00 Cut Glass Oil Bottles, on sale for, each. **\$1.59**

Cut Glass Jelly Dishes, \$3.50 values for, each. **\$2.89**

Cut Glass Olive Dishes, regular \$4.25 values for, each. **\$3.69**

Rogers "1847" Pie Servers, fancy patterns, each. **\$1.49**

Rogers "1847" Berry Spoons, regular \$1.15 value, for. **89c**

Rogers "1847" Cream Ladles, assorted patterns, each. **79c**

The "Sternau" nickel-plated Coffee Machine, 3-pint size; regular \$10.00 value on sale for. **\$7.98**

The "Sternau" nickel-plated Coffee Machine, 2 1/2-pint size; regular \$7.50 value on sale for. **\$5.96**

Nickel-plated Chafing Dishes, plain cover and stand; regular \$5.50 value on sale for this low price. **\$4.69**

Nickel-plated 5 o'Clock Teas on wrought iron stand; best \$3.50 value on sale at this very low price. **\$2.89**

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