

BY MRS. STRAUS

Resents Statement That Husband Was Out for Good Time Before Quitting Work.

BADLY IN NEED OF MONEY

Wife of ex-Cashier Says He Brought Home Only Salary and Denies Eye Trouble Was the Only Pretext.

Efforts to discredit the seriousness of the eye trouble because of which C. A. Straus obtained leave of absence from his desk in the Postoffice, April 18, 1908, were attempted by the government yesterday and the defense came back with emphatic testimony from Mrs. Straus, wife of the accused cashier.

Mrs. Straus denied the intimation given by ex-Postmaster Minto that Straus had been having a good time during the primary on the day preceding his quitting work.

The government's testimony concerning Straus' ability to see was given by Postoffice Inspector C. L. Wayland. Straus, said Wayland, had pleaded had eyesight as an excuse for not personally helping the inspectors check over the accounts in the office to locate the apparent shortage in his department. One day in October, testified Wayland, Straus was to be at the office at 2 o'clock. He was not there on time and Wayland mentioned it to him. Straus, said Wayland, looked up at the clock and remarked that he was only ten minutes late. "He called the time correctly as shown by the clock," said Wayland.

The government closed its case late in the afternoon after examining Postoffice Inspectors E. C. Clement, C. L. Wayland and C. B. Welter and H. S. Brimhall, stock clerk, J. M. Jones, superintendent of carriers, T. C. Muehle, receiving teller at the First National Bank, Miss Mary Young, a clerk in the Postoffice, and recalling Mr. Minto and his assistant, J. J. Shipley.

Could Cover Shortage.

Riches went into detail as to the failure of the cashier to enter deposits of cash in his books and said that a shortage of \$25,000 or more could have easily been covered between inspections by using receipts of the quarter to make up deficiencies in a preceding quarter when remitting to San Francisco. An effort was made by the government to make details of an alleged shortage of \$300 made good by Postmaster Buncraft when he retired, but testimony on that point was ruled out by the court.

Office Business Heavy.

The testimony also went into the volume of work in the cashier's department, the defense trying to bring out by cross-examination that Mr. Straus' department was overburdened. This point was considered important as giving Straus a legitimate excuse for the delays in making his quarterly remittances to San Francisco.

Mrs. Straus Takes Stand.

Mrs. Lida E. Straus, wife of the defendant, in addition to directly contradicting Mr. Minto's answered questions dealing with the intimate affairs of her household. She described her husband as a man who spent his evenings at home and an one devoted to his family. Their household expense, she said, averaged about \$50 a month. They lived within their means in a five-room flat, for which they paid \$25 a month. Mr. Straus, she said, had never brought home more than her in excess of his salary, and had made absolutely no investments beyond his means.

Mrs. Straus' voice faltered as she told of her efforts to get along after her husband left the employ of the Government. About \$350 was invested in a small restaurant on Alder street, near Sixth. There she waited on table, acted as cashier and washed the glassware and silverware. Mr. Straus' name in connection with work because of his eyes, remained at home and endeavored to do the housework and care for their little girl, Helen. Mr. Straus' name in connection with work because of his eyes, remained at home and endeavored to do the housework and care for their little girl, Helen.

Doctor Made Him Quit.

work had accumulated and he was needed badly. "Why, daddy," I told him, "the bookkeeping will be running along all right when you are dead and gone. Your eyesight is more important to us than your position."

Mr. Straus, she said, had consulted a firm of oculists early in the year and had finally gone to an oculist, who had told him on April 14 that he must quit work.

Mrs. Straus declared that her husband always showed a strong interest in the affairs in the postoffice and talked continually about it with her and with Miss Bollman, who sometimes came to the house, and made suggestions to the latter as to where credits might be found.

Miss Bollman, she said, was a friend of her own as well as of Mr. Straus. Miss Bollman lived not far from them, and she considered it highly improper for her husband to escort his assistant home when they had been working in the office at night. She recalled the circumstance brought out by the District Attorney, where Mr. Straus bought a bottle of beer on the way home with Miss Bollman, and told Mr. Straus brought the beer on to his own home. It wasn't an uncommon thing for him to do, she said.

The defense also called H. D. Wagon, who was a judge of election, in the primaries of April 17, 1908, in precinct No. 10. Mr. Wagon testified that Mr. Straus, after calling for a ballot that day, asked assistance in marking it because of inability to see. Mr. Wagon said he marked the ballot under Mr. Straus' instructions.

Tries to Show Carelessness.

An effort was made by the defense to show carelessness in supervision of the stockroom. J. E. Brien, the stockroom man and freeman in the Federal building, testified that the stockroom was frequently visited by the porter or stock clerk with the door open while the clerk answered calls from other parts of the building. He said he had seen Steve Richards, one of the porters, sleep in a room with the door open. He also said he had seen negro friends of Gus Waterford visiting the latter in the stockroom when Waterford was in charge, and white friends frequently called on Richards. Sometimes the men would leave their friends in the stockroom and go to other parts of the building.

Arrested in Restaurant, He Proves He Was Stranger's Victim.

Victim of a stranger's villainous hospitality, Walter Cooper, of Pendleton, Or., spent a night in the City Jail on a charge of defrauding an innkeeper, and he might have gone to the rocks for a brief term, except that he succeeded in establishing the truth of an extraordinary story related by him in the Municipal Court, yesterday afternoon.

Cooper was arrested for refusal to pay for two meals in a restaurant conducted by Mrs. J. L. Smithson, on Morrison street. He and an associate had eaten heartily, taking the best things on the menu. As they finished their dessert, the man with Cooper got up, strolled leisurely out and disappeared. Cooper was on the point of following when detained by Mrs. Smithson, who demanded payment for the meals. Cooper looked about in astonishment for the other man. The latter was gone, and not having a cent in his pockets Cooper couldn't pay for the meals. He explained that he had money at his room, but no one would believe him. The police were called and he was placed under arrest.

Cooper got his first chance to explain when he faced the court. "A stranger I had met late in the afternoon asked me to supper with him," said Cooper. "He insisted on my taking lots of good things and was free in ordering for himself. When the meal was finished he excused himself for a minute—and that was the last seen of him. I had no money, and when I was called on to pay I couldn't. I have money at my room and am willing to settle."

An officer was sent with Cooper, whereupon it was found he had money. He settled his bill and the charge against him was dismissed.

New York—Because Captain Everhart of the New York state trading in New York would not include in his official supplies some patent rheumatism cure prepared by Dr. O'Brien, he has resigned, and the sailing of the training ship has been delayed two weeks.

Shakespearean Festival to Open at the Heilig Tonight

Ben Greet Players. With Russian Symphony Orchestra. Will Be Seen in "Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Tempest."



BEN GREET

DIRECTORS OF NOTED ORGANIZATION TO OPEN ENGAGEMENT AT HEILIG TONIGHT.

THE long-heralded Shakespearean festival to be given at the Heilig theater by the Russian Symphony Orchestra of 40 musicians under the direction of the famous conductor, Modest Altschuler, and the Ben Greet players, direction of Ben Greet, will take place tonight, tomorrow and Sunday nights, with a matinee performance tomorrow. An interesting note in connection with the coming of the Ben Greet players and the Russian Symphony Orchestra, is that among the many features are the fairy dancers and singers in the young folk's ballet, interpreting the dream music of the fairy scenes. This ballet is one of the features of the Ben Greetian production, and is composed of bright singers and dancers of New York and Boston, who have been especially trained for the work. As is well known, the Greetian pro-

BROWNAUGH WOULD TRANSFER ILLEGAL

Court Says Madison Bridge Fund Cannot Be Used at Market Street.

HOWEVER, PERMITS VOTE

Although Judge Believes Bill Would Be Ineffective, He Follows Precedent in Granting It Place on Ballot.

Presiding Circuit Judge Brownough said yesterday afternoon that in his opinion the transfer of the \$400,000 appropriated for the Madison-street bridge to the Market-street bridge fund would be illegal. But he said this was not a question for him to pass upon now. He decided that both the bridge position and the wiring petition shall go on the ballot, giving to the two injunction suits brought against City Auditor Barber a knockout blow. The plaintiffs declined to plead lower, and gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court.

In sustaining the demurrers of City Attorney Kavanaugh to the complaints, Judge Brownough said that the question involved was practically disposed of in the case of Kaddery against the city, one of the cases cited as authority during the arguments between Mr. Kavanaugh and Attorney L. A. McNary.

"Before the court can have jurisdiction over a case of this kind," the judge said yesterday, "it must be proven that the proposed amendment, if adopted, would work an irreparable injury upon the plaintiff, and that the placing of the act on the ballot is not within the power of the city. There is no doubt that it is within the power of the city to pass upon the proposed measure, and that an irreparable injury will not be worked either upon R. M. Wade, the plaintiff in one case, or the Postal Telegraph Company, the plaintiff in the other."

The side remark of Judge Brownough that he thought the people could not transfer a fund once voted was very ill-considered and improper, as the judge was not being decided in this case," said George S. Shepher last night. "It would be startling indeed if the people could amend the charter when a mistake has been made. The power to amend the charter whenever it is necessary or expedient and we soon would be in great turmoil if it were otherwise."

In the meantime the members of the bridge committee of the Executive Board are proceeding with plans preliminary to reconstructing the Madison-street span at its present site. At an informal meeting of the committee yesterday plans for the proposed structure were submitted by Engineer Howard, representing the firm of Kansas City engineers which has been engaged to prepare plans and superintend the construction of the viaduct at Madison street.

Although the committee did not reach any definite decision, its members were very favorable to the plans which included a 200-foot high draw, and it is probably will be this type of bridge that will be selected. Experienced men in the employ of the engineering firm are making soundings and ascertaining the actual condition of the sub-structure of the condemned Madison-street structure. A contract for the new bridge cannot be let until plans have been adopted, but with the progress that is being made, the committee will be ready to receive proposals even before the question of transferring this bridge fund can be submitted in the June election.

Electrical Engineers Meet.

The Portland members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers held their regular monthly meeting in the hall of the Shercock building Tuesday evening. O. P. Gudemetaler, of the Portland School of Trades, presented a paper on "Wireless Telegraphy," and he then gave a demonstration of the operation of his apparatus, which was on display in the hall. One of the most interesting facts in connection

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With the subject was the fact that Mr. Gudemetaler personally constructed the entire apparatus which he uses in his work. A number of new applications for membership in the institute were received.

FINE PROGRAMME GIVEN

Large Audience Present at Recital by Miss Gwendolyn Lloyd.

A large audience was attracted last evening to the St. Helen's Hall graduating recital at which Miss Abbott, the instructor of the musical department, presented Miss Gwendolyn Lloyd, who was assisted by Miss Cassie Hillier, violinist. Miss Lloyd's programme was artistically chosen, showing careful training and conscientious study. Her playing is characterized by excellent technique, a rich tone and decided temperament. Miss Hillier's playing also came in for a large share of applause.

Beethoven's concerto in C major, was the most brilliant number of the evening, with Miss Abbott at the second piano. The programme was as follows: (a) "Le Tambourin" (Rameau), (b) "Loure" (Bach), (c) "Arabesque" (Schumann), Miss Gwendolyn Lloyd; "Nocturne in G minor," for violin (Chopin), "Serenade" (Dradal), Miss Cassie Hillier; (a) "Meruetto" (Schubert), (b) "Waltz," C sharp minor, (Chopin), (c) "La Fiancee" (Bach), "Clair de Lune" (Debussy) for violin (Tchatskowsky), Miss Cassie Hillier; "First Movement Piano Concerto" in C major (Beethoven), Miss Lloyd.

Board to Hear Complaints.

SALEM, Or., May 20.—(Special)—The Railroad Commission has set dates for hearing complaints as follows: June 2, at Linton, in the matter of J. C. Noyes et al vs. the United Railways. The date to do with the point at which the trains of the defendant are stopped in Linton; June 21 at P. M., at Portland, case of Alex Gilbert vs. the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad; June 5, at Oregon City.

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WM. GOLDMAN, manager of Oregon agency, 208-210 Oregonian building.

Neckwear and Barrettes advertisement. Neckwear: 5000 Jabots, Ties, Stock Collars, Dutch Collars, actual 50c value, Friday—25c. Barrettes: 50 down Barrettes in shell or amber, 20 different patterns, sold everywhere at 50c, Friday—25c. GRAND LEADER. Cor. Fifth and Alder Sts.

Some Rousing Friday Specials

Lingerie Dresses advertisement. \$30.00 SUITS FOR \$10.95. 100 Suits for Friday's selling; all new, late models and materials, guaranteed satin linings, pretty gored flare skirt, values to \$30; Friday \$10.95. \$40.00 SUITS FOR \$18.75. 150 Suits—Newest models and materials, taffeta or satin lining, jet buttons, values to \$40; Friday \$18.75. \$15 Lingerie Dresses for \$4.45. 300 Lingerie Princess Dresses of fine sheer mull, in white, pink or light blue, beautifully trimmed, with lace and insertions and fine tucks, cut extra wide; actual \$15 value; Friday \$4.45. \$25 Lingerie Dresses for \$6.45. The celebrated Blue Ribbon Brand Princess Dresses, in white, tan, light blue, pink and lavender, beautifully trimmed with fine tucks, Val lace and insertions; values in this lot to \$25.00; Friday \$6.45.

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the complaint of Eugene Cummins vs. the Southern Pacific, regarding facilities for loading lumber; June 3 at 9 A. M., at Salem, Enterprise Commercial Club vs. the O. R. & N., a complaint regarding freight rates; June 26 at 9 A. M., at the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law: Sheridan & Williams Railway.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Table with columns: Capital, Income, Disbursements, Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Amount of capital paid up, Premiums received during the year, Interest, dividends and rents received during year, Total income, Paid to policyholders during the year, Dividends paid during the year, Commissions and salaries paid during the year, Total expenditures, Market value of real estate owned, Net reserve, Total policy claims, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Total insurance in force, Business in Oregon for the year, Total risks written during the year, Gross premiums received during the year, Premiums returned during the year, Losses paid during the year, Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1908, 1909, Assets, Liabilities.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Table with columns: Capital, Income, Disbursements, Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Amount of capital paid up, Premiums received during the year, Interest, dividends and rents received during year, Total income, Paid to policyholders during the year, Dividends paid during the year, Commissions and salaries paid during the year, Total expenditures, Book value of real estate owned, Market value of stocks and bonds owned, Loans on mortgages and collateral, Premium rates and policy loans, Net uncollected and deferred premiums, Other assets (net), Total admitted assets, Liabilities, Total insurance in force, Business in Oregon for the year, Total risks written during the year, Gross premiums received during the year, Premiums returned during the year, Losses and claims incurred during the year, Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1908, 1909, Assets, Liabilities.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE Home Insurance Company

Table with columns: Capital, Income, Disbursements, Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Amount of capital paid up, Premiums received during the year, Interest, dividends and rents received during year, Total income, Paid to policyholders during the year, Dividends paid during the year, Commissions and salaries paid during the year, Total expenditures, Market value of real estate owned, Net reserve, Total policy claims, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Total insurance in force, Business in Oregon for the year, Total risks written during the year, Gross premiums received during the year, Premiums returned during the year, Losses and claims incurred during the year, Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1908, 1909, Assets, Liabilities.

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