

GENES SHE TRIED TO MURDER BABES

Mrs. Halleck, Sued for Divorce, Tells How Her Children Drank Poison.

BOTH GET IT BY ACCIDENT

Little Boy Swallowed Lye While His Mother Was Washing—Little Girl Quaffed Acid While Mother Was Visiting a Neighbor.

Although two of her children were poisoned, Violet, by drinking carbolic acid, and Chester, by drinking a cup of concentrated lye, Mrs. Cora D. Halleck declared to Circuit Judge Gatens yesterday that in neither case was it her fault. Manuel Halleck, a carpenter, had testified that except for her carelessness the children would not have obtained the poison. His suit for a divorce was tried yesterday, and taken under advisement. The courtroom was crowded with witnesses and friends, the most of them women, all day. Mrs. Halleck, only 24 years old, of slender frame, and dressed in black, took the witness stand early in the afternoon. It was while the Hallecks were living at Montavilla that the boy drank the lye, dying six months later. "It was in a hurry to get the washing out that morning," said Mrs. Halleck, "he had a late start. Mother told me it would cut the dirt. So I put a teaspoonful in a cup to dissolve. I thought first I would put the cup on the reservoir of the stove, but it was afraid it would get tipped over, so I put it down on one end of the table."

Baby Drank the Lye. "Chester got in a fight with a neighbor boy, and when he came in I gave him some toys to play with. But he was angry and went back to fight some more. I put him in his high chair and gave him a bowl of mush. Then the neighbor boy went around to the front of the house, and the dog began to bark, so I hurried out to quiet the dog. By the time I went back to the kitchen Chester had pushed the bowl of mush aside, crawled across the table, and drank the lye. "One day after that, when we were on Grand avenue, Chester was complaining he was thirsty, and Mr. Halleck took him to a saloon and gave him beer. He said he gave him half a glass. I told him he shouldn't have given him beer when he had such a weak stomach. My husband said the doctor had said beer wouldn't hurt the boy, and the nurse said Dr. Spencer told them beer was all right. But I never heard the doctor say that. I gave his hands a good wash, but got so that when he came home he was drunk."

When Chester was 13 months old my husband gave him port wine out at my brother-in-law's, one day. I had had been drinking, and told me to keep my hands off, that he was ruining things. He gave him enough wine so that Chester couldn't walk, but got down on his hands and knees and crawled around the kitchen in a drunk."

Another Baby Drinks Acid. "Now tell us how Violet came to drink the carbolic acid," interrupted Mrs. Halleck's attorney. "Well," said the witness, "we had a cow, and I made all the butter. I had skimmed two pails of milk that morning. I had used carbolic acid in the water for the baby's bath, and when I turned the bottle upside down afterward, none of it would run out. I put the bottle on the sideboard, and saw several jars of fruit in front of it. The baby was sitting on the floor, and I was afraid she would get burned on the stove, so I fixed it so she couldn't, and thought I was doing nothing else she could do. I went across the street to Mrs. Minnie Gilliam's to give her a pan of milk. I left the door open so I could hear baby if she cried, and I didn't wait for Mrs. Gilliam to empty the pan, because baby was alone. When I got back I didn't hear the baby crying, so I went to the basement for another pan of milk, and as soon as I went upstairs I saw her rolling on the floor. I didn't know what was the matter with her, so I took her over to Mrs. Gilliam's. She found she had drunk carbolic acid. The first time I knew Mr. Halleck had accused me of poisoning the babies was when I read it in the newspapers. It sounded to me as though my husband accused me of murdering my children, and I didn't want to go to jail, because I thought they would turn me down."

Asked if she ever slapped her husband, Mrs. Halleck said she did, because he was tantalizing her. "He had his arms around me, and was saying, 'M-m-m, I do love you,'" said Mrs. Halleck. Called Her Husband Names. "Yes, I called my husband names quite often," continued the witness, "when he made me mad. He went to a pleasure resort one day, and wouldn't let me go, saying decent women didn't go there. He used to swear at me, but he was kinder because I didn't care if the neighbors did hear. Mrs. Halleck denied her husband's charge that she once threatened to throw one of the children out of the window. "I loved my babies," she said. "But even if I didn't, I could have given them away; I had no reason to try to kill them. My husband was always drinking beer with Mrs. Minnie Sherwood, landlady at 27 1/2 Jefferson street, where the Hallecks were living at one time. The witness said her husband promised, after the filing of the divorce suit, to withdraw the case and take his wife back. She said she promised to help him out of debt, and to forget the past. But he failed to do either. Halleck, who took the witness stand yesterday morning, did not accuse his wife of deliberately murdering her children, but said one of his friends told him while Chester was slowly wasting away, after drinking the lye, that she had said: "Thank the Lord, it will not be many more months before he is in his grave."

He said he reproved his wife for spanking the baby hard, and that she broke a broomstick in three places over his head. She said, on the other hand, that he spanked the baby with a stick of kindling wood, and at another time with a razor strop. Halleck said he protested against giving Chester wine, but that the relatives insisted because of the fun they would have over the child's predicament. Mrs. J. E. Conrad and Mrs. Gilliam corroborated the testimony of the principals in the case yesterday afternoon. The Hallecks have been married six years. They were married at Dallas.

Settle Claim for \$2100. County Judge Webster has authorized James Kirkpatrick, executor of William Kirkpatrick's estate, to accept \$2100 from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company in settlement for Kirkpatrick's death. He was run down by a streetcar on Hawthorne avenue near East Thirty-seventh street early last August.

CITY TO BE STUDIED

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NEW PRESIDENT OF PORTLAND ROSE SOCIETY.



Dr. Emmet Drake, the newly-elected president of the Rose Society, is one of the enthusiastic rose growers of Portland. Dr. Drake has a number of handsome varieties of roses at his home and has always been closely connected with the rose festivals in Portland. He is at present the secretary of the Rose Festival Association as well as president of the Rose Society. His unanimous election to the presidency of the latter organization on Tuesday night is but a just recognition of the hard work he has done in the past to make the annual carnival a success.

order permitting him to bring an injunction suit, restraining Burchell from using the water. It is said that Burchell has broken down a wall about the spring, has disconnected pipes leading to Crookshanks' buildings, and threatens to turn the water upon his own land.

"Lucky Jack's" Auto Attached. J. H. Peterson's automobile was attached by Sheriff Stevens yesterday afternoon, suit having been brought in the Circuit Court against Peterson by the Cover Motor Car Company. It is alleged that Peterson owes \$117.85 on an original account of \$509.65.

Says Wife Left Him. Jacob Helzer brought a divorce suit in the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon against Kathrin Helzer, alleging that she deserted him a year ago last month. They were married April 17, 1908.

SHOWS BIG INCREASE

GREEN ESTATE GROWS BEYOND ITS APPRAISED VALUE.

Executor's Report Indicates That Revenues Have Added More Than Half-Million in Past 12 Years.

In the last 12 years the estate of John Green has yielded more in revenue than its appraised value, \$480,000, being of greatly increased worth today. The executors now have \$25,000 on hand for distribution, according to the petition of B. G. Whitehouse, one of the executors, which was filed in the County Court yesterday. The original executors of the estate were Whitehouse, C. J. Reed and D. P. Thompson. The latter died about eight years ago, since which time no one has been appointed to take his place, leaving the estate's affairs. They have not agreed upon the proper distribution of funds. At present Reed is desirous that a partial distribution of the \$25,000 on hand be made, while Whitehouse wants the entire amount disbursed and the estate closed up, as he says all claims have now been settled. He says that the will provided for the distribution of the property into 23 1-3 shares, which was done. The complicated money matters have now been decided, he says. Whitehouse recites that more than a year ago 20 of the Green heirs sent the executors a request for speedy final settlement, and said that "the long delay in making such settlement has already deprived some of the beneficiaries under the will of the enjoyment of the benefits the testator intended them to receive, and further delay is likely to lessen the number of the original beneficiaries living at the date of final distribution."

DISCLAIM KNOWLEDGE OF FEEDER.

Operations by surveying parties along the White Salmon River have given rise to reports that the North Bank road is preparing to extend a feeder northward into Washington. At the local offices of the road knowledge of these parties is disclaimed and it is stated that if the road is surveying for such an extension the orders have come from the East. It is suggested that the work is projected by some of the large timber owners of that section and that the building of a logging road is the intention.

SENSATIONAL ACROBATS COMING.

The Street Walker troupe of sensational acrobats from Europe will be the feature act at the Grand the coming week. This quartet of acrobats is considered among the best that ever came to America. "Mister Stranger," a little comedy, will be played by Howard Kinsman and company, and Mad dog and Melvin have a specialty of fun, singing and dancing.

For trunks go to the Harris Trunk Co.

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Preparations are practically completed for the Civic Institute, or "Know Your City" school, which is to be held in the new Y. M. C. A. Auditorium during the two middle weeks of November. Miss Anna Louise Strong, the organizer of the movement, is meeting with very great encouragement, both from city officials and from prominent individuals interested in civic welfare. This is to be the most comprehensive survey of the city's activities that Portland people ever had an opportunity to take part in. So much interest has been aroused in the plan that many persons intend to come to Portland from near-by towns for the purpose of attending the entire course. In order to make a thorough study of the activities of a modern city, the course of study embraces every department of city life, each department being presented by prominent workers in that particular activity. "We should know our city before we attempt to criticize or improve it," said Miss Strong. "This is the principle on which this Institute is based. The programme will consist of lectures, discussions and visits to different points of interest. When possible the visit will occur on the same day as the lecture devoted to the institution in question, but on some days this is impossible. For instance, we shall have to postpone our visit to the City Council to Wednesday morning, while the day on which city government is discussed will come at the beginning of the week. Will Present Both Sides. "On each day there will be three or four speakers who will make addresses of about 20 minutes each, to be followed by discussion. Whenever there are two sides to a question, both sides will be represented. The whole programme is intended to be as well balanced and non-partisan as it is possible to make it, and to insure this the freest discussion will be encouraged on all points. Local citizens have displayed great interest in the plans for the institute. "I am particularly interested in the day devoted to city plans," said Joseph Toal, "and I will do all in my power for the success of that day. It goes no further than our own city to observe the great need for some comprehensive city plan in order to have a well laid out, beautiful and healthy city. Streets and transportation problems and park plans are but a few of the subjects which might be considered under the head of a city plan, but they are important ones. I should be glad to see enough interest aroused on this subject to warrant sending for an architect to lay out the city as it is being done, some Eastern cities with great success. The programme for the institute is practically completed and is as follows: Programme for Institute. Monday, November 8—"City Government," 8:30. Chairman, Mayor Simon. "The Function of the City Council," Richard W. Montague. "Present Problems of the Council," George L. Baker. "The Commission Plan," Dr. M. H. Chapman. Tuesday, November 9—"Public Health," 8:30. Chairman, Dr. Andrew C. Smith. "The Department of Public Health, its Activities," Dr. Esther Pohl. "Market Inspection," Mrs. Sarah Evans. "Our Hospitals," Dr. S. E. Joseph. S. P. M.—Chairman, Dr. E. P. Geary. "Sterilization," "The Fight Against Tuberculosis," Dr. E. A. Pierce. "The Portland Milk Supply," Dr. R. Smith. "Social Hygiene," Dr. L. W. Hyde. Wednesday, November 10—"City Plans," "Street and Sanitation Problems," City Engineer Morris. "Park and Playground Plans," Dr. J. R. Wetherbee. Thursday, November 11—"Child Life," Chairman, Superintendent Rigler. "The Child," Mrs. B. C. Miller. "The Child and the City," Mrs. W. I. Gardner. "Social Influence of Schools," H. H. Herdman, Jr. "Educational Work of Libraries," Mary Francis Bacon. Friday, November 12—"Child Life II," Chairman, Dr. R. H. Benson. "The Protection System," John Tauscher. "The Delinquent Child," L. H. Baker. "Work under the Child-Labor Law," Mrs. Miller. "The Child," "Care of Dependent Children," W. I. Gardner. "The Baby of the Mother Who Sings," Mrs. W. B. Peckham. "The Education in Charity," Mrs. Mills R. Trumbull. S. P. M.—"Courts and Jails," "The Courts of Portland," Judge Frank Benson. "Experience in the City Jail," W. L. Parkinson. "Under the Old Jail," Isaac Sweet. "The Future City Jail," Frank E. Watkins. Wednesday, November 17—"Industrial Life," 8:30. "Portland's Employment Agencies," C. M. Ryerson. "The Early Childhood," W. F. Olden. "International Life of Young Men and the Y. M. C. A.," H. W. Stone. Thursday, November 18—"Standards of Life," 8:30. "Housing Conditions," "Amusements," Mrs. C. C. Vaughn. "Immigration," Friday, November 19—"Things We Lack," This session is to be devoted to reports summing up any needs brought out in the previous sessions and to 15-minute papers and discussions.

PURSE IS LOST ON TRAIN

M. J. Buckley Misses Valuables After Trip to La Grande.

The loss or theft of a pocketbook containing a considerable amount of money and valuable papers has been reported to the secret service department of the O. R. & N. by M. J. Buckley, general superintendent of the road. Mr. Buckley was en route to La Grande on business Sunday night, and it was after reaching there that he missed his pocketbook. He had used it the last time previously in paying for his dinner in the railroad dining car. It was reported yesterday that the money in the purse amounted to several hundred dollars, and that there was also a draft for \$100 and numerous passes. At the O. R. & N. office it was admitted that Mr. Buckley had lost his pocketbook, but any knowledge of its contents was denied. Mr. Buckley has not yet returned to Portland.

GETS VALUE OF RING BACK

Jilted Lover Forces Fickle Fiancee to Make Restoration.

Theodore Wachsmuth, who recently sued James H. Stapleton and Hattie Stapleton, his daughter, for the recovery of a diamond ring valued at \$185, has received judgment in the Justice Court and through Attorney A. King Wilson has attached the wages of Stapleton. Wachsmuth courted the girl and, it is said, intended to marry her. He ordered furniture, which was delivered to the Stapletons and was paid for by the plaintiff. He also presented the girl with a diamond ring. She later turned him down and kept both furniture and ring. Wachsmuth agreed to cancel any claim on the furniture if the ring would be returned to him. This was denied and the discarded lover entered suit for the recovery of the property. In the Justice Court he obtained judgment, but the ring was not produced, and Stapleton's wages went to pay the amount.

VAUGHN LOSES ONCE MORE

Convicted Real Estate Man Falls in Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

C. C. Vaughn, in jail upon an assault charge, to which he pleaded guilty, made another unsuccessful effort yesterday noon to obtain his freedom. When Circuit Judge Gatens refused for the second time to pass upon a question which

he said had already been considered by Circuit Judge Bronaugh, Attorney John A. Jeffrey, Vaughn's attorney, said he would endeavor to have the habeas corpus matter tried by the five Circuit Court Judges sitting en banc. Judge Gatens suggested that Attorney Jeffrey's remedy lies in an appeal to the Supreme Court, but the former remarked that this would not do him much good when Vaughn has been sentenced to only four months in jail.



C. C. Vaughn, Who Again Falls to Gain Freedom.

AMUSEMENTS

WHAT PRESS AGENTS SAY.

"Three Twins" at the Banglow. The attraction at the Banglow Theater, Twelfth and Morrison streets, tonight, tomorrow and Saturday nights with a special price, is the comedy play, "Three Twins," a musical comedy success. "Three Twins" is the best of its kind that has ever been played in Portland. If you enjoy hearing catchy melodies sung by a heavy cast of artists, this is the play to see. Included in the excellent cast are: Victor Morley and Miss Hattie Gilbert.

Famous Star in Famous Play. George Fawcett, one of the best known character actors here in Oregon, is appearing compared by dramatic writers to Jefferson and Mansfield, is appearing at the Banglow Theater in "The Great Invention," a stirring play of Chicago business and social life. "The Great Invention" is a rough old pork packer in a masterly manner.

Bounding Gordons at the Orpheum. One of the most interesting and agile acrobatic acts seen here in months is the Bounding Gordons, appearing on the bill at the Orpheum this week. It is an exciting and "bounding wonder." The Gordons are a number of double somersaults, at the same time turning sideways and lighting on the shoulders of his companions. Moments daily.

"The Prince Chimp" at the Baker. There are few better and more interesting plays on the American stage today than Edward Feiler's "The Prince Chimp," in which Donald Bowles is appearing for his farewell week at the Baker. The scenes between him, as the acrobat, and the "Whimpering" mother to his lot to be both father and mother to her delicious with comedy and tender pathos. Saturday matinee.

Dainty Dancing at the Pantheon. Dainty dancing and the singing of some of the latest Broadway song successes by William Ramsell and the Ramsell Sisters are featured in the "Dainty Dancers" at the Pantheon this week. The costumes worn by the girls are very elaborate and the electrical lighting of a number of double somersaults, at the same time turning sideways and lighting on the shoulders of his companions. Moments daily.

Everything is Cheerful. Everything on the bill at the Grand is cheerful. It is a bill of brightness and cheer. There are unlimited popular songs and funny people. "A Bunch of Kids" is an act of nine singing and dancing comedians. Introducing several catchy songs. Joseph Ainslie sings three, while Leonard Dupree, "Whispering" & Dupree, contribute melodies, also.

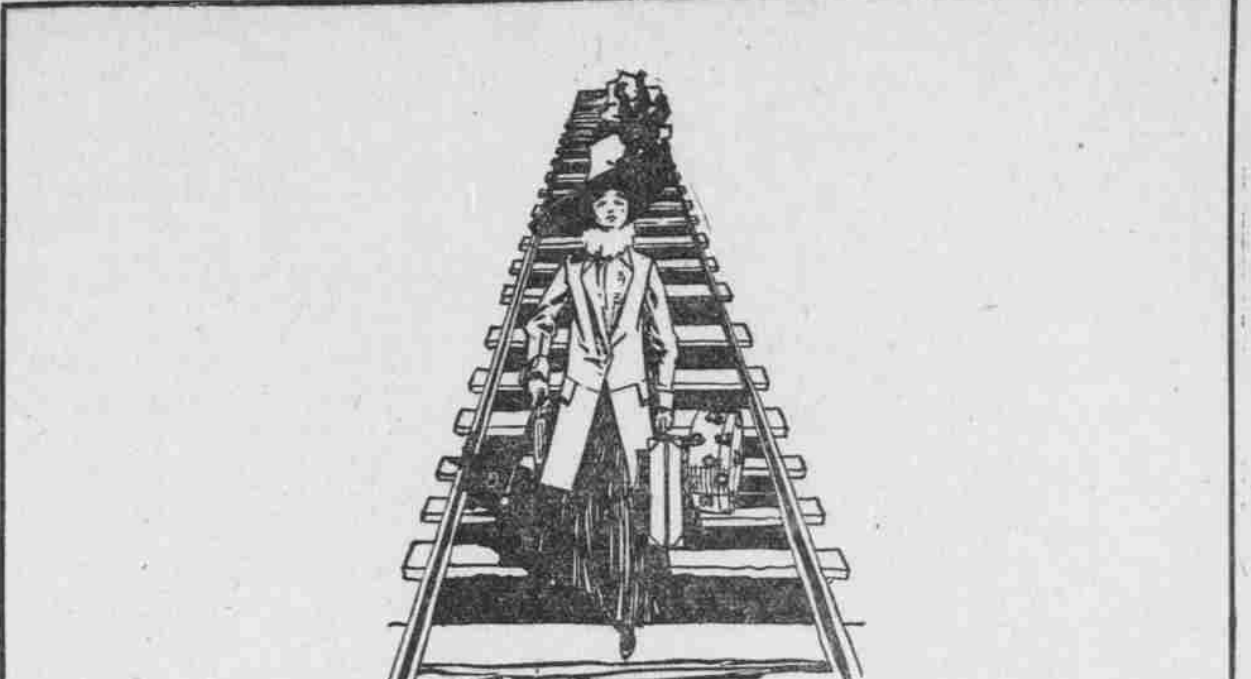
Lyric's Pink Ten Matinee. There will be a special feature today at the regular pink tea matinee given by the Athon Stock Company, producing "How I Spoke," at the Lyric. This play is one of the big successes of the present season.

Biograph at the Star. The Star's new show is a revelation in motion pictures. The extreme feature being a biograph, "His Lost Love," of such tragic intensity that the audience is held spellbound to the start to the finish. There is many a laugh in the "Edison" course, which is a satire on foreign problem seeking American wives.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. Seat Sale for Eddie Foy. The seat sale for the Eddie Foy engagement opens today at the Portland box office. This will be the first local appearance of this famous comedian in the past nine years and play patrons will welcome the opportunity to see Foy in his latest New York Casino Theater success, "Mr. Hamlet of Broadway." The entire Casino Company and production has been brought here. There will be seven performances, commencing Sunday night and closing Friday.

Chanancy Olooff Next Sunday. Beginning next Sunday, October 24, and continuing for four nights with a special matinee Wednesday, Augustus Pilon will present the famous American actor and singer, Chanancy Olooff, who has spent the last of his life in the Casino Theater in the comedy drama success, "Bargued Robin."

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Anna Katharine Green has written for the same number the most exciting story you ever read, "Room Number Three"; and in the same number you will find "Votes for Women from the Inside," "How a Woman Built an Acroplane," "Why I Left the Woman's Club," the last writing of Edward Everett Hale, and seventy pages of practical departments—all in the November

WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION

At All News-stands.

Mr. Olooff will sing several of his latest songs. McConnell and Simpson at Orpheum. "A Stormy Hour" is the title of a bright little comedy offering by Lulu McConnell and Grant Simpson at the Orpheum next week. The sketch depicts domestic misunderstanding, a foolish quarrel and offers an abundance of fun during the reconciliation. A number of delightful specialties are introduced. "In Old Kentucky" Opens Sunday. At the Baker Theater for four nights and two matinees of next week, starting Sunday matinee, the attraction will be the famous racing play, "In Old Kentucky." This means a general turning-out of theatergoers, young and old, for "In Old Kentucky" makes a stronger appeal than the average theatrical attraction. Although it has been played for nearly a score of years, it demands and receives general attention. At the Lyric. Commencing with Sunday's matinee, the Athon Stock Company, at the Lyric, will present one of the funniest farce comedies ever written, "Hello Bill," in its latest form, with its many laughs interspersed with musical numbers. The entire company will be seen in the latest song success. Your complexion as well as your temper is rendered miserable by a disordered liver. By taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets you can improve both.

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