

WOMAN'S ANGUISH
BLOCKS PICTURES

Wife of Convict Protests
Against Former Friend's
Display of Case.

SONTAG CHASE RECALLED

Wife of "Lifer" Says Exhibitor Betrayed Her Husband and His Brother, When She Tells Story of How She Overcame Shock.

Coming to the home city of the wife and children of the man who helped fight his battle and who is bearing the brunt of the penalty, to exhibit pictures that damage that friend's memory, George Sontag was yesterday forbidden by Constable Lou Wagner to continue the presentation in this city of pictures purporting to show scenes in the great battle between the Sontag robbers' gangs and officers. The action of the constable is based upon a section of the Oregon statutes which forbids any representation of a crime in theaters.

Sontag Imitation, Says Woman.

Sontag was only an imitation bandit to begin with, says Mrs. Evans. He slipped into the Evans home as a guest, quietly stood by while his brother and Evans resisted the officers, then surrendered himself to the officers and remained safe in jail while the 11-month fight went on between his brother, John, and Evans on one side, and the whole populace on the other, and finally secured his freedom by implicating his defender falsely in train robberies occurring 100 miles away, says Mrs. Evans. She laughs bitterly at the ex-robber's "reform" lecture. "He's not a reformer but an informer," she said.

Mrs. Evans lives with her children at 428 East Seventy-eighth street. She has four sons occupying positions of trust in the city, all of whom have been brought to maturity through almost superhuman efforts on the part of the heart-broken but dauntless mother, who 17 years ago, saw her husband snatched away from a happy home and consigned to a living death.

Chris Evans lies in Folsom prison with one eye and one hand shot away, half-paralyzed and slowly dying, unable to write to his family, but as often as circumstances permit, the prematurely-aged wife makes a pilgrimage to his prison and to Sacramento, where she implores each incoming governor for the pardon which she claims is her husband's due.

Family Moved to Portland.

Nearly ten years ago Mrs. Evans brought her family to Portland, to be away from the harrowing memories and indignities of the scene of her life's tragedy. Living quietly and decently here, very few knew of the sad story until last week, when George Sontag floated into town, making his living by spreading before the public the story of his crime. He carried a film of moving pictures, representing scenes from the fight, and accompanied it with a lecture, telling of his deeds.

Upon learning of Sontag's presence and mission, George W. Evans, a son of Chris Evans, went to him and asked him to desist from showing the pictures in this city. Sontag refused, saying that he had his living to make and as he had to wait over in Portland for a time, he was going to make what money he could while here. Then he began to show the pictures, and the law was invoked and brought an end to the exhibition.

Deeply moved by the revival of bitter recollections, Mrs. Evans retold yesterday the story of the great sensation, warmly defending her husband, whom she says "a better man never lived," she said, and throwing a new light upon many points of the affair which cost half a dozen lives, which lost two men their liberty and had most of the California constabulary scouring the brush for nearly a year.

John Sontag, the one who was killed at the end of the chase, had worked for my husband in his livery stable at Modesto for years," said Mrs. Evans. "He was a fine man. Then one day his brother George came to visit him. We had never seen him before, but welcomed him because he liked John. The day after he arrived he was upstairs in the house after him, to arrest him for a train robbery committed in Minnesota. They came in and asked where he was and I told them he was upstairs. They came up and almost at once began shooting. There must have been 50 shots fired. My husband came running and, seeing a lot of strange men shooting in his house, where his wife and children were, seized a gun and joined in the fight. He killed one of the officers. It is for that that he is now serving time."

ADVICE SAVES FROM LOSS

Y. M. C. A. Detects Fraudulent Schemes for Benefit of Inquirers.

Thousands of dollars, about to be dropped in some "get-rich-quick" scheme, have been saved for their owners by a few timely words of advice during the past two weeks, according to Stanley Baker, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association employment and advisory department. Mr. Baker says that several absolutely fraudulent schemes have been detected through the agency of the Y. M. C. A. in time to prevent young men who have gone there for advice from throwing away their savings.

Two Escaped to Brush.

"Then John Sontag and my husband escaped to the brush, while George Sontag meekly surrendered. Only God knows what I suffered during the next 11 months. Then they overtook the fugitives, shot John Sontag to pieces and brought my husband in badly wounded. He was tried for the murder of the officer and sentenced to life imprisonment, as was George Sontag. Sontag served about 15 years and was then pardoned because he gave evidence that he, his brother, John, and my husband, while living in California, made trips back to Minnesota and held up trains. That is absolutely false and it can be shown that my husband was attending to his business in California at the time when Sontag says he was in Minnesota."

"I turned to the washbub and by that means raised my family and raised them to be decent men and women. When the oldest boy reached it he helped a bit and we did better. Then I came to live in Portland, and now this pretended reformer follows here to revive the old sorrow of which he was the sole cause, and which he escaped by lying down and turning informer."

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. E. Gordon, of Newberg, is at the Lenox.
E. T. Furness, of Seattle, is at the Ramapo.
John C. Oimsted, park and boulevard

expert, of Brookline, Mass., is at the Portland.

Dr. C. A. Eldridge, of Corvallis, is at the Cornelius.

A. S. Reed, a capitalist of Astoria, is at the Imperial.

Walter S. Martin, of San Francisco, is at the Portland.

G. W. Johnston, a merchant of Dufur, is at the Cornelius.

J. B. Wilkins, an attorney of Rainier, is at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown, of Baker City, are at the Nortonia.

J. D. Kelly, a stock man of McCoy, is registered at the Lenox.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hunt, of Duluth, Minn., are at the Seward.

Frank Gabel, a sheep man of The Dalles, is at the Perkins.

J. A. Cochran, a retired farmer of La Grande, is at the Imperial.

J. T. Ross, a merchant of Astoria, is stopping at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Collins, of Seattle, are registered at the Seward.

William E. Russell and family, of Spokane, are guests at the Nortonia.

Mrs. Georgia H. Hughes, of Forest Grove, is stopping at the Oregon.

W. C. Fry, editor of the Senator, official organ of Pythians, is at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wakefield and John Ross, of The Dalles, are at the Ramapo.

Jerome J. Day, of Moscow, Idaho, is in the city for a few days. He is located at the Portland.

John A. Carson, an attorney of Salem, who is in the city on legal business, is stopping at the Imperial.

Captain T. E. Murphy, of the United States Army, and his family, have taken permanent quarters at the Perkins.

Carroll B. Dotson, of Fargo, N. D., is passing a few days in Portland on business. He is registered at the Cornelius.

P. A. Hart and Ross W. Smith, of Aberdeen; A. L. Paine and N. J. Blagen, of Hoquiam, are at the Oregon on their way to San Francisco to attend the lumbermen's convention.

Montie B. Gwinn, considered the most extensive sheep owner in Southern Idaho, is in the city on business, and is staying at the Portland. Mr. Gwinn thinks Portland is not thoroughly awake to its commercial opportunities in his part of the country.

Eugene T. Wilson, National Bank Examiner for the district of Washington and Montana and chief of the Coast division, left for Seattle last night after spending more than three weeks in the city in connection with the trial of J. W. Scriber.

Major William D. Hale, Postmaster at Minneapolis, Minn., arrived at the Hotel Portland yesterday en route to White Salmon, Wash., where the distinguished soldier of the Civil War, partner of Senator Washburn in the lumber business and politician of note, is interested in fruit lands.

EXHIBIT WILL BE FREE

ARCHITECTS TO ENCOURAGE GOOD TASTE IN BUILDING.

Public to Be Admitted During Rose Festival Week to See League's Collection.

With the object of encouraging a more artistic standard of architecture, not only in private homes, but in all public buildings, and of arousing individual interest in a "municipal plan" to beautify the city, free admission will be offered the public during the Rose Festival period, June 7-12, by the Portland Architectural Club to its third annual exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts, Fifth and Yamhill streets.

The exhibition will open on June 3, and the fine drawings, paintings, blue prints and photographs which will make up the educational exhibition, will continue on view until June 12, but the public will be admitted free only during the festival week.

Some of Portland's massive and artistically simple skyscrapers will be represented in the collection and, if possible, a portion of the preliminary work on the "municipal plan" for Portland, now in the hands of Architect Bennett, of Chicago, will be on view towards the close of the exhibition. This "plan," which is being worked out by the Chicago architectural and municipal beautifiers, will not be complete for some time, but M. A. Vinson, manager of the local Architectural Club, hopes to secure some of the preliminary drafts for the exhibit before it closes.

The exhibition is being financed in a novel way, which adheres strictly to the simple and unostentatious methods that are in harmony with the principles urged by the club. The expenses are to be defrayed by the patronage of various local firms whose names will appear in the "Year Book." The book will be replete with fine half-tones, showing the artistic execution of modern architectural plans, covering a wide field, and for the individual homebuilder or ambitious student of architecture, it will contain many helpful suggestions and plans.

The coming exhibition will represent the entire offerings of the Pacific Architectural League, although given under the auspices of the Portland Architectural Club.

TACOMA AIDS FETE

Clubs Send Representative to Pledge Festival Support.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO COME

President Hoyt Tells R. A. Bernstein Portland Will Be Glad to Have Sound City Represented in Week's Pageant.

Tacoma sent its formal greetings to the Portland Rose Festival managers yesterday, and in a most neighborly manner wanted to know what it could do to help make the Portland celebration a greater success than ever. The ambassador bringing these cheerful and welcome tidings was R. A. Bernstein, vice-president of the Puget Sound Realty Company, and he came as the representative of the three big commercial and boosting agencies of the Sound city—the Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Club and the Rotary Club.

"The whole City of Tacoma, as represented by these organizations, stands ready to do your bidding," he announced to President Hoyt and other officials of the Festival at a meeting held at headquarters yesterday afternoon. "We have heard much about the magnificent celebration that Portland is going to give, and I carry with me the fullest assurance of Tacoma's hearty goodwill. What is more substantial, I have been authorized to ask you what we can do to make the Rose Festival worthy, not only of Portland, where it is going to be held, but of Tacoma, your next-door neighbor, and of the entire Northwest, which is bound to derive much benefit from the great tide of Westward tourist travel which your celebration has set in motion."

Tacoma Also to Benefit.

"Our business organizations have observed unmistakable signs of the intense advertising value such a celebration as the Rose Festival carries with it, through our publicity work in the East and Middle West we have noticed that a great many of the prospective visitors from that region of the country who are coming to the Rose Festival and will stop over in Tacoma. It is largely for that reason our people want to show their neighborly spirit in every way possible. You are not going to reap all the benefit of the Rose Festival, even if it is held here, because the Easterners will have their tickets routed in such a way that they will be able to see Tacoma and Seattle."

JURY BELIEVES PAYNE

PUCKETT'S ASSAILANT FREED ON STORY OF SELF-DEFENSE.

Ex-Wife, Over Whom Trouble Occurred, Says Husband Tried to Kill Her With Dagger.

Charles Payne, accused of assault on T. O. Puckett with a revolver last January, was acquitted yesterday after the jury had been out two hours. Payne's own defense when he was placed on the witness stand yesterday morning was that when he accused Puckett of staying at the home of his ex-wife the night before the encounter, Puckett angrily replied that it was none of his business and apparently reached for a weapon. He said that he had heard Puckett had threatened to "get him," and that he acted on the impulse of the moment in drawing his revolver from a scabbard on his left side and firing.

Mrs. Eva Puckett, the woman in the case, attempted to wrench the revolver away to prevent further bloodshed, he said, while Puckett tried to strike him over Mrs. Puckett's shoulders. The revolver was discharged a second time in the scuffle.

Mrs. Puckett was called by the attorneys for the defense yesterday morning and questioned regarding a dagger her husband carried. She said she took possession a few days after she separated from her husband, and before their divorce, and underwent an operation at the hospital. Afterwards her husband visited her at the house, she said, told her that he couldn't live with her, and taking out the dagger, bared her breast and told her that he intended to stab her and then himself. A squeak in an adjoining room aroused his suspicions that she had a spy nearby and he desisted. She said he bought the dagger while he was employed by the streetcar company to protect himself against the rough element which rode on his cars at night.

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stain that he invite the horsemen, the horsewomen, the owners of fancy vehicle turnouts, the automobilists and all other clubs or organizations that care to take part in the daylight or night parades to come over here for the Festival, and place will be given in the out-of-town sections of the respective pageants. Bands, marching bodies, or the uniform rank and drill corps of any of the fraternal or social organizations will be received heartily.

Will Join in Parades. Mr. Bernstein returned home last night and said he would urge the Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Club and the Rotary Club to arrange for a special excursion train and to round up as many entries as possible for the different Festivals and parades. He pledged himself to round up as many automobilists as possible and get them to join the big overland tour which will start with from 50 to 100 strong from Seattle and cover the trip to Portland by slow stages.

"Nothing has pleased us more in many months than the show of fine feeling that both Seattle and Tacoma have displayed toward Portland and the Rose Festival," said President Hoyt last night. "Their interest and offers to pitch in and join us in this great celebration have been entirely unselfish; the movement on the part of each of the cities was spontaneous and therefore doubly appreciated."

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READ THESE ROUND-TRIP EXCURSION RATES. BETWEEN PORTLAND AND

Table with 4 columns: Destination, Sunday Only, Going Saturday or Monday, Going by Rail or Boat Same Day, Good for One Month. Destinations include Latourelle, Bridal Veil, Multnomah Falls, Bonneville, Cascade Locks, Collins, Hood River, Mosier, The Dalles, Seufert, and Celilo.

Down the Columbia The O. R. & N. sells round-trip excursion tickets from Portland to all points on North Beach, near the mouth of the Columbia River on the Washington shore, for \$4.00. One can leave Portland 8 o'clock at night on the steamer Hassalo, and be bathing in the sun by 9:30 next morning. Tickets good for return any time within six months. Magnificent daylight trip returning. The only trip known that compares with a trip "up the Columbia is a trip DOWN THE COLUMBIA.

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