

UNSETTLED MIND IS PLEA OF GRIFFITHS

Defense Indicates Army Officer Will Be Witness in His Own Defense.

SUPERIOR IS ON STAND

Major Gallagher Testifies Safe Contained Little Cash, and That Griffiths Confessed and Offered Restitution.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—That the defense in the court-martial of Captain Joseph Griffiths, U. S. Army, on a charge of misappropriating Government funds, reopened today at the Presidio, would be mental irresponsibility was indicated by the officers' attorney.

The defense endeavored to have ruled out testimony of Major Hugh J. Gallagher, of the "Crest" Club, Seattle, who testified concerning an alleged confession made to him by Captain Griffiths after the safe was discovered in an \$8000 show-up. Brigadier-General John P. Wisner, presiding officer, permitted the testimony to go before the court.

Confession Is Disclosed.—That Captain Griffiths confessed, offered to restore moneys taken and intimated that he had used the misplaced funds in furthering timber land deals developed at the court-martial.

Major Gallagher was the only witness today. A brief synopsis of his testimony is:

Griffiths had been approached by him and asked if his Government accounts were right. He was informed that they were correct and that in his keeping was in the safe, Griffiths told Gallagher it was.

Griffiths was asked for his keys and the combination to the safe. In the presence of stenographer the safe was opened and found to contain \$150 in money orders and a small additional amount of cash, together with a check which had no value. There should have been more than \$8000 in cash.

Offer of Restitution Related.—After the arrest Griffiths asked a private interview with Major Gallagher, who informed him that he must have a stenographer take down the conversation if Griffiths offered to restore the funds. Major Gallagher said that Major-General Arthur Murray, commanding the Western department, had advised him not to accept the funds.

Griffiths did not attempt to change his plea, when the court opened. Attorney Price said the close of today's hearing that he would put Griffiths on the stand in his own defense.

The court adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock Friday to give time to make a transcript of the evidence taken by the court reporter.

PUBLIC NEED NOT SHOWN

State Railroad Commission Refuses Albany's Request.

SCHOOL GARDENS PRAISED

Boise Supervisor Says Portland in Vanguard of Progress.

T. W. Potter, of Boise, Idaho, State Supervisor of the garden work done in the schools of Idaho and also agent of the United States Department of Agriculture in that state, visited 14 of the 43 school gardens of Portland yesterday, accompanied by City Superintendent Alderman, Director Plummer and Garden Supervisor Evans.

From 1895 to 1904 Mr. Potter was superintendent of the Indian Training School, operated by the Government at Chemawa.

FEE REDUCTION DELAYED

Senate Unable to Reach Bill Passed, After Wrangle, by House.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The House of Representatives, after a day of wrangling, voted to reduce the fees of witnesses in Federal Courts on the Pacific Coast and in the Rocky Mountain states from \$3 to \$2 a day, but the bill carrying this provision will not become a law this session because of the inability of the Senate to consider it.

DRY PLATE INVENTOR DIES

Revolution in Lighting Also Credited to Sir Joseph Wilson Swan.

LONDON, May 27.—Sir Joseph Wilson Swan, inventor of the first incandescent electric lamp, died here today. He was 86 years old and was born in Sunderland, England.

TAX REFORMS ARE URGED

Waste of Money Alleged in Platform Adopted at Verboort Meeting.

VERBOORT, Or., May 27.—(Special.)

house Albert Jansen was elected president and Martin Bernard secretary. The following committee on rules was appointed: L. Lemiller, F. P. Lahale and W. A. Hermans.

The following platform was adopted: "Believing that the taxpayers have lost control of the county and state governments until expenses have increased so that our taxes amount to an unreasonable rate and that our money is being wasted by officials over whom we have no control, we feel that the present system is at fault and should be changed as soon as possible.



Captain Joseph A. Griffiths, Disgraced Army Officer Whose Trial by Court-Martial Began Yesterday.

each school district and that active steps be taken to secure the legislation necessary to put these and other needed reforms into practice.

MINORITY WINS ITS CASE

UNION PACIFIC MUST NOT CONTROL ST. JOSEPH ROAD.

Court Holds Present Management of Road Is in Violation of Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 27.—Control of the affairs of the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad Company must be given to the minority stockholders of that company by the Union Pacific Company within 60 days, or a receiver will be appointed by the Federal Court. This was the gist of a memorandum opinion given tonight by Judge Thomas C. Munser, of the United States District Court of Nebraska, in which he grants the injunction sought by the Grand Island minority stockholders.

The opinion involves the settlement of the long-pending litigation between the minority stockholders of the road and the Union Pacific, the majority stockholder.

The petitioners alleged the affairs of the line were being regulated for the benefit and advantage of the Union Pacific. They asked for an injunction restraining further activities until a complete accounting could be obtained. They also asked that a receiver be appointed for the St. Joseph & Grand Island road.

MRS. DIGGS BRINGS SUIT

DIVORCE SOUGHT ON GROUND OF EXTREME CRUELTY.

Wife Who Stood by Husband Through Troubles Tells of Mental Anguish Caused by Notoriety.

WOODLAND, Cal., May 27.—(Special.)—On the grounds of extreme cruelty Mrs. Maury I. Diggs has instituted divorce action against her husband. The complaint was filed here several days ago and placed on secret docket. A copy and a notice of summons were served on Diggs today.

When served with the complaint Diggs, although apparently surprised, made no comment. Mrs. Diggs had been loyal to her husband through all his trouble. Diggs and his wife, who was Lina Kincheloe before her marriage, eloped and were married in Sacramento on October 6, 1906. Evelyn, a 6-year-old daughter, is their only child.

The complaint alleges that Mrs. Diggs has suffered much mental anguish from the notoriety gained by her husband through the Warrington and Norris cases and the Ida Pearrington trial and through his course of conduct generally since their marriage.

Emil Siedel at Centralia. CENTRALIA, May 27.—(Special.)—Emil Siedel, former Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee and candidate for Vice-President at the last National election, was in Centralia yesterday, being introduced by leading local Socialists.

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BIBLE STUDY ASKED

Presbyterians Favor Laws to Extend School Course.

MISSION REFORM ADOPTED

Supervision of Home Affairs to Be Vested in Synods and Presbyteries—Non-Alcoholic Communion Wine Indorsed.

CHICAGO, May 27.—A resolution favoring the study of the Bible in the public schools and urging churches to petition state legislatures for the passage of the necessary laws to bring about the desired reform was adopted today by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America.

Another resolution, urging the establishment of a permanent tribunal of arbitration at The Hague, with a view of abolishing future wars between nations, was adopted.

The assembly exchanged fraternal greetings with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the diocese of Chicago, in session here.

The use of grape juice, or "non-alcoholic wine," in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was recommended in a supplementary report from the committee on temperance and the report was adopted by the assembly.

COURT SCORES CONCERN

COMPANY SAID TO BE NET FOR UN-WARY EASTERN INVESTORS.

Non-Suit Entered in Damage Case, as Judge McGinn Decides Corporation Is Shoe-String Affair.

"The curse of this country is \$5,000,000 corporations that are operated on a shoe-string basis," said Judge McGinn yesterday in announcing that he would non-suit the Cello Improvement Company in its action against J. Taffes and Mary E. Taffes, damages for breach of contract to the amount of \$24,000 were asked in the complaint.

This proposition is a fraud to catch unwary investors. It is built on lies, and lies and lies. You may postpone the inevitable result, but the property on lies must fail and grief is sure to follow. You have sent out these pictures of trees and great shipments of wheels to catch the eye. There is nothing to back it up. You may make a record as long as you want. I will allow you as many objections as you want, but my authority is final. As this court goes and I shall enter a non-suit."

The suit grew out of an alleged agreement to plat and sell 64 acres of land at Cello, on the Columbia River, after a price had been put on the lots by the Taffes, from whom the property was said to have been purchased. It was charged in the complaint that the Taffes refused to abide by their agreement to price the lots by reason of which failure the plaintiff company was unable to handle the sale of the property, to its damage.

CHINESE REVERSES NAME

Innovation Is Step Toward Americanization of Race.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—(Special.)—An innovation which is expected to work as much toward the Americanization of the Chinese in the United States as did the edict for the removal of the queue has been adopted by Shan Ching Shu, Chinese Consul-General, in an effort to become as nearly as possible like those with whom he daily comes in contact.

Shan Ching Shu, who by all the rules of custom, should be known by his Chinese surname of "Shan," has made public request that he henceforth be known by the appellation of "Shu." He said today he had Americanized his name by reversing it. He has done just what John Jones would do were he to call himself Mr. John instead of Mr. Jones. Should the Chinese Consul's deviation from the rule be followed, as was the ban on queues, thousands of family names among Chinese in this country will die out and new ones, made out of former given names, will spring up.

Suit Settled for One-Tenth.

ASTORIA, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—The case of Victor Schoonover, administrator of the estate of H. T. Manning, against the Big Creek Logging Company, terminated today when the attorneys asked judgment for \$750 of one-tenth the amount first sought. Judge Eakin discharged the trial jury, but announced that he will call a jury for the regular June session of the court. The new jury will be convened on June 22.

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\$1.50 Superior House Dresses at 95c

—These attractive dresses are made of black and white, blue and white check percales; made with round neck finished with large sailor collar and side rever in front, trimmed with contrasting bandings on collar, cuffs and down the front. Plain skirt with piped waistline. All sizes.

—Fourth Floor

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Of Garments Suitable for the
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—Dresses of fine all-wool French serge in navy blue, Copenhagen, reseda, tango, tan and black-and-white shepherd checks. Fashioned with the new drop kimono sleeves, bloused in the front and back and trimmed with novelty collars. The skirts are cut in the new tier and ruffle styles.

Novelty Tailored Suits
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Special \$20

—This includes some of the most popular styles this season in such materials as fine all-wool novelty crepe cloth and fancy checked materials.

—There are many styles showing short, loosely fitting jackets trimmed with satin or silk ornaments, and some with handsome Roman striped silks. The skirts are cut in the new tier and ruffle styles.

New \$18.50 Balmacaan Coats for \$9.85

—The Balmacaan coat is the most popular style for Spring and Summer wear; for traveling, for motoring and for walking no smarter tailored wrap can be found.

—Thursday we offer a new shipment of these popular coats, made of fancy Scotch mixed materials, in brown, gray and green. They are 40 inches long, showing the mannish notched collar and revers, extra full sweep and deep pockets.

\$3.75 Handkerchief Linen Blouses \$2.95

—Blouses of dainty colored handkerchief linen in maize, reseda, apricot, rose and white. These blouses are very new and are in great favor with the smartly dressed women of New York and Paris. Made with the Gladstone collar and turn-back cuffs of white hemstitched linen. Newest yoke and kimono sleeves are shown in these models.

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\$3.75 Sweaters, \$3.15

—Extra fine Australian wool coat sweaters, made in the popular Cardigan stitch. A smart coat in a much wanted weight. Sizes to 28; large sizes, \$3.85; were \$4.50. In pretty shades of cardinal, light gray, navy blue and pure white.

\$3.50 Australian Wool Coat Sweaters \$2.95

—These sweaters are of a very desirable quality Australian wool, made with the jaunty sailor collar, in all white or white with navy, Copenhagen or cardinal collars. Sizes to 28. Larger sizes \$3.45 each instead of \$4.00.

\$3.50 Boys' Coat Sweaters \$2.95

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