

LAWYERS ON STAND AND AT BAR SPAR

A. E. Clark, Witness at ex-Wife's Hearing, Questions Her Attorney Closely.

PROBE THREATS ARE MADE

Lie Is Passed When Reports of Frequent Disappearances Are Charged—Insanity Hearing Is Continued Until Today.

The strange spectacle of two lawyers cross-examining each other at the same time was presented in County Judge Cleaton's court yesterday afternoon at the insanity hearing of Mrs. Marcella Clark. The courtroom was crowded with men and women during the entire day. The hearing had not been completed when court adjourned at 5 o'clock.

During part of the morning and most of the afternoon A. E. Clark, divorced husband of the woman who is on trial, was on the witness stand. Most of the time was occupied with the presentation of a huge bundle of letters, said to have been written by Mrs. Clark since her husband received a divorce on July 10, 1914.

Mr. Clark said that on several occasions his wife had called to see him at the Perkins Hotel. Informed that he was not in his room, she had told the police department that he was missing and she feared he had met with foul play.

Report Branded as Lie.
"As a matter of fact, Mr. Clark," said Attorney McCusker, who acted for Mrs. Clark, "weren't you in the habit of disappearing once in a while?"

"No, I was not."
"Well, it is current report and widely rumored about that you did deliberately disappear so that you couldn't be found," said Mr. McCusker.

"That's a lie," retorted Mr. Clark. Mr. McCusker rose and objected to the witness being allowed to insult him in open court.

"You brought it on yourself," said Deputy District Attorney Collier, interrupting. "If you're going to talk to the witness like that, you must expect to get your papers burned."

At another time in his testimony Mr. Clark assumed the aggressive and was practically cross-examining Mr. McCusker. The evidence had touched on Mrs. Clark's suit to annul the divorce decree and on numerous slander suits she had brought against prominent Portland people. Mr. Clark said the suit to annul the divorce had been dismissed.

Investigation Threat Made.
"But it's now on appeal, isn't it?" asked Mr. McCusker.
"No, it isn't," said Mr. Clark. "Mrs. Clark probably has been led to believe that it is, but it isn't. I was served with a lot of papers on the subject, but they were meaningless and no appeal has ever been taken."

"When you say no appeal has been taken you are merely giving your opinion, aren't you?"

"No, it's a fact," declared Mr. Clark. "And furthermore, Mr. McCusker, I would like to find out why certain lawyers have been taking Mrs. Clark's money to file all these suits and leaving the poor woman scarcely enough to buy food."

"How much money does she get?"

"I pay her \$150 a month," said Mr. Clark.

Mr. McCusker, who has acted as Mrs. Clark's attorney in numerous other suits, then arose and addressed the court.

"I would like to make a statement about these suits," he said.

Oath for Attorney Demanded.
"If you are going to make any statement," said Mr. Clark from the witness stand, "I want you put under oath, so you can be cross-examined."

The first witness yesterday morning was Gus C. Yungeberg, ex-Deputy sheriff, who signed the insanity complaint against Mrs. Clark. He had been assigned to watch her after her first arrest last July, he said, and from her actions had determined that she was insane.

Mr. Yungeberg said Mrs. Clark had given telegrams to him to be sent to various prominent National and International figures. One message, he said, was to Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, in New York City, asking her to cable to Mrs. Fankhurst, the London militant, in an endeavor to give publicity to Mrs. Clark's case in Great Britain.

J. F. Boothe, president of the Multnomah Bar Association, was called to the stand to testify about a pamphlet Mrs. Clark had written. The pamphlet, which had been generally circulated about Portland, was said to blame Mr. Boothe for the death of his wife last December.

Mr. Boothe said Mrs. Clark had called at his house two days after his wife's death and in the course of a conversation had declared that all lawyers were dishonest. On cross-examination Mr. McCusker asked Mr. Boothe, as president of the Bar Association, if he did not think there were some grounds for Mrs. Clark's assertion.

Mr. Boothe said he did not think so. The hearing in Judge Cleaton's court adjourned at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

C. W. JOHNSON VISITOR

AUTHOR OF COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT VIEWS RESULTS.

Series of Articles to Be Written for Des Moines Newspaper—Municipal Plan Is Favored.

Charles W. Johnson, "father of the Des Moines plan" of Commission form government, is in Portland.

Mr. Johnson arrived from Seattle Monday and is en route any place and no place. He is taking his first real vacation in years. While he is in Portland he is at the Portland Hotel and the main object of his visit is to see how the Portland plan of Commission form government works and to take a general survey of the city and state; facts of which he will incorporate into a series of articles which he is writing for a Des Moines newspaper.

It is Mr. Johnson's first visit to the Pacific Coast. He left Des Moines February 11 and has traveled leisurely, stopping at Spokane and Seattle and taking a little flyer into Canada.

"I was sitting with Harvey Ingham, editor of the Register and Leader of Des Moines, one day, and I suggested a plan of government to do away with political alliances in the municipal affairs of Des Moines," explained Mr. Johnson yesterday. "Mr. Ingham some time after asked me to put the suggestions into readable shape, and pretty soon he began to advocate the form in his newspaper. From that we got to working on it and the Des Moines plan was evolved and put into effect."

CHINESE GIRL OF PORTLAND WHO WILL OPEN VAUDEVILLE TOUR AT SAN FRANCISCO MARCH 23.



Bushnell Photo

Miss Jue Quon Tai in Two Poses, One of Which Shows Her Wearing Advanced American Fashions.

Pretty Miss Jue Quon Tai of Portland, a prominent Chinese girl with a wide acquaintance here, will enter the theatrical life, making her first appearance in vaudeville at San Francisco on March 23, when she will be given a tryout at the Orpheum Theater in that city. A bright future is predicted for her by those who have watched her preparation and training for stage life here.

Miss Jue has a mezzo-soprano voice and was discovered by Robert J. Prowell, manager of the Gilbert-Murray School of Music and Acting. She was born in Portland and is 18 years old. She is thoroughly American, having been born in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Jue are her parents. Mr. Jue is a well-known merchant, with a store at 55 Second street.

The girl will appear in a single act, singing American songs. She has an elaborate Chinese wardrobe, having some of the finest gowns ever brought to this country from China. A Mandarin robe is especially beautiful. It was made by a Chinese family, the work requiring an entire year.

within a year. Of course other plans have improved on it, and in time I'll venture to say that the management system of municipalities will take the place of the present highly-developed Commission form."

Mr. Johnson is an attorney.

Klamath Falls Man Is Suicide.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—Mark Shallock died Monday night as a result of swallowing a large quantity of creosote on Saturday night. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John

Shallock, old settlers of Klamath County, and is survived by his father.

Klamath Falls Charter Change Up.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—The Council decided Tuesday night to submit to voters at the city election on May 2 the question of whether or not the city charter should be amended so as to permit the Council to enter into a contract with the Federal Government to take over the old Ankeny Canal.

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PAVING ESTIMATE IS MADE

Mr. Dieck Details Report on Resurfacing Washington Street.

A detailed report has been prepared by Commissioner Dieck showing the estimated cost of the proposed resurfacing of Washington street from Twentieth street to near the entrance to Washington Park. It is shown that the cost of removing the present top surface of the pavement and laying a new surface will be about \$125 for each 50 feet of frontage on the street.

Commissioner Dieck reports that unless the property owners are willing to pay for the resurfacing the street will have to remain in its present deplorable condition all summer because of the fact, he says, that the city has no money for the repair of the pavement. Inasmuch as the street is the main artery to a large residence section and is the main street leading to the entrance to Washington Park, Commissioner Dieck says he will make a special effort to have the property owners refrain from knocking out the

resurfacing proceedings which are now under way.

DISEASED MEAT IS FOUND

City Health Officer Asks for Early Ruling on Inspection Ordinance.

The finding of diseased meat in Portland by health officials caused City Health Officer Marcollus to send a request to City Attorney LaRoche yesterday to urge the State Supreme Court to set ahead on the court calendar the date involving the legality of the meat inspection ordinance passed by the Council last year.

At present the city is unable to inspect any meat for disease. It is declared that because of this fact it is possible for diseased meat to get on the market. Inspectors who are checking up on the sanitary conditions in markets have confiscated a number of samples of unclean meat. Among these was one covered with a tubercular growth. This has been put in preservatives at the city laboratories for exhibition purposes.

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