

BAN PUT ON LAWYERS

Attorneys Cannot Quiz Witnesses at Inquests.

CORONER'S POWER FINAL

Opinion Written by Deputy District Attorney at Request of Official Makes It Impossible for Damages Suit to Be Worked Up.

Attorneys who have heretofore made a coroner's inquest the foundation upon which to build a personal injury suit for persons who have been injured, or for relatives, in case an accident has resulted in death, will find themselves under the ban from now on.

In an opinion which Deputy District Attorney Hindman has written at the request of Coroner Smith, it is held that there "is no common law or statutory authority granting to any person, other than the coroner, the right to examine or cross-examine witnesses."

From time immemorial, attorneys have examined witnesses at coroner's inquests and have used testimony thus obtained to advantage in the Circuit Court when personal injury or damage suits have been started.

Procedure Up to Coroner.

In some cases it is said that attorneys have even attended a coroner's inquest of their own volition and after having obtained what testimony they could through their examinations of witnesses, have gone to the relatives of the person over whom the inquest is held and obtained consent to file civil actions.

Mr. Hindman further holds that an attorney representing the person against whom a criminal action might be brought as the result of the inquest has not the right to examine witnesses. However, if the coroner is willing, such examinations of witnesses may be made. This is entirely within the discretion of the coroner.

Suspect Does Not Have to Testify.

If a person is suspected or accused of a crime he cannot be compelled to offer testimony at the inquest, Mr. Hindman declares in his opinion. If such an accused person desires to testify he may do so, after first being advised that any statement he might make could be used against him in case criminal proceedings were brought later. However, he cannot be compelled to testify against himself, reads the opinion.

One feature of the opinion, in which Mr. Hindman quotes an opinion given by Attorney-General Brown, is to the effect that it is the duty of the coroner to hold inquests where suicide is suspected.

Quoting from the Attorney-General's opinion, it reads:

"It is also the duty of a coroner to hold an inquest upon information which reasonably convinces him that the death was due to suicide."

The other basis upon which an inquest is founded is given in the suspicion that death has been caused by criminal means.

SHIP PROTECTION PLANNED

O. W. R. & N. Grants Right of Way in Exchange for Water Mains.

The O. W. R. & N. Company yesterday agreed to grant to the city a 20-foot right of way through its property in South Portland, occupied by ship-building plants, on condition the city construct water mains to augment the fire protection of the plants.

The lack of water to fight fires at the ship plants was called to official attention recently by Fire Chief Dowell. A conference was called forthwith by Mayor Baker and construction of the mains agreed on. Railroad surveyors yesterday laid out the plans.

The revenue derived from the mains will net the city a sum equal to 6 per cent a year on the investment necessary.

FAIR VIOLATOR IS FREED

Comely Russian Released When She Consents to Destruction of Liquor.

Angelina Nida, an attractive young Russian woman, who was arrested yesterday morning at the Union Station when she came to claim a trunk containing liquor, was released yesterday when she gave permission for the destruction of the liquor. The trunk contained 18 quarts of whiskey, five quart bottles, and a gallon jug of wine.

Carl Narigan, an Austrian, arrested at 475 Gilsan street when policemen found apparatus and mash sufficient for the manufacture of 25 gallons of wine in his basement, was fined \$100 in Municipal Court and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Albany Soldier Ordered to Austin.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Seth T. French, an Albany young man who participated in the second training camp at the Presidio, has received orders to report at the School of Military Aeronautics at Austin, Tex., and left today for Portland to join other Oregon men ordered to report at the same place. Mr. French chose the aviation service in preference to trying for a commission in the field artillery after he had been at the Presidio a few weeks.



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MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Two of Leading Figures in "The Planter" at Peoples Tomorrow.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Majestic—Kex Beach's "The Auction Block."

Peoples—Julian Eltinge, "The Star-William Russell, "Snap Judgment."

Sunset—Lois Weber's "Even as You and I."

Columbia—Wallace Reid, "The Hostage."

Liberty—Jack Pickford and Louise Huff, "Jack and Jill."

Circle—Charlie Chaplin, "The Fireman."

Globe—Sena Owen, "An Even Break."

Contest Closes Tonight.

THE OREGONIAN's player popularity contest closes tonight. The winner of this "who's your favorite player" affair will be announced Tuesday morning, together with the vote-standing of the motion-picture stars as they rank in the esteem of fandom.

In order to give the final-hour balloters an opportunity to register their appreciation of their best beloved, or most highly respected cinema luminary, all votes will be counted which are mailed before midnight tonight.

On recent figures as compiled from the large number of letters finding their way to the photoplay editor's desk, Mary Pickford seems to be hard-pressed for first honors by William S. Hart. Francis X. Bushman has developed considerable strength, but there has been a regular "drive" of Hart votes, so that unless a surprise is sprung at the last hour "Big Mary" is going to be fighting it out with "Little Mary" for the honor of winning The Oregonian's contest.

Remember, this is the last day. Express your appreciation of your photoplay favorite by sending him or her name to the Photoplay Editor, The Oregonian.

"Auction Block" Today.

"The Auction Block," proclaimed Rex Beach's greatest story, opens at the Majestic Theater today. The story of "The Auction Block" is the life history of a beautiful girl who is raised by her parents for the specific purpose of being placed on sale to the highest bidder in the matrimonial market. In the course of time she meets the dissolute son of a millionaire, and in accordance with the family plan, marries him. The complications commence when the father disinherits the son and the girl wife becomes the particularly bright star of the night theatrical world in which she figures.

Then the plot unfolds the doings of steel millionaires and their satellites and slaves, the struggles of the dissolute son to win back his self-respect and his wife.

There are spectacular steel mill scenes, a raid on a gambling den, and safe and stage scenes of magnificence.

More Film Co-operation.

The presence of W. A. Bach, publicity service manager of the Universal Film Manufacturing Company's exchange system in Portland, is an illuminating bit of evidence of the strides made in the motion picture world during the past few years.

Five years ago exhibitors, at the demand of an indiscriminating public, clamored for any kind of film entertainment. Now the public, through these exhibitors, is becoming so critical that not only is the average "feature" a doubtful money-maker, but the distributing concerns are organizing service departments to give salesmanship co-operation to the exhibitor in his effort to give the public just what it wants.

Mr. Bach has been traveling over the United States for six months, organizing service departments at various points, and will not conclude his country-wide tour for several months.

A Moment With the Movies.

A maiden fair, with golden hair, Was lying on the pine, An Indian, with an Indian club, Was beating out her brains. Oh, won't somebody rescue her, From such a sad dilemma? You bet your life! Drop in and see "The Escapades of Emma."

Screen Gossip.

Although Henry Walthall is rated as one of the greatest screen actors, "The Birth of a Nation" and "The Avenging Conscience" are the only two pictures worthy of his talents.

Virginia Foltz, well known in musical comedy and at one time hailed as the girl with the best figure on Broadway, has been cast for an important role in the new Triangle play, "Evidence." Miss Foltz created such parts

drink and has lost his grip. "His wife tried to keep his nose to the grindstone," she said, "but had to give it up." "Why?" she was asked. "Because he kept his nose in a glass all the time," was the answer.

Jane Pepprell, in stock at Balboa studio, where she plays character parts, is in receipt of a letter from her son, G. O. Davis, a sailor on board a man-of-war, in which he requests his mother to say for sailors in general that the only thing to make for them is the sweater with long sleeves and high neck. Many of the socks received have been so ill-fitting that they have been used to wipe off the guns with.

Anita King, Horkheimer-Mutual star, who was the first woman ever to cross the continent alone in an automobile, has mapped out another big adventure for herself. She plans to go to France the latter part of next February to join in the reconstruction work being waged there by the American Red Cross.

Yet another famous actress is called to mind by Mae Marsh in the case of Claire Wallace Flynn, a vital editorial force on the Ladies' World and a keen valuation of screen personalities. To Miss Flynn, the star of "The Cinderella Man" is a "youthful Ellen Terry"—Terry at seventeen.

Percy Stanley Pembroke, formerly of the Metro, where he played heavy leading parts, has joined the Balboa players and is cast in Director Edward Macdonald's company, featuring Jackie Saunders in "The Hoyden" by Lee Arthur.

Gladys Hulette has a new leading man. He is Creighton Hale, who has just finished his work with Mollie King in "The Seven Pears" and is glad to get a breathing spell from the strenuousness of serials. The two Pathe stars are now at Palm Beach with their director, Hobart Henley.

Now that R. A. Walsh is direct for Goldwyn, his wife, Miriam Cooper, may flit from Fox to the same film camp.

In the Paramount picture, "Jack and Jill," Louise Huff plays the part of a tough girl who is the sweetheart of a young prizefighter. In order to get the proper atmosphere some of the scenes were taken at Vernon, Cal., where weekly fights are held for the amusement of the sportively inclined motion picture people. Louise attended one of these fight evenings, but had to appear in boy's clothes. However, she got so excited that her hat fell off, curls appeared, quick exit, name in paper. Of course, she hated to have her name in the paper. Oh, yes, she did not.

Mildred Manning and Wallace McDonald were nearly married a short time ago. In filming one of their productions, Director Ashley Miller, of Vitagraph, engaged an elderly man to take the part of a minister. When it came to the wedding scene the "minister" confessed that he could not marry Miss Manning and McDonald without a license, as he had not been ordained and had taken the engagement only that he might study conditions for a book that he was writing. Miss Manning just escaped bigamy.

Something you had forgotten: Kitty Gordon was once married to Lord Beresford.

Regarding Jane Cowl, star of Goldwyn Pictures, the indefatigable F. A. delivers himself as follows: "She does not believe it is good luck when she succeeds, and she does not believe it is bad luck when she fails."

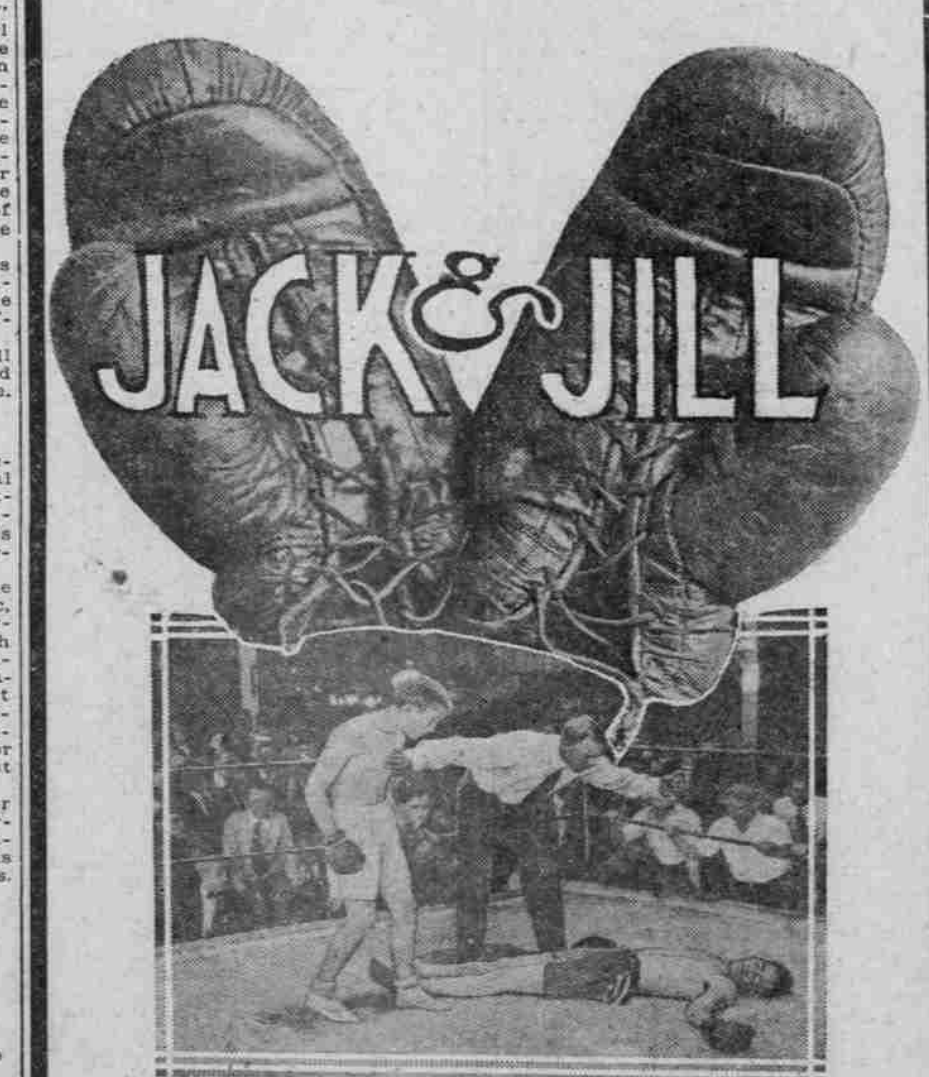
MESSICK JURY DISAGREES

Twenty-Hour Deliberation Follows Eight-Day Suit.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—After deliberating for nearly 20 hours the jury in the damage case brought by former County Judge J. B. Messick against a number of prominent Baker men for \$20,000, failed to agree and was discharged.

The case went to the jury Wednesday night, after an eight-day trial.

LIBERTY LAST DAY



A Knockout with Jack Pickford

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Starring beautiful Ruby de Remer, the "Venus of the Films," former star Ziegfeld Folies.

Three of the finest pictures ever made were Rex Beach's "The Barrier," "The Spoilers" and "The Ne'er Do Well." "The Auction Block" is greater than all, and entirely different. The others all played at increased prices, but "The Auction Block" comes on the regular 100 per cent Majestic programme at regular price 20 cents. It is another of the Majestic "road shows of the films."

Backache of Women

How this Woman Suffered and Was Relieved.

Fort Fairfield, Maine.—"For many months I suffered from backache caused by female troubles so I was unable to do my house work. I took treatments for it but received no help whatever. Then some of my friends asked why I did not try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did so and my backache soon disappeared and I felt like a different woman, and now have a healthy little baby girl and do all my house work. I will always praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to women who suffer as I did."—Mrs. ALTON D. OAKES, Fort Fairfield, Maine.

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