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CHEERING WOMEN SENT FROM COURT

Mrs. Alvina Johnson Fighting to Regain Custody of Her 15-Year-Old Daughter.

BIBLE READ IN ARGUMENT

Judge Campbell Asserts Attorney Ditchburn Missed His Calling When He Failed to Become Preacher—Decision Held.

Sympathetic women who allowed themselves to give way to cheers during the progress of the Alvina Johnson hearing before Circuit Judge Campbell yesterday were ordered from the courtroom by the court. Mrs. Johnson is fighting to regain the custody of her 15-year-old daughter, Mabel, from the custody of the juvenile court.

The hearing was brought to a close yesterday afternoon after numerous witnesses had been called in behalf of the juvenile court and after John Ditchburn, counsel for Mrs. Johnson, had produced a number of witnesses in rebuttal. It was while Joseph LaMora was giving his testimony as to how his children had been taken from him by the juvenile court, that the women in the rear of the courtroom cheered so loudly that they were ordered from the room.

Grocery Orders Changed. Miss M. Chambers, a former employee of the juvenile court, was the principal witness against Mrs. Johnson yesterday. She testified that Mrs. Johnson had on a number of occasions changed grocery orders in such a manner as to secure more groceries than ordered and allowed by the court. She admitted that aside from that she had never found anything wrong with Mrs. Johnson's character, or the character of her children.

Mrs. R. E. Noudurant, a social worker, told of visiting the Johnson home on a number of occasions and of her endeavors to assist the unfortunate woman and her four children. She said the principal trouble was Mrs. Johnson's inability to pay her bills and her apparent unconcern regarding her financial matters. She said she had endeavored to have Mrs. Johnson procure work more than a year ago, but was unable to do so. She said she had felt all along that some day the court would be compelled to take the two daughters, Mabel and Gladys, from Mrs. Johnson. She said she realized that it was a hard matter for a mother to part with her children, but she felt it would be for the best interests of the children.

Children Not Properly Cared for. Similar testimony was given by Mrs. Alice Borthwick, also a volunteer social worker for the juvenile court. She amplified her testimony with the assertion that the one time she visited the Johnson home she found it to be untidy and the children not properly cared for.

During the closing hour of the case Mr. Ditchburn was reading from the Bible in his arguments in behalf of Mrs. Johnson. At his conclusion Judge Campbell remarked:

"Last week Judge Taxwell accused Mrs. Johnson of being an actress and Mr. Ditchburn said Judge Taxwell should have been a headcarrier. From my observations now I am inclined to believe that Mr. Ditchburn missed his calling when he failed to become a preacher."

The court requested the attorneys to submit briefs, and decision will be reserved until these written arguments are filed.

MAYOR TO GREET D. A. R.

OREGON DAUGHTERS GATHER FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Two-Days Session to Be Held at Benson Hotel—Mrs. F. M. Wilkins Mentioned as Choice for Regency.

The fifth annual convention of the Oregon Daughters of the American Revolution will be held today and tomorrow in the Benson Hotel. The registration and registration of delegates will begin at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Mrs. S. L. Abbe, regent of Willamette, the hostess, will welcome the guests and the response will be given by Mrs. F. M. Wilkins, of Eugene.

Mrs. Isaac Lee Patterson, state regent, who has conducted the affairs of the state chapters and has been successful in enlarging the scope and membership of the organization, will preside. Mrs. Patterson, who has been regent for three years, probably will retire and Mrs. F. M. Wilkins has been mentioned as the popular candidate for the high office.

Mayor Baker will address the Daughters at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Major E. E. McCammon, of the Signal Corps, United States Army, will speak tonight. The conference luncheon will be the important social event of Saturday. Many prominent women from out of town will be in attendance at the sessions.

CITY SELLING SMELT TODAY

Fifty-Pound Box of Fresh Fish May Be Bought for 85 Cents.

Today is smelt day on the Municipal Fish Market at Third and Yamhill streets.

The city's fishing schooner Joseph Pulitzer arrived in the city yesterday from the Lewis River, where she picked up about 70,000 pounds of smelt from fishermen. This will be unloaded at the fish market at 85 cents a box of 50 pounds, or three pounds for 19 cents. Also a small amount of salmon has been received and will sell for 25 cents a dozen, and hard-shell clams at 5 cents a pound. Orders for smelt are expected from all over the state.

OLD FIREMEN REINSTATED

Municipal Civil Service Commission Changes Former Ruling.

Owing to the present need for firemen in the city service, the Municipal Civil Service Commission yesterday decided to drop the bars and reinstate all men who have served before, provided they can pass a physical examination. Heretofore reinstatement has been refused when the person applying had been out of the service more than 15 months.

The board yesterday reinstated Ray C. Fisher, Ira C. McEwan, William A. Whitlow, basemen, and James Mallon and Claude M. Tackaberry, engineers.

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Meier & Frank's 1466th Friday Surprise Sales

Grid of 12 advertisement boxes for various goods like Women's Good Cotton Vests, Women's 75c-\$1.00 Middies, Child's Good Dresses Only, etc.

Large advertisement for Boys' to \$7.50 Overcoats Raincoats \$4.85, Kerchiefs 10c, and Surprise Sale Men's Suspenders 49c.

Large advertisement for A Friday Surprise Sale of Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose, Pr. \$1 and Copper Rim Wash Boilers.

Large advertisement for STUMEZE SAVES WOMAN FROM SURGEON'S KNIFE, including a testimonial and product information.

Large advertisement for VICTROLA For Your Old Piano, G. F. JOHNSON PIANO CO., including details about piano exchange and repairs.

PLAY IS DIVERTING ONE HIPPODROME'S MUSICAL COMEDY IS GOOD THROUGHOUT. Singing Is Excellent and Act Goes Over Rapidly. With Something Changing Every Minute.

Little Miss Foxy and attractive Minerva Eureka are synonymous and simultaneous and amount to the same thing. For Minerva plays the role of little Miss Foxy in the headline act, a musical comedy of that name, at the Hippodrome on the new bill. It is extremely diverting, with a chorus of pretty maids, Misses Reed, Nelson, Allen, Enlich and Bennett forming an animated musical and dancing background for the foxy Minerva and two clever chaps, Cyril Smith as a hero and Elmer Jerome as a gay-boy Uncle Bob. The act goes over rapidly and with something changing every minute. The singing is good and the comedy is quick and plentiful.

A Japanese act is a pulse starter. Koban, an alert, wiry, boneless chap from the land of the cherry blossom, is featured with his excellent company in a sensational act. Koban's surprise package for his startled spectators is peddling upside down on a bicycle which is balanced on a long pole, away up in the flies. This part of the act is really hazardous and exciting. The rest of the offering consists of clever acrobatic and juggling adventure. It is all staged beautifully against a marvelous embroidered drop, and the properties, too, are quite handsome.

FAT CONTENT TOO HIGH VALLEY CONDENSED MILK EXCEEDS ARMY REQUIREMENTS. Dairymen Meet at Amity to Consider Problem That Breeding Up Herds Has Raised.

SITKA SPRUCE IS RECEIVED First Shipment of Alaskan Airplane Timber at Seattle.

ALASKA IS CONSIDERED THE HOME OF SITKA SPRUCE some question exists as to whether the wood produced in the north is as acceptable as that grown in Washington and Oregon. It has generally been held that the Washington and Oregon product is superior. If the northern grown spruce is found fully adaptable to airplane construction a considerable supply can be added to that gotten out in the Northwest.

MAJOR CANCELS RESERVATIONS, PREPARING FOR LIBERTY LOAN. In order that the public Auditorium may be available for speakers of National prominence who are coming here during the Liberty Loan drive, Mayor Baker yesterday canceled all engagements heretofore arranged for the building between April 13 and May 1.