

### CONTEST FOR CHILD IS NEARING CLOSE

#### Vincent F. Wellner Pleads for Custody of Lad.

### CRUELTY CHARGE DENIED

#### Testimony Is Completed and Arguments of Attorneys Will Be Heard Monday.

"I'd give my life, my fortune for that boy. Why, that little chap is all I've got in the world," declared Vincent F. Wellner, pleading with County Judge Taylor yesterday morning for the custody of the child whom he never saw until coming to Portland and whose mother divorced him.

"A bank president couldn't do more for that boy than I would," he continued. "I'd give him my fortune now and work my hands off to get another fortune for him. If I had access of these proceedings taking place in far-off Bombay, India, you would find me there fighting for my son and birthright."

Presentation of both sides of the hearing in the effort of Mrs. Julia Larson, grandmother of 6-year-old Burton Donald Wellner, to adopt her deceased daughter's son, ended at noon yesterday. Arguments in the case will begin Monday morning at 9:45, Attorney Guy C. H. Corlies appearing for the grandmother and Attorney John Manning for the father.

#### Two Men Are Whipped.

Wellner denied on the stand that his reputation for being a drunk was deserved. He said he had only whipped two men in his life and they were a bartender and a friend of the bartender. Wellner said he overheard them on a ten-party telephone line using vile language concerning a woman. He testified that he interrupted their conversation, challenged them to a personal encounter and later "gave them a good trouncing, shaking them like rain."

Asked about an alleged attack on a niece in a comb which he was said to have driven a comb into the girl's head, he replied: "I never done that—there's nothing to it, nothing to it. I never done a thing like that in my life. Why, I guided that girl in the right way, advised her and raised her to be a useful and valuable citizen."

After her divorce from Wellner Mrs. Wellner was married again to a man named Walter Johnson. Johnson died of influenza, and after his death she passed away from the same cause. Both had been nursed at the home of "Mother" Larson. One side tried to show that Mrs. Larson had driven Johnson from her home after her daughter's death to a hospital. She testified that he was sent to the hospital under orders of his physician.

#### Insurance Policy Enters.

There was profuse testimony concerning the insurance policy which Johnson had assigned over to "Mother" Larson. It being contended by attorneys for Wellner that Johnson did this under undue influence and that he intended to make it in favor of his own mother, still living. The effect of this contention was lessened by Mrs. Larson's testimony that she had always said and intended to turn all left of the \$1000 policy over to Johnson's mother as soon as his estate was settled, and the unexpected corroboration of J. W. Johnson, a brother of the deceased, who testified that he had heard of this intention of Mrs. Larson.

All this testimony was far from the point at issue—in truth 99 per cent of the testimony had little legal bearing on the power of the court to award the custody of the child to the grandmother he has always lived with or to the father he has never seen. The real issue to be fought out Monday is whether or not it constituted legal desertion when Wellner failed to pay support money awarded the child after 1914. The attorney for Mrs. Larson contends that this forfeited the father's right to claim the child later.

### OREGON SENATOR TO HELP

#### RETENTION OF EMPLOYMENT BUREAU HELD IMPORTANT.

#### Portland Ad Club Receives Assurances of Assistance From the National Capital.

As the result of unanimous action taken at the last meeting of the Portland Ad club, Senator McNary has pledged his active support and championship to the continuation of the United States employment service and will work for an appropriation to enable the uninterrupted progress of the service.

Senator McNary's reply to a recent message from the Ad club was received yesterday as follows: "I am in favor of and shall work for an appropriation for the continuation of the United States employment service. Need for the retention of the service was set forth in the Ad club's original telegram to Senator McNary, when its members agreed to take a strong stand in support of the pending appropriation for continuance."

"Through splendid work in Oregon by the United States employment service," ran this message, "soldiers, sailors and all other workers, have been placed in employment. The abolishment of the service at this time would be a rank injustice to all workers."

"The federal employment service has handled the situation during the war and reconstruction period most efficiently, and has prevented unemployment, and so far, possible strikes. Its record entitles it to continued existence, and we ask and expect you to use every influence at your command in support of legislation permitting the continuance of the United States employment service."

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Sizes 36 to 46. A magnificent selection at \$44.85.

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## Boys' \$12.50, \$15.00, \$16.50

### Overcoats

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These overcoats are from our regular stocks and are shown in light, medium and heavy weights.

Serviceable materials in light and dark gray, brown, blue, green and tan.

Raglan, ulster, belted and a few pinch-back models. Some are full lined, others are lined to yoke.

All sizes 10 to 18 years. Excellent values at \$7.65.

## Our Great Sale of Boys' Suits

continues today. All from Winter stocks—reduced as follows:

- \$10.00 Boys' Suits Special at \$ 7.85
- \$12.50-\$15.00 Suits Special at \$ 9.85
- \$20.00 Boys' Suits Special at \$14.85
- \$25.00 Boys' Suits Special at \$18.75

The most wanted styles and colors. All sizes 7 to 18 years.

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Chiffon and scroll borders. Brown, navy, taupe and purple. \$2.00 to \$2.50 values, \$1.49. The \$2.75 to \$3.50 values, \$2.25.

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## Toiletries

- Onglance, for nails and cuticle, 10c.
- Cutex Nail Preparation, 63c-33c.
- Cutex Manicure Sets, \$1.50-50c.
- Lustrite Nail Preparation, 25c.
- California Citrus Cream, 25c.
- Woodbury's Facial Cream, 25c.
- B. F. D. Peroxide Cream, 25c.
- Sem-Pray Jo-Ve-Nay, 40c.
- Creme d'Meridior, 45c and 25c.
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## Of Interest in the Girls' Shop

### Great Sale of Dorothy Frocks

A broken assortment of high-grade Dorothy dresses of fine quality chambray, Japanese crepe and serge. Straight-line, high-waisted and gumpie styles. Trimmed with feather-stitching, hand-embroidery, etc. Two illustrated. Sizes 6 to 16 years. \$21.00 to \$42.00 dresses, special \$5.95 to \$25. None on approval.

### Dresses

Jack Tar and other good makes of regulation dresses of white line, chambray, jean, Belgian cloth and khaki twill. With and without yokes and pleats. Large collars, cuffs and pockets. 6 to 16 years. \$4.95 to \$10.45.

### Dresses

New Bob Evans regulation style dresses made of excellent quality white jean with navy or cadet blue collar and cuffs and white braid trimming. Pleated skirt. 6 to 14 years. \$4.95.

### Dresses

Children's attractive dresses made of serviceable quality gingham in pleasing plaids, stripes and plain colors. Sizes 6 to 14 years. \$1.47, \$1.98 to \$7.50.

### Aprons

Children's slipover style aprons of light dotted and figured percale and plaid gingham in good colors. Finished with braid and pocket. 4 to 12 years. \$1.98.

### Skirts

Children's and misses' middy skirts made of Belgian cloth and chambray. Pleated style. With and without muslin waists. 6 to 18 years. \$3.98 to \$5.

### Middies

Women's and children's Bob Evans middies just received. Made of excellent quality jean in all white and white with blue galatea collars. \$2.50 and \$2.98.

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Jack Tar middies made in regulation styles with serge, flannel and galatea collars. Sizes 6 to 16 years and 36 to 42 bust. Specially priced at \$1.98 and \$2.98.

### Smocks

New smocks of fine white beach cloth with touches of hand-embroidery in colors. Large collars, fancy pockets and belts. Sizes 36 to 42 bust. \$5.98.

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## Neckwear

Among recent arrivals in our Neckwear Shop are the following:

### Frillings

We have a large stock of frillings for round and square neck collars and cuffs to be worn with dresses and suits. All of the most wanted shades are shown—Victory red, overseas blue, old rose, beige, navy, white and flesh. Plain and Van Dyke edges. Yard 50c to \$2.75.

### Filet Collars

Real Filet collars in several different patterns. Roll style. \$5.69 to \$5.50.

### Collars 75c

Regularly 95c. Satin roll collars with fringe and button trimmings.

### Guimpes \$1.75

Regularly \$2.75. Georgette crepe high neck guimpes with tucks and embroideries in white and cream.

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## Specialized Apparel for Misses and Small Women

### An Important Feature of Our Spring Apparel Displays

Box suits and bloused effects in a wide range of lovely materials and colors grace our new apparel assortments for misses and small women.

Charmingly developed on becoming youthful lines, these new garments cannot fail to delight all who see them.

Many are braid trimmed, with fancy collars and vests in bright-hued silks of tricolette, pongee, Roshanara crepe and silk twill. One illustrated.

Modestly priced—\$35 to \$65.

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## Fishing Tackle

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As you know the salmon fishing season is drawing nigh, now is the time to rejuvenate your old tackle or to select new fishing tackle so as to be in readiness when the season opens. If you want a complete new outfit or pieces to "fill in" your old outfit—MEIER & FRANK'S is the place to supply that want.

We have complete stocks of rods, reels, lines, hooks, etc.

### Special

Salmon spoons, sold elsewhere at 20c each, dozen \$1, each 10c. \$10 All-Wool Sweaters, for golf and other uses, \$5.95.

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