COMPLAINTS CHARGE SIMS WITH LARCENY

Bungalow Promoter Accused by Alleged Victims.

BLUE PRINTS EXAMINED

Identical Plans Found Attached to Contracts, Though Houses Are Various in Sizes.

Three complaints alleging the larceny of amounts totaling $400 were issued by District Attorney Evans yesterday against S. Sims, erstwhile promoter of the Bungalow Builders, 230 Stark street, on the representations of persons who believed they had been victimized. Ten complaints might have been issued if deemed necessary, as there were that many persons in the office of Mr. Evans to present claims against the man, whose operations have been under quiet investigation during the last week by the Portland Realty board and the better business bureau of the Portland Ad club.

In comparing contracts which were presented for the scrutiny of the district attorney yesterday, Charles W. English of the better business bureau discovered that blue prints attached were with identical cross-sections and elevations, though the houses which they were supposed to fit varied from four to seven rooms in size.

Larceny Is Indicated.

In every case reported, the supposed victims paid sums ranging from $10 to $300 to Sims, either to cover the cost of abstracts or to apply on the purchase of lots. The contract in every case was worded so that the money appeared to have been paid on the contract to build, and the contract period not yet having expired there was a legal problem presented in issuing criminal complaints.

Where the complaints were given, the complainants asserted that Sims had taken their money for the specific purpose of applying it on the purchase of real estate, which was not done. This, held Mr. Evans, would constitute larceny by bailee.

Sims has disappeared and the only intimation that he intended to carry out numerous contracts drawn up is said to be the hiring of contractors to excavate basements for some of the houses, though they have stopped all work, it is thought, on failure to locate Sims.

Advertising Is Investigated.

Investigation of his advertising and activities was made independently by Mr. English and Fred Brockman of the realty board, when complaints were made to them. It was discovered that he was offering to construct handsome bungalows at prices ranging from $1800 to $2600, estimates far too low for the pretentious plans under present building costs, it was thought.

Sims' proposal was to permit those taking out contracts with him to pay $50 to $200 in cash and $10 to $30 a month on the contracts. In some cases he accepted small initial payments to cover abstract costs. The money he was to furnish for the building was to cost the homeseekers only 6 per cent. Investigators say that such interest is lower than can be obtained anywhere else at this time.

Complainants Are Listed.

It is not known that Sims actually has purchased any lots as yet, though it is said that he has gone through the motions of so doing.

Those who signed complaints yesterday and the amounts they seek to recover are E. J. Kuchler, 461 Roselawn avenue, $100; Viola Lowe, 861 Williams avenue, $100, and E. F. Watson, 1618 Brandon street, $200.

Among others who signified their willingness to sign complaints if necessary were Mrs. G. W. McCollum, 1228 Rodney avenue; H. Present, 388 Cable street; Mrs. L. L. Davenport, 1228 Rodney avenue; I. W. Batchelier, 882 East Everett street, and C. C. Hansen, 872 East Pine street.

LIQUOR HOLDING COSTLY

SAUVIES ISLAND HOMESTEADER FINED $100.

Case of Scotch Whisky Unloaded From Passing Steamer Found Hidden on Premises.

Percy Gillihan, homesteader on Sauvies island for many years, pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of liquor and was fined $100 by District Judge Hawkins Wednesday.

A case of Scotch whisky was unearthed on the Gillihan farm by deputy sheriffs Tuesday night. It had been stowed away in a chicken coop, under a false floor in the pump house and in a hay mow. The liquor was unloaded from a passing tramp steamer.

The search for others said to have been implicated in the importation of the liquor continues. Gillihan's defense was that he had hidden the liquor at the request of a friend and that it was his first offense. The sheriff's office had no evidence that he had been assisting in any systematic liquor importation in the past.

As Gillihan has considerable stock on his farm and is the only person on the ranch, Deputy District Attorney Pierce recommended a heavy fine instead of a jail sentence.

DR. BOWMAN AT ALBANY

Convocation Exercises at College Inaugurated by Portland Pastor.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—With convocation exercises in the First Presbyterian church, at which Dr. H. L. Bowman, new pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, was the principal speaker, the school year at Albany college was formally opened Tuesday night. A reception at Tremont hall followed.

Registration and matriculation of students has been in progress two days and class work began yesterday.

"Campfires and College Life" was the subject of Dr. Bowman's excellent address. This was the first service of the kind at Albany college, but it is planned to make it an annual event.

NEW LOCATION
Kirk's Military Shop
61 SIXTH ST., CORNER PINE

SOCIETY NEWS

MRS. EMILY N. JORDAN of Berkeley is visiting here after an absence of several years and is being cordially welcomed and extensively feted.

In compliment to the visitor Mrs. Don Zan was hostess on Wednesday. Mrs. H. C. Webber entertained in her Irvington home on Thursday at an attractive tea.

A luncheon given by Mrs. Albina Page was another smart event and today Mrs. J. W. Bickford will entertain for Mrs. Jordan.

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KELSO, Wash., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Miss Bernice Ely, a popular young lady of this city, and Captain T. Dinsmore Upton were married last Thursday at the home of the bridegroom's parents at Lake Harbor, Muskegon, Mich. Mrs. Upton is a daughter of the late W. P. Ely, prominent Cowlitz county citizen and of Mrs. Mellie Ely Roach of Eugene, Or.

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Miss Dorothy Blodgett is the guest of Miss Ruth Catlin. Later Miss Blodgett will go to San Francisco to visit friends.

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Miss Aileen Brong, who has been abroad for the summer, has arrived in Quebec and will visit in Boston before returning to Portland.

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Mrs. Lander Martin and Mrs. Paul M. French are heading the reception committee at the Harding-Coolidge headquarters, where an informal at home is held each afternoon. Several prominent women will assist today.

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Miss Doris May Sawtell has announced her engagement to Dr. Lyle A. Baldwin. As the guests, Portland friends and college friends of the bride-elect arrived at her home for an afternoon tea recently. They were presented with pink Russell roses bearing the names of the betrothed couple by Miss Dorothy Webster.

Miss Sawtell attended the University of Oregon and is a member of Sigma Delta Phi sorority. Dr. Baldwin attended the University of California and is a graduate of North Pacific Dental college and a member of Delta Sigma Delta fraternity. During the recent war he served a year in France.

The wedding is planned for some time in February.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sawtell and her announcement party was on Wednesday of this week.

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H. C. Wortman will leave tonight for New York and other eastern business centers where he expects to remain about two months.

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Tonight will mark the opening social affair of the Portland Heights club. A bright season, with many attractive dances, will begin with this festive gathering.

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Mr. and Mrs. Warren Erwin gave a delightful dance last night at their Laurelhurst residence, honoring Lucile Evans and Urban F. Diteman Jr., whose marriage is Saturday evening's notable event.

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After being entertained at many charming teas and luncheons, Miss Gertrude Moule has returned to her home in Arizona. She was the guest of Mrs. L. Ward White and Mrs. John Forest Dickson.

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Among the popular girls leaving for the University of Washington is Miss Hazel Wiedner. Her mother, Mrs. Frank Wiedner, accompanied her on the trip.

Women's Activities

TODAY the Portland Woman's club will hold the first meeting of the season in the ballroom of the Multnomah hotel at 2 o'clock. Greetings by the president of the club, Mrs. Charles E. Runyon, and an interesting programme will follow the business meeting. George Natanson will be soloist and Miss Anne Shannon Monroe will tell of "The Tendencies of Present-Day Writers." The reception will be in charge of the social committee of which Mrs. N. U. Carpenter is chairman.

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Representatives of the Portland P. E. O. chapters, will have luncheon together at Olds, Wortman & King's tea room, today at 12:30. All resident and visiting P. E. O.'s are invited.

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Portland Railroad Woman's club will hold their first meeting following the vacation, this afternoon at 2 o'clock in room E, central library.

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PASCO, Wash., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Miss Glenn, a field worker for the Salvation Army, was in Pasco yesterday doing preliminary work looking to the organization of the county for the purpose of raising $1500 during what is to be known as opportunity week, October 7 to 17. The people of Franklin county hold the Salvation Army in high esteem and it is believed that this drive can easily be put over.

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HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—The Hood River chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its annual meeting and election of officers at the Commercial club Saturday afternoon. During the past year the Red Cross chapter has supported the public health department, under the direction of which the public health nurse operates. The work, it is stated, will probably be continued next year.

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HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—The Hood River Woman's club will initiate the 1920-1921 season Wednesday evening, September 29, with a reception for valley women. The committee in charge is arranging for a programme for the occasion.

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Mrs. Henning Carlson was hostess at luncheon Tuesday, complimenting Miss Glen Shope, bride-elect. A bowl of English marigolds centered the table at which covers were placed for Miss Shope, Miss Marie Adams, Mrs. Eli R. Pershing, Mrs. Spencer Chapman and the hostess.

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Mrs. Frank A. Byers (nee Ethel Luke), and little daughter Jane, of Seattle, are visiting Mrs. Byers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Luke, of 580 East Ninth street.

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A meeting of the Democratic Women's club will be held tomorrow at 2:30 P. M. in room A, Central library. Anne Shannon Monroe will speak on an interesting subject and Miss Edna Ferguson will be soloist, accompanied by Miss Ruth Agnew.

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Chapter A, P. E. O. Sisterhood, will be entertained with their first luncheon at the home of Mrs. Richard Adams, 480 East Twenty-fourth street North, tomorrow at 12:30 o'clock.

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The Portland Delphian club will hold the first meeting of their fall term Wednesday, September 29, at 10:30 A. M. in room G, Central library. An invitation is extended to all who are interested and members are urged to attend.

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A rummage sale is to be staged by the Young Women's Christian association, October 14. They are still collecting articles for the sale and anyone who has any old clothing or furniture are asked to call the Y. W. C. A. and they will call for same.

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Plans have been completed for the Community Service dance to be sponsored by the B'nai B'rith girls Saturday evening, September 25, at the B'nai B'rith clubhouse. Among the patrons are: Mr. and Mrs. Josph Shemanski, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Emory, Mr. and Mrs. Einfred P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Sig Lippman, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Swett, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Holcomb, Miss Lucia Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Joyce.

If the weather permits an interesting programme is in readiness for an all-day Sunday outing, September 26, at Sellwood park. An invitation has been extended by the young people of Community Service to all interested in community service as well as their families and friends.

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BAKER, Or., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Miss Anne Martinson of Iron Mountain, Mich., will arrive in Baker about October 1 to assume her duties as secretary of the local Young Women's Christian association, succeeding Miss Vera Pride, who resigned while in the east on her vacation.

Miss Martinson comes with the highest recommendations and the directors feel fortunate in securing her services. She is a recent graduate of the Boulder, Colo., Y. W. C. A. training school and has had successful experience in leadership work.

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OELWEIN, Ia., Sept. 23.—Miss Ella Pratt, 22, of Walla Walla, Wash., a senior at Cornell college here, today was ordained a minister by the Davenport district of the Upper Iowa Methodist Episcopal conference.

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Several delightful surprises are to be presented at the dinner of the Women's Advertising club this evening at the Hotel Benson. J. F. Langoe and E. N. Strong will be the speakers of the evening. Miss Goldie Peterson will be soloist, accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Chatten. Hazel Linney will present her birthday talk. An invitation has been extended to members of the Portland Ad club, the Business Woman's club and other guests. For reservations phone Broadway 25.

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One of the largest meetings of the Daughters of Isabella since its organization was held Tuesday evening at Cathedral hall. After the regular business session a social hour was held in honor of Genevieve Ryan, worthy grand regent, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, vice-grand regent, in recognition of their service in making the Daughters of Isabella beach cottage at Seaside the past season a success.

Among the honor guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gorman, who recently conveyed a tract of land at Elsahurst on the Columbia river to the daughters to be used by them for a vacation camp.

Lovely baskets of yellow and purple flowers—the Daughters of Isabella colors—were presented to Miss Ryan, Mrs. Kelly and to Mr. and Mrs. Gorman.

A musical programme was given and refreshments were served.

Today's Club Calendar.

Women's Ad Club, Benson hotel, 615 P. M.
Franklin Parent-Teacher association, dancing party, school assembly, 8 P. M.
Williard W. C. T. U., Mrs. G. B. Pratt, 1007 East Fifteenth street, 12 o'clock.
East Side Lavendar Club, Branch No. 2, East Side Business Men's Club, 1 o'clock.
The Portland Woman's Club, Multnomah hotel, Ballroom, 2 o'clock.
The Delphian Matrons, room G, Central library, 1:30 P. M. Exhibition of the Keramic Club, Central library.

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LEGION WARNS PUBLIC

EX-SERVICE MEN BECOME VICTIMS OF FRAUD.

Publication Solicitors Secure Subscription on Plea of Helping Get Bonus.

Co-operation of the better business bureau of the Portland Ad club and citizens generally to prevent the perpetration of a fraud on ex-service men of the city in the name of the national "bonus" legislation pending before congress is asked by James R. Bain, vice-commander of Portland post of the American Legion in an open letter.

Publication solicitors have been actively engaged in obtaining subscriptions by using the plea of helping to secure a bonus for ex-service men, declares Mr. Bain.

"One of the methods that has been worked is to stop a man who wears a service button," he said, "and ask if he believes in the bonus; if he does, to sign on the line indicated, which line turns out to be a subscription to a magazine. Another method is that of getting them to pay so much for a magazine on the strength of sending petitions to the congress of the United States.

"As far as the American Legion is concerned it is actively engaged in a fight to secure the passage by congress of the adjusted compensation act, commonly called the 'bonus bill,' and the local post is doing all in its power to secure its passage, but the American Legion in Portland recognizes but two official legion papers, one the national paper, the American Legion Weekly, and the other a local paper, the Pacific Legion.

"The national paper has no solicitors or agents in the field, and the local paper does not allow or take subscriptions through the promised method of securing the bonus.

"Another matter that I desire to call to your attention is that it has been reported that solicitors have gone to business men in this city claiming to represent the American Legion, and asking for donations of $50 with which to decorate graves of fallen comrades in France. This is absolutely false, as the American Legion has out of its own funds taken care of the decoration of these graves, and has no solicitors out for this purpose."

Strike Would Affect Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—The threatened strike of coal miners, who demand that increases in wages recently granted be made retroactive to August 16, would affect all mines in this vicinity, with the exception of those at Tono. The Washington Union Coal company, a subsidiary of the Union Pacific and owner of the Tono mines, has agreed to the demand.

Holstein Breeders to Picnic.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—The next picnic trip of the members of the Lewis County Holstein Breeders' club will be spent October 7 in a visit to the various herds of the northern portion of the county in the Hanaford and other valleys. A feature will be a picnic lunch. Several such trips have been made, and visits have been made to the farm homes and herds of most of the members in the Chehalis and Newaukum valleys, with most profitable results. E. A. Donaldson is secretary of the organization and a large attendance of members and friends is urged.

French women are taking up football, the strenuous English rugby now having a great vogue with them.

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Reading, Pa.—"I had organic inflammation, pains in the side and back which were so sharp that they pulled me to my knees, and I could not walk. I had an operation and still I failed, and in the eight years I suffered I had four doctors and none helped me. My mother-in-law advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I was then in bed, and after the first bottle I could be out of bed, then I took Vegetable Compound Tablets and Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Medicine and also used the Sanative Wash. I still take the medicine and am able now to do my own housework. My friends say, 'My! but you look well—what do you do? Who is your doctor?' And there is only one answer, 'Lydia E. Pinkham's medicines which I gladly recommend.'"—Mrs. Wm. Stein, 560 Douglas Street, Reading, Pa.
Gainesville, Tex.—"For three years I suffered untold agony each month with pains in my side. I found only temporary relief in doctor's medicine or anything else I took until my husband and I saw an advertisement of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I mentioned it to a neighbor and she told me she had taken it with good results, and advised me to try it. I was then in bed part of the time, and my doctor said I would have to be operated on, but we decided to try the Vegetable Compound, and I also used Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash. I am a dressmaker and am now able to go about my work, and do my housework besides. You are welcome to use this letter as a testimonial as I am always glad to speak a word for your medicine."—Mrs. W. M. Stephens, 202 Harvey St., Gainesville, Texas.
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