DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO DISCUSS DIVORCE

Infidelity May Be Urged as Sole Cause of Action.

CURB DECLARED NEEDED

Walter H. Evans Says He Will Try to Get State Association to Recommend Law Changes.

Proposed amendments to existing divorce laws which will tend to curb the ever-growing divorce evil in Oregon will be discussed and recommended by the district attorneys of Oregon at a meeting of the state association to be held in the office of District Attorney Evans on January 13 and 14.

The prosecuting attorneys likewise will consider proposed changes in prohibition laws in order that state statutes may be in better conformity with federal laws.

That the divorce evil is one which must be seriously considered and curbed, if possible, was the statement yesterday of District Attorney Evans. At the coming meeting of district attorneys Mr. Evans will suggest that the state law be so amended as to make a statutory offense possibly the sole cause for granting divorces in this state.

"In case children are involved, I would suggest that in case the father is the offending party he be required to post a sufficient bond to insure the support of the children until they have reached maturity. In case he is unable to furnish this bond, I would have the children made wards of the state. If this were done, couples with children would not be so eager to rush into the divorce courts.

"I would also make it impossible for the offending party to a divorce suit to remarry. Under existing laws either party can remarry after six months, but if the laws were so drafted that the offending party would be unable ever to marry again, I am certain that divorce suits in this state would be materially diminished.

23 COUPLES TO MARRY

LICENSE BUREAU IS BUSY WITH HOLIDAY RUSH.

Wedding Presents and Christmas Gifts to Come Simultaneously for Many Brides.

Christmas will have a double meaning in 23 homes, and 23 husbands will not forget the date of their wedding anniversary, for 23 couples yesterday took out marriage licenses in Portland. Wedding presents and Christmas gifts will arrive simultaneously for the following:

HOPP-BROTEN—Henry Hopp, legal, Aurora, Or., and Hilda Broten, legal, 1892 Endicott street.

HILDEBRANDT - LARDON — Howard Hildebrandt, legal, 762 East Pine street, and Phera K. Lardon, legal, 762 East Pine street.

HOLOWELL-LUMSDEN—Orlan E. Holowell, legal, 805 Sandy boulevard, and Ima J. Lumsden, legal, 22 East Twenty-eighth street.

GOMER-HARTUNG—William Gomer, 27, Broadway hotel, and Minnie Hartung, 24, foot of Miles street.

HERTZLER-SCHUMAN—Alfred W. Hertzler, legal, Seattle, Wash., and Clara Schuman, legal, Portland.

LOCKWOOD-KING—Roland M. Lockwood, legal, 535 East Broadway, and Sarah P. King, legal, 485 Multnomah street.

HOOVER-ELSEA—Russell E. Hoover, 27, 641 Tacoma avenue, and Viola Elsea, 21, 229 East Thirty-fourth street.

ROGERS-FIELDS—William D. Rogers, 29, Dwaco, Wash., and Blanche Fields, 20, 1119 Michigan avenue.

MARTIN-CONDON—William B. Martin, 26, Ridgefield, Wash., and Ethel I. Condon, 18, 1233 East Twenty-ninth street.

KENNY-CUMMINGS—John Adams Kenny, 27, Y. M. C. A., and Ethel Hayes Cummings, 27, Fifty-second street.

HART-BURRUSS—George Thomas Hart, 28, Astoria, Or., and Winifred Carmon Burruss, 26, 327 Broadway.

PFERDNER-WHITE—Paul L. Pferdner, legal, 948 East Taylor street, and Mary E. White, legal, Lisnton, Or.

FISH-MEAD—Virgil Fish, 28, 112 East Sixth street, and Metha Isabel Mead, 19, 112 East Sixth street.

SHERSON-JOHNSON — Samuel James Sherson, legal, Bridal Veil, Or., and Lena M. Johnson, legal, 475 East Forty-fifth street North.

LEE-OLSON—Philip Tyner Lee, legal, 505 Union avenue North, and Olga Irene Olson, legal, 390 Russell street.

ALEXANDER-ASTIN—Paul W. Alexander, 27, Seattle, Wash., and Mamie Astin, 22, Portland.

SCHWEIZER-WATERHOLTER—Albert Schweizer, No. 7, 305 Eleventh street, and Sophia Waterholter, 29, 337 Stanton street.

PUCKETT-BATES—George W. Puckett, 22, Raymond, Wash., and Nettie Bates, 21, 587 Front street.

FREEMAN-SHANNON—Leslie Freeman, 21, 961 East Thirty-sixth street North, and Beatrice Shannon, 21, 470 Davenport street.

ARMANTROUT-GREENWOOD—Charlie E. Armantrout, 31, Olympia, Wash., and Pansy Greenwood, 31, Portland.

LUNDSTROM-SUTTON—Albert Lundstrom, legal, 300 East Forty-eighth street, and Myrtle I. Sutton, legal, 1249 East Taylor street.

YOUNG-CRAIGE—Howard J. Young, 20, 495 Clay street, and Violet L. Craige, 20, 734 Ivan street.

STARNS-CHINN—Charles Starns, legal, Hood River, Or., and Louella Chinn, legal, 285 Fourteenth street.

YULETIDE CHEER IS KING

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the Red Rock dairy, a Washington county concern that is not unknown in the broader marts of trade, distributed a whole truck load of rosy apples, supplemented by cottage cheese sandwiches, to a riotous crowd of newsboys. And it should be noted here—as it was there—that the cheeks of the smiling young woman who aided him were hued like a flush on a very fine apple, and that it was admirably evident that beholders were not contemplating cosmetics.

Dinner Baskets Given Poor.

Another event of yesterday was the distribution of Christmas dinner baskets by the Salvation Army, from its hall at 143 Ash street, while scores of minor enterprises, conducted by organizations and private citizens, were afoot throughout the city.

Eric V. Hauser, host of the Multnomah hotel, entertained all theatrical folk, resident in the city or temporarily marooned here, at his jolly dinner party for thespians, held late last night. There, too, were the Hippodrome folk, entertained at dinner by Manager "Bill" Ely, and who later joined the throng about Mr. Hauser's festal board.

Sixty youngsters from the Fruit and Flower Mission day nursery enjoyed an early visit with Santa Claus and a big feed of ice cream and cake and other Christmas "fixin's" at the Northwest Auto company headquarters as guests of the big automobile concern. The event is an annual one with the Northwest Auto company, which acts as host to some group of youngsters each Christmas season.

The children were welcomed at the Northwest Auto headquarters at 2 o'clock, candles on the big tree which had been erected in the center of the showroom were lit, and the big Christmas time was in progress. After refreshments, and plenty of them, had been served, Santa Claus, in the person of Charles Vogler, made his appearance, bringing with him toys for every youngster present.

Although the annual Christmas party is one of the most looked forward to events on the year's calendar to Fred W. Vogler, president of the Northwest Auto company, and originator of the Christmas party idea with the firm, the event was held yesterday without Mr. Vogler being able to attend. He recently left for a trip to the middle west and, according to word received from him, is spending his Christmas day on the train en route home from Chicago.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon, in the great dining hall of the Chamber of Commerce, Tommy Swivel will be host to some hundreds of children at the finest Christmas dinner ever served in Portland—all the way from turkey to dessert. And there will be a tree—don't forget—and entertainers and lovely ladies to sing entertainingly, and the best of good times for all.

The rush and hustle are stilled, the aisles of the Christmas stores are lonely—and probably glad for that—while Portland, at home with the children, celebrates Christmas as it should be celebrated. And that is quite enough tribute to one day—all the tribute that can be given. Wishing you, one and all—

"Merry Christmas!"

Reception Held at Library.

Yesterday afternoon, in the children's room at Central library, several score little folk were entertained with a wonderful Christmas tree, a great blaze roaring in the fireplace, while Miss Beatrice Doty, the "story lady," brought the traditions of Christmas near to her eager listeners.

Today's events are not so numerous, perhaps, but they are of even wider scope than those of the "day before Christmas." There is, for instance, the tremendous municipal tree this forenoon, 11 o'clock, at the auditorium, where members of the Portland lodge of Elks will entertain with gifts and nuts and candy several hundred youngsters. And the Shriners, also, will carry holiday presents and greetings to 300 children.

Toys to Be Distributed.

Following its regular custom the management of the Hotel Portland will distribute toys, candy and fruit to all children who call this afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4. The distribution will be made from the big Christmas tree in the lobby, a real honest-to-goodness Santa Claus acting as master of ceremonies.

CHRISTMAS SCENES OF YESTERDAY WHEN THE SPIRIT OF YULE ENTERED THE CITY.

Upper—Newsboys at Sixth and Alder streets, where a big-hearted dairyman distributed cheese sandwiches and rosy apples. Lower—How Christmas came to Waverly baby home, with a truly tree and real Santa.

FIR TREES SHIPPED EAST

Christmas Demand Requires 250,000 Sent From Tacoma Alone.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—The demand for Christmas trees is so extended that a regular business has been built up here in supplying them to all parts of the nation. It is estimated that 250,000 fir trees, ranging in size from two feet high, to be used as table ornaments, to large trees 40 feet tall, have been shipped from here for Christmas festivities.

One local company shipped 20 carloads of trees, some of them going into sections where fir trees abound, but where the Christmas tree business has not been developed. Most of them went to the middle west. Some were sent to Shanghai, Honolulu and ven to South America.

Ediefsen's wish you Merry Xmas. Adv.

SANTA VISITS CHILDREN

PORTLAND AD CLUB HOST AT CHRISTMAS TREE.

Little Charges at Home Receive Gifts of Toys, Candy and Games Amidst Yule Surroundings.

An old-fashioned Christmas party with all the time-honored trimmings, was given for the 40 little folk at the Children's home yesterday afternoon by the Portland Ad club.

At 2 o'clock the children were ushered into their large playroom, which had been made the shrine for a big Christmas tree covered with shining ornaments and decorated with tiny electric lights. Then Santa Claus, in the person of E. N. Strong, distributed the gifts. The boys and girls of the institution had written to Santa about the particular gifts they wanted most of all, and through the co-operation of Mrs. A. G. Ramsey and other wives of Ad club members, the wish of every child came true at the tree. In addition to these special presents, toys and games, boxes of candy, and sacks of fruit and nuts were given out.

After the Ad club party had left, Elizabeth M. Parry, superintendent of the home, let the children change from their "Sunday best" outfits, worn at the ceremonies, to comfortable play clothes. The rest of the day was spent in the fun of trying out the new toys and eating the holiday good things.

The celebration did not conclude the Christmas activities at the home. The children hung up their stockings last night, and this morning they will find them filled with more presents. And tonight the youngsters will attend the municipal Christmas tree celebration, sponsored by the Elks, at the auditorium.

OLD CUSTOM TO BE REVIVED

Community Service Plans to Have Candles Burn in Every Home.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Revival of the old English custom of burning lighted candles before windows on Christmas eve is being urged by officials of Aberdeen Community Service. It is planned to have a lighted taper before a window in every home in Aberdeen, to guide carolers on their pilgrimage about the city.

Over 150 carolers will make the rounds this year, staging their final sing of the evening before a community Christmas tree in the business section. Automobiles will be provided for their transportation.

A community hall at White Star was dedicated last night. Lumber for the hall, which will be a town social center, was donated by the White Star Lumber company, and employes of the company contributed their labor. The feature of the dedication was a Christmas tree festival.

McMINNVILLE IN GALA ATTIRE

Five Thousand People Gather to Join in Christmas Festivities.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Tree lined streets and varied colored lights greet all visitors to this city this week, for McM'nnville is having a genuine old-fashioned Christmas. A large Christmas tree has been placed at Liberty square and brilliantly illuminated with red, white and green lights and a white electric star placed at the top. A small fir tree stands every 20 feet along both sides of Main street and the side streets.

Five thousand people gathered from all parts of the county Wednesday night to listen to a band concert by the McMinnville Boys' Band and the singing of Christmas carols by a vested choir of 100 students from the junior and senior high schools under the direction of Miss McNaughton, director of music for the city schools. The choir marched up Main street in sections singing and then gathered around the Christmas tree and sang several selections. The performance was repeated last night.

FEWER GIFTS SENT ABROAD

Tacoma Residents Not So Generous to European Relatives This Year.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—Residents of Tacoma this year almost abandoned the role of Santa Claus, which for several Christmas seasons they have been playing to relatives and friends in Europe, according to post-office officials. There has been no repetition of the heavy mail shipments of 1918 and 1919.

Fully one-half of the packages sent from here were addressed to Germany. Many contained food and in addition to the addresses bore the direction, "If undeliverable, for the poor."

Tree of Light Again to Shine.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—The annual "tree of light" will again shine in one of the public parks here as the central attraction of the municipal Christmas celebration. The tree will be lighted Christmas night and a community fellowship meeting will gather around it. On Christmas day choirs from various church and civic organizations will sing carols on the streets, not forgetting those ill in hospitals and those in confinement in the city and county jails.

Two More Scout Cruisers Building.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—Two more scout cruisers, sister ships of the Omaha, launched here December 14, will go down the ways at the Todd plant here early next year. They will be named the Milwaukee and the Cincinnati. These scout cruisers, capable of 25-knot speed, are designed to dart at an enemy, inflict damage and escape. The navy department is keeping secret the details of their armor. The Omaha, Milwaukee and Cincinnati are expected to be as speedy as any warships afloat.

Christmas 1920

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BEND'S CHRISTMAS IS WHITE

Five Inches of Snow on Ground. Community Programme Held.

BEND, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Bend prepared for the coming of Christmas tonight with a community tree programme in which the churches of the city, the two big milling companies, and the women's civic league joined. Gifts for 1000 children were distributed.

Many in Bend planned to attend solemn high mass at midnight at St. Francis' Catholic church. A five-inch snow, which fell last night and this morning, assured a white Christmas here.

Elks Get Giant Tree.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A fir tree 40 feet in height yesterday was cut on the banks of the McKenzie river and brought to the city by B. F. Russell and John T. Bogart, members of the committee from the Elks lodge in charge of the Christmas exercises to be held by the lodge. The tree was erected in front of the Elks' temple and will be decorated with electric lights. The exercises will be held in the street and a large number of children will receive candies, nuts and other presents.

Business Men Raise $300 for Tree.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Cosmopolis schools closed yesterday with appropriate Christmas exercises and a Christmas tree for the children, to which business men contributed a fund of over $300.

RAINY HOLIDAY FORECAST

TAIL END OF STORM DUE, SAYS WEATHER MAN.

Gift of Sled to Small Boy Mistake, Should Have Been Pair of Rubber Boots.

If you bought the small boy a sled, you made a big mistake, according to Weather Man Wells. If he is to use his gift Christmas day it should have been boots or an umbrella. Portland will experience the tail end of a storm today, according to a statement by the weather bureau last night. This storm has been raging off the British Columbia coast for several days and has whipped up a 60-mile breeze along the Oregon and Washington coasts for brief intervals, but most of the low-pressure area had moved inland last night. Portlanders today may expect showers and the rest of the customary symptoms of the breaking up of a storm.

Although the temperature last night was lower than for a week or more, there is not a chance for snow, says the weather bureau.

Evidence that the weather has been kicking up out in the Pacific ocean somewhere was found yesterday in an unusually heavy sea reported from North Head. Reports from the mouth of the river were meager, because the weather bureau's wire was down all day.

First Prune Queen Married.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Miss Fay Vance, 22 years old, who was Queen Fay I, of the Vancouver prune harvest festival, was married today to William G. Meniece, 27, of Underwood, Wash. Miss Vance is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Vance and has been living at 914 East 26th street, this city. The witness in securing the license today was R. Litchfield.

Tubing and molding of several forms are made from flat strips of metal at high speed with a machine invented in Ohio.

WHITE SLAYER LYNCHED

25 Masked Men Force Way Into Texas Jail.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 24.—Tom W. Vickery, a white man held on a charge of murder in connection with the killing Monday night of Jeff C. Couch, a policeman, was taken from the county jail here shortly after midnight by a mob and hanged. Several shots were fired into his body.

Twenty-five masked men entered the jail and overpowered the jailer and his assistants. Opening Vickery's cell, the mob removed the prisoner, clad only in night clothes, to a grove near the packing house district and swung him to a tree. After firing a few shots into the body, the mob dispersed.

Vickery was 30 years of age and a chauffeur. Policeman Couch answered a call from a garage Monday night to arrest an alleged intoxicated man. The officer was shot when he arrived at the garage. Vickery was arrested.

Ediefsen's wish you Merry Xmas. Adv.

IF every one of us would do to the other fellow as we would be done by, what a happy world this would be.

In This Spirit I Wish You All a

Merry Christmas

BEN SELLING

Yuletide Greetings

THE season's blessings be with you. May your heart be full of the gladness which, after all, is the Spirit of Christmas.

The crust of human selfishness, of world-hardened indifference is but a thin covering over the fathomless depths of kindness, charity and goodwill beneath.

A Very Merry Christmas to You and to Yours

The United States National Bank
Sixth and Stark