

WOUNDED VETERAN TEMPTED, FALLS

Drug Habit Taught on Battlefield Is Conqueror.

PACK OF "DOPE" STOLEN

Ed Thornton, Overcome by Heat During Floral Parade, Yields When Seeking Aid in Store.

Gassed, shell-shocked, a victim of the terrible drug habit as a result of his hospital treatment on the battlefields of France, pitiful wreck of what had once been a human being with more than usual daring, Edward Thornton stood before Judge Ekwall in municipal court yesterday, charged with larceny.

He had stolen \$5 worth of narcotics in an east side drug store to ease the horrible craving that seized him.

Faint from standing hours to watch the floral parade, he had entered a drug store for treatment. He saw the package of narcotics, was tempted and fell.

Wife, Baby Company.

Thornton lives in Seattle. He was on his way to San Francisco to attend the Disabled Veterans' convention. With his wife and baby, he stopped over in Portland to view the Rose Festival.

It was to be the event of a lifetime for the wife, this trip, for the Thorntons do not have much money, and Thornton wanted her to have a little pleasure.

The charge was larceny and the potential outcome, jail.

Judge Ekwall, himself a war veteran, pondered the case. On one side was John Mowry, assistant district attorney and ex-soldier. On the other was Walter Gillard, also a war veteran, representing the American Legion.

The eyes of Thornton, shifty eyes of the confirmed drug user, wavered from one to the other as he awaited the outcome. His nervous hands jerked constantly, and on his face was a leer that was meant to be a smile.

Thornton, ex-Criminal.

Before the war Thornton was a criminal; he did not try to disguise the fact. He was adept at his trade. Six times he was caught; six times he served in jail and prisons.

Then came the war. Thornton enlisted in the aviation corps and was sent overseas almost immediately. At Chateau-Thierry he was gassed and shell shocked. He was taken to a base hospital. There three times a day narcotics were injected into his system to relieve the unbearable pain. For months he lay on his back; when he was discharged from the hospital he had acquired the "dope" habit.

In spite of that, when he returned to his home in Seattle, Thornton tried to go "straight." He married. The girl knew his past record, but she believed in him and she wanted to help him.

Path Difficult One.

It was hard work for Thornton to follow the straight and narrow path; his past was against him, and the old longings for him, once or twice he slipped.

Fifteen months ago the baby came. Money was scarce in the Thornton family and good times were rare. When the Disabled Veterans' convention was scheduled for San Francisco, though, Thornton determined to go.

He had money enough to take his wife and baby as far as Portland to see the Rose Festival; then he could go on to San Francisco, "be his way, while the wife and baby returned to Seattle."

The crash came on Friday, the day of the floral parade. For months Thornton had been fighting the drug habit alone; he had not told his wife, for he thought it might worry her should she know.

Aid Sought at Store.

The heat and the long wait on Grand avenue for the parade, proved too much for Thornton. He became faint and sought aid in a drug store at Grand avenue and Morrison street. When the druggist's back was turned, Thornton slipped a small package of narcotics.

A quick movement, and the pack was in his pocket. But the druggist had seen the loss. As a result Thornton was taken to the city jail, while he passed the convention days while his buddies gathered in San Francisco.

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OREGONIAN SILVER CUP FOR BEST ROSES FORMALLY PRESENTED AT CEREMONY AT GRESHAM.



PRIZE CUP IS PRESENTED

THE OREGONIAN TROPHY IS GIVEN TO GRESHAM.

Reward Is for Best Display of Roses Made by Any Community at Late Rose Show.

"The awarding of this beautiful cup and of other cups to the communities having the best exhibits in the rose show should be an incentive to every family in the city to grow roses," said H. H. Haynes, chairman of the district rose exhibits committee, in a speech at the presentation of The Oregonian first prize cup at Gresham yesterday.

Mr. Haynes heartily praised the work of the branch librarians of the city who had been the directors of the rose contest in the various districts of Portland, and of Miss Nellie Fox, librarian in charge of Portland branch libraries. "This new spirit of competition and enterprise has started a great work which will make Portland the great rose center of the world. Portland will be known all over the world for the quality and quantity of her roses," he said.

Jesse A. Curry, vice-president of the local and the national Rose society, presented the cup. "Portland is already internationally known for her roses," he said. "I have written 1156 letters in the last year answering questions of rose growers from as far away as China and Australia."

Mrs. Maxwell Schneider received the cup. "It is with warm pleasure that we accept The Oregonian trophy," she said. "Gresham will try always to be ready to respond to a call for roses, for any cause that will advance the well-being of Portland."

Gresham won first prize at the district exhibit with a score of 98 for her roses. First prize was the silver cup donated by The Oregonian. The second prize was a silver cup donated by Frank Riggs, a prominent Rosearian and a member of the Portland Rose society, with a score of 95. Third prize was won by Peninsula with a score of 94.5. This was a silver cup given by the Portland Rose society. The fourth prize, a silver cup, was donated to Arleta by H. H. Haynes because it ranked only half a point under Peninsula.

Many interested rose growers of Gresham were present to see the presentation of the cup for which they had worked so hard. John Brown, an enthusiastic rose man, declared that not only did Gresham possess the finest roses shown in Portland, but that it had all the qualifications—water, light, transportation lines, etc.—necessary to make it the logical site for the 1925 fair.

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JANITOR CHANGE VOTED

SCHOOL BOARD TO TRY OUT NEW PROPOSAL.

Instead of Present Contract System, Workers Will Be Employed on Salary Basis.

After a discussion of the proposed change in the janitorial system of the school buildings of Portland, the board last night voted to institute experimentally the new plan, whereby janitors will be on a flat salary basis, working only eight hours a day.

It was declared the board will try out the new plan in eight schools, and if it works it will be extended to cover the whole district. Predictions were made generally last night by janitors who attended the school board session that it will not work out as economically as the present contract system.

H. Peterson, secretary of the janitors' association and custodian of Benson Polytechnic, said 70 per cent of school janitors belong to the association, which is a unit for the present plan of operation. He quoted figures extensively, comparing costs here with those in other cities, the advantage being with the present contract plan of janitorial service.

The suggested change in janitor system has been under consideration by the board for several months, and was planned to meet the cut of 20 per cent in janitor costs advised by the tax conservation commission. Some of the directors last night thought it unjust that wages of janitors should be chosen by the tax officials to save the district's money and Director Thomas suggested that the tax commission be defied and its recommendation be disregarded, provided the experiment does not work out as hoped.

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