

TINVEST SHOP SHUT, OWNER IS TOO FAT

Proprietor Weighs 100, So Store Must Be Enlarged.

NO SPACE IS WASTED

\$250,000 Jewelry Business Done Annually in Little Piece-of- Pie Shaped Place.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The smallest store in the world has been closed for alterations because the proprietor had gained five pounds. He now weighs nearly 100 pounds and a watchcase had to be removed from the wall to accommodate all of him.

The store, which is one of the freaks of Times square, is the jewelry shop of Milton Lubin, on the west side of Seventh avenue, five steps south of 43d street. It is not only the smallest store in the world, but it pays the highest rent in the world in proportion to its space.

Two workmen were able to get in at once, but if one moved at all the other had to step on his feet. Deducting the space for the window display, the inside of the shop is a triangle five feet by three and a half. Lubin has one employe, H. Stetson, a slender young man, who stated that his title was "general manager." They keep different hours, however, and only one is in the shop at a time. Neither can sit down. The man behind the counter and the customer in front must stand up when they do business in this shop. The counter is a mahogany apron on rollers. It has to be swung out if the man behind it turns around.

The mahogany apron has to be moved in order to enable the proprietor or the general manager to take off his coat and hat, there is no ordinary place for it. The lights and fixtures take up all the room on the floor. The shop is normal in only one dimension and that is the height of the ceiling. There is some overhead space, and they have rigged up a coil form on a pulley. During the hot period this pulley is let down, the coats are hung on the form and the hats on hangers and the coils rolled out. The place behind the counter has always fit too tightly, in spite of the sparseness of the two men, and they have rubbed caluses on their shoulders, according to Stetson.

Annual Business Is \$250,000.
The rent for this place is \$600 a year. The rent in the world in proportion to floor space. In this little triangle, according to Stetson, \$250,000 worth of business is done annually. It recently weathered a heavy setback when a previous "general manager" who had been engaged largely on account of his microscopic physique, was robbed of all the jewelry he could lift. More than \$60,000 worth of jewels disappeared on that occasion.

The jewels were then kept in a safety deposit vault and carried through the streets to and from twice a day. But after that it was deemed necessary to keep them on the premises. There was no apparent room for them. Plans were discussed for bolting this up to the ceiling, where the free space was comparatively vast. This was considered too dangerous, and a small safe was finally built in under the window display.

"There is only a bit of black glass between the safe and the sidewalk. When a man stands in front of the place his hand is only a few inches from \$60,000 or \$70,000 worth of jewels. There is a stout safe there, it is true, but this is not considered the chief burglar protection. The facts that there are plenty of people around Times square every hour of the day and that there is no room in the shop for a burglar to work in are considered the chief protection.

No Space Goes Begging.
"It takes a special training to work in this place," said Stetson. "For instance, if you or a customer happens to drop a jewel I have to take the counter off to stoop and pick it up. You can't even stoop in it as it is. If the jewel rolls into a corner I have to move the counter to one side and coil up on the floor with my feet out in the doorway to pick it up."

"I have to keep in constant training to be slim enough to work here. It is very uncomfortable after a full meal. I take constant exercise and diet carefully."

"Mr. Lubin wished to employ H. T. Graves, who is considered the best jewelry salesman in New York, but it proved to be a physical impossibility, because Graves weighs 200 pounds.

into the shirt shop next door or the Hotel Hermitage.
"Most of the purchasing from jewelry salesmen from Maiden lane has to be done on the sidewalk. If I am dealing with a customer, Mr. Lubin always does his business with the salesman in one of the neighboring shops."
The shop handles nothing but diamonds, platinum and a few precious stones, very thin watches and almost invisible chains. Some of the diamonds are of gigantic size and as much out of place in the tiny mart as a skyscraper on a small-scale Japanese landscape.

Cheaper jewelry could not be handled because it would "eat its head off" in the matter of rent, the cost of warehousing it at the exorbitant rent being more than the value of the jewels. Diamonds, emeralds and platinum are practically all that will pay their way.

When a woman with an escort comes to buy a jewel the most that her "company" can do is to stand in the doorway and growl at the prices. According to neighboring tradesmen, fat clients have tried unsuccessfully to wedge their way inside, but have been felled by the slice-of-pie shape of the shop and have conducted their business on the mall-order plan.

There used to be another element of smallness about the shop and that was a sign in the window which said "Small payments." But this is all over.

"We found it was too much trouble running after them," said Stetson.

The shop will be closed three days because of the slowness of the painter and carpenter in doing their work on a watchmaker's scale.

KIWANIS SESSION OPENS

OREGON MEN GET PLACES ON COMMITTEES.

Organization Aims to Help Underprivileged Child, Says International Head.
OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—The single objective of Kiwanis this year is "a square deal to the underprivileged child." George H. Ross, of Toronto, Canada, international president of Kiwanis, declared at the opening convention here tonight. The registration of delegates passed the 500 mark early in the afternoon.

Helping to mould public opinion, as distinguished from emotional public clamor, along right lines, is the work of Kiwanians, M. A. McDonald, of Vancouver, B. C., told the convention delegates in his address. Public opinion rules nations and the world, he declared, and to rule rightly public opinion must be sane.

The opening convention session following the address of welcome by Mayor C. H. Bowen and response by Ben C. Nichols of Victoria, for the resolution of delegates passed the 500 mark early in the afternoon. Resolutions and nominating committees were appointed. The resolutions committee includes Stephen L. Miller, Seattle, chairman; C. C. Laney, Spokane; P. M. Troy, Olympia; C. O. Nicholson, Yakima; G. W. C. Winn, Tacoma; Mark Graham, New Westminister; Fred Miller, Colfax; Dr. M. H. Smith, Astoria; Gus Metz, Everett; Thomas Nell, Pullman; and Carl N. Stockwell, Aberdeen.

On the nominating committee are Lester M. Leland, Portland, chairman; Walter M. Walker, Victoria; George Cunningham, Vancouver, B. C.; Sam G. Lampling, Seattle; Charles A. Rose, Olympia; Charles A. Oman, Tacoma; Dr. R. M. Tennant, Spokane; and L. Barnum, The Dalles.

Election of officers, adoption of resolutions and selection of the next convention city will mark the close of the convention proper tomorrow afternoon. The annual banquet and ball will be held tomorrow night.

Traffic Conditions Improve.
SALEM, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the law enforcement bureau of the state motor vehicle department, returned here last night from southern Oregon, where he spent a few days observing traffic conditions. Rafferty said it was apparent that most of the motor vehicle operators are attempting to obey the traffic regulations and arrests for violations are decreasing.

JACKSON MEN FIGHT RAID INDICTMENTS

Legality of Grand Jury In- quiry Attacked.

ANSWERS ARE IDENTICAL

Demurrers Contend That Facts in Six True Bills Fail to Con- stitute Crime.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Demurrers have been filed by attorneys in the circuit court at Jacksonville to six of the indictments returned by the special grand jury investigating the night riders' activities in Jackson county last spring against Howard A. Hill, J. F. Hiltson, Dr. J. J. Bray, Bert L. Moses, J. Alexander Norris and Thomas Goodie. The defense attorneys are John A. Jeffries of Portland and George A. Coddling, H. A. Canaday and G. C. Borgia of this city.

The following allegations are given as the basis for the demurrers: That more than one crime is alleged in the indictment. That the grand jury had no legal right to inquire into the crime charged, because it is not triable within the county.

That the indictments do not substantially conform to chapter 7, title 18, Oregon laws.

That the facts stated do not constitute a crime.

All the demurrers are identical and one was filed for each count alleged in the true bills. According to Rawles Moore, district attorney, the demurrers will be argued as soon as Circuit Judge Calkins returns from his vacation about September 1. The defendants were indicted on charges alleging riot, assault and extortion.

The demurrers were described by the district attorney as "shoestring affairs," because they cover every legal point raised, embraced in the indictments. It is probable that Assistant Attorney-General Liljeqvist, who conducted the investigation, will return to argue the demurrers, but this has not been definitely decided. If the demurrers are sustained, the indictments are automatically quashed, and if overruled, the defendants will be required to file pleas after which will come the legal red tape incidental to setting of a trial date.

KLANSMEN WILL FACE TRIAL

Motion to Dismiss Indictments Against ex-Officers Denied.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 21.—There is enough evidence in the case against G. W. Price, former tiegale, and W. S. Coburn, former grand goffin of the Ku Klux Klan here, to justify submitting it to a jury. That was the ruling of Judge Frederick W. Houser, presiding at the trial of these two and 34 others here today, when he denied motions to dismiss the indictments against them. Judge Houser said from the bench that the cases against Price and Coburn were not strong but that there was a bare possibility that there was enough in the case from which an inference might be drawn. He said he did not want his ruling to be taken as a precedent in cases of future motions in the same case.

The defendants are all charged by indictments with felonies alleged to have been committed in the course of a masked raid on the home of the Eldayen brothers at Ingleswood near here last April. The state closed its case last week and motions to dismiss followed.

Another motion was presented on behalf of J. G. Baum, another defendant, and argument was begun. When court convened for the afternoon session Judge Houser denied the motion to dismiss as to Baum and the defense proceeded with its case.

Property Returned to Testerman.
Echoes of the murder of J. H. (Buck) Phillips, who was shot and

BUSINESS HARVEST HIT DURING WEEK

Harvesting and Factories Suffer From Strikes.

RAIL PEACE ONE HOPE

Coal Agreement Declared Dis- appointing Because Enough Is Not Being Mined.

BY HARDEN COLFAX.
(Copyright, 1922, by The Oregonian.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Rail and coal troubles hit business their hardest blow during the last week. Every report coming into Washington tells virtually the same story. Troubles besetting industry as the direct result of the prolonged strikes vary only in the degree of their acute

ness. From the harvest fields of the middle west to the great fruit-growing sections of the Pacific coast and the factories of the north, Atlantic seaboard activity slowed down. The only hope of betterment, according to reports to the government and to private agencies here, lies in a speedy settlement of the railroad situation and a quick and decided increase in soft coal production.

Coal Resumption Disappoints.
Contrary to the general belief, the soft coal mines have not resumed operations on the grand scale hoped for. The "treaty of Cleveland," signed this week by the warring coal operators and their strike-leaders, leaves 450,000 men, or thereabouts, idle in the bituminous coal fields. Less than 15 per cent of the country's soft coal production signed the agreement. The other 85 per cent, with the exception of the non-union fields, is still on strike. Coal production has increased at the rate of about 1,000,000 tons a week. To insure hand-to-mouth requirements, it must increase at least 2,000,000 tons more, and to prevent a serious shortage of soft coal this winter it should increase at least 5,000,000 tons more weekly.

Indiana and Illinois mines, as well as those idle in central Pennsylvania, are expected to resume operations within ten days. The great producing field in the Pittsburgh section is not going to sign the agreement unless there is an unanimous change of heart among its operators. Neither will the operators of western Ohio, Lincoln, southwest-Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and nearby fields—will generally refuse to sign up on the basis of the Cleveland agreement.

Fields Now Wholly Union.
Within the next three weeks these fields may reasonably be expected to attempt operations on a non-union basis. They are at present almost wholly union. The report has been widely distributed among striking shippers that the railroad labor board stands five to four against the restoration of seniority rights in the present situation and would vote accordingly. That may explain in part the brotherhood's unwillingness to have the issue placed before the board for decision. There is nothing authoritative, of course, to the report, any more than there would be to a report that the supreme court of the United States stood five to four on a certain case yet to be decided, but it is generally believed among the shippers.

Developments of the week included an order to divert thousands of tons of coal from the non-union fields to the northwest. This coal, which was badly needed in the territory supplied by the mines, is still more badly needed, or will be, in the northwest, and must be sent there while the Great Lakes, over which it is transported, are navigable.

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VALUATION OF PROPERTIES IN CITY \$566,538.25.

Partial Report of Surveyor Is Submitted Showing Estimates of Various Plants.

Portland property owned by the city water bureau is valued at \$566,538.25, according to a partial report made to Commissioner Mann yesterday by E. C. Willard, who is making a valuation of all properties of this bureau.

The valuation reached, it is pointed out in the report, is based upon appraisals made by Strong & MacNaughton, estate managers. All values are on the basis of the price that would be paid by a willing buyer to a willing seller, with no recognition given to the so-called "public utility" factor.

The properties within the city are classified by Mr. Willard as follows: Used and useful in the operation of a bureau, \$166,757.15; not used at present but held as reserve operating property, \$175; non-operating or investment property, \$110,497.50.

The schedule of "used and useful property" is as follows:
Mount Tabor reservoir site, \$178,172; All the reservoir site, \$178,850; Portland Heights reservoir site, \$500; Council Crest stamp site, \$1700; Willamette Heights reservoir site, \$100; Billingsme stamp site, \$200; Fulton park stamp site, \$7000; St. Johns stamp site, \$221,175; upper Linnton reservoir site, \$500; Whitford reservoir site, \$400; lower Whitford reservoir site, \$400; in his office, \$12,975; Albina office site, \$1175; Albina warehouse site, \$23,175; submerged pipe line rights of way, \$49,900.

FISH COMMISSION ACTS

Testimony to Be Taken on Pro- posed Amendment Today.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Taking of testimony in the case brought by the state fish commission to prevent the secretary of state from placing on the ballot at the November election a constitutional amendment initiated by G. G. Green of Oregon City will start in Portland tomorrow. The testimony of 71 witnesses already subpoenaed by the court will be taken by a referee appointed by Judge Bingham Saturday.

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Human Stock to Get Prizes.
BROWNSVILLE, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—In addition to prizes and premiums offered to the winner of stock and agricultural exhibits, the management of the Calapooia valley fair, to be held here September 15 and 16, will award prizes for the oldest couple present, the best looking woman, the man with the longest whiskers, the ugliest man, the prettiest girl, under 15 years, the largest family, and the prettiest baby present.

TRIPLE PENALTY IS PAID

BOOTLEGGER LOSES LEG, HIS AUTO AND \$100.

T. C. Wilson of Baker, Or., Pays Heavily for Persistent Violation of Prohibition Law.

T. C. Wilson, Baker, Or., bootlegger, pays for his violation of the national prohibition law with a leg, an automobile and \$100. Nara and a policeman's bullet took the leg. Judge Wolverson added the \$100 fine yesterday and Assistant United States Attorney Baldwin is proceeding to confiscate the automobile.

Wilson, charged by prohibition officials with being a persistent violator of the dry laws, was arrested in Baker on the night of July 21 by Sheriff Peterson and Patrolman Pierce of the Baker force.

Wilson put up a fight, slugged the sheriff twice, leaped from his automobile and started down the street. The officer fired, the bullet striking the fugitive in the leg and inflicting a wound that will render the leg useless for the rest of Wilson's life. The automobile, containing 110 quarts of imported whiskey, was seized by the officers.

Wilson still in the Baker hospital, appeared in federal court yesterday through his attorney and pleaded guilty of violating the prohibition law. The facts of the case were told Judge Wolverson by Mr. Baldwin.

"Of course, if the man lost his leg, it was his attempt to resist arrest that was responsible. I must punish him for violating the law. But, in view of the circumstances, I will impose a fine of \$100," the judge said.

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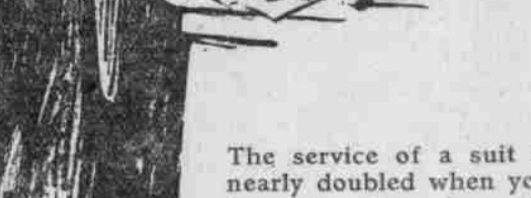
BUDGET MEETING TODAY
State Institution Heads and Commissioners to Meet.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Heads of the various state institutions will confer here tomorrow with members of the state budget commission, with relation to proposed improvements and expansions during the next biennium starting January 1, 1923.

Judging Contests Are Today.
ALBANY, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Stock judging contests for Linn county boys and girl club members have been arranged for tomorrow, when sheep and Shorthorn cattle on the Felzer Brothers farm, Holstein cattle on the Ashton farm, Chester White hogs probably on the Brummer place and Jersey cattle on the Henry Stewart ranch will be



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