CAN'T AGREE ON BUTTER

JURORS IN DANIELS CASE DECIDE TO DISAGREE.

Municipal Courtroom Filled With Eloquence and Aroma of Short-Weight Rolls.

The case of W. N. Daniels, who is charged with selling short-weight butter, was haggled over in the Municipal Court yesterday morning. Two hours were con sumed in taking testimony and regaling the jury. The jury debated the question behind closed doors for some time, and finally agreed to disagree. The first ballot was one for acquittal, and the second was two for acquittal. Mr. Daniels will

have a new trial next Tuesday morning.
Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey,
who made the charge against Mr. Dantels, brought two boxes of the contra-band butter into court. He also had a pair of scales wherewith he hoped to weigh out justice. The butter was somewhat the worse for its advancing age, but its volatile aroma was inhaled by counsel on both eldes, and breathed out again into elo-quent and touching appeals to the jury. Mr. Bailey weighed the butter in court. The aroma, though heavy, did not weigh anything, for the rolls were between two and three ounces short of the "32 ounces,

full weight," stamped upon them.

Prosecution was conducted by Deputy
District Attorney A. C. Spencer, and defense by Henry McGinn and H. H. Em-mons. Mr. McGinn and Mr. Spencer did not forget the amenities of the occasion, but handed each other several bunches of complimentary remarks. Mr. Spencer did not forget that Mr. McGinn is a candidate for State Senator, nor was Mr. McGinn entirely oblivious of the fact that Mr. Spencer's chief is in the race for Gov-ernor. Mr. McGinn also had a few left-handed compliments for Mr. Bailey and

his deputy, F. G. Cutlip.

A number of dealers and manufacturers in butter sat in the grandstand seats. They were very much interested in the outcome of the case. The blanched seriousness of the trial was kept flushed with humor, however, and spectators vied in a grinning-match.

Butter Was Short Weight.

was perfectly clear that the butter which was in court, and which Mr. Dan-lels had for sale was short weight. The evidence centered in whether Mr. Daniels was responsible for the short weight, whether the rolls could shrink two or three ounces after they were made, and whether defendant knowingly sold short-weight butter as full weight. The law to which Mr. Balley appealed was as fol-

Each square or roll of butter kept, exposed or offered for sale in the State of Oregon, which is represented to contain one pound in weight, shall contain full 16 ounces; and each square or roll of butter kept or offered for sale in the State of Oregon, which shall be represented to contain two pounds in weight, shall

ontain full 32 ounces. It shall be unlawful to place on any article of food ... any brand or mark containing any false statement ... as to the character, quality or grade of such article offered. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly have in his possession for sale, or sell or offer for sale any article of food, drink or medicine bearing any label, brand or mark false in any

Bailey Denies Shrinkage. Mr. Bailey denied that butter could shrink from two to three ounces in the few days that the contraband butter had been made. He showed that the butter had not shrunk any since Monday, a length of time longer than that between the date of manufacture and seizure. He declared that full-weight butter could diminish only half an ounce in three weeks. His deputy testified that good butter had only 11 per cent of water in it, and that therefore the rolls in court could not have shrunk two or three ounces.
"How much salary do you get?" queried
Mr. McGinn.

Nine hundred dollars a year."

Who pays it? "The State of Oregon?"

"How much does the Food and Dairy Commissioner get." not know, and looked ap-

"How much is the expense account of the office?"

Butter-Maker Takes the Stand. Mr. Cutlip again looked at his chief. After a few other questions had been asked to provide amusement, C. M. Elspass, the manufacturer of the butter, took the stand for the defense. He was a pert witness, and faced the tran voice of "Did you pay the fine?" asked Mr.

"Because I was a chump, I could have best 'em."
"Who made this butter?"
"I did."

"Was it full weight when it was made?"

"Do you ever put into a roll enough utter to make up for shrinkage?" "If I did I should soon be out of busi-

"Do you mean to say a roll can shrink "I can make a roll that will shrink four ounces."
"Does not Daniels send butter back to

you when it is short weight?"
"No, sir." "Does he ask you whether rolls are long

or short weight?" "You represent a roll to be 32 ounces.

Does that mean anything?"
"The butter was full weight when it left

"As a matter of fact, then, your business is a sort of hit-or-miss proposition, and you count on general results? Is that it—ch?"

The negative debaters asserted that W. N. Daniels, the defendant, testified Americans misjudge the Chinese, because

that Mr. Bailey weighed up the Elspass butter and pronounced it full weight. Mr. Bailey denied this, saying the butter he had weighed was from California.

"Don't you test to see if you are get-

ting ful weight from the creamery? asked the prosecution.
"No, sir."
"Do you suppose you could detect if

rolls of butter were three ounces short?" "You paid a fine several weeks ago for

selling process butter?"
"Yes, sir." 'Will you pay any more?"

"That's the way with everybody," put in Mr. McGinn. "They are learning it is easier to resist Balley than to submit to Jury Decides to Disagree.

The jury filed away to the antercom after the final arguments, and reappeared half an hour later with a grim look. "Have you agreed upon a verdict?"
asked His Honor.
"We have not."
"If the jury cannot agree, it will have

to be discharged."

The jury grinned, for it was time to eat.

The case will be fought out again Tues-

day morning.

TO GO ON STRIKE MONDAY Union Laundry Workers Want More

All union laundry workers in the city, about 275 in number, will go on strike to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, because their employers refuse to recognize their union and to grant an increase in wages. According to the employes, the increase asked amounts to about 8 per cent on the present rates. The decision to go on strike was reached last night, at a prolonged meeting of Shirtwaist and Laundry Work-ers' International Union, No. 99, held in the A. O. U. W. building, and there was a large attendance of young men and

women.
The meeting took place behind closed doors, and at its conclusion one of the officers made this statement to an Orego-nian man: "The dispute in which we are engaged has been debated for more than one month. Committees from our union have conferred with the Federation of Labor, and all the parties interested on both sides have discussed the question, without coming to an agreement. The main issue is whether or not our employers shall recognize our union, and pay a slight increase of wages, amounting to an advance of about 8 per cent on present prices paid. The whole matter was referred back to the local union, with power to act, since no agreement could be reached, and we have taken final action. The meeting unanimously decided to order a strike Monday, April 28, at 7 o'clock A. M. Messrs. Powell, Anderson and Havens were appointed as a press committee, and picket committees were appointed to stand outside the various laundries. We have 275 members in our union, and there are about 296 workers. Nine laundries will be affected—the Pacific, City, Star, Union, American, Novelty, Troy, Dalton and Opera-House."
The order to strike given to all union

laundry workers will not be a surprise to the general public, and many people have prepared for it by having their usual and surplus laundry done these past two weeks. Many young men interviewed said last night that they had got "tips" as to how matters were going from girls employed in the various laundries, and as a consequence those who were forewarned have more clean shirts and collars to their credit than they have had for many months. What those people who live far away from home and have to depend on laundries will do, if the labor difficulty is not settled, remains to be seen. Sev. eral young men are sertously thinking of "doing" their own laundry work. The Chinese laundrymen are jubilant over the stustion, and it is understood they are getting extra recruits from various towns

in order to be ready to take care of the extra wash this week.

One employer said yesterday that he expected a strike would be ordered in all union laundries, that he and his friends were opposed to recognizing the union be-cause it would not be possible to secure enough union help during the busier Summer season. The employers profess to be able to get all the help they wish in a day or two.

VANCOUVER WINS DEBATE High School Orators Speak on Chinese Exclusion.

The Vancouver High School won from the To-Legelon Society, of the Portland the stand for the defense. He was a pert witness, and faced the "ra voice of Prosecuting Attorney Spri without a tremor. Last January he admitted that he had paid a fine at Eugene for selling short-weight butter.

"Did you pay the fine?" asked Mr. man and Clarence Wintler represented the affirmative on behalf of Vancouver; and Nathan B. Blackburn, W. F. Edwards and W. A. Dill held the negative on behalf of the To-Legelons.

Judge Alfred F. Sears, A. C. Newell, Judge A. L. Frazer, Dr. J. R. Wilson and Hon. George H. Williams acted as judges, and their votes were 3 to 2 in favor of the affirmative.

favor of the affirmative.

The addresses were well prepared and delivered in a pleasing and forceful man-ner, and had the contest been in oratory, the speakers would be deserving of high praise. As a debate, however, it was characterized by weak arguments. Statement after statement was made, yet there was no effort to prove their valid-ity. The affirmative speakers pictured in glowing terms the awful corruption in China and the want of character and principle in Chinese subjects, depending solely upon their own assertions to es-tablish this as a fact. No reports from Chinese missionaries, nor articles by men of authority who have studied Chinese character, were brought forth to strengthen their stand. They declared that the Chinese immigration was a vital question in the present labor problem, yet never offered to cite an authority in

A Startling Reduction



TAILOR-MADE SUITS

The regular \$27.50 and \$30.00 values.

A special line of tailor-made suits, the like of which has NEVER been sold at this price. All of this Spring's best styles, in the Eton and blouse effects; made of imported Venetian, Cheviot, Basket-weave, Etamines and Broadcloth; some with slik drop skirts, MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

Come in and look. Then you'll buy.

French Underwear

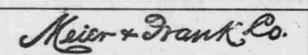


Our own importation -Just come to hand an entire new stock of the fine hand-made French Lingerie - Never were styles so pretty-Never have we shown so many The underwear department fairly teems with beautiful things in Corset Covers, Chemise,

Drawers, Gowns and Skirts, many of which are entirely new in style. June brides shou d do their selecting at the earliest possible moment while the variety is at its very best-There's hundreds of magnificent garments, ranging in price from \$1.75 to

La Grecque Corsets Come in 22

styles and made to fit any figure-For style and comfort they are unequaled-and making new friends every day. "Nazareth" Waists are the correct underwaist for boys or girls from 1 year to 14



"Vudor" Shades The best porch shade ever made-More serviceable than bamboo and the cost about one-half-Two colors-4-foot, 6-foot and 8-foot widths -All are 8-feet high-See them-(Third floor).

Wash Fabrics | Trunk Store



Here is probably the most important store feature of the spring and summer seasonover 200 feet of counter space devoted to the selling and variety larger than can be found in any other store west of Chicago -Some interesting values for Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday.

Embroidered Swisses at

Greatly Reduced Prices

45-Inch Embroidered Swisses in magnificent designs and colorings-very large variety to select from-all new high-class fabrics at following reductions:

Choice of the 65c grade at 55c yard. Choice of the 85c and 90c grade at 69c yard. Choice of the \$1.75 grade at \$1.23 yard.

Anderson Anderson's Famous Scotch Ginghams in wonderful array of desirable patterns and colorings, all this season's styles, your choice, yd.....

You can't find a single customer of our Trunk and Bag store who hasn't been thoroughly satisfled with his or her purchase — We sell the famous "Drucker" Trunks, world famous for their strength and durability—all sizes and styles in stock at all times-Suit Cases and Traveling Bags of every description-By far the largest Trunk and Bag store in the city .- (Third floor.)

Hammocks



The spring and summer Hammock display is now complete—A mammoth variety of all the new colorings and designs ranging in price from 75c up to \$5.00 each. (Third floor.)

CROQUET SETS in agreatmanygrades -handsomely painted

Garden Sets in ten styles-Prices from 10c up.

"Gendron" Go-Carts-40 styles-From \$4.25 to \$40.00 each-(Third floor.)

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Miss Hamrick

Of Chicago, the art expert, will be at our establishment a few days more giving free lessons on how to obtain pretty effects from the Venetian darning on canvas-Many ladies have taken advantage of the opportunity offered to purchase many of the artistic pieces she has on sale-(Third floor).

Department

week" in the cloak store-A week during which the profit pulse will cease to beat

Commencing tomorrow and continuing for one week we inaugurate a "gala ?

Choosing

a Carpet

Every lover of beautiful things for the house will enjoy a visit here. There is every grade of floor covering from Ingrains to Royal Wiltons, and scores of patterns in every grade. The new designs, the carefully woven figures and dainty blended colorings will please you. Come and let us unroll this wealth of Carpet beauty for your inspection. We might write a chapter on these new Carpets-the best collection we have ever shown-but it wouldn't tell you what the real seeing will. The offerings are so exceptional that we would be failing in our duty did we not urge you to at least examine them. We will cheerfully estimate on any work.—(Third floor.)

Lace Robes



of Lace Robes at sharp reductions from regular sellingprice Magnificent styles, and all new, this season's

Cream Lace Applique Robes - beautiful \$15.00 values for \$13.87

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prit, Grenadine and Chantilly. Black Spangled Robes.

Grand "Gala Week" in the Cloak



A scaling down of prices of many of the most desirable lines of ready-to-wear apparel for ladies that should crowd this department to its utmost every hour during the sale—There'll be no let-up in the great values from one day to another—A conin tans, Oxfords and grays-Styles are

tinuous performance of remarkably low prices that should interest every woman. Raglans Two great lines of Ladies' Raglans at wonderfully low prices-Cravenettes, fine mixtures and Venetians

> half-fitting back, loose back, triple cape and belt effects-All sizes-The best raglan bargain ever offered in the city-

Greatly Reduced \$20 line \$14.45 \$15 line \$10.45

300 dozen best quality Percale Wrappersbraid trimmed to form yoke front and back, ruffle over shoulder, full flounce skirt, all sizes 32 to 46. Also Lawn Wrappers in stripes with fancy trimmed white yoke with double ruffle on skirt, extraordinary \$1.49 values at.....

50 dozen black Sateen Petticoats, plaiting and ruffle or black Alpaca with deep ruffle of "Nearsilk" in assorted colors with deep plaiting \$2.39 and ruffle, great value

Bargains in Ladies' Suits-Silk Etons-Jackets

Walking Skirts Unequaled values for one week. 100 misses' handsome Walking Skirts

made of fine gray mixtures neatly stitched and very best workmanship, lengths 37-38-39, the \$3.95 regular \$7.50 values at.....

200 ladies' Walking Skirts in Oxford grays and blues with flounce, neatly stitched and well made, all sizes, extraordinary \$2.95 values for one week at ...



-Dress Skirts.

Gurney New Bed Department

Refrigerators

Are moderate in price and desirable in style. That's what makes them popular and that's why we sell them. It's not a day too early to think of buying one, if you want to enjoy it when the warm weather strikes us. All sizes, all prices. -(Basement.)

Peerless Ice Cream Freezers are superior to all others-A full line of sizes and at the correct price.



Tomorrow we open our new Bed Department on the third floor. For six weeks we've been watching for them to arrive, until now we are prepared to sell you any style of Iron or Brass Bed, from the cheapest to 😭 the best, at a reasonable price—In Brass Beds the hand-some styles indicate their superior character. Beds without criticism in any particular-inside or out. All 5 the new styles are in and ready—see them. These Beds are right in every way—in style, in stock and in finish -Most emphatically also right in price. Brass Beds-Twin Beds-Enamel Beds-Children's Crib:-All sizes and prices, from \$3.75 to \$65.00 .- (Third floor.) Mattresses, Springs, Biankets, Comforters, Pillows, etc.

Book Dept. All the latest Books at popular prices. "The Hounds of the Baskerville," the best Sherlock Holmes story Conan Doyle ever wrote-the best book of its kind ever written\$1.15

"PHALANX" TAFFETA SILK Warranted to give satisfactory wear-For this week we will sell the 27-inch, regular \$1.25 quality, for 99c yard. See the new effects in Black and White Silks.

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The Conqueror, by Atherton\$1.15

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we see only the poorer classes; that Chi-hese of standing possess many redeem-ing traits—yet never offered to quote from those who are familiar with life in China. PERSONAL MENTION.

> colitician of Baker City, is at the Im-R. Smith, a prominent Eastern Oregon lumber man, is registered at the Port-land from Perry.
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> F. S. Harding is in the city from Mc-

> > A. J. Gibson and A. B. Cooley, both of Pendleton, were seen in the corridors of Portland hotels yesterday.
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> > T. R. Hibbard, a well-known farmer of Silverton, Marion County, transacted business in Portland yesterday.

Rainier, was in Portland yesterday, and church, came down from Salem last evenwas a visitor at Democratic headquarters. Ing to spend Sunday in Portland J. D. Matlock, of Eugene, was in Port- Mrs. Martin Foard and daughter, Lola, of Astoria, are in Portland, the guests of Mrs. Frank Botefuhr and Mrs. Angus

> Frederick Warde and his company passed through the city yesterday, en route to Salem, where they appeared last Charles S. Fee, general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific Railway, is regis-

tered at the Portland from St. Paul, James F. Rath, of Paterson, N. J., past

tended yesterday's celebration. Rev. W. R. Winans, Sunday school

Enst Side Notes. The Soldiers' Monument Association will

Emily Ramona Kern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kern, died at the home of her parents, 862 Division street, Friday, Waldemar Seton, candidate for Justice

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Hugh S. Parcel was easily the star debater. He has a style of delivery and a command of language that are seldom

The position of the affirmative was outlined as follows: The Chinese are not progressive. They have practically stood still for 2000 years. The American people are the most progressive the world has known, and two such different types cannot be assimilated. The Chinaman has a very low scale of living. He can live in than exists in Portland today." found in high school students.

In speaking of the large number of Chinese that have been brought into our country by contract, one speaker said:
"It is stated on good authority," but forgot to mention the source of his informations from coming in, but should not re-The negative speakers held that an en-tire Chinese exclusion was unjust. There are some good Chinese. The United States tions from coming in, but should not re-strict them because they are Chinese. China has commenced to awaken and will soon be the field of a great commerce. Exclusion will place a barrier between the United States and China, and the

land yesterday. He returned home to-W. E. Grace, the well-known Democratic Cor.

Minnville. He is proprietor of the Yam-hill County Register.

grand of Falls City Lodge, No. 194, I. O. O. F., is in the city on a visit, and at-

hold a meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock at No. 64 Grand avenue.

of the Peace for the East Side district, is confined to his home, 740 Milwaukie street, with a serious attack of pneumonia The \$-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stronach died of scarlet fever at the home of her parents, 381 East Elev-enth street. The funeral was held yester-day afternoon at 2 o'clock.

missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Dr. O. D. Thornton. dentist, 500 Dekum,