

## HUSBAN BARRER LAWYER FOR PLOT

Fred Meier Declares Max Cohen Schemed to Separate Couple.

## JUDGE THROWS OUT CASE

Babes Save Cook From Sentence to Rockpile—Men Who Wielded Demijohn Fined \$10 Each. Friend Seeks Jail.

Accused of scheming to separate Fred Meier and his wife, who live at 631 Fifth street, Attorney Max Cohen received a grilling yesterday morning in the Municipal Court by Judge Bennett. Cohen, who is the witness stand, Meier was testifying before Judge Bennett. His wife had caused his arrest, charging him with assault and battery, and Attorney Cohen represented Mrs. Meier.

Mrs. Meier related on the stand that her husband had given her but \$20 in the last three months, and that he had treated her cruelly, resorting to blows on September 27, and on October 2. The two little children of the contending couple were present in the courtroom, having come with their father. They sat on his knees throughout the hearing.

During the testimony of Mrs. Meier, Attorney Cohen had pressed her with questions which had the effect of making Meier appear brutal. When it came Meier's turn to take the stand, he took his children off his lap and, after being placed under oath, turned upon his wife's counsel and scored him. He said:

"There is no trouble in this family. The trouble is all with this lawyer here, who is trying to bleed my wife of her money, my money, for I give it to her. You have tried to nag her on to separate her from me to induce her to get a divorce so that you might earn a fee. It is disgraceful the manner in which this man has meddled in my affairs." Meier's voice rose to a high pitch with passion, and Deputy District Attorney Hennessey cautioned him not to forget himself.

"I won't forget myself. I am here to tell the truth, and only the truth, and I am doing it. I never struck my wife in my life and this is only a part of the scheme. I have always treated her as a good husband and given her all the money I earned, and now to see it pass into the hands of such a fellow, it is too much. I gave her only \$20, yes, but that was for spending money. I paid all the bills."

Attorney Cohen offered to put Mrs. Meier on the stand to have her testify under oath as to the amounts she had paid him since she had engaged his services. Judge Bennett, however, did not consider this material to the case, and Mrs. Meier was not allowed to tell. It was brought out that Mrs. Meier had started suit for divorce and had later made up with him on the condition that he sign over to her the money and property valued at \$1000. Cohen, he said, was after this. Meier said he owned the house he lived in. Mrs. Meier stated her husband had locked the front and back doors of their house and that whenever she wanted to get in or out she was forced to resort to the windows. This was denied by Meier.

"I locked the front door only," said he. "The back door was open. I did this to prevent her from moving away all of my fine furniture. It's mine, all of it. I've paid for it. She tried it last week, one day, and I believe that it was part of this attorney business, too. Somebody telephoned to me and I went home and stopped it. I have kept the front door locked ever since, for fear she would steal the furniture. I left the back door open because it was so narrow the furniture could not be taken out that way."

Meier also said his wife would not cook for him or dress the children. He never complained of playing the part of nurse girl for them, he said. Judge Bennett interrupted the case and threw it out of court.

"I don't want to hear any more of it," said the judge. "If you people cannot do to her what she has to be bribed to get along with, and the man cannot be gentle with her, go to the divorce court. The charge of assault has not been sustained. Meier discharged his wife. D. H. Derrigan, a cook employed at the Eastern Grill, who lives at sixteenth and Overton streets, and who went on a drunken rampage at 11 o'clock Friday morning and alarmed the women of his neighborhood, escaped going to the rockpile for 30 days because he had a young wife and two little babies, the youngest only 1 month old, dependent upon him for support."

The testimony in the case showed it had required Sergeant Parker and Patrolman Henson to subdue and handcuff Meier to arrest him. Several women said Derrigan had insulted them by vile language. Derrigan's wife, a mere slip of a girl, carrying her youngest child, appeared in court and tried to aid her husband by one of those cases where, "This is one of those cases where," said Judge Bennett, "if I pronounce sentence upon the guilty, the innocent will also suffer. This man undoubtedly deserves 30 days on the rockpile, but if I do sentence him, his wife and babies will suffer. I will let him spend another day in jail to make him think over his misconduct, and will suspend sentence for the balance of the 30 days, if he is ever brought in here again he will serve out the 30 days at the rock cure."

In a free-for-all fight last Saturday night at the corner of Russell street and Union avenue, Louis Evans, an employee of the Pearl Laundry, and John Yost, one of the proprietors of a wood-yard near Hancock street and Union avenue, were beaten in the head by a demijohn, each sustaining severe injuries. When Patrolman Evert ran to the scene to prevent further violence, Evans and Yost bolted and made their escape. It took several days for the patrolman to learn the identity of the fighters. They were then arrested and bailed before Judge Bennett yesterday morning. Before they were brought into court each had accused the other of being the one who had used the demijohn as a weapon. After they were placed on the stand, however, they could not recall who had used it. They pretended not to know who were the other men mixed up in the fracas. They showed so clearly that they were unwilling witnesses that Judge Bennett fined each \$10.

At his own request, George Ray, a gray-haired druggist, was sent to the rockpile for 30 days to enable him to overcome his craving for laudanum. "I haven't the strength to give it up," said the pharmacist, "unless I am put somewhere away from my reach. I had an operation a short time ago and took a little of the drug to allay the pain. Now I am so addicted to it that my nerves are wrecked and I feel as though I were going crazy."

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body shook, and he had to have assistance to walk from the prisoner's pen to the bench and return. J. C. Peters, chauffeur for C. K. Henry, was fined \$15 for speeding. Peters was arrested Friday afternoon by Sergeant Smith in Lower Albina. James Harbick, a saloonkeeper, accused by Juvenile Officer Tauscher, of the County Court, of allowing a minor in his saloon, failed to appear in court, and the \$25 bail which he had deposited was declared forfeited.

## POLICE TO TAKE CASE

MAYOR SIMON ORDERS WORK ON POISONED TEA MYSTERY.

Mrs. Baldwin Turns Over to Chief All Evidence She Has Collected. Mrs. Vaughn Gets Bad Candy.

Mrs. Lois G. Baldwin, superintendent of the Bureau for Protection of Young Women, held a lengthy consultation with Mayor Simon at the City Hall yesterday afternoon regarding two packages of poisoned tea that were sent to her and to Mrs. C. C. Vaughn by an unknown person from the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle last week.

It was decided that she should turn over to Chief of Police Cox all of the information she has gathered, and that the Chief will henceforth conduct the case. An effort is to be made to detect the guilty person.

Besides the packages of tea sent to Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. C. C. Vaughn, an additional attempt was made to kill Mrs. Vaughn by poisoned candy. The candy reached Mrs. Vaughn about September 7, shortly after her husband had returned from Seattle to Portland. The package was in the form of a small tin globe, containing a few pieces of chocolate, which chemical examination shows had also been treated with strychnine. "You are the only girl in the world for me," was written on a tag attached to the package. It had been addressed on a typewriter, and showed the same peculiarity which was noticeable on the packages of tea—the misspelling of the word "terrace."

C. C. Vaughn had always written "terrace" with an "i" (terrice), and this, in the mind of Mrs. Baldwin, is conclusive proof that the poisoned packages were sent by him.

VAUGHN'S CASE IS CONTINUED  
To Appear Monday to Explain Violation of Court Order.

C. C. Vaughn was taken before Circuit Judge Bronaugh yesterday morning to answer a charge of violating the terms of a sentence passed upon him by the court. Vaughn was found guilty of assault upon Andrew Kunkel, whom he attacked with a gasp. He was ordered to leave the state, but returned and was arrested.

The case was continued until tomorrow at the request of the District Attorney.

## CHURCH PUT ON WHEELS

Catholic Extension Society Completes Week's Work at Rainier.

RAINIER, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—After a week of successful work here, the chapel car St. Anthony, of the Catholic Church Extension Society, left today for Newberg for a week's stay. The chapel car St. Anthony is the only church on wheels in the state, and is the donation of Ambrose Petry.

Arriving from Seattle, the party made Rainier the first town in Oregon to receive the benefits of the Catholic Extension Society. A daily attendance of nearly 100 persons has been present. These services were held by Father McDevitt, of Portland. Nightly lectures were given and were well attended.

The following children took their first communion Friday morning: Clements Moore, Ambrose Gallagher, William Lee, William Werthe, James O'Leary, Frances Sherin, Marie Gallagher, Elizabeth McKel, Mary Mescher and Helen O'Leary. Beautiful services were held before a large attendance. The Catholics of Rainier expect soon to build a church, having purchased two excellently located lots for that purpose.

The car St. Anthony is now on its way to Newberg, where the new Catholic chapel is to be dedicated.

## Swamp New York With Silver.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—That this city has been entertaining a very large number of visitors from the West and South is indicated by a large number of silver dollars, which merchants are exchanging for paper money at the banks. The Subtreasury reports that never before has it been asked to take back such a quantity of silver dollars, which shows that the Western and Southern representation at the Hudson-Fulton celebration was a record-breaker. Merchants say that whenever large numbers of Southern and Western visitors come to the city they have their pockets filled with silver dollars, which are not common currency here.

On the basis of a bushel of corn producing 2.5 gallons of alcohol, it has been figured out that last year's corn crop in the United States was sufficient to furnish 20,000,000 horsepower for ten hours a day for an entire year.

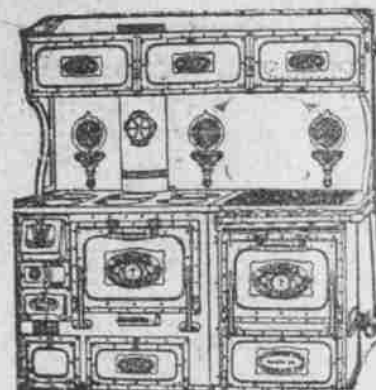
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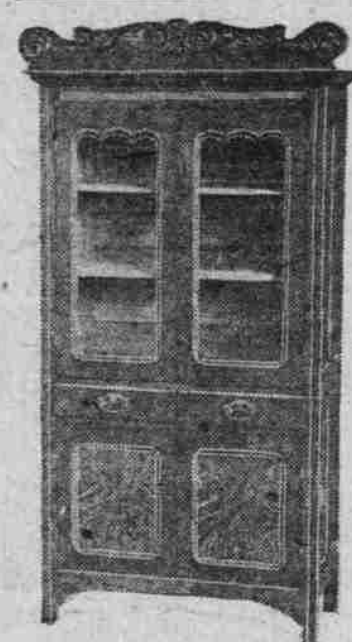
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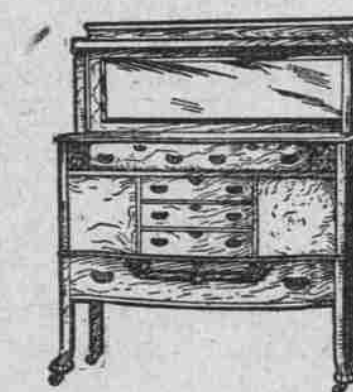
These safes are hardwood, well finished, 36 inches wide, 79 inches high and 16 inches deep, 4 doors and two drawers, exactly as illustrated, excepting there is no glass in the upper doors. They can be furnished, however, with 2 glass doors for \$1.50 extra. Do not miss this chance to get a fine kitchen safe at the factory price, \$8.50 value, only \$5.95.



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| Number.  | Reg. Price. | Sale Price. |
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| 132..... | \$22.50     | \$16.25     |
| 126..... | \$25.00     | \$16.50     |
| 595..... | \$25.00     | \$18.75     |
| 260..... | \$50.00     | \$29.00     |
| 831..... | \$58.00     | \$35.00     |
| 252..... | \$54.00     | \$36.00     |
| 269..... | \$70.00     | \$47.00     |
| 130..... | \$100.00    | \$65.00     |

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## HILL TO RUSH LINE

Stevens Reports Oregon Trunk Will Be Expedited.

## RETURNS FROM TRIP EAST

Four Thousand Men Will Be Employed and Road Will Be Extended 50 Miles South of Madras, Declares Engineer.

John F. Stevens, president of the Oregon Trunk, returned yesterday from a three weeks' visit to Chicago and New York with the renewed assurance that his company will immediately complete the construction of its road into Central Oregon. Other than to make not divulge the plans of the Oregon Trunk as to the likely extension of its line into California, with San Francisco as the ultimate terminus, or the building of lateral lines across the state, particularly a branch which would reach and serve long-neglected Coos Bay and surrounding territory.

"I have only to say," said Mr. Stevens yesterday, "that the Oregon Trunk will proceed with the completion of its projected road into Central Oregon just as rapidly as the employment of laborers and the expenditure of money will make possible. As to the final destination of our road, I have nothing to say. We have started out to build a railroad into Central Oregon and that is what we propose to do. We have awarded contracts for the construction work as far south as Madras, and camps have been organized for the employment of 4000 la-

borers, who will be put to work just as rapidly as they can be found. It is true that we have a number of surveying crews in the field south of Madras. It is our purpose to build our railroad to a point in interior Oregon at least 50 miles south of Madras. It has not been decided that Band will be that objective point, although one of the surveys extends to that town. The various surveys which have been made will be considered thoroughly as to the practicability of the routes proposed and their feasibility with reference to possible extensions in the future. We mean business and the work contemplated will be pushed to an early completion."

Saying this, Mr. Stevens switched the conversation to a discussion of the series of championship baseball games between the Pittsburgh and Detroit teams. It is characteristic of Mr. Stevens, who is Hill's personal representative, that loquacity is not one of his traits. Further questioning as to the plans of the railroad of which he is the executive head was just as productive of results as could be expected from an equally persistent interrogation of a sphynx. Any time Mr. Stevens says "I have nothing more to say," he means exactly what he says, and that is all there is to it.

## APPLE SHOW FOLDER ISSUED

Big Prizes Will Be Exhibited at Spokane Fair.

An attractive folder has been issued by the Northern Pacific advertising the National Apple Show, which will be held at Spokane, November 15-20, inclusive. This exhibition has been held for a number of years, and the display of the apple production of the Pacific Northwest has been amazing. It is a fact not generally known that the value of this fruit crop in the Inland Empire of Oregon, Washington and Idaho for the year 1908 was \$14,000,000. This year a capital prize of \$1500 cash for the best carload of apples will be divided into \$1000 for the first and \$500 for the second prize. Prizes for exhibits of apples on plates are offered for more than 250 varieties. Box display prizes range from \$100 cash for the largest specimen of polyposus on record, the mushroom weighs 41 pounds, 12 1/2 inches in height and measures 10 inches in circumference.

Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, has given \$1000 as a fund to augment the list and the size of the prizes.

## HARD TIMES HAMPER LOVE

Trade Depression Reflected in Decline of Marriage Rate.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—The trade depression experienced in greater or less degree throughout the subcontinent is reflected in a steadily declining marriage rate. During the period covered by the returns the proportion per thousand of the population fell from 25.89 to 20.85. It is evident that a large proportion of men and women fear to undertake the responsibilities and risk of marriage in view of the fall in wages and the insecure tenure of situations. Of such as do marry, the figures indicate that 30 to 35 are the favorite ages for men, and 25 to 30 for women. In spite of bad times some people are saving, for since June 30, 1908, accumulated deposits in the Postoffice Savings Banks have risen year by year, and in 1908 they aggregated \$7,372,796. The number of depositors was 3000 less than in 1907. Private savings banks are credited with holding \$1,667,540. Substantial help has been afforded to farmers by the Land Bank. Apparently the colony is becoming self-sufficient, for since 1905 imports of articles of food and drink have fallen, while exports of agricultural produce have risen. Exports of wool and gold have increased.

## Three Indictments Returned.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Circuit Court convened in this city today, with Judge Hamilton on the bench. Three indictments were today returned by the Grand Jury. C. H. Bottorff is charged with a statutory offense. M. C. Griffith is charged with larceny, and Joseph Lesina is charged with violating the local option law. There is, as usual, a large number of divorce applications.

Edward B. Sterling, of Trenton, N. J., has discovered in the outskirts of the town the largest specimen of polyposus on record. The mushroom weighs 41 pounds, 12 1/2 inches in height and measures 10 inches in circumference.

## WOULD-BE BRIBER HELD

CHIEF COX KICKS SALOONMAN OUT OF OFFICE.

Arrest of Mike Douglass, Who Offered Official \$50, Follows. Illegal License Sought.

For an attempt to bribe Chief of Police Cox yesterday morning, that he might unlawfully conduct a disorderly house or women in connection with his saloon at Third and Flinders streets, Mike Douglass, besides being kicked out of police headquarters by Chief Cox, was later arrested and lodged in the City Jail, charged with attempted bribery. The information was prepared against the saloonman by Deputy District Attorney Pugs at the request of Chief Cox. Douglass had approached Chief Cox the night before with the request that he be permitted to open a resort above his saloon. Chief Cox informed him such a saloon would not be tolerated. Douglass went away, and after thinking the matter over, evidently thought he might gain consent of the head of the department by offering him money. Chief Cox was seated at his desk when Douglass entered and courteously waved his visitor to a chair.

"We come back to see you about the matter we were talking about last night," said Douglass.

"What matter was that?" asked the Chief.

"Well, about opening a place over my saloon," continued the saloonman; "you see, I've been thinking it over and here's something in it for you."

With this remark he put his hand into his trousers pocket and drew out \$50 in gold.

"There will be that much in it for you," he said, attempting to place the gold on the Chief's desk.

He had hardly uttered the words before the police official was upon him, grasping him by the shoulder he half held and half dragged the saloonkeeper to the door, where several vigorous kicks were

administered and the man went down the street hurriedly.

"I was so indignant at the affront I did not stop to get his name," said the Chief, "but I will send after him at once."

Soon afterwards a warrant was issued and Douglass was arrested. In default of \$500 bail, he was placed in jail. Under the statute passed by the Legislature in 1907, the penalty for attempted bribery may be from \$100 to \$1000 fine, from one month to one year in the County Jail or from one to ten years in the penitentiary. Douglass admitted he had offered the money to the Chief.

"I used to keep a place in Pee Eli, Wash.," he said, "and there we paid a fine in advance for running such a saloon. I thought it would be the same here. I did not intend to bribe him."

## Strawberries in New Jersey.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—The balmy weather of the last two weeks has caused the strawberry plants in Northern New Jersey to bear fruit for the second time this year. Berries have reached the market in such quantities that they are selling at 10 cents a quart.

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