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PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 4, 1912.

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WILDE ACQUITTED BY JUDGE'S ORDER

Court Holds Embezzlement Is Not Shown.

JURORS APPLAUD DECISION

Judge Kavanaugh Upholds One Plea of Defense.

MORRIS' STATUS UNIQUE

Dosen Men Trying Promoter in Favor of Freeing Defendant When State Rested — End of Hard-Fought Trial Dramatic.

Attended by a dramatic scene seldom witnessed in a courtroom, including a remarkable demonstration in which spectators and jurors joined, Louis J. Wilde, banker and promoter of San Diego, Cal., was acquitted yesterday on an instructed verdict in Judge Kavanaugh's court of the charge of embezzling \$90,000 of the funds of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, for which he was indicted jointly with W. Coper Morris, ex-cashier of that institution.

In directing the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, Judge Kavanaugh said he had been unable to find a single authority among the large number cited by counsel, together with his independent investigation, that satisfied him the acts related in the evidence offered by the prosecution against Wilde constituted the crime of embezzlement.

Wilde is Discharged. For the reason recited, Judge Kavanaugh instructed the jury to return a verdict of acquittal, and Wilde was discharged immediately after the jury had complied with the order of the court.

When court adjourned late Friday afternoon, Judge Kavanaugh announced that he would strive to finish reading the many authorities cited by counsel and be prepared to give his decision when court reconvened at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning. At that hour the court declared a recess, explaining it had been impossible for him to conclude the task. Later he informed interested counsel that his decision would not be ready until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and an adjournment was taken until that hour. The thorough research the court was making of decisions was gratifying to the defense, which expressed satisfaction in the belief that the delay presaged only improved possibilities that the necessary authorities were not to be found that would rebut their theory and contention that the prosecution had failed in its evidence to substantiate its charge that the crime of embezzlement had actually been committed by the defendant on trial.

End of Case Dramatic.

District Attorney Cameron, representing the prosecution, and Attorneys Bowerman, Sumner and Thomas, of the defense, were in court promptly at 2 o'clock and every available seat in the limited space reserved for spectators was occupied. At the request of Mr. Cameron, Judge Kavanaugh reserved expressing his opinion, which was given orally, until the associates of the District Attorney arrived. Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald arrived in a few minutes and Special Prosecutor Clark entered the courtroom about 2:10 when Judge Kavanaugh began his decision which required about 20 minutes for its delivery.

The first intimation that the court would sustain the motion of the defense, came when at 2 o'clock the 12

ANNA HELD ROUTS CUPID OFF STAGE

MODERN LOCHINVAR CAUGHT AS HE WOULD STEAL BRIDE.

As He Awaits Sweetheart at Theater Door, Halt to Plans Called; Tears, Then Postponement.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Cupid came near causing trouble here in Anna Held's show company when Frank Van Hoven, the "dippy mad musician" at the Orpheum Theater, tried to steal Miss Betty Harrison, one of Miss Held's beauties, with matrimony as his object.

Van Hoven had all matters beautifully arranged, but as Anna couldn't afford to let her go, his well-laid plans fell through.

The little maid said "yes" in New York early last summer, when she and Frank Van Hoven "were the best pals in the world," to quote the man in the case. They found after they had left Broadway that life without each other was not worth while and diligently each studied his own and other's bookings to find that they would meet in Spokane.

Van Hoven had a big automobile waiting at the stage entrance of the Auditorium Theater on the last night of "Miss Innocence." It was the intention to slip into the darkness with Miss Harrison as soon as she had finished the show, run to the home of Spokane's marrying Mayer and have the knot yanked hard and tight.

Yet Anna Held spoiled it all. It was she who appeared at the stage door. She was "next" in a minute and told a few things to Van Hoven about asking a girl to break her contract with the company just to take chances on being happy with himself. She made it good and strong, and Van Hoven and Miss Harrison, who had put in a tearful appearance in the meantime, decided to put it off until next May.

ONE KILLED IN TONG WAR

Abduction of Chinese Girl Brings Influx of "Hatchet Men."

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Feb. 2.—The coast wide war between highlander tong extended to this city tonight and Al Low, a well-known resident, was shot from behind and killed by two assailants who disappeared. He was a member of the Suey Sing tong, which is in the majority in Marysville.

Kim Wing, a wealthy local Chinese merchant, appealed to the police for protection this afternoon, several hours before the shooting. He says that six "hatchetmen" have been imported by the Hop Sing tong to annihilate the Suey Sing.

The cause of the present war is said to be the elopement or abduction of a beautiful Chinese girl, Sue Sing, a native of Marysville.

HOW ELECTED BY HOBOS

Millionaire Elected National Chairman of "Migratory Workers."

CINCINNATI, Feb. 3.—James Eads How, of St. Louis, the "millionaire hobo," today was chosen National chairman of the Unskilled Migratory and Casual Workers' Association of the United States. Alexander Tyler, of Cincinnati, was elected secretary, and Cora D. Harvey, of St. Louis, was named treasurer.

The convention came to an end today with an address by Professor Frank Bohn, formerly of the University of Chicago, on "Socialism."

TRAIN IN IOWA SNOWBOUND

Effort to Get Passengers to Council Bluffs Is Fruitless.

SHELBY, Ia., Feb. 3.—Rock Island passenger train No. 13, due in Omaha from Chicago at 7:35 this morning, is stuck in a snowdrift here. Two ineffectual attempts have been made to get the train to Council Bluffs.

JURY ACQUITS IN WILL FORGERY CASE

Mabel Young Warner Held Not Guilty.

JURORS ARGUE THREE HOURS

Verdict in Pendleton Forgery Case Comes at Midnight.

DENIALS ARE BIG FACTORS

Witnesses Testify to Reputations of Others Who Give Evidence in Action in Which Truth and Veracity Play Important Role.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Mabel Young Warner, on trial since last Monday on a charge of forgery in connection with the estate of her uncle, J. W. Young, of Weston, was acquitted at midnight. The jury, which retired at 8:30 o'clock last night, argued for three hours and a half before bringing in the verdict of acquittal.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The facts of Mabel Young Warner, on trial for the third time on a charge of forging to the estate of her uncle, J. W. Young, of Weston, is now in the hands of the jury.

The taking of testimony was concluded at exactly 11 o'clock today, the afternoon and evening being consumed with the arguments of the attorneys and the instructions of the judge, the case being turned over to the jury at 8:30. No verdict is expected tonight.

The defense suddenly brought its case to a close by the introduction of three witnesses, who swore that the general reputation of W. W. Williams, the Portland handwriting expert, was not good as to truth. They were H. H. Collier, a former attorney of this city, later of St. Johns, but now of Portland; Warren Merchant, of St. Johns, and J. W. King, of North Yamhill.

Many Witnesses Uncalled. A large number of witnesses subpoenaed by the defense were left uncalled.

In rebuttal the state summoned a dozen of leading business and professional men of Pendleton, who testified that John Lawrey's reputation for truth was good. Lawrey is the man who testified that Mabel Warner offered him \$5000 for a will that would stand the test of the courts.

Mrs. Dora Bevis, of Walla Walla, who testified that she and her sister, Mrs. Mary Eastman, had been practically raised by J. W. Young, declared to her the second winter before his death that he "had been mixed up with Mabel and her mother, but that he did not want to have anything more to do with them."

Mrs. Chance Rodgers, niece of Young, told of having heard her uncle say in reference to Mabel and her mother:

Young's Declaration Strong. "I am glad to be rid of that outfit." She also swore Young had told of having seen Mrs. Warner in the depot at Pendleton and of having refused to shake hands with her.

Almost immediately thereafter Mrs. Warner was put on the stand in rebuttal and swore that instead of refusing to shake hands with her, her uncle had greeted her warmly and kissed her.

In their arguments to the jury counsel for the state did not deny Young had taken the girl into his home, had cared for and educated her and had intended at that time to leave her his property, but they contended that there

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 45 degrees; minimum, 40 degrees. TODAY'S—Light rain; southeasterly winds. Domestic. Prominent educator weds same bride twice on same day, using different names; reason cloaked in mystery. Section 1, page 3. Names of 40 immigrants announced. Section 1, page 2. Milwaukee—Vires of socialism's ruin. Section 1, page 4. Foreign. Germany embarks on pro-American policy. Section 1, page 1. Geneva—Greece unharmed to insure to restore order. Section 1, page 11. National. House finds "underwoodism" as bad as "cannibalism." Section 1, page 5. Official stenographer in Lorimer inquiry arrested for contempt. Section 1, page 6. La Follette, on verge of breakdown, cancels talks. Section 1, page 1. Taft men pleased by outlook in New York. Section 1, page 2. Politics. Ben Selling to become candidate for Senator. Section 1, page 12. George M. Hyland withdraws from race for Congress and Ralph C. Clyde announces candidacy. Section 1, page 12. Pacific Northwest. Anna Held routs cupid off stage. Section 1, page 1. Pendleton jury acquits Mabel Warner. Section 1, page 1. Fate of fast-cure "doctor" now up to jury. Section 1, page 1. Pitiful tales told of fortunes wrecked by orchard company's worthless paper. Section 1, page 1. Idaho Republicans wonder yet who will be candidate for Governor. Section 1, page 1. Mabel Warner Young acquitted in Young will case at Pendleton. Section 1, page 1. Sport. Football rules greatly changed. Section 2. In San Francisco. Section 2, page 4. Coffroth precipitates war of fight promoters in San Francisco. Section 2, page 4. Coulton defends his pantweight championship title in 20-round decision fight with Chaney. Section 2, page 2. Bolos threatens war on Union Baseball League. Section 2, page 5. Patsy Vanhook, of Portland, may go to Olympic games. Section 2, page 2. Catchers declared poorest baserunners. Section 2, page 3. Mechanical glitching not enough to win, says Umpire Evans. Section 2, page 3. Washington fans think variety nine will be champion. Section 2, page 3. All-Pacific Coast track meet for colleges proposed. Section 2, page 2. Real Estate and Building. Portland proves to be big magnet for new lumber in great demand, better times for mills foreseen. Section 4, page 8. Deals in farming land rare numerous. Section 4, page 8. George M. McDowell to devote all time to Ruth Trust Company. Section 4, page 9. Commercial and Marine. Wheat speculators run prices up in Walla Walla district. Section 2, page 20. All deliveries of wheat close higher at Chicago. Section 2, page 20. Leigh Valley shares sell under Reading. Section 2, page 20. Loans of New York banks heavily increased since first of year. Section 2, page 20. Inspectors held Chief Engineer Lewis accountable for blowing up of steamer Sarah Dixon. Section 2, page 21. Portland and Vicinity. Grand jury renews County Court's method of conducting affairs of county. Section 1, page 1. In rebuttal the state summoned a dozen of leading business and professional men of Pendleton, who testified that John Lawrey's reputation for truth was good. Section 2, page 22. Attorney Fenton says Southern Pacific's plans for electrification depend on passage of ordinance granting four-street franchises. Section 1, page 13. Credit Men's Association brings expert to Oregon to talk on fire prevention. Section 2, page 6. Prominent Methodists aid canvass to glean \$13,000 for Williamette University. Section 2, page 6. H. C. Van Meter again replies to Dr. J. H. Boyd in controversy over Christian Science healing. Section 3, page 8. Judge Kavanaugh orders jury to return verdict acquitting Louis J. Wilde of embezzlement. Section 2, page 1. Tourists from Puget Sound and British Columbia points units with Portland at banquet in urging united "Coast spirit." Section 1, page 16. Touring Club of America forms department for commercial vehicles. Section 4, page 7. Judge Tawell convicts man who followed shopworkers. Section 1, page 14.

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