GIRL'S DEATH AIDS SCHOTT'S PRACTICE

Curious Flock to Doctor With Various "Ailments."

JOVIAL SMILE GREETS ALL

Police Say Increasingly Damaging Evidence Is Gathered—Witness Again Threatened.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—From a formal practice of a week ago, Dr. Christopher G. Schott today has one of the largest practices in Louisville.

"My old friends, who want to show their faith in my innocence," said the physician who is out on $8000 bail awaiting a hearing January 9 before the grand jury on the charge of killing his 17-year-old office attendant, Miss Elizabeth Ford Griffith. His office has been crowded every hour of the day by the curious who claim to be affected with every ailment from mumps to bubonic plague, in order to get a glimpse of the accused man.

Throughout the day Dr. Schott jovially greeted each, a smile for all, despite the increasingly damaging evidence the police say they are gathering against him.

Another letter was received threatening the life of William J. Ryan, Louisville baseball umpire, who said he saw Dr. Schott leaving his office Christmas eve afternoon at the hour the girl is believed to have met death.

Thomas Tate, a street-car motorman, volunteered additional information to the police this afternoon. He rents one of Dr. Schott's houses and said he called at Dr. Schott's office at 2:15 o'clock Christmas eve to pay his rent, but no one answered his knock. At that time Dr. Schott says he and Laurene Gardner were delivering Christmas gifts to his patients.

Miss Griffith was found dead by Dr. Schott at 3:10 o'clock when he returned from his trip. The coroner at the inquest yesterday testified that Miss Griffith probably had been shot to death at 2:30 o'clock.

MEIER & FRANK HOSTS

300 EXECUTIVES ATTEND ANNUAL DINNER OF FIRM.

Old Employes Tell of Early Days of Store—Talent From Theaters Helps Liven Evening.

The 300 store executives, including buyers, assistant buyers and heads of the several departments, of the Meier & Frank company gathered Saturday evening in the grill of the Hotel Portland for the annual complimentary dinner given by the firm. Included in the company were 29 ex-service men, who have re-entered the employ of the firm within the past year.

Julius L. Meier, president of the Meier & Frank company, presided over the very informal and mirth-provoking programme, every number being calculated to entertain rather than to instruct. In response to a rollcall of some of those longest in the service of the firm, the early days and the growth of the company were recalled in entertaining fashion.

Among those having the longest record of service, many of whom responded, were:

Miss Frances Hanley, 31 years; Miss Vivian Cooley, 22 years; Miss Frances Cox, 22 years; Miss Kate Jones, 22 years; Miss Tillie Harris, 20 years; Miss Estelle Thibadeau, 25 years; William W. Porter, 35 years; William Harmon, 33 years; C. J. Nachland, 21 years; J. A. Albrich, 22 years; A. W. McKenzie, 25 years; Ed Webber, 22 years; A. Harper, 20 years.

Jokes were told at the expense of the least and the greatest of those present; there were all sorts of clever parodies on the latest songs emphasizing the idiosyncrasies of various guests; there were prize dances and as a closing feature several of the star acts from local theaters were brought in to entertain the company. The latter part of the evening was spent in dancing. The grill was decorated in poinsettias and greenery and there were gay paper caps and balloons for everybody.

Following its annual custom, the Meier & Frank company remembered each of its employes Saturday with a cash bonus as extra compensation for loyal service. Although the amounts were based on length of service, everyone was remembered, no matter how short the term of employment.

HUNGRY THIEF GETS FOOD

Cash Grocery Is Robbed of Sugar and Canned Vegetables.

A sack of sugar, a half dozen cans of tomatoes, a half dozen cans of asparagus and a box of apples formed the loot which some burglar obtained when he broke into the Cash Grocery at 410 East Morrison street, according to a report made to the police yesterday morning. This was one of five burglaries and thefts for the preceding night.

D. McMillan of the New Market lodging house, Front and Washington streets, reported that some one took a pair of calked shoes.

A revolver and $50 were taken by burglars who entered the home of H. McDonald, 493 Twenty-first street.

Mrs. A. Hedstrom, 754 Kerby street, reported jewelry taken. The loot included a watch and signet ring and a diamond stickpin.

Clara Gelthousen, 66 North Fourteenth street, reported someone entered her apartment and took $40. A pass key was used to open the door.

COCHRAN NOT TO RUN

Secretaryship of Republican State Committee to Be Retained.

John W. Cochran has decided that he will not become a candidate for the republican nomination for county clerk. Mr. Cochran's chances of winning the nomination were considered particularly favorable and he was pressed by many people to enter the race. Yesterday, however, he declared himself out of it and will continue as secretary of the republican state central committee.

In announcing this determination Mr. Cochran said:

"In deciding not to become a candidate for county clerk I am not unmindful of the cordial assurances of support from numerous friends. For these expressions I am deeply grateful, but I am sure those who offered me their support will have no difficulty in finding another who will fully measure up to the requirements of the office.

"Personally I feel that I can render a greater service to my country and to my party, and particularly to the people of this county and state, by continuing my work as secretary of the republican state central committee than by becoming a candidate for county clerk. As secretary of the state committee I feel I shall be afforded a welcome opportunity to assist in a small way in achieving an overwhelming republican victory in both state and nation in the election next November."

Following on the heels of Mr. Cochran's decision is the rumor that Harry Allen, president of the Elks' State association, will be in the race. Friends of Mr. Allen are already active in his behalf.

Missouri Senator Due Here Today.

James A. Reed, United States senator from Missouri, will be in Portland today, the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. F. Boyer, 1105 East Caruthers street. Senator Reed has been in California and is on his way east.

ALCAZAR SALE TO START

CIVIC CLUBS HAVE 600 SEASON TICKETS TO DISPOSE OF.

More Than 50 Reservations Already Telephoned In—Show Absent for One Week.

Civic clubs this week will undertake the completion of the task they have pledged to carry to a successful termination in the sale of 600 season tickets to the Alcazar theater that will insure to Portland the permanency of the high-class musical comedy provided by the Alcazar players. At a meeting of the representatives of the clubs held yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce, reports of the various members of the joint committee indicated that there is no question of public sentiment in the matter. Reports were made that more than 50 persons had called by telephone to have their names listed for tickets, but the actual sale still remains to be carried into effect.

At the regular meetings of the clubs this week the tickets will be distributed for sale, or orders taken for them, and it is hoped to complete the work by the end of another week. Manager Everett had so far concluded his plans for dispersing the players that the theater had been let for one week to a road company, so there will be a lapse of one week in which the public will be deprived of the production of the stock company.

The committee selected George Rauch to act as its secretary in handling details of the work, and who will co-operate with the chamber committee. The general committees of the clubs were represented at the conference yesterday by the following: Charles Berg, W. H. Crawford, chamber; W. H. Chatten, Ad club; Sol Blumauer, Rotary; Dr. A. M. Webster, East Side Business Men; C. Elder, Progressive Business Men; Coe McKenna, Realty board; A. C. Newill, Civic league, and H. Doxee, Kiwanis.

ADVERTISERS PLAN WORK

Members of Couche Service Staff Have Banquet at Benson.

Members of the staff of the Couche Advertising Service, Inc., at a banquet at the Benson hotel Friday evening exchanged views on plans for the work of 1920 and reviewed the most successful year of its business history.

Charles E. Couche, president of the corporation, told of the increased business of the past twelvemonth, which was five times that of the preceding year, and predicted still greater growth. He dwelt on the advantages of Portland as a center for handling oriental advertising, accessibility to trans-Pacific lines being advantageous for looking after the interests of advertisers desiring to reach trade beyond the Pacific.

Clarence M. Olmstead, vice-president, and Tom J. Sinnott, who will be connected with the copy and research department of the company, new members of the staff, spoke on developments in the field of advertising.

Those present were: Charles E. Couche, president; Clarence M. Olmstead, vice-president; W. A. Vincent, secretary-treasurer; Jack T. Crossley, Tom Sinnott, Mrs. O. Hurlihy, Harry Schaefer, Herb Heywood, Miss Joy Gross and Miss Rippey.

CHANTERS TO SING TODAY

Al Kader Temple to Have Part in Auditorium Concert.

Al Kader Temple Shrine Chanters, 25 prominent musicians of Portland, will be featured in the regular Sunday afternoon popular concert today at the Public Auditorium. William Robinson Boone will be the organist, playing a series of selections requested by patrons of the concert. Although the Chanters will be an added attraction, the city has announced that the usual admission price of 10 cents will prevail for all seats.

The Chanters will sing as one of their numbers, the famous campaign song, "Portland Oregon in 1920" a song used effectively on the eastern tour made by the famous organization last summer.

Two Jury Suits Filed.

For injuries received when a sling of lumber fell on his leg as he was loading the ship Ernest Meyer, John Kurowski asks damages of $3000 from Broughton & Wiggins Navigation company in a suit filed in the circuit court yesterday. The accident occurred October 3, 1919. Damages of $2657 are asked in an action filed by Alma Boisanault, pedestrian, who was knocked down at Sixth and Morrison streets last June by an automobile driven by Joseph Roberts.

Portland Legion to Meet.

An unusually important meeting of Portland post of the American legion will be held tomorrow night at the public library hall, at which time William R. Follett, state commander of the legion, will tell of his visit to Washington, D. C., during December, and congressional action and promises following conferences between the legion commanders of every state in the union and senate and house of representatives.

Major Gilbert to Present Pershing.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Major W. S. Gilbert has accepted an invitation from Judge Carey of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to introduce General John J. Pershing when the latter makes an address at the Portland Auditorium on January 18.

House Robbed as Family Eats.

Burglars entered the home of Dr. M. K. Hall, 739 Wasco street, while the family was eating dinner last night, and stole a purse containing about $4. They entered by climbing a lattice to a second-story window.

REGENTS OF OREGON SCHOOLS ASK RELIEF

Conference Held on Plan to Meet Greater Demands.

NEED IS HELD GREAT

Measure to Aid University and Agricultural College May Be Placed on Ballot in May.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Representatives of the board of regents of the University of Oregon and Agricultural college, in executive session here today, discussed means for meeting the increased demands being made upon the institutions.

F. L. Campbell, president of the university, said after the meeting that both schools were crowded to their capacity and with the proposed increased facilities for handling more students it would be necessary to add to the teaching staff. To do this, he said, it would be necessary to obtain more money than is available under the present millage taxes and state appropriations.

Mr. Campbell expressed some doubt as to whether the legislature, at its special session here this month, would be in a position to appropriate more funds for the university and agricultural college, because of the 6 per cent tax limitation. If this proves true, Mr. Campbell intimated that the legislature probably would be asked to refer an appropriation measure, providing funds with which to increase the facilities of both schools, to the voters of the state at the primary election to be held next May.

Mr. Campbell attributes the substantial increase in the enrollment at both colleges to the natural growth of the state, together with the fact that hundreds of ex-service men have taken advantage of entering the schools under the soldiers, sailors and marines educational bill passed at the last session of the legislature.

Because of the many service men taking advantage of training under this act the emergency board only recently authorized an appropriation of $300,000 to meet the cost of operating the law until next June. A request for the legislature to care for this appropriation probably will be made at the special session of the body this month, according to state officials.

Among those present at today's session here were Mr. Campbell and Dr. W. J. Kerr, who is president of the Agricultural college.

85 INJURED IN WRECK

One Fatality Follows Chicago Great Western Accident.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 3.—One man was killed and 85 injured when Chicago Great Western passenger train No. 3 was wrecked early today near Wyeth, Mo., 22 miles north of here.

E. J. McGrath, a section foreman of the railroad at Aitken, Minn., who died this afternoon, was the only fatality. Others are in a serious condition.

The wreck was caused by a broken rail, officials said. The locomotive, baggage car and a day coach passed the broken rail in safety and crossed the trestle. The remainder of the cars left the rails. The day coaches rolled down the embankment and the sleeping cars piled up in the rear. A crowded day coach turned over.

F. L. MOYNAGH KILLED

Funeral of Montana Accident Victim Will Be Held Today.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Frank L. Moynagh, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Moynagh, died in the Columbus hospital at Great Falls, Mont., December 31, after suffering from injuries received on Christmas day at his home near Carter, Mont.

The young man, who was residing on a homestead upon which he filed seven years ago, was hauling hay to his place when, as his wagon passed over a rough piece of road, the wheel dropped into a rut, throwing Moynagh out on his head. He died soon afterwards.

The funeral services are to be held from St. John's Catholic church in this city tomorrow at 12 o'clock, and the interment will be in the Catholic cemetery. Rev. A. Hillebrand, pastor, officiating.

U. S. OFFERS TIMBER

7,000,000 Feet Will Be Put on Sale by Forestry Department.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—More than 7,000,000 of Douglas fir, red cedar and hemlock timber on Salmon creek in the Cascade national forest will be sold within a few weeks by the forestry department. Bids will be received up to February 3.

The estimated number of feet to be sold in this tract is 7,115,000. The minimum price for the fir and red cedar is to be $1.75 a thousand feet.

FREQUENT RAINS COMING

Forecast for Week Announces That Sky Will Be Cloudy Often.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Northern Rocky mountain and plateau regions—Generally fair and normal temperature, but snow is probable the first part of the week.

Pacific states—Normal temperature; considerable cloudiness and frequent rains.

JANE BURNS ALBERT SINGS

Lulu Dahl Miller, J. P. Mulder and Dom J. Zan Join in Ensemble.

High-class vocal music, finely sung, marked the concert given in the Multnomah hotel auditorium last night by Jane Burns Albert, soprano, assisted in ensemble by Lulu Dahl Miller, contralto; Joseph P. Mulder, tenor, and Don J. Zan, baritone. The auditorium was filled by an appreciative audience, representative of musical and society circles. The event was a farewell in view of the approaching departure of Mrs. Albert for New York City, where she plans soon to busy herself with advanced vocal coaching in repertoire and other fields.

Mrs. Albert's finely trained, sparkling soprano was heard to good advantage in classical arias, particularly Verdi's "Caro Nome" and Caccini's "Amarelli, Mia Bella." She also sang numbers from Duparc, Debussy, Thomas, Ward-Stephens, Lehmann and others. Of especial interest was Mrs. Albert's admired singing of three songs written by Ina Rae Seitz of this city, with Mrs. Seitz as her piano accompanist.

The big novelty of the programme was the rendition of the rarely heard quartet waltzes written by Brahms and entitled "New Songs of Love." They were sung by Mrs. Albert, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Mulder and Mr. Zan in cultured, admirable style, and with much success.

The three accompanists were J. R. Hutchison, Mrs. Seitz and Miss Laura Fox. Mr. Hutchison played all Mrs. Albert's accompaniments, and his keyboard work was deservedly admired. All those who took part in the concert were cordially received and recalled.

Theft of Hat Charged.

John F. Gorman and John Anderson were arrested last night and charged with stealing an $18 hat from the Mathis store. C. J. Mathis, proprietor of the shop, reported that Anderson had thrust the hat under his coat and run while Gorman was looking at clothing. Mr. Mathis and C. L. Meach seized Gorman and held him until Patrolmen Ingle and Norene arrived and took him into custody. Mr. Mathis identified Anderson after inspectors Coleman, Morak, Moloney and LaSalle had arrested him.

Five Divorce Suits Filed.

On October 15, 1919, their first wedding anniversary, Charles M. Miller forged checks amounting to $200 and left his wife, Ida, she alleged in a suit for divorce filed in the circuit court yesterday. She had to make restitution to avoid scandal, she asserts. Other divorce suits filed were: Nellie M. against Charles L. Hawthorne, Edith R. against Levi F. Wing, May against John Montgomery and Grace against William E. Hahn.

Fall From Car Injures.

Henry Toering, 66 years old, of 1669 Exeter street, fell off a St. Johns street car in St. Johns last night, and suffered injuries to his head. His skull may be fractured. He is at St. Vincent's hospital.

Alice Nielson Pleases in Auditorium Concert.

Oratorio Society Presents Selections From Handel's "Messiah."

ABOUT 2500 persons attended an oratorio recital and concert last night in the public auditorium, and the double event was a musical success in every particular. The visiting artiste was Alice Nielsen, soprano, of New York City and other eastern music centers, and again she was in splendid voice and met with an enthusastic reception.

The oratorio part of the event consisted of selections from Handel's "Messiah," sung by about 140 members of the chorus of the Portland Oratorio society, Joseph A. Finley, conductor, assisted in solos by these Portland singers: Miss Goldie Peterson, soprano; Mrs. Mary Adele Vann, contralto; J. MacMillan Muir, tenor, and John Claire Monteith, baritone.

The chorus numbered 88 women singers and 47 men singers. They sang four "Messiah" choruses, including the famous "Hallelujah" chorus, with fine tonal, impressive effect. Mr. Muir sang "Comfort Ye" and "Every Valley"; Mrs. Vann sang "O Thou That Tellest"; Miss Peterson sang "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," and Mr. Monteith rendered "The People That Walked in Darkness," with due regard for oratorio tradition and with grand musical effect. Mr. Finley conducted with ability, and accompaniments were supplied by Edgar E. Coursen, organ, an orchestra of ten and also by Miss Livesay, pianist.

At the subsequent concert Miss Nielsen's artistic and enjoyable singing won all hearts. She has a lovely, finely trained lyric soprano voice which she uses with splendid effect. Her songs were in Italian and English, her best being "Under the Greenwood Tree" (Buzzi-Peccia) and "Will o' the Wisp." Her encores were "Suwanee River" and "Good-Bye" (Tosti). The pianist was Thomas Grisselle and his master playing soon revealed that he is a pianist of first rank. As a piano accompaniment he also won high honors. The affair was under the direction of the Western Musical bureau.