Strange Influence Exercised by Hubby to Gain Divorce, Assertion of Woman-Mrs. Lang to Ask for Alimony.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
San Francisco, Dec. 3.—A tale of the wielding of a strange hypnotic power by a husband over his wife, coupled with charges of fraud and the missues of political power are some of the sensational contents of a civil complaint filled in the courts of Portland a few days ago by Mrs. Louis Lang a well days ago by Mrs. Louis Lang, a well known San Francisco woman and wife of Louis Lang, one of the wealthy men

of the northwest.

Mrs. Lang, who was Alice Marie Baer, of 1200 Geery street in this city, is seeking to set aside a divorce, which she declared tonight was obtained by her husband through stratagem while was living in his house and in his

ompany at Portland.

The strange influence, according to Mrs. Lang and her father, Joseph Baer, was exercised by Lang when he forced her to sign one of the important divorce papers which the wife claims was instrumental in gaining Lang his free-

Thinks she was Hypnotized.

"I cannot explain the mysterious power that man had," said Mrs. Lang tonight at her home. "I used to become tired when the spell was over me."

"What my daughter says about this strange power is true," said Joseph Baer, the father. "I am at a loss to explain just what it was, but it made an altogether different woman out of my daughter. She came home tired and worn out and seemed to have forgotten everything that had gone about her. From what I have learned I am of the opinion that it was some sort of hypnotic or mesmeric spell."

The divorce, according to Mrs. Lang, was granted to Lang by a court in Orner.

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was granted to Lang by a court in Or-egon City. The ground upon which the decree was based was incompatibility

"I never lived in Oregon City, nor did Mr. Lang," said Mrs. Lang,
"I don't believe I would know the
place if I should go there, and I know my husband did not live there long ugh to establish legal residence "One night my husband caused me to sign a paper. I don't remember the incident. I know that I was in his power. Since I have learned of the divorce I have learned that this paper was a summons which Mr. Lang claimed in court that I had received and which notified me that a divorce was pending against me and that I

fact, I knew nothing about the divorce "I cannot understand how he obtained the divorce from a judge," the wife con-thued, "but I have made the charge exercised influence with the courts in sure than pure rubber tubes. Oregon City, and in that way secured

Joseph Baer, the father, declared that his daughter would, as soon as the divorce was set aside, bring suit for a di-vorce against her husband and ask for a large allowance as allmony.

Lang is the owner of a chain of large wholesale grocery stores in the northwest and is reputed to be worth more than \$1,000,000. He was formerly a resident of California. He is known throughout the northwest in business and social circles.

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Mrs. Lang is the daughter of Madame Baer, and the family has lived in San Francisco for many years.

The wedding of Miss Baer and Lang was one of the chief society events of last January. It took place at the Palace Hotel. Five months after the wedding Lang filed suit for divorce. Mrs. Lang is at present living with her

NOTED HISTORIAN TO DELIVER LECTURES

Guy Carleton Lee, noted historian, publicist and orator, has been engaged by the Woman's Relief Corps of Portland, cooperating with the National Society for Broader Education, to deliver series of three lectures at the First M. E. Church, corner Taylor and Third streets. The first of these lectures will be given next Friday evening. Dr. Lee's subject will be "When the Peo-ple Wake."

Dr. Lee is an author of international fame, having made valuable contribu-tions to the historical literature of this country and England. One of his best known works is "The True History of the Civil War."

He has been at different times editor-in-chief of the International Literary Syndicate, editor of the Baltimore Sun, the Pittsburg Sun, Pittsburg Post, Syra-cuse Harald and Los Angeles Times. Dr. Lee was chief lecturer of the Memorial society of the Spanish-Amer-

Memorial society of the Spanish-American war, lecturer in history at the Brooklyn institute, lecturer in history in the New York board of education and he has held other distinguished positions in the lecture field.

One of Dr. Lee's most brilliant lectures in the field of present day problems is that which he will deliver next Friday evening. "When the People Wake" is concerned with the present unrest and discontent. The historical basis for existing conditions is detailed with convincing fullness. The actual state of society is set forth in such a fearless, though sta. Jing manner, that it compels the admiration of those antagonistic to the attitude of the speaktagonistic to the attitude of the speak-er. Despite the boldness of the ora-tor he has not yet been accused of ba-ing a demagogue, but in all he is the scholar, the statesman, useussing in brilliant and comprehensive manner one

of the greatest questions of the present

Hood River Hotel Changes Hands. Hood River Hotel Changes Hands.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hood River, Or., Dec. 3.—The Oregon hotel, which has been run under the management of Messrs, Hall & Smith, has been leased for the term of five years to E. A. Baker and C. P. Ross. Messrs. Baker and Ross will take charge of the hotel at once. Both are local men who have formerly been engaged in other husiness enterprises in Hood River. The former managers are spending the winter in California.

eighboring County Realizes Good Roads Advantages, Declares Hillsboro Man.

"Washington county will build from twenty-five to forty miles of road next year," said N. H. Alexander, secretary of the Hillsboro board of trade, who was in the city yesterday. "We have already constructed about tweive miles from Hillsboro to Creswell, although the work was not started until August 1. From eight to ten road meetings have been called and I believe the whole county has anthusiastically taken up the inty has enthusiastically taken up the

bject of good roads. We all know what advantages it will "We all know what advantages it will mean for the residents of the county and we also know that it will bring many Portland and Multnomah county people to live with us. With roads which can be easily traversed by auto: mobiles it will be a pleasant trip between Portland and Washington county."

Mr. Alexander is well pleased with the display made by his county at the apple show. He declares in size, shape and taste they were as good as the products exhibited by any locality and that they would have taken more prizes

that they would have taken more prizes if they had been packed better. When the fruit growers there have thoroughly learned the delicate art of packing Washington county apples will rival

GAUGES ON BRIDGES

of five river steamer captains to the county court yesterday to ask for the installation of a gauge on each of the bridges, to show the distance from the surface of the water to the bottom of

This, the captains, stated, will be of aid to navigators in telling whether they can take their craft beneath the bridges. Knowing the clearance of their vessels, they will be able to tell from such gauges as they approach the bridges whether it is necessary for them to whistle for the draws to open. Here-tofore they could not always tell, and be on the safe side have called for the draws to open at times when this could have been avoided.

Judge Cleeton and the commissioners agreed that this suggestion is a good one, and have given instructions for the installation of the gauges as soon as

The river captains also told the court pending against me and that I that while they opposed the draw closwould have an opportunity to file couning regulations of the court in the first ter charges. I did not know that the instance, they are endeavoring to compaper related to the divorce at all; in ply with the rules, and to avoid friction over the closing of the draws.

Fabric reinforced inner tubes for autheir attorneys in this city, McNary & tomobile tires are coming into favor in McNary. The Torsens law under which England, the argument being that they titles are registered in this state is doners, apparently.

Commercial Bodies Issue a Statement Decrying Accusa-

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Scattle, Wash., Dec. 3.—Scattle com nercial bodies gave out a statement marging that Dana A. Durand of the United States census bureau had de-ermined long before that actual countby of names began in Seattle that this ly's rations would have to be pared. Dut in a letter to the good by the presidents of the of Commerce. Manufacturers' rectation and Commercial club that

Perpetrated.

Director Durand three years ago fe-fused to give Seattle credit for more than 100,000 inhabitants in census foreast and his subsequent action in handing the returns from the northwestern cities is regarded as his stubborn de termination to adhere to his original parisons of directory names, school enumeration, registered votes and other reliable statistics available for 1900 and 1910 show the lowest return that could be allowed Seattle within any reason

The action of the director of the census in arbitrarily cutting the final figures to 237,194 is regarded as an unfair action that the city must accept because of the great authority imposed upon the director of the census.

The significent fact that a special agent sent from Washington, D. C.,

watched every move made by the super-visor of the census in Seattle and made no protest is cited by the commercia bodies as an indication that no padding was permitted in Seattle.

In the statement issued today by the presidents of the three commercial odles the census facts are told as fol-Though compelled to submit to the

official figures as finally announced by Director of the Census Durand, ing Seattle with a population of 237,194, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Seattle Commercial club and the Manufacturers' association feel that they cannot, by their silence, give assent to the sweeping and wholly unwarranted cusations of Director Durand, that at the instance and with the cooperation of a private organization gross frauds were perpetuated in several of the enumeration districts of this city."

Englishmen Want Land Titles. Salem, Or., Dec. 3.—W. and Louis J. Mitchell, residents of London, England, and giving their addresses as No. 39 Upper Brooks street, Grosvenor square, filed applications to register the title to lands held by them in this county

He Is in Hospital; Arrests Made.

Barney Reimer, a machinist employed y the Smith & Watson Iron works, tions That Frauds Were is at St Vincent's hospital with a fractured jaw caused by an encounter Friday evening with two pickets., J. F. Sharp and Harry McNerney were arrested yesterday afternoon and charged with assaulting Reimer. The ball of McNerney was placed at \$500,

ball of McNerney was placed at \$500, and that of Sharp at \$75.

Then story told by Reimer is to the effect that he left the iron works in the evening and was on his way home. He met the pickets near the works and they stopped him. When he refused to quit work, as they had asked him to do, one of them struck him, he charges. A companion of Reimer was also struck. Reimer was knocked down and beaten. When he reached own and beaten. When he reached ome, a physician was called, and an xamination showed the jaw was lown and beaten.

ane trouble is another feature of the machinists' strike which has been on shop have complained that the union greatly annoys them by keeping men near the shop to approach the workers as they go home. Some evenings there are eight and nine men waiting to talk to the men who took the union men's Trouble of the same nature happened Monday evening at the Phoenix Iron works, in which case a worked was assaulted by picket men. Reimer is a married man, and the physicians who operated upon his jaw yesterday say he will not be able to work for five weeks. Attorney Wil-liam Carroll has been retained by the Smith & Watson Iron works to prose-cute Sharp and McNerney.

FOREIGN CORPORATIONS CAN BE SUED HERE

in this county by a foreign corporation against another foreign corporation, if the defendant, through its officers or agents, is found in the county, Presiding Judge Cleland vesterday sustained a demurrer to a plea in abatement in the case of the E. A. Powers company against C. H. Lilly & Co. and directed

that the sult may proceed. "Foreign corporation," as used in this ense, means a corporation incorporated in some other state than in Oregon. The court held that the case in point was in the nature of a transitory action the question being over the rent of property in California claimed to be due from the Lilly company.

SAYS WIFE ELOPED TAKING CHILD ALONG

law even by Lon- woman also took their two year old original cost of the building. Mrs. M. Hale endeavored to compromise with the

Machinist's Jaw Is Broken and Chicago Accused of Trying to Put Obstacles in Way of Exhibitors.

> (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) okane, Wash., Dec. 3.—Opposition o the National Apple Show now on exing and efforts to exploit a land show being held in the Collseum there to the detriment of the exhibition of north-

western fruit by a Chicago paper, has called for anathemas from officers of the fruit display.

Despite this opposition, Secretay Ren H. Rice of the National Apple Show, who is in Chicago with a number of exhibitors. exhibitors from Oregon, Washington, California and other parts of the Pacific northwest, declared in a letter sent here today that the show was a treme

grower of the inland empire, writing or the same matter, states:
"We have been blocked on every turn

by the Chicago land show people. As an instance of their methods, when we tried to open an entrance from the Wa ash street side of the armory, which meant a great accommodation to the public, the land show management, through influence at the city hall, use every means to block our efforts and succeeded. The paper refused to give any notices to the apple show. Affairs of the Spokane Apple Show are being wound up today, when some \$25,000 worth of checks were written and Oregon and other fruit growing states of the northwest."

MAY BE INVALIDATED

(Special Disputch to The Journal.)
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 3.—Perhaps
the most sweeping decision ever rendered by a justice of the peace in the state of Washington was handed down this afternoon by Justice E. M. Scanlon in the case of the city of Vancouver vs. M. J. Byham. The decision, if sustained by the suprame court, will invalidate every ordinance passed by the various city councils of the city of Vancouver since the year 1890. Included in these franchises is one to the North Bank railroad, the Vancouver Traction company, electric light company and many other concessions, which will involve no end of trouble and expense.

On the night of October 30, 1910, fire broke out in a frame building at 710 Main street owned by Mrs. Mary Mc-Hale, and the second story of the build-ing was burned. Mrs. McHale applied to the city council for a permit to repair the building. The request was rejected at a special meeting of the council, on notified the Portland police that his the ground that the building was within wife deserted him yesterday and came the fire limits, and the damage done by to Portland with Louis Lackosene. The fire was more than 25 per cent of the Hale endeavored to compromise with the

Invalid.

The decision was rendered on authority of the decision in the case of W. L. Thompson and others, appellants, vs. the Town of Sumner, repellants, victed in Ninth Washington, page \$10, which decides that "Under a statute requiring a waterworks proposition to be submitted at a special election, notice of which must be given to the newspaper doing the city printing, the ordinance for the submission of the proposition should, in the absence of an official newspaper.

having been designated as official by ordinance. By this decision the special election to be held Tuesday to issue bonds in the sum of \$314,000 with which to install a municipal water plant will be void.

Contending that cholers is caused by germs of the disease turning the nitrates in foods into nitrates, a German doctor has advanced the theory that it may be avoided by refraining from nitrogenous foods.

violating ordinance No. 522. Byham was released on his own recognizance and the trial set for Thursday, December 1.

The trial was held, and Judge E. M. Scanion took the matter under advisement till today, when he dismissed the action. The dismissal is based on the grounds that the official newspaper of the city was designated by resolution and not by ordinance and is therefore invalid.

The ordinance effected by this deals was passed by the city council last A and provides that no frame building shall be erected within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired when the repairs would equal 15 cent of the original cost. If this on nance is invalid, all others must be there is no record of any newsphaving been designated as official ordinance. By this decision the special council last A and provides that no frame building shall be repaired when the repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired when the repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired when the repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be received within a certain in and no frame building shall be received within a certain in and no frame building shall be received within a certain in and no frame building shall be repaired within a certain in and no frame building shall be

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