

COHEN DECISION MAY BE OF GREAT MOMENT IN CRIMINAL CASES

Federal District Attorney Believes Power Given to Compel Wife to Testify.

THE LAW IS RECONSTRUCTED

Court Rules That Moral Wrong Constitutes Personal Injury Against Woman Involved in the Case.

That the recent decision of the United States circuit court of appeals in the Max G. Cohen case has opened wide the right of the government to compel wives of the defendants to testify against them in trial of white slavery cases, thus greatly facilitating the prosecution of these crimes, was the opinion today of United States Attorney Clarence L. Reames.

A copy of the opinion handed down by the court Tuesday morning at San Francisco was received by Mr. Reames today. Max G. Cohen, a Portland attorney, represented Jake Gronich, charged with violation of the Mann act, in a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Cannon.

Mr. Cannon permitted Esther Woods, Gronich's wife, to testify, and she perjured herself. Cohen was later indicted by the government and convicted of the charge of having persuaded the woman to commit perjury.

One of the grounds for the appeal was that under the Oregon laws the wife could not be made to testify against the husband. In the trial of a white slavery case in 1912, Judge Bean in the local federal court, ruled that the wife could not be compelled to testify against her husband, the defendant, and the government prosecutors have commonly accepted that ruling.

One of the usual methods for preparing a defense in the white slavery cases has been for the defendants to marry the woman they are accused of transporting about the country for immoral purposes. Their attorneys knew that the wife would probably not be allowed to testify, and this fact has proved a great obstruction in the trial of the cases on the part of the government attorneys.

A new interpretation of the law, however, has been made in the opinion just handed down by the appellate court and Mr. Reames believes that henceforth the matrimonial tie will offer the prosecution no difficulty. The salient point is expressed in the following paragraph from the opinion:

Injury Is Personal. "We are of opinion that the personal injury to a wife which permits the admission of her testimony against her husband, within the exception recognized and expressed in the Oregon statute, is not confined to cases of personal violence, but may involve a serious moral wrong inflicted on her, and that in a case of the prosecution of a man for bringing her to one state to another with intent that she shall practice prostitution, in violation of the White Slave act, his act in so doing is such a personal injury as to entitle her to testify against him."

Everybody Kicked Old Purse but One

He Picked It Up and Found \$100, Some Diamonds and Other Jewelry—Likewise the Owner and a Reward.

Monrovia, Cal., May 7.—W. E. Anderson is considerably richer because his curiosity triumphed over his judgment.

After watching a score of pedestrians kick a bulky package along the pavement near the place of business he rescued the pocket and found that it contained a pair of diamond cuff links, a diamond studded watch, several rings and \$100 in coin.

An hour later Anderson found the owner, Mrs. W. N. Jenkins, of Arcadia, who expressed her gratitude substantially.

Druggist Takes Drug.

Pendleton, Or., May 7.—Charles Carpenter, a Holik druggist, Tuesday afternoon committed suicide by taking morphine. Physicians worked over him for four hours but could not save him. No reason for his act has been given. He is said to have threatened self destruction several times. He was about 45 years old and has no family.

\$600,000 for a Funeral.

Tokio, May 7.—Parliament appropriated \$600,000 for the late dowager empress' funeral.

Friday and Saturday Special at The National New Spring Suits \$14.95 Reductions Unusual on our entire line of new, natty Spring Suits, consisting of all the latest matters in every shade and popular fabric.

Tigard Office Is Again Visited

For Third Time in 12 Months, Attempt Made to Rob Oregon Electric Station There—Stove Poked for "Jimmy." Tigard, Or., May 7.—For the third time in 12 months, an unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday to rob the local Oregon Electric depot. An effort was made to pry open the money drawer under the ticket window, with the waiting stove poker. From \$35 to \$50 is the usual day's business for the Tigard agent, but he makes three remittances daily to the Portland office, and never has much company money on hand. At a previous attempt to rob the station the office safe was blown open.

The local agent is more accurate with a six shooter than is an ordinary person with a tack hammer, and it is believed he will give a good account of himself should holdup men ever make a personal attack on him.

Cloptons Bound Over to Jury

Woman Charged With Setting Fire to Postoffice While She Was Postmistress—Business District Destroyed.

Klamath Falls, Or., May 7.—Charged with setting fire to the Bonanza post office and the starting of a conflagration which destroyed the business section of that town last winter, Mrs. and Mrs. Hugh Clopton were Wednesday bound over to a grand jury for their appearance. No witnesses were introduced by the defense. Witnesses for the state were to corroborate the first statement regarding the circumstances connected with the fire and the alleged visit of Clopton to the post office just before the fire broke out. Friends of the Cloptons say that perjury charges may be made against some of the state's witnesses. Mrs. Clopton was postmistress at Bonanza at the time of the fire, which destroyed \$500 worth of insured furniture owned by the Cloptons.

Tongue Point Man Missing From Boat

Chris Meeder, Who Was Fished on the Columbia River for Thirty Years, Disappears While Companion Sleeps.

Astoria, Or., May 7.—Chris Meeder, a fisherman residing at Tongue Point, who has fished on the Columbia river for the last 30 years, disappeared from his boat while he and John Wilson were making a drift in Prairie channel, two miles above Tongue Point, yesterday afternoon, and the police and coroner's office have been asked to locate him. According to Wilson, both men had been drinking heavily. They left their cabin at Tongue Point about 2 o'clock and laid out their net. Wilson lay down to sleep in the stern of his boat and left Meeder, his captain, sitting in the boat. When Wilson awoke Meeder had disappeared. No trace has been found of the missing man.

ABUSE ALLEGED BY WIFE

Thomas Streiff, a county road supervisor, has been sued for divorce in the circuit court by Eliza Beth Streiff. Mrs. Streiff alleged that she worked for 25 years improving a four acre place they own, gave him \$1000 she made during the time by keeping boarders and that he has struck and abused her, threatening her once with a revolver. She asks the custody of a 13-year-old son, \$50 a month alimony, \$250 attorney's fees and an interest in the property. They were married in Portland November 15, 1889.

Free Text Books at Centralia. Centralia, Wash., May 7.—The long agitated question of free text books in the Centralia schools has finally been settled, the school board having yesterday issued an order for the system to be inaugurated next term. Seventy-six per cent of the parents expressed themselves as wanting free text books.

CLOSING-OUT SALE OF ALL USED PIANOS AND PLAYERS AT PRICES UNHEARD OF HERETOFORE

A Most Unusual Plan--Pianos in Groups --Prices \$45, \$95, \$145, \$195 and some at \$265

Many Prominent Makes Included at Prices That Are Lower Than We Have Ever Been Able to Offer for Fully Warranted and First-Class Instruments

Whoever heard of selling a good, playable upright piano at \$45.00, others at \$95.00 and some excellent toned pianos in beautiful finish at \$145.00 and on terms as low as \$4.00 per month? This is what Eilers Music House is going at the present time.

For the past few weeks we have been organizing the Player Piano Purchasers' club, whereby we supply latest Player Pianos on very easy terms and at prices heretofore unheard of for highest grade player pianos.

We have been so successful in this undertaking that we have secured a large number of excellent pianos, taken in as part payment on these beautiful little Bungalow Players offered on the P. P. P. club plan. All of these instruments are in first class condition, many of them nearly new, and all are fully guaranteed. We are compelled to make these low prices, as we are determined to dispose of all this stock within 10 days time. But loss is your gain in this instance, so do not hesitate to investigate the instruments offered in this sale immediately.

In order to facilitate matters, we have arranged these pianos in groups, \$45.00 for some of them. Group A at \$45.00 consists of some of the oldest pianos. Among them will be found Frisbee, upright; Knabe, old style; Criterion, old style, and Thomas Gokarn, also several others. At the price of \$45.00, they will all be taken very quickly.

Group "B" at \$95.00. This group consists of more of excellent pianos of good tone quality and are full sized uprights. Terms, \$95.00 cash or \$8.00 cash and \$4.00 a month. Delivery Club is free on any part of the city and stool included.

Group "C" at \$145.00. In group C an almost endless variety of very fine pianos is to be found. \$145.00 cash or \$10.00 down and \$5.00 a month, by terms. Such well known makes as Hobart M. Cable, Decker Bros., Jacob H. P. Nelson, Estey, Kohler & Chase, Gerbald, Wheelock and many others are to be found. Surely one of these instruments will fill the vacant space in your home.

Group "D" at \$185.00. This group consists of some very choice and especially fine instruments, all just like new. Such makes as Chickering, J. & C. Fisher, Kimball, Nestle, Shill & Wendel, Lester, Smith & Barnes, Stearns, McPhail, Bass and many others. We should receive \$195.00 cash for each one of these instruments, but in order to get them placed in homes quickly, we will accept \$14.00 down and \$5.00 per month. Delivery made free to any part of the city.

The very finest ones at \$265.00. An extraordinary variety of excellent \$265

and \$600.00 pianos, and even \$650.00 in this group. Such makes as the Sohmer, Knabe, Weber, Lester, our own famous Eilers, Bush & Gerts, etc. All of these pianos are marked at one and the same uniform price \$265.00. Terms, \$21.00 down and \$8.00 per month.

PLAYERS PRICES SLAUGHTERED. A fine Milton Player piano at \$245.00, Bailey Player Piano at \$268.00, Weber Player Piano at \$325.00, Hono-anola Piano at \$375, Stuyvesant Piano at \$430.00, another at \$310.00 and many other big snags. Some of high as \$900. They are in perfect condition and will play in perfect note rhythmic music rolls. This is the music that is taken from the hand playing and does away with the mechanical humdrum effect so objectionable to the ordinary player piano. Terms \$30.00 cash and the balance divided into 12 monthly payments, or equivalent, as may be desired. Our famous two year exchange agreement will be given with each and every instrument, meaning that a buyer may purchase one of these instruments, using same for two years and at the end of that time turn it in toward payment of a new one and receive the full amount paid. Nothing can be fairer than this proposition, as it virtually means two years' approval of the instrument purchased.

This sale spells "success." During the past three days of this sale, we have disposed of over \$5,000.00 worth of very fine and choice pianos. The proof of the pudding is the tasting and the amount of pianos sold proves what we have stated—that this is the greatest opportunity to secure a good piano at low prices and on easy terms, that our house has ever been able to offer. Telephone or write soon. Those living out of town should write or telephone for descriptive lists and numbers. We send these instruments wherever subject to examination. A deposit of amount stated in this advertisement should be sent to show good faith. Such deposit is cheerfully refunded if instrument, after delivery, is not found satisfactory to the buyer.

This sale as above will continue until every instrument is sold, and the rate they have been going it will be in about 10 days time. Remember every instrument is fully guaranteed and the prices quoted will be taken quickly. Do not fail to see these instruments at once, and you will surely find just the instrument that you have been waiting for and at prices that are right. EILERS MUSIC HOUSE, Eilers Building, Broadway at Alder, Portland, Oregon.

Naval and Marine Enlistments Close

Orders Just Received at Local Recruiting Office Indicate Both the Branches are Now Filled Up. "Shut down on the enlisting" was the substance of orders just received by the naval and marine corps recruiting offices in this city. The orders were general and mean that the two branches of military service are filled up. The order with respect to the naval branch was especially strong and virtually means that no recruits at all are to be taken. The marine corps order, which came at noon yesterday to Lieutenant Fred Udelle, who has charge of the work in Oregon and Washington, says that only men who are physically perfect will be accepted and that no waters will be allowed. A waiver is where a man may be slightly off standard, and for whom the recruiting officer asks acceptance of the recruit anyway. The recruiting officers say the two branches of the service have been pretty well filled up for a long time and that the orders were expected whether there was a Mexican crisis or not.

Lake Boat Burns, Her Crew Escapes

City of Rome Is Destroyed near Ripley, N. Y.—Crew Fight Fire for Two Hours and Then Beach Steamship.

Erie, Pa., May 7.—The steamship City of Rome was burned to the water's edge off Ripley, N. Y., early today. The vessel was en route from Buffalo to Toledo and discharged a cargo of oats at Buffalo yesterday. Captain William Dunn and First Mate John McNamara discovered the fire at midnight in the forward hold. They fought the flames for two hours and finally were forced to beach the vessel. The 15 members of the crew escaped but lost all their personal belongings. The City of Rome was owned by James Mitchell of Cleveland.

WHAT LABOR IS DOING

"Made in Oregon" Gets Support of State Federation of Labor.

Wants Oregon Stone Used. The executive committee of the State Federation of Labor is taking an interest in the stone to be supplied for building the new university buildings at Eugene. They declare that the best building stone in the world has been "Made in Oregon" these million years or more, and that Oregon labor, Oregon capital and Oregon materials should be given the benefit of any doubts in the construction of public buildings. What is said to be the best of building stone is accessible about 40 miles from Eugene, at Deady. The State Federation of Labor is for "Made in Oregon" building stone.

Meeting for Signatures. E. J. Stack, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, is devoting his evenings and much of his other spare time to the furtherance of the two tentative measures indorsed by the different industrial organizations, one providing for the abolition of the state senate, the other for proportional representation. He speaks before two to four unions a night urging the procuring of signatures, and is well received wherever he goes. On Thursday evening he addresses a citizens' gathering at Gresham.

Boosts for Oregon Roads. H. G. Parsons, hustler for the Cigar Makers, is shortly to visit Astoria and address many organizations there in behalf of "Made-in-Oregon" cigars.

The Labor Temple association is prospering with its lease of the building at 12 1/2 Second street. The halls are used about up to the limit by the different unions.

Tourist Robbed of Diamonds. Los Angeles, May 7.—Mrs. C. C. Parsons, a tourist, from Salt Lake City, was robbed of a diamond studded necklace worth \$2000.

WANT REGULATIONS CHARGED

Letter carriers of San Francisco are endeavoring to secure regulations that will do away with stair climbing to a great degree. Letter carriers are not inclined to shirk, but in every large city there is too much unnecessary "stair work." The carriers in Portland are watching with interest the outcome in San Francisco.

Business Agents Meet Regularly. The business agent of an average building trade union is clothed with great authority and is weighed with heavy responsibility. He can do much

to upbuild an organization if competent. In Portland the business agents meet every Tuesday morning for conference for much publicity as to their proceedings.

Aid for Colorado Sufferers. The following resolutions have been passed by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Butcher Workmen of North America, Local Union No. 143:

Whereas the findings of a regularly empaneled coroner's jury and other investigating bodies have revealed the fact that the mine owners of Colorado instigated and executed the terrible massacre of Ludlow, on the night of April 21, resulting in the butchery of 22 women and children, and

Whereas the said massacre was attended with circumstances of the most horrible and revolting atrocity in that it was perpetrated by assassins in the uniform and acting under the legal sanction of the Colorado authorities; therefore be it

Resolved, that Meat-Cutters' Union No. 143, condemns in the most emphatic manner the dilatory and criminal actions of the authorities of Colorado and demands that the Federal government act at once to protect the lives of our brothers and sisters in Colorado and to bring to punishment the brutal murderers who wielded the torch and rifle in the assassination of unprotected women and children of Ludlow and be it further

Resolved, that we subscribe the sum of \$25 to aid the survivors of said massacre and to bring the murderers to justice. C. E. HARTWIG, E. R. STARK, E. J. DALY.

Portland's Best Lunch--Quick Service--Good Food--Low Prices--Holtz Basem't

The Holtz Store Is Selling Out A Clean Sweep of Odd Lots

Final Close-Out of Thousands of Articles at Less Than Factory Cost--Tomorrow and Saturday Mark Final Disposition of Accumulated Odds and Ends at Ridiculous Prices

Table with 10 columns: WAISTS, COATS, SILKS, FLOUNCINGS, SILKS, \$5.00 UNDERMUSLINS, \$1.29 UNDERMUSLINS, WAISTS, DRESSES, HANDKERCH'FS. Prices range from \$2.19 to 7c.

Clean Sweep 300 Pairs \$3 Pumps and Oxfords at 50c Pair

Table with 10 columns: HATS, BUTTONS, SILK HOSE, UNDERWEAR, UNDERWEAR, UNION SUITS, GOLF CAPS, MATTRESSES, PORTIERES, CURTAINS. Prices range from \$1.49 to \$2.50-\$3.50.

Basement Bargains

- \$1.50 Gal. Boiler at .98c
\$3.50 Hot Pt. Iron \$2.98
15c Wall Mirrors at 7c
50c Dish Pans for 39c
15c Wire Utensils at 7c
35c Dennison Napkins, 100 for .23c
25c Nickel Silver at 8c
5c-10c Trim'g Braid, 2c
12 1/2c Hose, small size, 5c
5c Luster Cotton, two for .5c
39c Saving Sets at 19c
25c to 39c Jewelry at 5c
15c Shopping Baskets 5c

Clean Sweep Men's Suits and Overcoats \$4.98

This is the final close-out for our entire clothing department; just 70 men's suits left. Good styles, good materials; regular \$15 and \$20 suits. Sizes of suits include 17-34, 17-35, 18-36, 8-37, 2-38, 1-39, 4-40, 2-42, 1-44. In overcoats there are all sizes. Plenty of merchants would buy this entire stock now at this price. We prefer to let the public have this chance \$4.98

\$25, \$30 Suits and Overcoats \$9.50

Twenty suits left in the high grades, formerly priced at \$25 and \$30. Sizes 1-84, 4-35, 6-37, 4-38, 2-39, 2-40 and 2-42—all sizes in overcoats, which are well worth buying now for the next cold season. \$9.50

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Kayser and Niagara Maid Long Silk Gloves Go on Sale at Only 89c

Clean sweep of all remaining stock of these well known staple and popular Silk Gloves, 16-button length, black and all colors except white. Every pair perfect. No jobs or seconds. Regularly \$1.50 and \$1.75 pr., at 89c

Clean Sweep Women's 75c Neckwear at 25c Clean Sweep at \$1.49

Clean sweep of 200 dozen Women's fancy Summer Neckpieces, Collars, Jabots and Fichus. These Neckpieces sell regularly in all stores up to 75c. To be closed out in Selling Out Sale at 25c

Clean sweep of 1000 pieces of beautiful Jewelry, staple and novelty Lavalieres, Watch Fobs, Opera Chains, Bracelets, Scarf Pins, Cuff Links, etc., \$2.98 to \$3.98 \$1.49

THE 15th Anniversary Sale of Men's Suits Ends Saturday

Come today and benefit by the unparalleled values we're giving, to celebrate the completion of 15 years' successfully serving the men, young men and boys of Portland. Sale ends Saturday evening.

\$15 Men's Spring Suits, 15th Anniversary price... \$11.15

\$20 Men's Spring Suits, 15th Anniversary price... \$14.15

\$25 Men's Spring Suits, 15th Anniversary price... \$18.15

Boys' \$2.00 Wash Suits... \$1.15

Boys' \$5-\$6 Knicker Suits... \$3.15

Men's \$3.00 Straw Hats... \$2.15

Men's \$1.50 Spring Shirts... \$1.15

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Men's \$5.00 Bath Robes, to close out at \$1.95

\$3.50 Couch Covers, reduced to, each \$1.79

25c Floor Matting, to close out at, yard 19c

39c Stationery, Selling Out Sale Price 19c

\$1.49 Pictures, now selling out at only 49c

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45c Scotch Flannels, now yard 22c

75c Viyella Flannels, now yard 49c

25c Bottles Shasta Water, now 12 1/2c

50c Jap Silks, now selling at yard 29c

35c Wash Goods, reduced to only 15c

98c Infants' Wear 59c

Baby Bonnets now 1/2

Fancy China now at 1/2

Toys, all kinds, 1/2

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