

LIFE'S GRIM TRAGEDY ONCE AGAIN FEATURED IN COURT PROCEEDING

Young Woman, About to Be-
come Mother, Shields Man,
Despite Latter's Guilt.

MAN SHIFTS THE BLAME

Woman Is Released on Parole; Man
Plends Guilty to Charge of
Passing Forged Checks.

Another of life's tragedies passed in review before Circuit Judge Davis this morning when Elsie Vedder and W. P. Williams appeared for sentencing for the crime of passing worthless checks. The woman is young, only 23, very pretty, and soon is to be a mother. She was enticed from her husband in the state of Washington eight or 10 months ago by Williams and is still passionately fond of him. After their arrest she was ready to take the blame for passing the checks, telling Deputy District Attorney Collier that no doubt Williams would not have passed them had it not been for her.

On the other hand Williams was not so thoughtful of the woman he had dragged to the depths of disgrace. He told the officers the woman was to blame, and until yesterday maintained the fault was hers alone. He pleaded guilty.

Woman's Faith Unshaken.
But that she has not lost faith in him was evidenced by her fervent goodbye kiss as Williams was led away to spend one to five years in the state penitentiary, with a similar sentence hanging over her head, left the courtroom to return to the Louise home, where she will be cared for until after the next important event in her life occurs.

On recommendation of Mr. Collier, to W. G. MacLaren. Soon after her condition was discovered by the matron of the county jail, Deputy District Attorney Collier had a talk with her and asked her why she did not return to the home of her parents in Tacoma. "I have three sisters at home, all younger than I am," she answered. "I can't go back home like this. You know how they would treat me."

However, after awhile Mr. Collier said he hoped arrangements could be made for her to return to her parental home. She is willful and headstrong, otherwise Mr. Collier said he would have recommended her to be released without sentence. He said Mr. MacLaren asked to have a sentence imposed so someone could control her. When Williams, who is 33, was arrested, he told the officers he was a West Point graduate, and had smuggled arms from the United States into Mexico for Villa, with whom he said he fought for two years.

Williams Makes Demand.
When Williams was asked by the court if he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced, he demanded that his woman companion be released "for the sake of her unborn babe."

"I had an understanding with the district attorney that she would be released," he said, "and if she is not going to be, I will change my plea to not guilty."

"You had no understanding whatever with the district attorney's office," replied Deputy District Attorney Collier. "If you want to change your plea to not guilty, you may do so and we will go to trial."

"No bargains are made in this court," said Judge Davis. "You may enter your plea, guilty or not guilty, as you choose."

"I am willing to take my lot, and I will not change my plea of guilty," answered Williams, sullenly.

WILL CONTEST CONTINUES

Pendleton Man Testifies In Anna Dale Will Case.

Zek Mathews, Pendleton barber, and husband of Nannie Mathews, who was practically disinherited by her mother, Mrs. Anna E. Dale, in a will which is being contested in the county court, was called to the witness stand this morning by the attorneys for Mrs. Mathews. Mr. Mathews is stepfather of Mrs. Mattie Tobias, who, with her little daughter, Helen, was bequeathed the business property on Plumb street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, valued at \$30,000, this being the bulk of the estate.

Ever since he married Mrs. Mathews, 29 years ago, testified Mrs. Mathews,

he has spent all his savings in the support and upkeep of the property owned by Mrs. Dale. His hands have been tied, and improvements and made repairs, and in other ways contributed to the support of the property, which had but meager income from house rents until a business block was erected on it in 1914.

Unable longer to bear the financial burden of taking care of the property, in 1914 he and the late George W. Kline, who had attended to Mrs. Dale's business for more than 40 years, decided to try to lease the property to someone who would build on it, he said. Then plans for having Mrs. Dale build on it were discussed, anything to provide an income, he testified.

He sent Mrs. Mathews to Seattle to discuss the matter with him, and, as a result, the testimony of Mrs. Mathews, her mother's mind was poisoned toward her by the suggestion that Mrs. Mathews and Watkins were trying to beat her out of her property. This suggestion was made to her mother by the Tobiases. Mrs. Mathews said she was told by Mr. Watkins.

Mr. Mathews said the Tobiases had never contributed a dollar toward the support of the property, so far as he knew. He denied the charge that he used intoxicating liquor to excess.

Mrs. John Marshall, friend of Mrs. Dale, testified that one day, as she entered Mrs. Dale's home, she heard George Tobias, a brother of the husband of Mattie Tobias, saying to Mrs. Dale:

"Don't you trust him. He is no good. He will rob you."

The next day Mrs. Marshall said she asked Mrs. Dale about the matter, and she was talking about and Mrs. Dale told her it was Zeke Mathews.

As a basis for contesting the will, Mrs. Mathews charges that the Tobiases exercised improper influence over her mother to induce her to sign a will giving them the property, and that her mother was not mentally competent to make a will at the time.

HUSBAND ACCUSES WIFE

Fred G. Pollette Brings a Suit for Divorce.

In filing a suit for a divorce, Fred G. Pollette, a professional nurse, asks for an order of the court restraining his wife, Evelyn A. Pollette, from drawing checks against a deposit of \$2000 in the Northwestern National bank. He charges his wife with cruelty and infidelity.

Other suits for divorce were filed as follows: Elsie Lovering vs. E. Ralph Lovering, married at Princeton, Or., in 1912, cruelty; Marie Macfarlane vs. Daniel Macfarlane, married in Portland April 2, 1916, cruelty.

Ten-Year Sentence Imposed!

One to 10 years in the penitentiary was the sentence pronounced on Lloyd Welfare and Alexander Griggs, two young men who faced Judge Davis this morning to answer to the crime of larceny. They are the pair who employed Donald Morrison October 26 to take them from Portland to St. Helena in his automobile, and on the way hid him up and took his machine from him. They were caught in California and pleaded guilty.

Not Guilty of Speeding.

Louisa Fontana, who appealed to the circuit court from a conviction in the district court for speeding, was today found not guilty by Judge Davis.

Automobile Club Will Meet Dec. 6

Plans Will Be Formulated for a State-wide Automobile Association Along State Lines.

In order to avoid a conflict of interests between the Portland Automobile club and a proposed state-wide automobile association it has been determined to reorganize the old organization on state lines. This decision was arrived at yesterday at a meeting of the directors.

A general meeting of the club members at the Automobile clubhouse on the Sandy river December 6, has been called for the purpose of electing directors and arranging the details of the new organization.

Emery Olmstead, Phil Metcham Jr., John E. Kelly, John E. Cronan and W. L. Feuchtelmer have been asked to form a committee to prepare and submit a list from which directors will be chosen.

It is proposed to select 16 directors from Portland and an additional number from the state at large.

The chief purposes of the organization will be to further the interests of automobilists in erecting road signs, in securing hotel and garage accommodations for members and in promoting highway improvement and legislation.

Those present at yesterday's meeting were: C. C. Overmire, president, and George M. Chambers, assistant secretary of the Portland Automobile club; Julius L. Meier, temporary chairman of the proposed state-wide association; John E. Cronan, W. B. Doan, Howard M. Covey, A. L. Blitt, W. J. Clemens, Emory Olmstead, W. B. Feuchtelmer, C. F. Wright, A. M. Smith, John E. Kelly and Phil Metcham Jr.

Arguments Completed Today.

Oregon City, Or., Nov. 22.—Arguments in the case of the State of Oregon against the Western Lumber company of Montana, will be completed today. Briefs will be prepared and submitted to Circuit Judge Campbell and it will be probably several weeks before a decision in the case will be given.

The case opened Monday before Circuit Judge Campbell. All the testimony and evidence was submitted Monday. The arguments have taken up all of Tuesday and Wednesday.

Bridge Party, Afternoon Event.

Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 22.—Mrs. Rhodie S. Thompson and Mrs. Frank Fox entertained yesterday at their apartments in the Blaker building in honor of Miss Pearl Ponge, whose marriage to Harley Garthwait of Portland has been announced for December 12. Bridge was played in the Thompson apartments and refreshments were served in the Fox apartments. Those present were Mrs. H. Funk, Mrs. Graham Steele, Mrs. W. B. Bonk, Mrs. Roy Force, Mrs. Bessie Sanderson, Mrs. Harry Dyer, Mrs. J. W. Shaw, Mrs. Frank Troch, Mrs. Fred Stipe, Mrs. A. A. Pompe, Miss Zillah Crawford and Mrs. C. A. Watts of this city; Mrs. Grace Glover, Mrs. E. P. Troch, Mrs. Paul Mayer, Miss Hazel Kurtz, Mrs. Lewis Prince, Mrs. Wilber and Miss Honita Mayer of Portland.

Petty Larceny Is Charged.

Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 22.—Harry Peterson of Camps was brought to Vancouver yesterday by Constable W. W. Laws and lodged in the county jail on a petty larceny charge. Peterson is alleged to have taken about \$15 from a roommate. He denies the charge. In default of \$500 bail he is being held in jail.

TAXICAB COMPANIES JOIN IN THE CONTEST AGAINST THE JITNEY

Petitions Filed With Council
Asking Reversal of Com-
missioner Daly's Action.

DISCRIMINATION IS CLAIM

Companies Complain That Districts Es-
tablished Are Unreasonable and
Prevent Operation of Taxis.

The Portland Taxicab and the Oregon Taxicab companies have enlisted in the fight to put the jitneys out of business and are now seeking to have the council rescind the action of Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, in approving the zone system under which jitneys are now operating. The two companies have filed petitions with the council, asking that Commissioner Daly's action be reversed. The petitions are almost identical with the petition filed with the council by Vincent Cook, who was represented before the city council by R. A. Leiter, of the legal department of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

Data Claimed Identical.
The data in the Cook petition is said to have been gathered from the records at the city hall by an employee of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. The data in the two petitions from the taxicab companies are the same and in identical form with that in the Cook petition. The petitions even have every appearance of having been written on the same typewriter and by the same person, following the same form throughout.

About the only difference is in the paper used to back both petitions, and the fact that they were filed in the name of different attorneys. The Portland Taxicab company is represented by Bauer, Green & McCurtain, while the Oregon Taxicab company is represented by G. W. Stapleton.

Mayor's Position Known.
It is known that Mayor Albee is opposed to the jitneys operating as for hire cars and that at least one of the other commissioners sides in with him. The attempt to have Commissioner Daly's actions reversed will be made at tomorrow's session of the city council.

The taxicab companies say that the districts established and approved by Commissioner Daly are discriminatory, unreasonable, unjust and unfair in that the companies are prevented from operating in the taxicab business.

Records on file in Commissioner Daly's office show that these two taxicab companies are not operating under a zone system, nor have they filed any rates based on a zone system. The two taxicab companies, according to records, operated on a time and mileage basis, in an entirely different manner from which the former jitneys are now operating.

Vincent Cook was asked this morning if he in his petition, represented the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and his only reply was: "I have nothing to say."

Temperance Forces Of World to Unite

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 23.—(I. N. S.)—A world-wide alliance of temperance forces may be one result of great war in Europe. Delegates to the W. C. T. U. convention cheered wildly the proposal of Richmond Pearson Hobson, author of the congressional resolution for national constitutional prohibition, that the American organization stretch hands across the sea at the peace conference which will end the war.

Thanksgiving Programs Planned.

Clackamas, Or., Nov. 22.—Thanksgiving programs are under preparation in the Rock Creek and Damascus public schools. In the former, following the exercises, refreshments will be served to the patrons by the pupils. The Damascus school is planning generous donations to the Boys' and Girls' Aid society in Portland.

Firm Head Interested.

Thomas Roberts, senior member of the firm, is much interested in the development of musical art, and time devoted by the chorus to rehearsals is deducted from the working hours. Rehearsals are held once a week. Mr. Roberts was instrumental some years ago in bringing to Portland for a concert the famous Welsh "Mountain Ash" male chorus.

Cards and dancing followed the concert. The patronesses were: Mrs. Thomas Roberts, Mrs. W. E. Roberts, Mrs. E. H. Roberts, Mrs. G. E. Walker, Mrs. M. Evans, Mrs. V. A. Woods, Mrs. A. C. Catto, Mrs. W. D. Medlin, Mrs. W. F. Young, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. N. A. Boody, Mrs. F. H. Kerr.

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