

CHRISTMAS TRINKETS PROVE TOO MUCH FOR OLD COUNTRY WOMAN

District Court and Deputy Attorney Play Role of Santa Claus to One in Toils.

SHOPLIFTING IS ADMITTED

Charge Dismissed On Showing That Accused Had Never Been in Trouble Before.

District Judge Jones and Deputy District Attorney Mowry assumed the role of Santa Claus today when they released from custody Mrs. Fred Fisher, a farmer's wife of Madras, Or., who had been accused of shoplifting.

Mrs. Fisher is 60 years old, and, according to her husband, who was present in court, she bears an excellent reputation in the rural district in which she lives. Her husband is said to be a well-to-do rancher. The couple had just returned from a visit to Seaside. Mrs. Fisher made the rounds of a number of downtown stores. The display of Christmas goods attracted her. She admired the toys and trinkets dear to the hearts of children. Then, according to her own admission, she was induced by some unaccountable reason to commit theft. The articles taken consisted of 10 Christmas cards, five handkerchiefs, one box of Christmas seals, two calendars, one sachet booklet, three neck bows, six pins and a pair of ear rings. The total value of the goods was \$7.50. She was arrested and spent last night in jail. The complaint was dismissed on the request of the owner of the goods when it was shown that the woman had never been in trouble before.

DIVORCE IS GIVEN TO WIFE

Counter Charges Against Husband Are Proven in Trial.

Although the suit was brought by the husband, George W. Kredt, the decree was awarded to the wife, Effie Kredt, in a divorce action concluded yesterday. Both are deaf and dumb. They were married in Pendleton in 1906 and have one daughter, eight years old. The court found that the charges made by the husband against the wife were not true, while it was true that the husband had slapped and choked his wife and made false accusations against her. The child was placed in the custody of the father until the end of the next school term, when the court will make a further order relating to her. Two other divorce decrees were granted as follows: Mand Oehmke vs. William C. Oehmke, married in Seattle in 1914, cruelty; Della M. Frese vs. William Frese, married at Vancouver in 1914, cruelty.

Garrigus Loses Contest.

Former decree denying the claim of

L. C. Garrigus to the office of county court judge, now held by Judge T. J. Cleaton, was filed in Judge Kavanaugh's court today. The claimant had contended that at the election of November 3, 1914, 17 voters wrote his name on the ballots, thus giving him the office. It was stated in reply that there was no election for the office on that date. Had Garrigus won he would have been able to remain in office about 16 days, as Judge Cleaton's term is nearly ended.

Will Inherit Divorce Tangle.

Circuit Judge-elect Robert Tucker, who will succeed Judge McGinn January 1 next, will inherit from the McGinn docket a divorce tangle that will be replete with a lively assortment of charges and counter charges. The case is that of J. Stuart vs. Kate Stuart, of Burlington. It is alleged by the wife that her husband is a man of insidious nature and that he persistently hunted up trouble by accusing her of unseemly conduct toward other men. The husband is said to have used clubs on innocent persons. Attorney Patrick J. McDonnell today asked that the suit go over to Judge Tucker.

Car Collision in Court.

Collision of a streetcar with a dairy wagon, with consequent injuries to Lawrence P. Conner, 15 years old, resulted in a suit being filed in circuit court yesterday afternoon against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for \$24,000 damages. Young Conner was driving the dairy wagon at East Fifteenth and Clinton streets on July 14, about 10 o'clock p. m., when a streetcar on Clinton street struck and knocking the wagon 40 or 50 feet. It is alleged, and breaking the boy's left foot.

Woman Suing Autoist.

Sara C. Myers is in Judge Morrow's court today suing David Falley for \$24,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained when the latter's automobile knocked her down and ran over her. She claims her back was injured and three of her ribs fractured. The accident took place at Broadway and Alder street.

Security Causes Suit.

C. W. Matthews faced trial in Judge Davis' court today on a charge of obtaining money from A. E. Buzzey by false representation. It is charged that Matthews gave as security on a \$250 loan what was claimed to be a first mortgage on land. It is declared that the accused knew that the property was already encumbered.

Damages Are Awarded.

Verdict for \$4000 damages was awarded L. G. Francis, administrator of the estate of John Miesko, who was killed by a Southern Pacific train at Galbraith, Or., September 22, 1915. The case was tried in Judge Kavanaugh's court.

Condemnation Suits Filed.

Condemnation suits were filed in the circuit court by the city of Portland today against Didrik Strom and others for the purchase of small parcels of land in Sussex addition to East Portland, to be used in connection with the city water department.

Jury Unable to Agree.

With the halting standing three to two, a jury in District Judge Jones' court failed to reach an agreement in the case of Ed Knepper, proprietor of a delicatessen store at Park and Stark streets, who was accused of bootleg-

ging. The testimony of the three policemen failed to convince the jury that Knepper had sold a bottle of whiskey. Deputy District Attorney S. H. Pierce, who prosecuted, said he would ask for another trial.

Says Drink Kept Him Out.

Alleging that that her husband drank to excess and during his spree often remained away from his home all night, Emma McIntosh today filed suit for divorce from John McIntosh. The defendant was formerly proprietor of a saloon at Huntington, Or.

Damages Are Asked.

Catherine Danneman, in an action commenced before a jury in Judge McGinn's court today, seeks \$7100 damages from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. She blames the company in starting the car, causing her to fall to the street.

MASKED MAN BREAKS NATHAN HANKIN'S ARM BY REVOLVER BULLET

Assailant, Known to Victim; Calls Postoffice Employee to Door, Then Shoots Him.

Nathan Hankin, 35 years old, a postoffice employee, was shot in the right forearm last night by a masked man, when he responded to a knock at the rear door of his home, 1312 East Fifteenth street north.

Hankin heard the knock and opened the door. A man who stood outside with the lower part of his face covered by a white handkerchief, said "Your time has come." Hankin slammed the door just as the shot was fired.

The bullet penetrated the panel of the door, entered Hankin's arm and shattered the bone. Hankin went to the residence of P. P. Morton, 1308 East Fourteenth street, and telephoned the police. Motorcycle Patrolmen Gouldstone and Bales went out but Hankin's assailant had fled.

Hankin said that previous attempts had been made on his life and declares he knows who his assailant is. Detectives Price and Mallett are searching for the masked man. Hankin was taken to Good Samaritan hospital. He has a wife living in New Zealand. For several years he has been employed at postoffice station E, Fifth and Olsen streets.

Greeks to Transfer Troops Tomorrow

London, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The removal of Greek troops from Thessaly to Peloponnesus will begin tomorrow, says a dispatch from Athens to the Daily Telegraph. The transfer of these troops was one of the recent demands of the allies in order to remove them from proximity to the western flank of the allied army in Macedonia.

MULTNOMAH SOLONS TO MEET TONIGHT TO FORM ORGANIZATION

John Gill and D. C. Lewis Both Mentioned as Candidates for Chairman.

WILL NOT BE TIED DOWN

Any Attempt to Form Ironclad Policy On Any Measure at Present Will Be Resisted.

The Multnomah delegation to the legislature will be organized tonight at 8 o'clock at a meeting to be held in the governor's room of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

John Gill and D. C. Lewis, veterans of the last session, are both mentioned as candidates for chairman of the delegation.

The delegates of the delegation do not intend to consider any matters of pending legislation in a formal manner, and will not consider any plan which attempts to bring them to a program for or against any measure presented to them. They followed such a course two years ago, and it resulted in dissatisfaction and criticism. They will listen to the presentation of facts and arguments for and against any measures which may be brought to their attention, but will take no formal position as a delegation.

Particular attention will be paid by the delegation to the consideration of measures which affect Multnomah county alone. Plowden Stott, one of the veteran house members, has been gathering data for several months, from a time prior to the primaries in fact, regarding the feeding of county prisoners and the transportation of prisoners from the counties for commitment to the penitentiary. He will present a bill to the legislature which, in effect, will repeal the existing law granting the feeding of Multnomah county 12 1/2 cents a meal for feeding prisoners, and substitute a plan by which they will be fed at actual cost by the county under the supervision of the sheriff.

The existing law relating to other counties will also be changed to follow the same plan. Mr. Stott will also present a bill providing that prisoners sentenced to the penitentiary shall be transported to the prison by guards sent from that institution, in the same manner as patients to the state hospital are now transported.

Several Bills to Be Considered.

It is probable that the delegation, at a series of meetings to be arranged between the holidays and the convention of the legislature will consider the proposed amendment of the tenure of office law for school teachers, the work from the county court and vest it in a bureau of parental control, the proposal to close the Willamette river to commercial fishing, and various other impending measures relating principally to Multnomah county.

Ford to Close Plant To Assist Railroads

Operations Will Be Suspended Until January 3 to Relieve Congestion Threatening Detroit Industries.

Detroit, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—As a means of relieving the railroad congestion now threatening all industries in Detroit, the Ford Motor company will suspend operations completely tomorrow and remain closed until January 3. The announcement was made this afternoon by Frank L. Klingensmith, general manager.

Forty thousand employees probably will be affected by the order. None will receive pay during the period of suspension.

The shutdown will mean a loss in wages to the 40,000 employees affected of more than \$2,000,000.

At the same time the plant will sacrifice its profits on approximately 25,000 cars. The Ford plant is now turning out about 2500 machines daily.

E. J. Jeffery Said to Be Dangerously Ill

Pioneer Contractor Who Recently Passed 81st Birthday, Suffered Attack of Paralysis Monday.

E. J. Jeffery, pioneer Portland contractor who passed his 81st birthday last April, is in a serious condition at his home, 641 Washington street, having suffered a stroke of paralysis, Monday.

Mr. Jeffery retired from active business several years ago, but for many years was at the head of a most extensive contracting business as well as being one of the leading brick manufacturers of the northwest. He was also one of the owners of a pioneer Portland street railway.

For many years before his retirement, Mr. Jeffery was also active in Democratic politics, being chairman of the state central committee in 1888, as well as serving as sheriff of Multnomah county.

Boniface Is Bent on Becoming Benedict

A. B. Campbell, auditor of the Multnomah Hotel company, will join the ranks of the benedicts Saturday, when he is to marry Miss Clara Reed of Minneapolis.

The wedding is to take place at the home of relatives of Miss Reed in Seattle.

Mr. Campbell has been connected with Great North and E. V. Hauser, the St. Paul contractors, who own the Multnomah, for a number of years, and only recently came to Portland to look after the auditing end of the hotel.

Mr. Campbell and his bride will be at home at the Multnomah after Christmas.

Many Are Hunting For Xmas Greens

Each Day Sees Crowds Go Out to Come Back Laden With All Manner of Foliage for Christmas Decoration.

Each day sees an exodus of those searching for Christmas greens, ferns, Oregon grape and cedar. Every machine that comes back to the city has its load of holiday foliage.

Those in search of Oregon grape have been best rewarded by following the roads southeast of the city, and looking along the fences and along the edges of the brush.

Along the Section Line and Powell Valley roads the frosts have colored the grape to all the shades from green to a deep red.

The ferns in this section will be found of good quality but not nearly so large as in the hills on the west, particularly along the Germastown and other roads which lead through fairly heavy timber.

Cedar boughs can be found in almost any part of the hills on the west side or in the forests to the southeast of the city. Farmers in many sections are as usual complaining of the city man who thinks that everything that grows in the open is

his prey. Many of them are protecting the greens which grow along the front fences of their property and they will appreciate your looking farther, even though it is the best stand you have seen.

Vessels Can't Carry All Freight Offered

Car Shortage Conditions of Late Result in Great Cramping of Coastwise Ocean Carriers.

For the last few sailings out of Flavel, the steamer Northern Pacific has been leaving more freight on the dock than it has been able to crowd into the hold.

Car shortage conditions have thrown vast quantities of freight upon the toes of general carriers. Paper, potatoes, general merchandise and even lumber have been rushed to the water terminal to find space on the ship, but the space is now provided for many sailings ahead without the addition of a single pound of new business.

Steamship officials have been worried by the fact that shippers who have contracted for certain space have been asking that they be allowed more and more space.

The steamer Great Northern has

been taxed also in its passenger business between San Francisco and Honolulu. Two extra sailings have been arranged for, April 11 and April 30. After that, the craft will be brought back to service between Flavel and

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