

Evidence of Stool Pigeons Rejected

Woman Tried for Violating Liquor Law Freed by Jury Because of Nature of Evidence.

A municipal court jury refused Saturday to convict Olga Mitchell, charged with selling liquor in violation of the prohibition law, because of the evidence against her. "Why," asked the jury of the court, "should not these 'stool pigeons' be prosecuted?" Olga Mitchell was arrested by City Detective Cahill whom Morris L. Goldstein, characterized as the "superintendent of the department's stool pigeon bureau."

None of the men designated as "stool pigeons" were on hand to testify against Olga Mitchell and the jury looked with suspicion on the police story of mysterious disappearance of the whiskey seized.

The bottle was put in Cahill's locker at police headquarters and was reported broken and lost. Chief Clark, Desk Sergeant Thatcher and Deskman Cason testified to finding that the bottle was smashed and the liquor lost. Olga Mitchell accuses Blanche Lane of the Oakland hotel as laying the groundwork of the plan to implicate her. Blanche Lane is alleged to have brought a "stool pigeon" known as Nelson, to the place and who purchased a bottle of liquor. This bottle was the one lost. In face of this evidence the jury refused to convict.

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Rain Predicted for Pacific Northwest

Weather Bureau Says Coast Temperatures During Week Will Average Near the Seasonal Normal.

Washington, Jan. 6.—(I. N. S.)—The United States weather bureau today issued the following forecast for next week:

Region of great lakes—Weather will be overcast with frequent local snows during the coming week, the temperature will average below the seasonal normal.

Plains states and upper and middle Mississippi valleys—The weather during the week will be generally fair, with temperatures near the seasonal normal over the south and below the

seasonal normal over the north portion of these districts. Rocky mountain and plateau regions—The weather during the coming week will be generally fair, except that frequent local snows are probable in the Rocky Mountain region. The temperature will average near the seasonal normal.

Pacific states—There will be frequent rains in Washington, Oregon and extreme northern California during the week. Generally fair weather will prevail in central and southern California. The temperature will average near the seasonal normal.

"Air Bubble" Case Nears End.

Olney, Ill., Jan. 6.—(I. N. S.)—The state today began closing of its evidence in the "air bubble" murder trial of Roy Hinderliter, young farmer accused of slaying his 17-year-old sweetheart, Elizabeth Ratcliffe.

Ford May Proceed With Blast Furnace

Court Reverses Decision in Dodge Brothers' Case and Will Permit Erection Work if Big Bond Is Filled.

Detroit, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—Henry Ford may proceed with his plans for erection of a \$12,000,000 blast furnace on River Rouge, despite the restraining order granted to Dodge Brothers in their suit to compel distribution among the stockholders of the Ford company's \$60,000,000 surplus.

Reversing their decision of last December, Circuit Judges Weist, Hart and Chester today ruled that work on the blast furnace may proceed with the filing of a \$10,000,000 bond by

Ford. The bond will be drawn to indemnify the Dodge against possible loss in connection with the extensions, providing the contentions of the plaintiffs are finally sustained by the higher court.

Union Oil Earnings Show Big Increase

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 6.—(P. N. S.)—Union Oil earnings during 1916 reached \$9,600,000, an increase of \$4,630,000 or nearly 142 per cent over the previous year, according to a statement issued by the company today. Net profits were \$7,200,000, an increase of \$4,820,000, or 155 per cent. The book value of the company's stock was \$149 at the close of the year, an increase of \$15 over 1915.

Los Angeles May Get Rid of Saloons

Two Measures Before Council. One to Limit Sale to 17 Per Cent Alcohol, Other to Abolish Saloons Entirely.

Los Angeles, Jan. 6.—(P. N. S.)—The city council today took under consideration two proposed ordinances designed to eliminate the saloon from Los Angeles. One of the measures seeks to prohibit the sale of liquor testing more than 17 per cent alcohol. The other provides for the abolishment of the saloon on the "Santa Barbara plan." This permits of the sale of intoxicants only at a wholesale liquor store, hotels of more than 50 rooms, cafes and restaurants.

The first ordinance was submitted to the council with petitions to have

Government Wants Yellow Fir Timber

Department of commerce, for the lighthouse service at Detroit, Mich., has asked the postmaster at Portland to give publicity to its advertisement for 60,000 feet of Pacific coast yellow fir timber. Bids will be received until January 16.

Intruder in Home Is Killed. Granite City, Ill., Jan. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Harry Roseberry, 40, shot and killed Charles Kelly, 35, when he found him in his home on his return from work today.

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