

DRUGGIST FINED FOR VIOLATION OF THE DRY STATUTE

L. L. Crocker Charged With Selling 'Tonic' Which Was Port Wine 'Camouflaged' With Oil.

SCHOOLBOY WAS PURCHASER

Court in Fining Defendant Disregards Leniency Recommended Because of Sale to Minor.

L. L. Crocker, druggist at 231 North Twenty-third street, was found guilty of a violation of the prohibition law by a jury in District Judge Jones' court Saturday afternoon.

Crocker was charged with selling and having in his possession an alleged tonic containing a large percentage of port wine with a comparatively small quantity of olive oil floating on top.

The "tonic" was shipped into the state by the Blumauer-Frank Drug company, which sold it in considerable quantities to druggists in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

It was testified that Crocker sold a bottle of the "tonic" to a 19-year-old school boy and assisted him in siphoning the wine from the bottle, furnishing him with a siphon and giving him instructions as to its use.

Sale to Boy Denied

For his defense Crocker denied having sold the tonic and refused to admit that the testimony of the youth was true in any particular. He admitted having bought 24 bottles of the stuff from the wholesale drug concern April 1, four days before his arrest. Eleven bottles were found on the premises and seized by the officers making the arrest, besides a number of empty bottles with the label on them. These Crocker claimed he bought as empties from boys.

Miss Robinson, a nurse, appeared for the defense and corroborated Crocker's testimony in certain particulars. Crocker had sworn that the boy in question had come into his store, asked for a magazine and went out. He came in later, so Crocker said, and obtained permission to use the telephone to get the prescription desk. He departed on both occasions without buying a thing.

Druggist's Reputation Good

Miss Robinson affirmed this part of the defendant's testimony but could not identify the boy, who was present in the courtroom.

George R. Baum, Crocker's prescription clerk, testified that no portwine was sold to him or when he was present. Dr. F. M. Brooks, Joseph E. Dunn of the Hazelwood Ice Cream company and Emily L. Lovelidge, matron at the Good Samaritan hospital, as character witnesses, gave Crocker the best of reputations as a peaceable and law abiding citizen.

The jury was out an hour and returned a verdict of guilty at 5:30 in the afternoon, recommending leniency.

Judge Jones imposed a fine. In rendering judgment he took occasion to score roundly the Blumauer-Frank Drug company for bringing the disguised liquor into the state. The company was more guilty than Crocker, he declared.

Judge Explains Sentence

In explaining his disregard for the jury's recommendation of leniency, Judge Jones said that it had not been for the fact that Crocker sold the liquor to a school boy, he would have imposed a smaller fine.

Referring to a statement from the district attorney's office that it had warned the Blumauer-Frank Drug company that it was violating the prohibition law in selling the portwine tonic, Judge Jones said that it was not the province nor the duty of the district attorney to warn violators of the law. It was his duty to cause their arrest, he said.

Had It Not Been for the Flagrancy of Crocker's offense...

"Had it not been for the flagrancy of Crocker's offense in selling intoxicating liquors to a boy," Judge Jones declared, "I would have deferred sentence until the district attorney brought the drug company to the bar of justice."

Judge E. V. Littlefield of the defense gave notice of counsel for the defense and of appeal. Deputy District Attorney Earl Bernard conducted the case for the state, assisted by Special Agent Walter F. Geren.

STATE CLOSES GAUDIO CASE

Defense to Begin Introducing Testimony Monday in Murder Trial.

The state rested its case against Frank Gaudio at noon Saturday. The trial was then set over until Monday, when the defense will begin the introduction of its testimony.

The trial is being held before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh. Gaudio is charged with the murder of Lucy Carter, a prostitute, at the home where she lived at the Cadillac hotel, corner Third and Columbia streets.

Carter was found by street sweepers dying in a bed in the room beneath the window of the apartment where she lived with Gaudio, early the morning of December 23 last. Gaudio was arrested late that afternoon and denied all knowledge as to the cause of her death. She had fallen out of the window, he supposed.

He admitted the first trial of the case, held before Judge Tucker, that he and Dominic Aquina, whom he refused to identify at the time of his arrest, were in the room at a short time before. He testified that he was not a moment to let Aquina out of the door of rear room. When he returned to the front room, he said, Mrs. Carter had disappeared. He looked through the window and saw her body lying on the sidewalk.

Aquina, who was tried and acquitted of participating in the alleged killing, was on the stand Saturday afternoon and testified that when he reached his home in South Portland, Gaudio told him the witness said that he saw Mrs. Carter hanging to the window sill by her hands when he went back into the room.

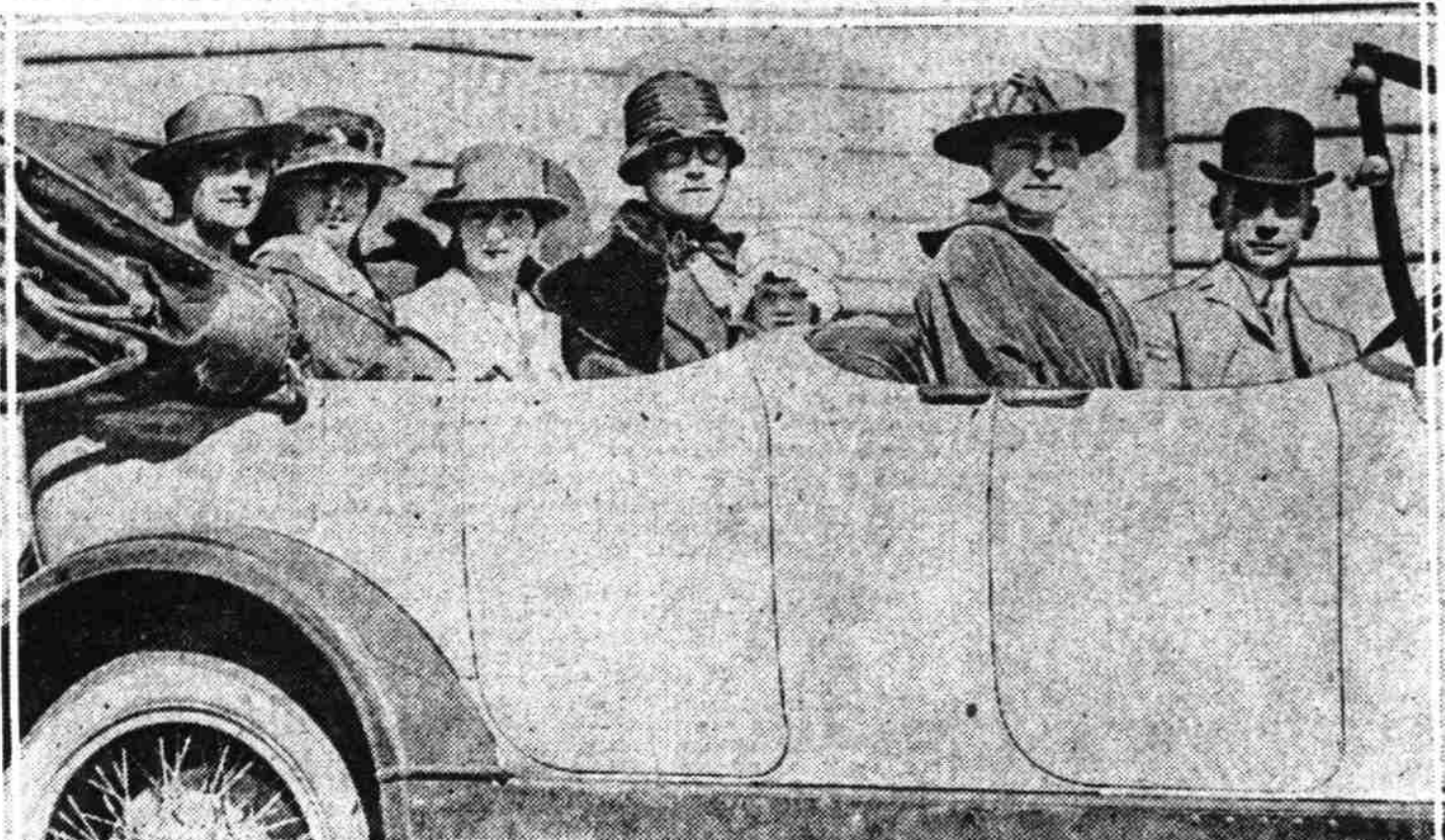
This is the second trial of Gaudio, the first ending in a disagreement of the jury.

Would Condemn Property

Two additional orders to condemn Marquam Gulch property for park playground purposes were begun in the circuit court by the city Saturday afternoon. In each case the complaint stated efforts were made to reach a settlement as to price with the property owner, but without success.

The defendants are Sena and Thorndore Sericko, and Angelo Mazzocco and wife.

VISTA HOUSE TO BE DEDICATED MAY 5



Front seat of auto—Mrs. James McCarron, chairman publicity committee; E. N. Howe, driver. In tonneau—Mrs. W. M. Caplan, Mrs. O. M. Smith, Ocean Jolly and Mrs. I. L. Riggs.

A ceremonious dedication for the Vista house at Crown Point on the Columbia river highway was decided upon at a meeting at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon Saturday afternoon, and the date for the event was set for Sunday, May 5. Members and officers of the Vista House association and dedication committee members attended the meeting.

Details of the ceremony planned will be worked out at future meetings. Thus far only a great automobile parade is certain. Civic and commercial organizations will contest for honor places in a line that will contain at least 2000 automobiles. It is expected. The committee and association promise that the dedication program will last only 45 minutes and that an interesting address will be its feature. Several bands will take part, and it is expected to get the Rosarians out in force.

The big parade will form in eight divisions promptly at noon on May 5.

During the progress of the parade no parking will be allowed near the Vista house. H. L. Pittcock, president of the Vista House association, and W. E. Conklin, general chairman of the dedication committee, were at the meeting Saturday. The county court was represented and declared its readiness to help in the plans. Organizations will enroll in the plans. Their several divisions on a competitive plan, the idea being that the largest representation will be entitled to first place in the line.

Boise, Idaho, April 20.—All of Idaho's bean and hay crops, together with part of the potato crop, may be taken over by the government this year. Market Director Allred is negotiating with war department officials with a view to making this arrangement, which would guarantee cars for delivery of the crops and assure growers good prices. So far as known Idaho is the first state to take such action. The matter is now before General Goethals of the quartermaster's department, and Director Allred is very hopeful that his suggestion will be acted on favorably.

Memorial day in Idaho will be observed this year as War Savings day. Phil Sheridan post G. A. R. of Boise took the lead in the movement to make May 30 a rally day for the purchase of War Savings Stamps, and other posts over the state are falling in line for a general observance along this line. Other patriotic organizations have promised their cooperation.

Miners to Help Farmers

Idaho mining men, through Jerome J. Day of Moscow, have proposed to the government that men from the mines be sent to the farms to assist in planting and harvesting the crops. It is proposed to close down the mines or run them on partial shift in order that employees of the mining companies may engage in farm work. The arrangement is rejected because the various mining boards under the government shall authorize a preference to such mines in the selling of their ore production as soon as resumption of operations, so that the miners will fall on all mines alike. Mr. Day is now at Washington, presenting his proposal to the department of labor. It is estimated that in Idaho 2000 men could in this way be made available for farm work. It is claimed that not only would the farm labor shortage be relieved, but the miners would profit physically by the period of outdoor work. It is believed that they shall receive the same wages for their farm labor they receive in the mines.

Teachers Charged With Disloyalty

The state board of education has before it for investigation charges of disloyalty involving a number of Idaho teachers. Commissioner Bryan has served notice of a hearing to be conducted into the charges against S. Edward Scott, principal of the Besseville school in Lincoln county. It is accused of making disloyal remarks to pupils in his school, discouraging Red Cross work and the War Saving Stamps and Liberty loan campaigns. In Ada county Mrs. Florence Steger of Portland, Ore., is charged with disloyalty because of protests by pupils and their parents against alleged disloyal statements. In another case two teachers resigned because of alleged disloyalty on the part of the principal. The Lincoln county case is the first in which definite action has been taken by the state board.

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East St. Louis, Ill., April 20.—This city, in the near future, will probably have a new kind of service flag, a tree for each local boy in the fighting service. Plans are now being made by the Women's Civic League and the United States committee of the Council of National Defense to plant these trees near the