

RUSSELLITE AFRAID JUDICIAL MIND MAY BE INFLUENCED

F. McKercher Writes Judge
Rossman That Statements
Published Might Poison Brain

DENIES VIOLATING CITY LAW

Distribution of "Kingdom News"
Has Not Violated Law but
"Public Opinion," He Says.

Municipal Judge Rossman Saturday received a letter from F. McKercher, editor of the International Bible Students' association, known as the Pastor Russell denomination, declaring that published references to distribution of the Russellite publication, Kingdom News, did not constitute a violation of the law. McKercher said that such an article as he referred to might poison the judicial brain to the extent of causing the court to ignore certain appeals now pending before it.

He declared that members of the denomination are not defying the law in distributing the Russellite literature, because the distribution was not made by individuals, directly, but by mail, and hence no violation of the city's anti-peddling ordinance was being committed. Assuming that the subject matter of the periodical is not sedition, he insisted that the distribution by mail is no viola-

tion of letter or spirit of the law.

Following the arrest and conviction of men who distributed the periodical in violation of the city ordinance, the third number of Kingdom News was sent out by mail to practically all who had names appear in the telephone directories, though the names did not appear on the envelope, merely the stamped inscription, "Occupant, Portland, Or." with the street address penciled in.

McKercher recently asked Judge Rossman to reduce the fines imposed upon Lloyd B. Burch, George H. Simpson and Lee Miller. On April 24 they were sentenced to 15 days in jail and fined \$200 each for distributing literature without a license. The 15 days were up Wednesday, but neither the men nor the church paid the \$600 fines. Judge Rossman said Saturday that he had no intention of canceling part of the fine of each man, as the church had shown the government no favors.

When McKercher appeared in court he told the judge that members of the International Bible Student's association had been ordered not to sell, or offer to sell, loan or offer to loan, give away, or offer to give away, or read or offer to read to anyone else any literature which the government frowned upon or suppressed. In distributing the May issue of the Kingdom News the Bible students have not violated the city law, according to Judge Rossman, but, the judge said, "they have violated public opinion in failing to show their literature to a government official before releasing it."

Dynamite Is Found By Boy and Seized

A stick of dynamite was found in a shed back of an empty house at the corner of Williams avenue and Fremont street, by the son of S. H. Tucker of 232 Fremont street, yesterday afternoon. Officer E. E. Rockwell was sent to investigate and found a party-filled box of dynamite, which he brought to the police station. The explosive was turned over to the harbor patrol. The police are investigating.

LAUNDRY BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE

Three Women, Fleeing From
Homes, Severely Burned; the
Property Loss Is \$18,000.

Fire of unexplained origin Sunday afternoon completely destroyed the home of the Pacific Laundry company at 221 Arthur street, causing a loss of between \$18,000 and \$25,000 and, leaping across the street, blistered the hands and faces of three young women who were fleeing from their homes.

The buildings on the south side of Arthur street were saved from destruction by the strenuous efforts of the fire department. Firemen directed a steady stream of water on the block occupied by the laundry.

Several children were slightly burned by the heat of the flames, which were fanned by a northwesterly wind. The occupants who came out of their houses faced the intense heat.

Miss Martha Calof of 226 Arthur street was severely blistered about the face and arms while fleeing from the flames. Flora Schwartz of 685 Waters street and Tilly Borkak of 232 Arthur street were severely burned while running from the house to the street.

Companies 5, 4 and 22, and engine 1 under Chief Granfell, responded to the first alarm. A second alarm was sounded for aid and engines 21, 10 and 23 were sent to keep the blaze from destroying the entire block.

W. F. Lambert, manager of the Pacific Laundry company, had been working on his automobile in front of the laundry. He said he had stepped inside the laundry to put on an old suit of clothes and had gone down the street

on an errand when he first noticed the smoke issuing from the building. Mrs. Mary La Grande, who lives at 220 Arthur street, turned in the alarm. The front of her dwelling was severely scorched from the blaze which leaped across the street, and all the windows were broken in her home from the force of the stream of water.

The residence of Fred Borkach was also damaged by the water and flames. E. Levy's grocery, east of the laundry, was saved from destruction by the automobile shed of the laundry, immediately in the rear of which was completely gutted by the flames.

The building occupied by the laundry and the machinery are a total loss. Mr. Lambert said. He could not account for the cause of the blaze. Mr. Lambert said he carried insurance to the amount of \$8000.

The fire was witnessed by several thousand people who were attracted by the dense smoke and flames.

Auto Strikes Woman

An auto driven by Mrs. McNam of 490 1/2 Washington street, ran into Mrs. Powell, an elderly woman, yesterday afternoon at the corner of Third and Morrison streets, throwing her to the pavement. Mrs. Powell was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. F. Brink, who was uninjured. The injured woman was taken to her home by Mrs. McNam, who reported the accident to the police station.

Boats Rented to Minors

Officer Webster of the police department reported that the Standard Boat house, situated at the west end of the Hawthorne street bridge, has been renting boats to boys under age. The officer reported that Sunday afternoon he noticed two row boats filled with boys under 14 years old, pulling out of the boathouse down the river.

Roof Fire Put Out

A fire which started in the old building at 349 Stark street in the rear of the Oregon hotel at 9:15 yesterday morning burned a hole in the roof before it was extinguished by the fire department.

RADIO GRADUATE WILL GET MARINE POSITION



Victor W. Strode, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. K. Strode

Another young, alert and capable Portland boy has been put on the trail of the Kaiser. He is Victor W. Strode, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. K. Strode of 867 Kelly street.

The parents have received a wire from the son from Providence, R. I., stating that he had been graduated on the honor roll at the Harvard Radio school. As a reward for his efficiency he has been placed in charge of a crew of 40 men and assigned to active duty in the merchant marine.

Portland Academy and the public schools of Portland.

Prior to taking up his studies at Harvard he was given a preliminary course in radio work at Emerson.

Judge V. K. Strode is a well known pioneer attorney of this city.

Four Counties Ready For Red Cross Drive

The Dalles, Or., May 12.—Edward C. Pease, merchant of this city, has been elected manager of the second Red Cross drive, opening May 30, for Wheeler, Sherman, Gilliam and Wasco counties, and has appointed the following chairmen for the four counties: C. O. Portwood of Fossil for Wheeler; L. Barnum of Moro for Sherman; George D. Brodie of Dufur for Wasco; and Judge D. R. Parker of Condon, for Gilliam. E. O. McCoy will take charge of the campaign in The Dalles, and George W. Johnston of Dufur will be treasurer for the district being organized by Mr. Pease. The quota for Wasco county is \$25,000, of which \$17,000 has been apportioned to The Dalles. Gilliam and Sherman counties have each a quota of \$10,000 and Wheeler county's quota has been set at \$6500.

Toledo Picks School Staff for 1918-19

Toledo, Or., May 12.—The Toledo public schools have elected the following teachers for the year 1918-19: Principal of the high school, Professor John Blough; assistants, Miss Miriam Inglis and Mrs. Edith Elder; principal grammar school, Professor J. M. Miller; grade teachers, Miss Mabel Booth, Miss Verne Ross and Miss Corinne Pennington. At the rate the Toledo schools are growing at present, it is believed, it will be necessary to hire one or two more teachers for the ensuing term.

Mr. & Mrs. Lower Price Store

The Climax in Value Giving!
This Great Sale of Women's
Spring and Summer
Silk Dresses
\$14.95 \$16.75



Three Fetching Styles Pictured

Our buyer, who has only recently returned from the east, secured from a very prominent New York designer and manufacturer of exclusive models in women's high grade dresses a wonderful lot of 200 dresses which we place on sale tomorrow at \$14.95 and \$16.75. Hardly any dress in the entire lot is exactly like any other—this allows individual selection with least likelihood of duplication.

Such Wanted Materials

as all silk gingham plaids, so popular this season, plain and figured taffetas, Georgette crepes, foulards, crepes de chine, messaline silks, etc. Some have sleeves of self material, others of Georgette. A great diversity of pleasing styles, including surprise, tunic, Eton jacket and draped effects. Models with round, roll, pointed and sailor collars of organdy or satin. Fashionable shades of navy, Pekin and Holland blue, gray, green, reseda, tan, taupe, Burgundy, brown and other wanted colors in combinations as well as plain shades. All sizes.

Unmatchable at \$14.95-\$16.75

If we bought these dresses in the regular way, on today's market, we would sell them for \$22.50 and \$25.00, instead of \$14.95 and \$16.75.

Women's New Wash Waists 98c

Over a thousand of these new wash waists just received. Voile, lawn and organdy waists. Plain styles with hemstitching, lace trimmed models, others with inset of lace and embroidery. All white with fancy white stripes and checks, also white with colored stripes. Many styles of collars—roll and sailor, and some that may be worn high and low. All sizes 34 to 44. Exceptional values at 98c.

New Trimmed Hats at \$3.98

We have just received a new shipment of women's black and white Milan hats effectively trimmed with black ribbon. Very attractive shapes. Fine values at \$3.98.

Untrimmed Shapes Only \$1.98

Women's untrimmed hat shapes in a large variety of styles—drooping brim, poke bonnet and sailor models. In black, sand, gray, white, brown and purple.

Silk Petticoats Only \$3.49

Excellent values at this low price. Women's extra fine quality silk petticoats of taffeta and messaline. Plain shades and changeable effects in nearly all this season's most popular colors. Full cut petticoats with reinforced pleated ruffles. Several different styles of flounces, single and double. All sizes.

White Wash Petticoats at 89c

Women's white wash petticoats of good quality Swiss and muslin. Drawstring style with embroidered flounces, some in double tucked effects. All sizes.

Corsets \$1.49

Women's front lacing corsets—the famous Warner's make. Heavy coutil corsets in low bust style with long hips, embroidery trimmed. All sizes.

Brassiers 39c

Women's new "Neatform" brassieres made of good quality mercerized brocade. Side boned, elastic fastening in black. Tape shoulder supports. Flesh color.

Children's Wash Dresses \$1.29

Children's zephyr gingham wash dresses in plaids, stripes and plain colors. Collars, belts, cuffs, pockets and pipings in contrasting colors. Sizes to 14 years.

Wash Suits 59c

Boys' Oliver Twist wash suits made of romper cloth. In plain white, tan and assorted stripes. Some have fancy cuffs and belts. Sizes to 8 years.

Boys' Hats 39c

Boys' washable hats for summer wear. A large assortment in plain gray, fancy stripes and checks, also white with fancy brims. Special at 39c.

Meier & Frank Co.
Established 1857
THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND
Fifth, Sixth, Morrison, Alder Sts.

Meier & Frank Co. 61st Anniversary Year The Quality Store Since 1857 "61 Years in Portland" Meier & Frank Co.

Thrift and War Savings Stamps

on sale at Accommodation Bureau, Basement. A filled Thrift Card of sixteen 25c Stamps, with 16c added, is immediately exchangeable for a War Savings Stamp worth \$5 January 1, 1923.

June Delineator For Subscribers

is here—a big worth-while number filled with the most entertaining stories and articles of timely interest. Official American Red Cross Patterns now ready.—Second Floor.

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On Center Aisle Bargain Square, Main Floor
Sale of Chambray
Mill Lengths, 2 to 10 Yards—Yard
This quality of chambray would sell regularly for 25c yard if bought on the present market. 32 inches wide. Blue, gray, some pink and brown. An extra value for Tuesday at yard, 15c. —Center Aisle Bargain Square, Main Floor.

The Cream of Tuesday's Store News

In Our Sixth Floor Auditorium Tuesday at 3 P.M.

Mr. A. E. Hansen

Chef Steward of the Multnomah Hotel
Will Give the First of a Noteworthy Series of

"Potato Week"

demonstrations to be presented at this store at 3 P. M. daily until Saturday of this week inclusive by

Leading Chefs of the City

The object of these practical demonstrations is to illustrate the many delectable forms in which potatoes may be used and to foster the habit of eating more potatoes with the patriotic end in view of conserving more wheat for vital needs of the Nation. (See Fifth Street window.) The public is urged to attend these demonstrations given by recognized authorities on the art of cooking—there is no charge for admission.

TOMORROW'S MENU:

Potato Pancake Potato Cake Potato Salad
Mr. Hansen will personally prepare the menu. Portions served. Recipes will be given. Women should bring note books and pencils. —Auditorium, Sixth Floor.

Tuesday Will Be the Second Day of Our
Great Ten Days' Exposition and Sale of REAL

Hand-Made and Hand-Embroidered

Madeira Linens

1/3 Off Regular Prices

Many people profited by the savings offered in this great sale of real hand-made and hand-embroidered Madeira table and bed linens today, the first day of our ten days' exposition and sale of \$4000 worth of real Madeira linens at one-third off and EVEN MORE. Many people will profit tomorrow.

We were fortunate in securing a famous importer's entire sample line at a great concession, hence this unprecedented disposal. Included are 13, 17 and 25-piece luncheon sets, square and round table covers, napkins, oval dollies, bedspreads, bureau scarfs.

SEE OUR FIFTH-STREET WINDOW DISPLAY

—Linen Shop, Second Floor.

Groceries

Butter, Royal Banquet, freshly churned, finest quality, 95c
2-lb. roll.
Flour, 9-lb. sack whole wheat and 5-lb. package barley flour for 95c
Hominy, Helmet brand, doz. \$1.40, large can 12c
Oregon Walnuts, finest quality, medium size, 3-lb. bag 70c, lb. 24c
Evaporated Loganberries, latest crop, Oregon fruit, lb. 45c
Seeded Raisins, latest crop, choice quality, large package 10c
De Luxe Plums, Del Monte, doz. \$1.95, three cans 50c, can 17c
Preserves, one of best brands, strictly pure, loganberry, apricot, raspberry, blackberry, peach, apricot and pineapple, large 15-ounce jars, doz. \$3.10, 27c jar
Jelly, Red Ribbon brand, loganberry, currant, blackberry and raspberry, doz. \$3.10, 27c large jar
—Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.

Just Received—On Sale Tuesday

4 Models in Women's Wirthmor Waists

\$1

Four charming models are included in this new shipment of Wirthmor dollar waists, which go on display and sale for the first time tomorrow. Quality materials, newest styles, finest workmanship, unexcelled fit—these and many other good reasons go to make Wirthmor waists the greatest waist values in America at \$1. Sold here only in Portland.



—Waist Shop, Fourth Floor.



All Roads Will Lead Thrifty Housewives to Our Third Floor Tuesday
Bent on Sharing in the Economies That so Strongly Feature This Sale

House Dress Aprons \$1.69

Six Pretty Models as Pictured Above

The timeliness of this sale will be instantly evident and women will as quickly recognize the exceptional character of the values. Even a glance at the illustration above will convey to a good judge an idea of the complete desirability of the models and one look at the garments will satisfy the most exacting that house dress aprons of this quality and style represent excellent savings at \$1.69.

Of good quality percale in light and dark colorings, these house dress aprons are excellently designed and cut and evidence a high standard of workmanship throughout.

In straight bungalow style or elastic waist and fitted-back models. Trimmed in plain pipings and ric rac braid. Side button or open-front styles. Some have wide belts and fancy pockets.

We counsel early attendance to those who wish to enjoy best selection of these house dress aprons at \$1.69.

—Third Floor, Sixth Street.