

### DISTINCTION IS DRAWN BETWEEN GUEST AND 'LODGER OR ROOMER'

Judge Gatens Reversed in Decision by Supreme Court in Suit Over Theft Loss.

Salem, May 12.—A sharp distinction is drawn as between "guest" and "lodger or roomer" in an opinion handed down by Justice Bennett of the supreme court today and concurred in by Chief Justice McBride and Justices Bean and Johns in the case of A. M. McIntosh, respondent, vs. R. H. Shops, manager of the Standish hotel, Portland, in which the decision of Judge Gatens of the Multnomah county circuit court was reversed and the case remanded with instructions to enter a non-suit.

The case was the outgrowth of the theft of wearing apparel, etc., to the value of \$84 from the room of McIntosh in the Standish hotel. McIntosh held the Shops responsible, as the keeper of an inn, for his loss and his claim was upheld in the Multnomah court. The supreme court, however, reverses this decision on the ground that McIntosh was not a "guest" at the hotel in the sense of a transient, but was a "roomer or lodger," in that he made his permanent home therein and that therefore the degree of responsibility was entirely different and that no evidence was introduced to show neglect on the part of the defendant and therefore Shops was not responsible for the loss.

A petition for a rehearing in the matter of the estate of Andrew J. Sturtevant, deceased, was denied in an opinion handed down by Chief Justice McBride. The case, which came into the supreme court on appeal from the decision of Judge Dalton Biggs of the Umatilla county circuit court, is a controversy over a will made by Sturtevant, in which Vivian I. and Lowell E. Sturtevant, miners, are contestants and Mark, Alma and Fay Sturtevant, defendants.

A petition for a rehearing in the case of P. A. Kennedy, et al vs. the city of Portland was denied orally. The case is a controversy over streets in connection with the platting of Rosemary park.

### Australian Diseases Discovered in Wheat Fields of Illinois

Washington, May 12.—(U. P.)—Two crop diseases that have devastated Australian and European wheat fields have been discovered in Illinois wheat, the agriculture department announced today.

The department has begun a nationwide investigation to learn if either disease has spread to other areas. Farmers are asked to assist by reporting immediately anything suspicious in the appearance of their wheat fields.

Both diseases are believed to have been brought to American wheat fields through imported seed wheat. They are known as the "take-all," or "whitehead" disease and "flag smut," or "take-all" attacks oats, barley and rice as well as wheat. It appears in round or irregular patches in wheat fields, causing all plants to turn yellow and later brown when they die. "The flag smut" attacks the upper or flag leaf of the wheat plant. This leaf begins to show long, smut spore stripes and frequently is contorted into a spiral. Infected plants fail to produce heads.

### Asylum Attendants Charged by Doctor With Mistreatment

San Jose, Cal., May 12.—(U. P.)—Sensational charges of abuse of patients by attendants at the Agnew state insane hospital are to be made today by Dr. Frederick Webster, fighting for release from the institution, and Horace Wilson, a director of the asylum. Webster opens a court fight here today charging he has been unjustly imprisoned in jails and asylums for nine years.

Espionage Conviction Upheld  
San Francisco, May 12.—(U. P.)—Conviction of Emil Herman at Seattle on charge of violating the espionage law is upheld today by the federal circuit court of appeals. Herman, a Socialist, was convicted of publishing a pamphlet, "Military Ideal," seeking to discourage men from joining fighting forces during the war.

### HUSBAND SAYS WILES OF CANDY MERCHANT WON AWAY HIS WIFE

"You Are My Baby," Contained in Letter, He Says; Defendant Alleges Blackmail.

E. V. McReynolds, husband in a \$15,000 alienation suit against Fred Rentner, proprietor of a candy kitchen at 155 1/2 Broadway, told this morning in Circuit Judge Kavanaugh's court how his wife, Beryl, had become estranged from him through the wiles of the candy merchant.

Candy, flowers, lunches, dinners, automobile rides and fine clothes, according to Mr. McReynolds, were the means employed to win his wife's affections from him.

"That he and his wife were living happily until December 14, 1918, was the testimony of the husband. At that time, he stated, his wife took a position as saleslady in Mr. Rentner's store and his troubles began.

"The first he noticed, so the husband averred, was when his wife started coming home from work late and declined to eat the meals he had prepared for her. When asked for a reason, he alleges, she replied, 'Oh, I am not hungry. 'Happy' took me to dinner.'

"Happy," the husband stated, was Mr. Rentner.

Mr. McReynolds testified that Mr. Rentner went so far as to provide a residence for Mrs. Rentner in Vancouver and that he instigated her to file a suit for divorce.

In support of this testimony a letter, purported to have been written to Mrs. McReynolds, was introduced by the defendant. The letter:

"My darling, darling sweetheart—if you are willing to be my sweet wife I will make your life all sunshine and roses and happiness. You will always find me the same. Don't think I could ever change. You are my baby now and always will be. Love and kisses."

The contention of the defense will be as indicated by Attorney John McCue in his opening remarks that the whole

thing is a plot between the husband and wife to blackmail Mr. Rentner. "Mr. Rentner is 59 years," said Mr. McCue, "and of a very kindhearted disposition. This case is a frame-up from start to finish to bleed my client."

### PROOF OF FRAUD NOT FOUND

Judge Bean Finds Harry Lewis, Who Sold Land, Not Guilty.

More claim that property is worth a stipulated sum and that its owner believes it a good investment is not fraud in the sale of property, Judge Bean set forth in a decision handed down in federal court Monday in the case of V. P. S. Fischer and Alfred Eubanks against Harry L. Lewis, which had to do with purchase of a mine at Geilco, Or., by the plaintiffs from Lewis for \$9000. It was charged in the complaint that claims were made by Lewis that were not substantiated in operation of the mine, and that the mine proved almost worthless. No proof of fraud was brought out, however, according to the decision.

### CATTLEMEN ENTER PLEA

Pair Is Charged With Grazing Stock in National Forest.

John H. Harrison and William Chamberlain pleaded not guilty in the federal court Monday of permitting cattle to graze in the national forests with-

out legal license. Harrison's cattle, it is alleged, grazed in the Deschutes forest and Chamberlain's in the Whitman reserve. Their cases were set for July 1.

The equity land suit against Nancy C. Woolly and others brought for the purpose of cancelling four homestead patents on land near La Grande, Or., was set for trial July 23. J. W. Epperson, Joe Edgo and A. Lopez, indicted with John C. Thompson for alleged violation of the explosive act, were released on motion of Assistant United States Attorney Beckman on their own recognizance. They will act as witnesses against Thompson, who claimed ownership of nitroglycerine found in a freight car.

### HOWARD'S PETITION DISMISSED

Action of Coos County Not Stopped in Federal Court.

Federal Judge Wolverton Monday handed down a decision dismissing the petition of R. S. Howard Jr., as receiver for the Title Guarantee & Trust company, which sought to throw out of court the suit of Coos county against the trust company on the grounds that the receiver had not been notified by the county of delinquency of taxes. Judge Wolverton held that the receiver need not be notified in a case of this kind, but that publication of tax delinquency in the name of the persons who are listed on the

tax rolls as owning the property is sufficient, and that all other parties to the suit are assumed to have been notified. The major suit involves a huge sum in alleged delinquent taxes held by the trust firm.

### HUBBY STINGY, WIFE SAYS

Would-Be Divorcee Alleges She Can't Even Spend Own Cash.

Although she was ill and he was making \$7 a day in the shipyards, Raymond Logan compelled his wife, Stella, to work to help support herself, according to her plaint in a divorce suit. When she bought anything for herself, even with the money she earned, he protested, she avers.

Etta M. Norton says that Fred Norton files into such insane rages that she cannot live with him. They have been married less than two years.

### CRUELTY IS ALLEGED

Wife Says Husband Is Bootlegger and Took Money From Penny Bank.

Claiming that her husband, Joe L. Crane, on one occasion broke open the penny banks belonging to her babies to pay gambling debts and was cruel and inhuman in his treatment at all times, Madge L. Crane has filed a petition for divorce in the circuit court.

Married in February, 1915, the Cranes have three children, Joe E., aged 3 years; Ruth G., 15 months, and Winifred,

3 months. Mrs. Crane alleges that her husband gambled and lost most of the money he earned and said that most of it was obtained through bootlegging, for which he was arrested several times. Because of this, she said, it was necessary for her children to go without many necessities.

As an additional charge, she says she was ill with the influenza last fall and sent him to the drug store for medicine and he did not return for three days, leaving her in a helpless condition. She asks, in case the decree is granted, that she be awarded \$50 a month alimony.

### Workman Sues Lumber Company

A \$25,000 personal injury suit was commenced this morning in Circuit Judge Morrow's Court. The action is against the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company and is brought by Olin Lewis, who was injured while employed as a helper in the company's mill.

### Rail-Ridden Victim Denies He's Slacker; Friends Investigate

Redding, Cal., May 12.—(U. P.)—Fraternal orders and friends of Frank Belleville, who was ridden on a rail in Dunsuir Saturday for refusal to buy a Victory bond, are today arrang-

ing to bring action against the alleged perpetrators. They state that Belleville bought bonds of all other issues, and is financially unable to help "finish the job" because of illness of himself and his large family. The hazing occurred during a hot effort to triple Dunsuir's Victory loan quota.

### LEMON JUICE FOR FRECKLES

Girls! Make beauty lotion for a few cents—Try it! Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of the best freckle and tan lotion, and complexion beautifier, at very, very small cost. Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles and blemishes disappear and how clear, soft and rosy-white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless and never irritates.—Dr.

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Who would guess that crabs wear their teeth on their legs; that the little sea urchin has five jaws with teeth, while the whale, with excellent teeth, never bites on them?

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