

JUDGE TRIES CASES BY TELEPHONE USE

Leahy, Wichita, Head of "Small Debtors Court," Gets Results

WICHITA, Kans.—David Leahy of Wichita, "dean of Kansas newspaper men," is one judge in the United States who tries cases by telephone.

He is judge of the "small debtors' court," permission for the establishment of which was granted by the last legislature.

A telephone rings in a Wichita business house.

"Hello. This is Judge Leahy. We want to get your testimony in regard to the Jones vs. Jones case." And so the testimony is taken, to be incorporated in the court records and used as the basis for a decision.

The "telephone cases" are decided by Judge Leahy after all the evidence is collected, and then his decision is mailed to the principals.

Judge Leahy's courtroom is a poor place for a lawyer. He himself receives no compensation for his services, and legal lights are barred from admission unless they wish to be mere spectators.

Even the courtroom is abandoned in the summer time. Most of the cases decided this past summer were heard on Judge Leahy's front porch. The seat of judgment was a rocking chair; the defendant and plaintiff took their places at the counsel tables—the front steps.

In the 200 cases "tried" since the institution of the court—with-out cost—not an appeal has been taken from Judge Leahy's decision. Only persons whose controversy involves a sum of \$20 or less are admitted to the court. Many potential cases are settled "out of court" by Judge Leahy's getting the principals together and talking it over with them.

Wichita's charitable judge acts as a judge even outside of office hours. Recently two prominent eastern authors found themselves embroiled in a controversy over the color of "Wild Bill" Hickok's hair. "Wild Bill," noted frontiersman, was an intimate friend of Judge Leahy when Kansas was still in short trousers.

The controversy was referred to the Kansas newspaper man. "Wild Bill's hair was straw-colored," read his decision. "The old wood-cuts make it look dark."

"Presiding over a small debtors' court seems to take the judgment of a Solomon," observes Judge Leahy, "but it's only plain, common sense."

PENNY MOVIE SHOW NEAR TO HOLLYWOOD

"Pictures That Move," Plant One of State's Unique Curiosities

LOS ANGELES—Only a half hour's ride from the humming studios of Hollywood and Culver City, where the movies march on to their appointed future with a great blare of publicity, there is a place where time has stopped and where one may see the film industry in its swaddling clothes, naively offering to the passerby "Pictures That Move!" for a penny.

It is in the penny arcades of Main street, Los Angeles, where Jim Jeffries is still heavyweight champion of the world and where, on the picture postcards of a bygone era, Gloria Swanson still wears the bathing suit of her beach comedy days.

Here, in machines called Mutoscopes, is the great Jeffries-Sharkey fight of November, 1895. Filmed by the old Biograph company in New York, it still feeds the gaze of the ring fan willing to put a penny in the slot and turn the crank. Here Jack Dempsey is yet an unknown; of his victory over Willard no hint has penetrated this hiding place of the past.

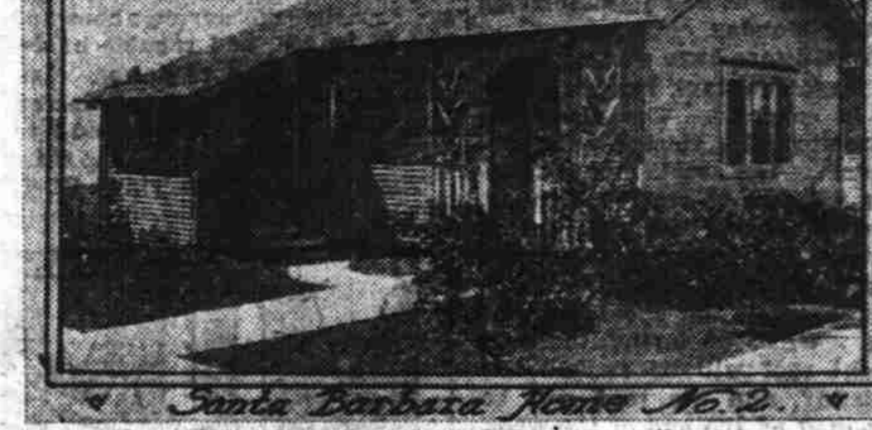
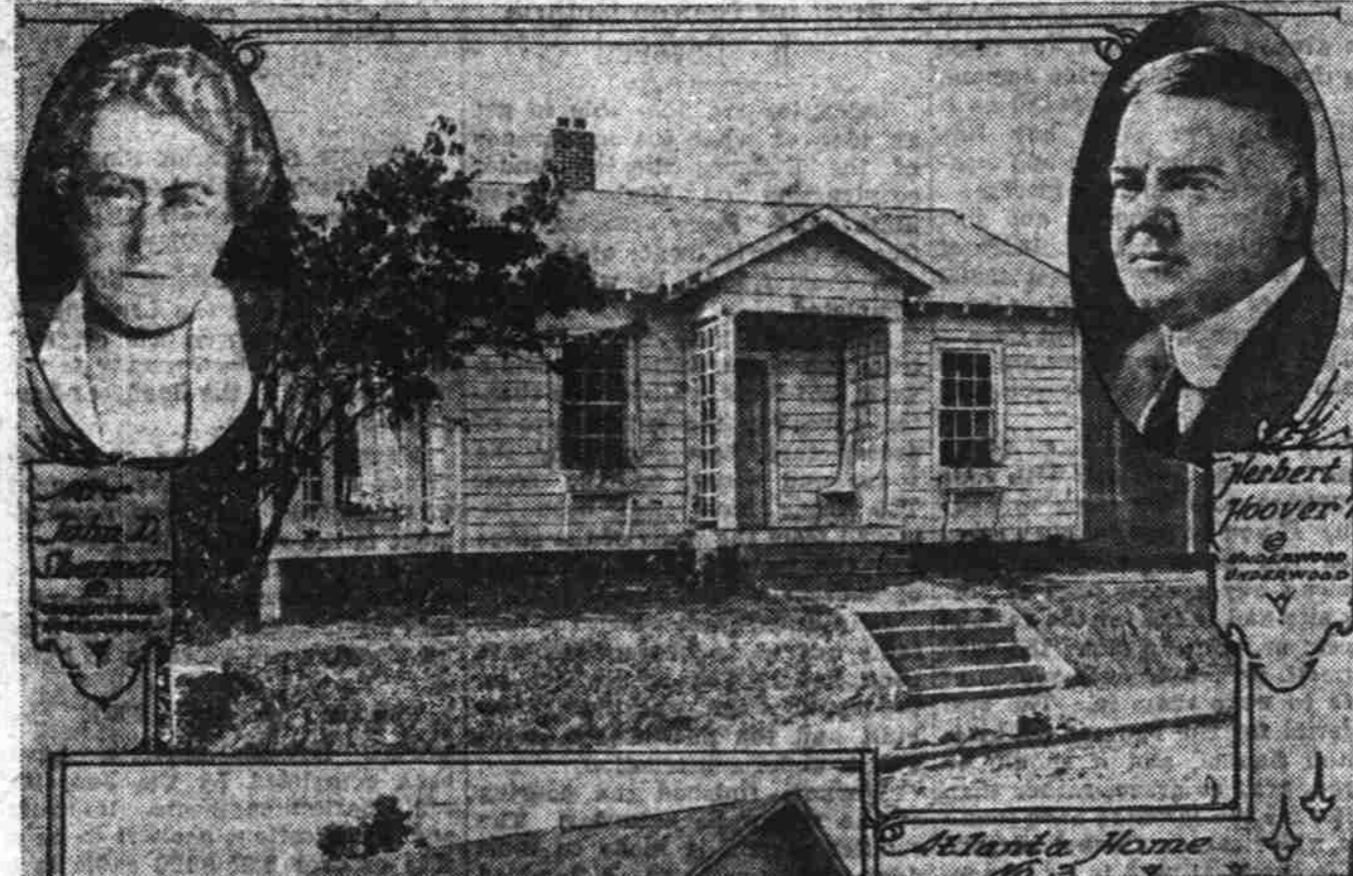
And here, if one has a good memory for faces seen on the nickelodeon screen almost a score of years ago, one may recognize other features still familiar, and perhaps even famous, in filmdom.

In his early association with Biograph the man who later directed "The Birth of a Nation" entered a modest living directing these quaint Mutoscope pictures which one sees by peering into a hollow contraption of metal. If one is not afraid of being seen in these penny arcades, and one searches long enough, it is even possible to find somewhere the Mutoscope in which David Wark Griffith acted.

And after a few hours spent among the Mutoscopes of the penny arcades the student of motion picture destiny may gain new respect for the men who, like Griffith, took these crude and customarily scandalous one-minute comedy affairs and out of them, step by step, lifted motion pictures to their present plane.

ST. HELENS—Plans approved for \$1,000,000 paper mill, and construction will begin soon.

South And West Share Honors In Better Homes Competition In Which 2,000 Communities Join



was built at a cost of only \$2,545, and was furnished throughout at a cost of a trifle less than \$400. Some of this furniture was second-hand; the balance was inexpensive, but was comfortable, neat, and attractive in itself, as well as in its arrangement.

The other demonstrations in these two cities illustrated to their respective communities homes tastefully arranged and designed for families of somewhat larger incomes. The chief aim of the educational organization known as Better Homes in America is to illustrate and make available to the millions of American families of limited incomes how they can make the most of their homes from the standpoint of beauty, comfort, and utility, within the confines of the family means.

Secretary Hoover is president of Better Homes in America and Mrs. John D. Sherman, who is president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is a member of its board of directors.

ATLANTA, Ga., and Santa Barbara, Calif., divided the first prize in the 1925 Better Homes in America competitions in which 2,000 American communities participated. In each of these widely separated communities the local volunteer committees demonstrated several types of homes, suited to the needs of various income groups of their populations.

The illustrations above show "Home No. 3" in Atlanta, which was built with slight modifications

from a plan drawn by the Architects Small House Service Bureau. This house of four rooms cost \$2,150, the lot being valued at \$550. The house was intended for occupancy by a negro family, and its furnishing and demonstration was in charge of a negro sub-committee, yet cost only \$750.

In Santa Barbara, the "No. 2 Home" was intended as the home of a family of very limited income. This house of three rooms and bath

known to store their oil in safety deposit boxes to await further market advances.

Manufacturers of tooth paste, candies, chewing gum, various toothache remedies and all other products which require peppermint flavoring are interested in the cooperative efforts of the growers. The normal yearly consumption of the oil is 400,000 pounds.

Peppermint plants, the oil of which is distilled from the leaves and stalks, thrives best in heavy, mucky soil, found in the lowlands along the Indiana-Michigan border; The farms usually are small fifty or sixty acres. Under normal conditions two crops may be harvested each summer.

Peppermint first was introduced into Indiana and Michigan about 1840 from Ohio. A quarter of a century before it had been imported from England.

BIBLE STORY FREE TO 2,000 PAPERS

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half to tell the story of the Bible, Mr. Reid estimates. The bureau hopes to extend the Bible service to 14,000 weeklies and 7,000 trade publications and to interest more than 500 radio stations in broadcasting its sermonettes.

Incorporated under the laws of Ohio in 1923, the Press-Radio Bible service, which, during the three years previous was known as the Back-To-The-Bible-Bureau, has been existing upon voluntary subscriptions without support from any agency.

KLAMATH FALLS.—Masonic order lays cornerstone for new Episcopal church.

Rheims Is City With Homes Begging; Sales Slumping

RHEIMS—Rheims is among the few cities in France with empty apartments and a slumping industrial real estate market. The return of the population has not kept pace with rebuilding and restoration, as there are only 75,000 inhabitants as compared with 117,000 before the war.

To the world, Rheims generally is associated first with cathedrals, and the Champagne. Before the war, however, it was an important industrial city, where wool weaving, spinning and bleaching employed 10,000 persons, now reduced to about one-third of that number.

Land which at Armistice time sold for 10 to 30 francs the square meter, when it was thought that the city would be itself again in a short time, is now offered at from 5 to 10 francs.

The "League for the Industrial, Commercial and Labor Development of Rheims," has been formed to come to the rescue.

Prehistoric Flappers Also Concealed Their Ears

TUCSON, Ariz.—Prehistoric flappers who lived in Mexico about 10,000 years ago used the same care in concealing their ears that the fair seniors do today.

The sheiks of that period were more worried about their leg line than they were about their waist measurement.

These are two prehistoric fashion notes discovered by Dean Byron Cummings, professor of archaeology at the University of Arizona, in his excavations in the pyramid of Cuicuilco, 12 miles south of Mexico City.

The flappers of the ancient day instead of concealing their ears under the now prevalent barrage of hair used large disc-like ear plugs made of an American variety of jade. The sheiks of that time corded their thighs to give themselves a bandy legged effect that apparently was all the rage.

Bandon—Thrift Ranch incorporates for \$40,000 to farm 840 acres.

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Peppermint Oil Price Soars Owing to Acute Shortage

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—A pound of peppermint oil now is worth its weight in silver.

An acute shortage, resulting from unseasonable frost and heat in May in southern Michigan and northwest Indiana, where 60 per cent of the world's supply of peppermint is produced (reduced the crop 70 per cent or to approximately 250,000 pounds.

Throughout the late summer and early fall peppermint oil has steadily increased in price until it exceeded \$17 a pound. The maximum price last year was \$4 and four years ago it was \$1.25.

Gradually the growers are drifting toward a single "pool" through which they would market their oil when the demand price is right. In several instances, farmers have been

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