

MASON-EHRMAN CO. SUED FOR FIRE IN C. STORAGE PLANT

Suit has been filed in the circuit court for damages by the Medford Warehouse company against the Mason-Ehrman company, grocers, with headquarters in Portland, as a result of a fire that gutted the warehouse on the night of October 31, 1923. A total of \$14,050 is sought.

The complaint alleges that the Mason-Ehrman company "did negligently, carelessly, recklessly, and without exercise of due care and caution, cause to be stored in the warehouse two carloads of matches," the matches, it is asserted, being subject "to spontaneous combustion and highly inflammable."

It is then recited that the matches caught fire, causing a damage to the warehouse of \$20,000, which was covered by \$6,500 insurance. The balance of \$12,500 is asked, as first cause of action.

The second cause of action is based upon the alleged damage to a vault used for general storage purposes, in the sum of \$250, and the third cause of action is for \$300, alleged to have been sustained by the warehouse, when the Mason, Ehrman company moved, and removed a heating plant they had installed.

Since the fire the Mason, Ehrman company have moved to the Neff and Cooley warehouse at Grape and Third streets.

The blaze was one of the most stubborn in the history of the city. The suit is filed by the warehouse company, through Archie S. Ash, an acting president.

GRAND JURY IS CONSIDERING CASE OF FATAL FIGHT

A special session of the county grand jury convened this morning at Jacksonville, to hear evidence in the case of Hyman Huntley, 28, section hand held in the county jail, charged with stabbing to death Jesse James Gibbs, 28, Coos county homesteader, and laborer early Sunday morning, September 20 during a quarrel over the alleged attentions of Gibbs to Huntley's wife.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict that Gibbs came to his death, from knife wounds, inflicted by Huntley, during the progress of a fight, and most of the witnesses, who testified at the coroner's hearing will testify before the grand jury.

If a true bill is returned against Huntley, his case will be set for trial at the term of the circuit court beginning October 19.

Two cases, involving alleged moral turpitude, one classified by the district attorney, as being a case of "too much mother-in-law," and a case involving alleged forgery, will be presented to the grand jury.

SHERIFF STARTS A CAMPAIGN TO DRY UP DANCES

The winter dancing season has started in the rural districts of Jackson county, and the unbounded hilarity that has prevailed heretofore, will be bounded hereafter, according to Sheriff Ralph Jennings, who announces a campaign to establish peace and dignity, "if it takes a leg."

It is charged that the men folks of all ages, go to the country dances, have at it in fistful combat, become intoxicated, drive home down the public highways for all they are worth, and otherwise cut-up.

The law requiring young ladies, who attend these sometimes rough, but festive occasions to be over 18 years of age, unless accompanied by one or both parents, will also be enforced to the letter, according to the sheriff.

The sheriff also says that complaints galore are received about the way some of the rural hops are conducted, and they have got to stop being unseemly or shut up shop.

The country dances have it on the city dances. The latter suspend operations at midnight, but the former can make merry until the roosters start to crow.

The sheriff will be aided in his drive by the other law-enforcing agencies of the county and state.

RATTLER IS ONLY VENOMOUS SNAKE FOUND IN STATE

Oregon has only one poisonous snake, the rattler. It can be distinguished easily because it has a blunt head. All the other snakes, all of which are non-venomous, have pointed heads.

According to Prof. Tex T. Schubach, curator of the California snake farm, of Berkeley, Calif., who makes these statements, if the snakes other than the rattler were encouraged, they soon would kill most of the carwigs. They also would destroy a great quantity of the other troublesome bugs.

Many of Oregon's rattlesnakes according to Schubach, are the master surgeons, a particularly deadly variety. On a one day trip between Ashland and Klamath Falls recently, the snake man caught 40 master surgeons.

He has been bitten eight times by rattlers. His prescription for surviving such bites is as follows: Tie a cord or rubber tightly above the bite. When the blood is shut off, cut a gash about an inch long through the wound with a sharp knife or razor blade. Suck out the wound if your mouth is free of abrasions, decayed teeth and sores. Wash the wound with permanganate of potash solution of a wine color. When this is done, remove the cord and take a laxative, along with one sixtieth of a grain of strychnine. Keep wet antiseptic dressings on the wound.

Whiskey, by increasing the heart circulation, makes the spread of the poison more rapid. Rattles strike without coiling at times, but they cannot strike effectively more than three fourths of their length. A 6 months old snake may have four rattles; they do not grow one a year. A horsehair rope around a camp bed will not keep the snake out. New fangs are grown within 48 hours. A baby rattler is as poisonous as an old one.

JACKSONVILLE R. R. CASE UP OCT. 14TH

The hearing of the injunction suit of W. S. Barnum against the Public Service Commission has been set for October 14, and involves a question of law, to wit: Has the public service commission the right to restrain Barnum from tearing up the railroad to Jacksonville. Pending the rendering of a decision in this case, the hearing of the public service commission on abandonment of the road, and the injunction suit of the city of Medford and Jacksonville will be held in abeyance.

October 14th is the earliest date the public service commission can appear, owing to the present hearing of inter-state commerce cases.

MARK ROGUE VALLEY ON LOCAL FRUITS

"Fruit from the Rogue River Valley should not be allowed to go out without some form of marking on the label to inform the purchaser that this fruit is from the Rogue River valley," says the Grants Pass Courier.

"The other day several carloads of fruit were sent out with merely the word 'Oregon' in one corner. Of course it's good to have that much displayed, but Oregon is a large state. This fruit might be from any one of many sections. The purchaser knows merely that it is Oregon fruit and no more."

"Rogue River Valley fruit is famed the world over. Its peaches bring the highest prices in foreign markets and its apples are sought in many countries. Why then should not the name of the producing section appear on the boxes? The large concerns handling the produce of the Rogue Valley should be notified that the shippers want the labels to include 'Rogue River' on them. It would be no more than a recognition of a superior quality product."

EAGLE POINT COUPLE GRANTED A DIVORCE

A decree of divorce by default, on the part of the defendant was handed down in the circuit court Tuesday by Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas, in the suit of Lottie Wood against Walter S. Wood, well-known residents of the Eagle Point district. A settlement of the property rights by agreement of both parties, involving land in the Eagle Point district was made out of court, the defendant agreeing to pay the plaintiff \$110.

RED TOP SCHOOL HOUSE CASE HEARD

A decision in the injunction proceedings of J. M. Kershaw and others against School District No. 10 (Red Top schoolhouse, east of Medford) is scheduled for today, in the event attorneys for both sides file briefs. Hearing of testimony in the case was conducted last week before Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas, Kershaw and other taxpayers of the district, are seeking to restrain the school board from paying Lockwood and Meehan, contractors, a balance of approximately \$4000, alleged to be due on the school building, on the ground of building defects. By agreement of both sides, school opened in the protested structure at the beginning of the school year.

Better Than Talking.
NEW YORK.—Ina Claire is back from Paris with a new beauty recipe, sit before a mirror ten minutes every morning and make faces at yourself. It exercises the facial muscles.

Flee from Tarantula.
HAMMONTON, N. J.—A family has left home in fear of a tarantula which vanished after dropping from a bunch of bananas.

Cook with gas. 17*



Do the ESKIMOS HIBERNATE SIX MONTHS of the YEAR?

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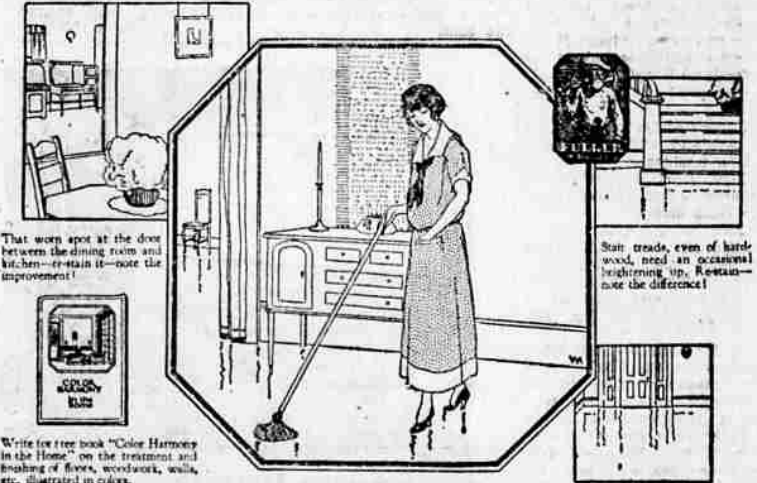
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