



YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME QUESTIONS about the dignity of man if you looked into the drunk tank at the city jail almost any night of the week. Stretched out on the platform side by side you will find the derelict vagrants, alcoholics and unfortunates who have drunk to excess and so impaired their physical condition as to either endanger their own safety or that of others. Cheek by jowl, oblivious as to their surroundings, the nightly collection of inebriates sleep off the effects of liquor in the tank where they are out of harm's way. Would you like the job of rounding up the likes of these every night in an effort to keep the peace? Our indebtedness to the police whose job it is to cope with the dregs of society is greater than we realize.



A WELL ORGANIZED FILING SYSTEM enables the city police to check the records of possible suspects and round them up in a remarkably short time. Shown above, left to right, are Detective Bud Adkins, Mrs. Bernice Matteson and Mrs. Dorothy Kirkpatrick at the telephone. An amazing amount of paper work is involved in keeping the records of arrests and dispositions as well as the additional files pertaining to the organization of the department.

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In any case it will be unpleasant and unless the wife is willing to sign a complaint the police can do little more than arbitrate the disagreement.

DISPUTE

The two officers from Car Three reach the house in question in a matter of minutes. Lights are on in the front room of the house and muffled angry voices can be heard on the outside. The two officers knock on the front door and the voices are stilled. Another knock and the door opens.

The rest is an unpleasant series of accusations and violent disagreements. The police do their best to resolve the situation and the upshot is that the woman who turned in the alarm decides not to sign a complaint. The patrolmen leave hoping that they will not be called back.

A 295 (drunk driver) is brought in by Car Three which is the paddy wagon at about 9 o'clock and the routine sobriety test starts all over again. The man is obviously under the influence and difficult to talk to. Two officers escort him politely into one of the anterooms where they ask him to sit down and then begin the standard questioning.

First they ask for his driver's license and he begins a fumble-fingered search through an amazing collection of cards and papers in his wallet. Several minutes later he is still examining the contents of his bulging wallet without success. Very gently one of the policemen takes the battered leather billfold away and finds the operator's license.

QUESTIONS

The questioning gets underway. "Answer to the best of your ability." The culprit wrinkles his brow and concentrates. "Full name, address, age, weight." Gradually they work around to the pertinent queries regarding drinking. When the suspect shows signs of balking the arresting officer reminds him that a partially empty bottle of vodka was found in his car at the time of his arrest. "Well, I won't lie to you, fellows," he said candidly, "I did have a couple of beers around 4 o'clock."

Gradually they draw the story from him and then they ask him to perform various feats designed to test his coordination. He comes away from these triumphant, believing that he has firmly established his sobriety, when actually he failed to function with any precision at all.

He is greatly shocked to learn that he is being held over night.

Everything is carefully explained to him. The law and its stipulations are gone over again and gently the police take his possessions and issue him a receipt. As he turns away from the desk the door to the drunk tank is opened

revealing a row of upturned shoes in various stages of disrepair along the edge of the wide platform where the night's collection are sleeping obliviously. He stares at the spectacle for a moment, turns to protest and is ushered into the cell. The door clangs shut behind him before he can voice his complaint.

AFTERMATH

The next morning in police court he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a \$100 fine and 30 days in jail.

So it goes all night long. Burglaries are discovered, drunks are brought in, all manners of violations are reported and suspects are rounded up. In the early morning hours, when the drunk tank resembles a morgue after some major catastrophe, the weary policemen continue their patrol, seeing our town from the rear, up the alleys and deserted side streets. So when you wake up in the dark rest assured that the police have the situation well in hand, your taxes are paying for the best protection in the world.

On The Record

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SUITS
The Lorenz Company granted a \$3,854 judgement against the Sittes Plumbing Company in a modified award action.

Norma Nicholson granted a divorce from Robert Nicholson.

Madeline Karnowsky granted a divorce from John Karnowsky.

Sheila Mae Owens vs. John M. Owens, action - dismissed.

J. W. Guehring vs. Homer Fields, \$700 judgement granted.

State Public Welfare Commission vs. Josephine Robinson, action dismissed as that a satisfactory contract had been reached.

Vernon A. Shaw vs. Olive Clara Shaw, divorce granted.

Harvey F. Shaw granted divorce from Donna Jane Shaw.

Doris A. Smith from Kenneth O. Smith, divorce granted.

Evelyn Gunther vs. John F. Gunther, seeks divorce.

Faye G. Liston vs. Lester J. Liston, seeks divorce.

The Klamath Feed Company has filed action against James S. Lee seeking to collect \$900.00 which is the purported unpaid amount for goods delivered by the Feed Company to Lee.

The State Highway Commission has filed land condemnation proceedings against Clifford Engelking and wife in an attempt to secure title to land reportedly necessary for construction of the westside bypass of U.S. Highway 97.

The state industrial accident commission of Oregon has filed an intervention in behalf of the defendant in the suit involving Chester Clifford as the plaintiff and the Modoc Lumber Company as the defendant. Clifford filed action for damages against the Modoc Company in July following his being injured when employed by the company during the felling of a Klamath Falls area mill. The Accident Commission seeks to have the cause for action dismissed on grounds that the state has paid \$4,829.77 to the benefit of Clifford since the accident.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES
J. Paul Matthews, 34, of Klamath Falls, and Wilda Fabrick, 48, of Medford.

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BIRTHS
CLARK — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rolland S. Clark, October 25, a girl weighing 7 lbs. 8 ozs. in the Klamath Valley Hospital.

MILLS — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vess M. Mills, October 25, a boy weighing 7 lbs. 15 1/2 ozs. in the Klamath Valley Hospital.

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