

JUDGE HOLDS ALL COURTS IN CONTEMPT— HANDS IN HIS RESIGNATION

Portland, Ore., Jan. 27.—Courts—the whole process of criminal jurisprudence—are held in contempt by Judge John H. Stevenson of the municipal court here.

"It merely adds to the misery of people who need help," he says. "It does not cure evil. I am sick and



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tired of the whole farcical procedure."

For this reason Judge Stevenson has handed in his resignation, to become effective Feb. 1. He has been on the bench over two years. Mayor Albee tried, unavailably, to persuade him to reconsider.

"My whose purpose," explained Judge Stevenson, "is to get away from the burden of sending people to jail and imposing penalties. I have

been doing this for several years. Now I'm through. Let somebody else do it.

"When I send a man to jail for drunkenness, what have I accomplished? While he's in jail his wife and children are deprived of any part of his earnings, and he gets drunk again as soon as he gets out.

"When I send a thief to jail, do I help either the thief or society? I do not.

"When he gets out he's still a thief, and a jailbird besides.

"When I send a woman to jail for immorality, do I halt or hinder the manufacture of fallen women because of social conditions with which the courts do not concern themselves?

"The work—the farce of administering so-called justice—has become so distasteful to me that I can continue it no longer, although to be frank, I need the \$3,300 the office pays. I am going back to my private practice."

Many a man has drawn a stiff fine or gone to jail for "contempt of court." But what about a judge to whom all courts are in contempt?

ANOTHER LITTLE GIRL VICTIM OF ATTACK IN ENGLEWOOD

Another little girl was sacrificed upon the altar of wanton passion in Englewood last night. Fully a score of little girls have been similar victims in the past few months.

Last night as a 10-year-old girl who lives near S. LaSalle and 53d st. was passing Wentworth av. on 52d st. a big boy, about 19 years old, she thinks, pounced upon her. He stuck a handkerchief in her mouth and dragged her into an alley. A passer-by who heard her moans found her unconscious on the ground.

That her name may not be blighted, if she survives, it will not be published here.