

WITH NOISY GLEE.

CHILDREN FROLIC THROUGH THE COURTHOUSE CORRIDORS. With Their Parents Draw Pensions, Divorce or Witness Fees, as the Case May Be—A Band of Inquisitive Witnesses and Their Fight for Mitigation—The Chambers Case in Head of the Jory—Canal Suit Good—Other Court News.

The long corridors of the county courthouse seemed to have a knack of taking up the slightest noise and echoing it to the other end of the building to the other side of the judicial precincts, and as they chattered about with hearty laughter and good nature, or burst into the doors of the temple of justice, or the solemn judges on the bench, an observer might have thought there was a disposition of some kind on hand. The children came with the parents, more than a dozen of whom were present, and they were in the court room, and they were in the court room, and they were in the court room.

These same witnesses in the Chambers case made life a bit of a nuisance to the attorney who had to go to court with them. They were eight of them, not counting the children. Three of them were ladies. The attitude and wideawake guardianship of the state's interests made it difficult in reckoning up the witness fee and mileage in the case, the latter should be based on the shortest distance from Issaquah, 18 miles, whereas the witnesses insisted on claiming the time-honored distance of 41 miles. Mr. Hart got along well enough with the gentlemen of the party. But the ladies, chiding their male masters for having been weak enough to yield, charged upon the deputy prosecuting attorney and attacked him with all the vigor of a woman's logic. They glared him in the sheriff's office. It was a sight to see.

What can you be thinking of? asked one of them. Eighteen miles? Do you want to swim? Mr. Hart at last surrendered and beat a graceful retreat. The Chambers case, as might be inferred from the foregoing, is a witness fee case, and it is probably in this time. The state yesterday introduced as witnesses Anna Jorg, the divorced wife of Chambers, into whose house at Issaquah he is alleged to have broken. John Wiley, James W. Agnew and W. J. Snell.

FOR A RE-SALE.

Mr. Hagan, formerly president of the Northern Logging Company, is exciting considerable interest. It will be remembered that it was sold by the receiver, E. L. Drew, on February 16, to John H. Elder for \$1,700. When the application was made for an order confirming the sale, the receiver appeared and protested against the confirmation on the ground that the price was inadequate and that the sale had not been sufficiently advertised among logging and mill men.

THE KNOT UNTIED.

Mrs. Eugene Knapper granted a divorce from her husband. Eugene Knapper will henceforth walk separate paths. Judge Jacobs yesterday granted Mrs. Knapper a divorce on the ground of desertion. Mrs. Knapper was present in the court room with her two little children, and when called to the stand told a straight story which bore out her complaint filed last December.

These March Days

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FOR A COLLEGE COURSE.

J. A. Hoshor won the Kautz Estate for Money Promised Him. A complaint filed yesterday in the superior court presents the rather singular case of a young man suing the estate of his benefactor for funds promised him, and partially paid. J. A. Hoshor it is who brings the suit, and his complaint is directed against Mrs. Fannie E. Kautz individually and as executrix of the estate of her deceased husband, the late Gen. A. V. Kautz.

Hoshor charges and sets forth in great detail that on May 6, 1893, he entered into a written agreement with Gen. Kautz, in which the latter undertook to supply him with \$500 per year for four years. This agreement is set out in full, and from it it appears that the money promised was for the purpose of enabling Hoshor to pursue a course of study in law at the University of California, San Francisco, and at Stanford University at Palo Alto, Cal. Some singular conditions crop out in the agreement as quoted in the complaint. It provides that Hoshor should attend the university for six months consecutively, except for sickness; \$500 on the money which has been promised him. The entire sum of \$1,400 is promised him in consideration of \$1 paid by him to the general agreement, save that he is to take the money in four years in college, and at the close of the document it is said that he "accepts and agrees to the terms" contained in the agreement.

According to the terms of the agreement, the payments were to be made in sums of \$350, payable on January 15 and August 15 of each year, beginning with August, 1893. The complaint contended that the payments were regularly made up to the time of Gen. Kautz's death, and that his estate had paid \$900 last March on the \$100 due for the year 1896, but claims that since that time Hoshor has received nothing, and that his demands for the balance have been refused. According to his affidavit, he has a balance on the payment just mentioned; \$100 on the payment due August 15, 1896, and \$100 on the payment due January 15, 1897. He also suggests \$100 damages on account of time lost from the university.

NORTH CANAL SUIT.

Final Verdict Reached, Assessing \$61,288.25 Total Damages. The north canal condemnation proceedings reached their close yesterday in Judge Benson's department of the superior court, and no doubt every member of the jury that had sat through 206 verdicts breathed a sigh of relief as the big map was folded up and the lawyers' memoranda and authorities were carted away from the tables.

The final verdict, No. 296, covers the entire assessment included in each of the other verdicts separately, and the amount named in it, \$61,288.25, gives at a glance the total footing of the amounts assessed in favor of the various "respondents" or property owners.

SEVERE CHARGES.

Mrs. Charles Hagberg Tells of Her Husband's Inhumanity. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hagberg were married at Portland August 24, 1885. Already Mrs. Hagberg has grown weary of the marital yoke and begs the court to grant her a release. In her complaint filed yesterday she charges that her husband has failed to provide for her the common necessities of life, a failure which she ascribes entirely to his idleness and profligacy.

Wants the Notes Canceled.

The Queen City Printing Company, in its answer to the complaint of J. W. Van Brocklin, sets up as an affirmative defense that on October 7 there was a disruption among the stockholders of the company, the profits at that time not being sufficient to give to each of the stockholders an adequate support; that Mr. Van Brocklin became determined to withdraw, and that by false and fraudulent representations to the officers of the company he induced them to purchase his thirty shares of stock together with thirty-three shares held in the name of his son, F. H. Van Brocklin, in payment for which the company issued to him twenty-two promissory notes, each for \$75, the last of which was for \$100, several of these being taken up later by a note. The answer charges that these notes were issued by the officers under a misapprehension; that Mr. Van Brocklin knew at the time they were issued that the company was heavily indebted to other creditors, including the Richmond Paper Company, and was in a financial straits; that he was directed to allow the plaintiff to inspect and make a copy of his account and the books in his possession, and that he was directed to allow the plaintiff to inspect and make a copy of his account and the books in his possession, and that he was directed to allow the plaintiff to inspect and make a copy of his account and the books in his possession.

The Auburn Mill Case.

The case of W. F. McNatt and Patrick Benson, partners in owning the Auburn Lumber Company, vs. M. C. Kennedy, M. S. Bittencourt and L. Jaffe, has occupied almost the entire time in Judge Benson's department for the last two days. The case is a rather complicated one. McNatt and Benson leased the mill at Auburn, and in their operation of it they introduced some new machinery in addition to what was already there. Kennedy held a mortgage on the mill and its contents. This was foreclosed and Kennedy got possession of the whole plant, including the machinery. Bittencourt and Jaffe, who as partners purchased taking it to a mining camp at Rosland, B. C. in order to recover this machinery, to which they claim a right, was already there. McNatt and Benson brought a replevin suit.

Adjudged Insane.

Sheriff Mover left on the noon boat yesterday in charge of Louise H. Morrison, who had been committed by order of the court to the asylum for the insane at Stellacona. Mrs. Morgan, whose home in this city is at 119 Nineteenth avenue, was examined before Judge Moore, Dr. C. M. Baldwin and Mrs. Caroline Mitchell being called as witnesses. Mrs. H. D. Kline and C. A. Smith pronounced her insane and the commitment followed.

Mr. Dearborn's Affidavit.

In the case of Sarah M. Lodge vs. G. Willis Price, the dentist of this city, who was charged last fall with trying to re-plant his belongings surreptitiously to California, W. W. Dearborn yesterday filed an affidavit which appears to be virtually a reply to Dr. Price's answer. Mr. Dearborn asserts that the articles involved in the case were his property.

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Walking by the large wholesale establishment of the Chinese merchant, Wa Chong, one would hardly suspect that in the basement machinery of the most modern class was whirring, nor would the busy scene below stairs be imagined by the casual visitor in the store. Mrs. Chong has been in Seattle a good while. He is progressive, and when A. H. Hawley suggested to him several weeks ago that a rice-cleaning mill would be a good investment, he showed him and took up the idea. The proper machinery was secured and, under Wa Chong's own supervision, and according to plans made by the Chinese, was set up in the basement of the building. This building, by the way, was designed from corner-stone to chimney top by Wa Chong, who adds to his other talents as a merchant some talent as an architect.

A rice-cleaning mill, as judged by the one now in Seattle, is made up of noisy, whirling machines, and the last of these requires has a substitute, but in Wa Chong's establishment they are a prominent feature. There is not a white man in the place, and every fact has been responsible for no end of trouble for the proprietor. He formed the idea from the first that he was the proper man to run the mill and would not listen to an American machinist who was engaged for at least the first few months. The machinery was cranked at first. It missed the guiding hand, and under the management of the Chinamen, became unruly. Once in awhile it would stop altogether. On such occasions Wa Chong would leave the basement in disgust, and the managing mind in choice Oriental phrase.

Three weeks now the plant has been running, and at last it goes smoothly. The noisy, dirty rice goes in one place and is hammered, scraped and twisted through various machines until it comes gladly forth, snow white, from another. The process is a simple one, but little understood. The secret of rice cleaning have been carefully guarded by those having establishments on the Coast, as the profits are large. It is a decided disadvantage to the Chinamen to have a thing of this kind. The only other plants are in San Francisco, Victoria and Portland, and they are controlled by white men.

Wa Chong is a man of energy and initiative and cleans off the inner cuticle when the rice is ready for the market. To do this there are separators, reels, dressers, polishers, etc., run by electricity. The cost of the present plant was \$4,000. It is only a test, and if successful, as every thing now indicates to be the case, the capacity will be quadrupled within a short time and several more such plants are expected on the next steamship from the Orient.

A FAMILY SKELETON.

Trouble at the Railway Station Between Woman and Two Men. Mrs. Minnie Stewart, who has been living at the Laclede house, on First avenue near Seneca street, recently received a letter from the grandmother of her little daughter Gladys, asking her to bring the child to Butte, Mont. The grandmother intended to go to Salt Lake City, and was going to take the little one with her. Right before Mrs. Stewart, accompanied by her husband and two children, formerly proprietor of the Washington restaurant, went down to the Seattle & International depot for the purpose of sending the child and her grandmother north on the train. While in the depot a man of unprepossessing appearance entered and spoke to Mrs. Stewart. Halferty had no idea who he was, and gave the matter no thought. About the time that the train was due to leave, Halferty told Gladys that she had better say good-bye to the gentleman. The child threw her head up in the air and looked wildly at the newcomer. This apparently made him angry, for he commenced calling the woman names. Halferty told him that he was not a gentleman, and that he was a lady's friend. Mrs. Stewart was not the only lady in the depot. The man responded by striking at Halferty twice. The blows did not land. At this point Patrolman Brennan entered the room and the aggressor made a run for liberty, but got into the wrong room and was captured. Brennan arrested both men and took them to the nearest patrol box. Without provocation the man pleaded guilty to fighting and was sentenced to fifteen days in the city jail. Judge Craven, after hearing all the evidence which dealt exclusively with the striking of blows, exonerated Halferty from all blame.

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Authorities Decide That It Would Be Useless to File Complaints Against Murphy and Fletcher. Corporal William Murphy, U. S. A., does not mind a bullet wound in the shoulder. When Dr. P. B. Miller was hunting the leader of yesterday morning at police headquarters, Murphy was calmly smoking a cigar. He has been shot before, and is one of those fellows who see no reason to complain so long as his career is not abruptly ended.

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Both Murphy and John Fletcher, the saloon man who shot him, remained at headquarters until well into the day. Murphy had a talk with Chief Reed in the afternoon and that it was his fault for going down to the saloon, and he did not care to file a complaint against Fletcher. Chief Reed called in Prosecuting Attorney McEroy, and after the latter had looked into the different stories connected with the case, he agreed with the chief that it would be useless to file a complaint. Fletcher was released from the city jail last evening. The police are not in love with Fletcher. He has been mixed up in several cases that do not redound to his credit, but after a careful investigation into the facts connected with the present affair it certainly appears as if he was on the right side of the fence for once in his life.

The stories of Fletcher, Patrolman Grant, eye witnesses, and the mysterious woman who was made up for shot by Murphy, all agree in the main. Murphy met the woman in a box at the saloon. They disagreed, and Murphy either shook or choked her. Murphy admitted to Chief Reed that he gave the woman a shaking. She yelled "murder," and Fletcher rushed to the box. Murphy pushed him out. Then Patrolman Grant appeared on the scene and started Murphy home. No sooner had Grant turned his back than Fletcher went back to the saloon. Grant took him out again and told him that he would set into serious trouble with other than the civil authorities if he was not careful. Grant has been a sergeant in the United States regulars. Grant says that Murphy told him he realized it and would go home. After all that he went back to the saloon, and broke an umbrella over Fletcher's head. Then Fletcher shot him.

This mysterious woman called at police headquarters yesterday, and told Chief Reed her story about the case. She introduced herself as Margaret Wilson, but many people who know her believe her name to be Mrs. McGuire. She said that Murphy invited her to attend a celebration of Robert Emmet's birthday in Rankin's hall. She was unable to go, but met him later in the evening at the saloon. They had a few words, and he choked her. Then she yelled and Fletcher came to her assistance. Murphy explained the last trip to the saloon by saying that he wanted to make an explanation to the woman. Down below the dead line they call it "squearing yourself," being the legal course to pursue when you get off on a technicality. The fact that the civil authorities will not act in the matter may have a tendency to save Corporal Murphy from a severe punishment. The case is being handled by a Post-Intelligencer reporter called upon Lieut. Mitchell, who is in charge of the recruiting station in this city, yesterday afternoon to inquire as to what course would be taken. The lieutenant was out. It is probable, however, that Murphy will be recalled from the local recruiting office to the Vancouver barracks, where he may be tripped at a general court martial.

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