

Butte Department.

DOINGS OF A WOMAN

D. J. Kaitenbach Charges His Wife With Serious Offenses.

HE WANTS HIS LITTLE BOY

According to His Story the Mother Has Committed Many Crimes—The Child in the Hands of a Deputy.

The scandalous escapades of Mrs. D. J. Kaitenbach, wife of a well known Montana Union conductor, received a thorough ventilation yesterday in a suit for divorce and petition for possession of a child filed in the district court yesterday by Attorneys Mattison & Naughten, who represent the wronged husband. Sophie Kaitenbach, the young wife, is nearly as well known as her husband. Two years ago she became a prominent figure at the Butte and Anaconda races and attracted a great deal of attention in the betting ring. She had several friends among the jockeys who frequently gave her "tips," and her husband charged that the "tips" were the price of her virtue, and two of the jockeys are named as co-defendants in the suit for divorce. Kaitenbach had forgiven her for these little shortcomings, but recently he discovered that while he was out on his run his wife was raising "high jinks" generally and that he had been supplanted in her affections by one William Flint or Fent, and when he expostulated with the latter, he exhibited a gun and threatened to "fix" the wronged husband. Fent was arrested on the charge of threatening to kill and was locked up in jail, but when his preliminary hearing was called before Justice Almon Thursday evening, the principal witness, a man named Ganote, failed to put in an appearance, and the fellow was discharged. Kaitenbach then retained Mattison & Naughten and instituted a suit for divorce. When his wife learned of his intention to apply also for the custody and care of their child, she threatened, and that, if unsuccessful in that, she would kill her husband.

The complaint in the suit for divorce recites that the parties were married at Butte, Oct. 29, 1891, and that the only issue is a boy, Roy Joseph, aged 4 years. On information and belief, Kaitenbach charges that his wife committed adultery with one James Boseman in the Beaver block, June 13, 1894, and at divers times was criminally intimate with the same jockey in Butte and Anaconda during the months of June, July and August. Kaitenbach alleges that his wife admitted to him that she was criminally intimate with Boseman. The complaint charges that on or about July 1, 1894 at some Butte lodging house, she sustained illicit relations with a man named Russell, also a horse jockey, whose first name is unknown, and that she repeated such acts with the fellow during July and August of that year. She also made an admission of those facts to her husband. The latter alleges that although the above mentioned acts were condoned and forgiven by him and he has since that time lived and cohabited with her the cause of divorce arising from such acts has been revived by her having since committed like acts, constituting like and other causes of divorce. He further alleges that on or about the 1st of last November his wife visited the Casino theater, a disreputable variety theater visited only by women of bad character and situated on East Galena street, and, in company with one John Swinton and other persons, occupied a box or wine room on the second floor and there drank beer and liquor and behaved in a most disorderly manner and, among other acts of lewdness, stuck and protruded her bare leg out over the side of the box or stall, from behind the curtains, in public view and in sight of the spectators of the theater, and she remained at the theater until very late and came drunk and in the habit of frequenting and visiting the Casino in company with different and numerous men during November and December of last year, and drank intoxicating liquor and acted in a grossly lewd and disorderly manner. On Jan. 29 last she left her child in care of one of the neighbors and at about noon and in that locality, entered a certain house of prostitution known as "The Royal," on the west side of Wyoming street, between Park and Broadway streets. She was in the habit of visiting that and other houses of like character.

On the 7th, 11th, 15th and 19th of the present month, at 340 West Broadway street, she committed adultery with one William Fent. During the three months last preceding April 19, at 340 West Broadway street and also at 29 West Nevada street, she frequently has committed similar acts with Fent. On information and belief, Kaitenbach charges that during the past four months his wife frequently accompanied traveling men, and others, whose names he does not know, to the Copper block, at the corner of Galena and Wyoming streets, for the purpose of assignation, and committed such acts for hire and money, and afterwards displayed the money and boasted of her earnings. While on such expeditions she repeatedly left her child in the care of her neighbors. She often stated to other persons that she was fooling her husband, and that, as he was a conductor on the railroad and did not arrive in the city until late at night, all she had to do was to get home and build a fire before time for his train to arrive, and then to be ready to meet him either at the train or at their home.

Kaitenbach also charges his wife with extreme cruelty and alleges that on the 20th of last month she called him a _____ and swore repeatedly at him and threw a china cup at him and then seized a butcher-knife and tried to strike and cut him with it. After he had taken the knife away from her she seized a revolver lying upon a table and threatened to shoot him with it. He believes that if he had not by force prevented her from using the dangerous weapons she would have inflicted great injury upon him, and he believes that it is unsafe for him to try to live peacefully with her, for she is of a most violent and cruel disposition. He claims that he has always provided a good and comfortable home and promotes convenience, and has endeavored to keep her from committing any of the acts complained of and he has always acted as a good and

faithful husband toward her and has never connived at or encouraged any of her acts of lewdness. He also says he has never condoned or forgiven any of her acts except those with Boseman and Russell. She is not a fit or proper person to have the custody and care of the child on account of her evil associates and habits and the plaintiff asks that he be granted a divorce and awarded the custody of the boy.

In an affidavit and motion for an order for the immediate custody of the child Kaitenbach related that the boy, Roy Joseph, is the only issue of the marriage and the only child of the plaintiff. He asked for its custody because the defendant is an unfit person to have charge of it owing to her lewd and vicious habits. On April 18, the affidavit recites, the plaintiff first learned of the defendant's recent acts of adultery with William Fent, and he then told her he would not live with her again. On April 20 he met her on the street and she insisted that he should walk home with her, which he did, and he then told her he intended to get a separation from her as soon as possible and would not live with her under any circumstances. She said she did not care whether he lived with her or not, but that if he undertook to obtain the custody of their child she would "fix" him, and that if he tried to get possession of the child through the courts and by law she would kill the child and herself. She had the child in her possession at their former home at 29 West Nevada street, and she took in her hand a bottle of laudanum and endeavored to pour some of the poison into a glass but was prevented by the plaintiff taking it from her. She also had a pistol or revolver in her pocket which she showed to him and again stated she would kill the child, and that he should never get the boy. Kaitenbach said he knew that she keeps poisons and drugs in her possession about the house and that she carries a revolver, and that she is usually in possession of the means of carrying out her threat of killing the child. The defendant is of a violent and irrepressible, desperate and dangerous disposition, and the affiant feared and in fact believed that if the defendant were served with summons in the action while she still had the child in her possession and under her control, and also had the means of carrying out her threat, that she would not hesitate to kill the child and then kill herself, and he believed that the life of the child was in danger at all times with the defendant.

Kaitenbach therefore asked the court to make an order directing the sheriff at the time of serving the summons to take the child and deliver him to the plaintiff, or place him in the hands of some proper and responsible person until the further order of the court or the determination of the suit.

The court made an order that the sheriff at once take possession of the little boy, and owing to the representations made in Kaitenbach's affidavit extra precautions were taken that Mrs. Kaitenbach should not have an opportunity to carry out her alleged threats, and two deputy sheriffs were detailed to serve the summons. Mrs. Kaitenbach was found in her room with the child and the officers were rather surprised when she offered no resistance whatever but peacefully surrendered possession of the child and accompanied it to the court house, where the little boy was turned over to Deputy Sheriff Hauswirth, who took him home and will take care of him until the court makes some other order in regard to his care. Mrs. Kaitenbach denies many of her husband's charges and says she did not threaten and had no intention of killing anyone. John Swinton, mentioned in Kaitenbach's complaint, is a well-known Butte printer. He denies that he was ever in a Casino box with Mrs. Kaitenbach or any other woman at any time. He has had but a passing acquaintance with the woman and can't imagine how Kaitenbach could associate his name with that of hers.

THE DEMOCRATS.

A Letter Asking for Opinions as to the Time of Holding a Convention.

Prominent democrats all over the state will be asked to give their opinions as to the best time for holding the next convention for the selection of delegates to the national convention, and also as to the best method of making the apportionment to the various counties in determining upon the make up of the convention, says the Independent. A circular letter has been sent out to leading members of the party all over the state by Secretary Marks, who is acting under the instructions of Chairman W. R. Kenyon of Butte. The letter is as follows: "We address this communication to you to obtain an expression of your opinion regarding the best time and place for the democratic state convention. As for the matter of time, it has been suggested that, all things considered, it would be wisest and best to postpone the gathering until June 20, or thereabouts, some few days after the meeting of the republican national convention at St. Louis, June 18. In that way, many seem to think, we should be in a position to take advantage of any possible break on the part of the republican party and still have ample time to give full consideration to the membership of the delegation to Chicago. Please be kind enough to give this matter your best attention and let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

"There is one other matter that requires decision, and that is the basis of representation—whether it should be arranged on the last presidential vote or the last vote for congressman. Kindly indicate your preference.

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WHISPERS IN THE AIR

Republican and A. P. A. Gossip That is Lurking About.

AN IRREGULAR'S SURE TIP

When the Counties Hold Their Conventions and How the Situation is Sized Up—No Democratic Call Yet.

Although no official announcement has as yet been made on the subject, it is whispered by the winds that circulate between the city hall and the Hauswirth block that the republican county caucuses will be held on May 4, the primaries on May 6 and the county convention on May 7. It is also whispered by these same winds that Carter, Mantle and Hartman shall not go as delegates to the national republican convention, if there is any virtue in wind. This decision has been arrived at, and it will be executed if the "patriotic" wing of the republican party succeeds in controlling the state convention.

The principal objection to Carter is the interview which he gave a reporter in Washington a few days ago in which he bade defiance to the A. P. A. of Montana, declared that he never feared an enemy who fought behind a bush and intimated that, judging by the caliber of the A. P. A. as he met in the senatorial fight at Helena last year, they are not worth noticing unless their votes are needed and then they can be got. It is also alleged that Carter is a Catholic.

Against Mantle it is urged that he voted for the appropriation for sectarian Indian schools Thursday, and patriotic circles have been flashing red, white and blue lightning ever since the announcement of that fact reached Butte. Carter and Hartman also voted the bill and they are on the list. The A. P. A. of Butte are going to beat these men for election as delegates to the national convention if it is in the cards.

The question is whether the 61 delegates from Silver Bow county, with such scattering delegates as may be picked up in other parts of the state, will be able to control the Montana state convention. There seems little doubt of their ability to control the Silver Bow county convention, and they are working hard to make sure of it. The "irregular" republicans seem practically to concede the county convention to the A. P. A., and if they are going to fight them at the primaries no intimation of that fact has yet been given. One of the leading "irregulars" said yesterday:

"We will rely on the republicans of the state to sit down on these fellows when they get to the convention. They understand all about the situation in Silver Bow county and every proposition that comes from this county will be regarded with suspicion and will be defeated. Carter, Mantle and Hartman will be chosen delegates by the votes of the entire body of delegates with the exception of the Silver Bow delegates and perhaps a dozen others whom the A. P. A. may succeed in getting into the convention. These fellows will be simply ignored when they get into the state convention. Besides, I don't think they will have the Silver Bow delegation solid."

Deer Lodge county has already held its county convention and has elected its 23 delegates to the state convention. The "irregulars" say that seven of these 23 are A. P. A., while the A. P. A. leaders in this county claim that they have 11 of the 23 delegates. The irregulars, however, claim that the A. P. A. will cut no figure in any other part of the state, and that practically their entire strength in the convention will be the Silver Bow county delegation.

The republicans of Park county will hold a convention at Livingston on May 9 to choose the delegates to the state convention. The primaries will be held April 29.

The Billings primaries will be held on May 7 and the county convention on May 9.

The republicans of Madison county will hold primaries to-day and their county convention on May 2.

The republicans of Custer county met in mass convention on Thursday at Miles City and choose delegates to the state convention.

The republicans of Meagher county will hold primaries on May 2 and their convention at White Sulphur Springs on May 8.

The state convention will be held in Butte on May 11. Six delegates and six alternates are to be chosen to the national convention, and Montana will be about the last state to choose its delegates. The several counties of the state will have the following number of delegates:

- Beaverhead..... 10
- Carbon..... 5
- Cascade..... 20
- Chouteau..... 10
- Custer..... 10
- Dawson..... 4
- Deer Lodge..... 23
- Fergus..... 12
- Flathead..... 10
- Gallatin..... 17
- Granite..... 9
- Jefferson..... 14
- Lewis and Clarke..... 27
- Madison..... 23
- Meagher..... 12
- Missoula..... 11
- Park..... 12
- Ravalli..... 10
- Silver Bow..... 61
- Sweet Grass..... 4
- Teton..... 6
- Valley..... 2
- Yellowstone..... 8

The call for the democratic state convention has not yet been issued.

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