

EDITORS SUE PLEASANT FOR \$20,000 DAMAGES

Ballard And Thompson Of Item Deny Charges Pleasant Made

Marshall Ballard, of the New Orleans Item. Wednesday entered suit in the Civil District Court against Ruffin G. Pleasant for \$10,000 damages. The petition avers that Attorney General Pleasant "in a spirit of revenge for fancied wrongs, animated by malice, and with an evil purpose to injure petitioner, did, May 24, issue a public statement" which was published in The Times-Picayune and the States, in which he charged that petitioner was a "reputed dope fiend."

After the publication Mr. Ballard addressed a letter to Col. Pleasant asking him to specify which of the editors of the Item it was who was reputed to be a dope fiend, and the only reply that Col. Pleasant made was to say to the bearer of the letter, "Tell Ballard to go to h—l."

Petitioner denies that he is a "dope fiend" or that he is a "newspaper buccaneer," as charged by Col. Pleasant, and that "owing to the high social, professional and political position of said Ruffin G. Pleasant, the charges made by him against petitioner will find ready credence among a large number of the readers of the two newspapers mentioned, few of whom know, or will know, or can know the facts, but who will believe that a statement made by a gentleman who is attorney general, and who hopes to be governor, must be true."

Petition alleges that in view of the charges made by "a man of the character and standing of defendant," petitioner has been damaged in the sum of \$10,000.

James M. Thompson filed a petition in practically the same words, also asking for \$10,000 damages. He alleges that he is either charged with being a "dope fiend," or that he is under indictment, and he denies that he has ever been indicted for any crime, or that he is a "dope fiend," or that he has ever been so reputed. He denies also that he is a "newspaper buccaneer."

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BECKER READY TO DIE; EXECUTION NEXT MONTH

Has Been In Sing Sing Death House Since November 1912

Charles Becker's death warrant, to be executed the week beginning July 12, was signed last Thursday by the judges of the Court of Appeals, who denied his plea for a reversal of the conviction of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler and informer.

The document from the State's highest court, ordering the execution of the original sentence of the trial court, was forwarded to Thos. Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing prison, in the death house of which institution Becker has been since the first week of November, 1912, excepting a few months last year when he was on trial here for the second time.

Becker's only possible chance to escape the death chair in the week which will mark the third anniversary of the notorious crime appears to be a writ of habeas corpus to the United States Supreme Court.

The one time police lieutenant, formerly one of the most powerful factors in the police department, has taken in stoical fashion the knowledge that the Court of Appeals which once before gave him a second chance for his life, now has doomed him.

"I am ready to die," he said, when the news was brought to him in the death house at Sing Sing. "The sooner my execution is over the better it will be. I will not ask Governor Whitman for clemency; I will not ask him to save my life."

But while Becker is now resigned to his fate and willing to die, Martin T. Manton, his counsel, indicated today that another earnest fight will be begun to save his client.

NEWEST IN SCIENCE

According to a French investigator the chance of mistake in identification by means of finger prints is about one in 17,000,000,000.

To prevent an automobile spattering mud upon pedestrians there has been invented a flexible metal ring to be attached close to a tire.

The English inventor of a new wireless telephone claims that it is so compact that a man can carry the entire apparatus about with him.

In a new oven for household use the baking compartments are on top of the fire box and are surrounded by flues through which heat passes.

With ten pairs of revolving disks a static electric machine has been built in Paris that has developed 320,000 volts between its terminals.

"POISON NEEDLE" MYTH DECLARE MEDICAL MEN

Say That Women Who Reported Experience Are Certainly Mistaken

The "poison needle" theory was given the quietus by the Journal of the American Medical Association. It says:

"A woman goes to a moving picture theater, enters a crowded elevator, a street car or elevated train, or is caught in the press of a crowd. Suddenly she sees close beside her an old friend, the mysterious stranger, with the piercing black eyes and the compelling manner.

"At the same time she feels a sting and knows that she has been stabbed with a poisoned needle. She immediately becomes unconscious, dazed or irresponsible for a greater or less period of time, during which she experiences a number of marvelous adventures or hairbreadth escapes.

"It can be said very positively that there is no drug known to scientific men which could be administered in the manner, or which would produce the effect, described in recent newspaper reports."

MARRIED LIFE

BY C. L. C.

(Continued from last week)

She jumped out of bed resolutely and began to dress, taking her time she glanced out of the window and knew it was early as there was not a sound about the big house, she put on a plain black dress, with white collars and cuffs and went softly downstairs. She paused at the landing window to look out.

The rain had stopped and the day was fair. Long rays of sunshine were feeling their way through the window. A book lay open on the window seat, which Jean had been reading. Catharine picked it up and found it to be "Laddie." She glanced at the Hall clock and saw it was only 6 o'clock, so she settled herself for a nice long reading before breakfast.

Jean was the first to appear. She swept rapidly down the stairs in her pretty morning dress of pale pink and a little lace cap on her head.

She paused to give Miss Morgan a rapid little kiss but paid no further attention to her, beyond a word or two until breakfast was over. The orders for the day given, half a notes answered, she came to Catharine and said "well, rosy cheeks what do you say to a drive this morning?" "Oh, I would love it," said Catharine, brightening.

Dr. Joseph was dumb-founded at the change in Jean, her mother also. They no longer found her a tiresome child but a sweet sympathetic woman and when the mother spoke to Jean about it, she answered "I owe it all to Miss Morgan's mother. She has taught me too to be my real self."

"Yes," Mrs. Strong said "she was a wonderful type of pure womanhood."

Catharine Morgan had a strong love for reading and you may imagine the girl's delight to pass the afternoon and evening quietly in her room reading while Jean entertained her guests or attended the afternoon parties.

Miss Morgan would curl herself up on her bed; sometimes in the window seat and would be so interested in her book she would not hear the door bell ring as the various ladies were shown into the drawing room.

But she and Jean always spent the morning together. The two weeks passed quickly and Miss Morgan after the good rest was again ready for duty.

Jean has her home filled with guests for Christmas. The large fireplace was filled with big logs, the ground was covered with snow, making fine sleighing. The large tree loaded with presents stood in the drawing room and the light from the fireplace made a welcome of snug warmth and brightness.

Just before dinner on Christmas

day, as Jean was leaving her room. Dr. Joseph said "I'm expecting an important telephone message and when it comes even if we are at dinner, I shall have to answer it."

Jean paused a second and said, "How tiresome its such had form to go to the phone in the middle of dinner."

"Jean, Jean" one of the guests called from the hall.

Coming, she answered as she picked up her skirt and ran down stairs.

When dinner was announced there was much laughing and gay talk at the long table.

Jean was satisfied with the way the dinner was going. As the turkey was being served, the phone rang.

Jean heard it distinctly and looked up in time to see her husband leave the room, with a few murmured excuses.

But somehow she did not mind much. After dinner Jean's mother said to her husband.

"How our little girl has changed. She behaved so beautiful when the Doctor was called to the phone during dinner."

"Thank God" said Mr. Strong. I was so afraid Jean was going to make her life so unhappy with her childish ways.

(Continued next week)

Five Are Guilty.

Five persons were found guilty of assault and battery before Judge Ott in the city court last Friday morning, all of which were given a fine of \$10 and costs, or 20 days in default. Some fines were paid and others were stayed.

For First Time.

J. Vol Brock, of Franklinton, who was in Bogalusa Friday stated that for the first time in the history of the Parish a session of court was held when no criminal cases were on the docket.



MASONIC ORDERS.

CENTER LODGE 244 F. & A. M. Meets every second and fourth Saturday evening in the Masonic Temple; North Bogalusa. Visiting brothers especially invited.

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EASTERN STAR JESSAMINE CHAPTER NO. 82. Meets each First and Third Monday evening at 8 o'clock each month in the Masonic Temple. Mrs. D. Richardson, Mrs. W. M. Tate, Secy. W. M.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. Meets the second and fourth Thursday evening of each month in the Y M C A building. Visiting brothers given a cordial welcome. Frank Bourgeois, W. E. Seldner, Secy. C. C.

CYPRUS GROVE NO. 93 WOODMEN CIRCLE. Meets Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month 2-30 p. m. Lina Schrimp, Susie Ledoux, Clerk. Guardian, Clerk. Members of other Groves always invited.

BEN HUR BOGALUSA COURT NO. 30. Meets Second and Fourth Thursdays 7-30 p. m. H. A. Maassen, C. E. Lingo, Chief, Secy. Susie Ledoux, Reporter.

Goodyear Camp No. 371, Woodmen of World, meets 1st and 3rd Saturday, each month, Pleasant Hill, Starns' Hall. F. T. Evans, couns Ccm Wm. E. Seldner, Clerk.

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"Bill's In Trouble."

I've got a letter, parson, from my son 'way out West, An' my ol' heart is heavy as an anvil in my breast, To think the boy whose futur' I had once so proudly planned Should wonder from the path o'right 'an come to sich an end. I told him when he left us, only three short years ago He'd find himself 'aplowin' in a mighty crooked row; He'd miss his father's counsel, an' his mother's prayers too; But he said the farm was hateful an' he guesses he'd have to go. I know that's a big temptation for a youngster in the West, But I believed our Billy had the courage to resist; An' when he left I warned him o' the ever waitin' snares, That you find like hidden sarpints in life's pathway everywhere. But Bill promised faithful to be keeful and allowed, He'd build a reputation that'd make us mighty proud; But it seems as if my counsel sort o' faded from his mind, An' now the boy is in trouble of the very wustest kind. His letters came so seldom that I somehow sort o' knowed That Billy was a 'trampin' on mighty rocky road. But never once imagined he wou'd bow my head in shame, And in the dust'd waller his old dad's honored name. He writes me from out in Denver, an' the story's mighty short; I just can't tell his mother; it'll crush her poor ol' heart; An' so I reckon parson, you might break the news to her— Bill's in the legislature, but he doesn't say what fur.

Looking After Fences.

Wiley Wood, who last week was nounced for the office of clerk of Parish, was in Bogalusa Friday ing after his political fence. Wood is a young man who has a circle of friends in all parts of parish who predict that he is successful in the race for the which he seeks.

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