

Mrs. Jones Almost Hands the Food Trust an Awful Wallop---Oh!---My Yes---



MRS. JONES GOES AFTER THE HIGH COST OF LIVING PROBLEM.

SHE CALLS ON MRS. BROWN NEXT DOOR.

MRS. BROWN HAS SOME VERY, VERY, VERY IMPORTANT DUTIES.

MRS. GREEN IS IN FAVOR OF THE IDEA, BUT—SHE IS SO BUSY TODAY—

MRS. SMITH IS STRONG FOR THE IDEA—BUT STRONGER FOR BRIDGE—

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REFUSE TO PROSECUTE

THREE SERIOUS CHARGES IN THREE DAYS DISMISSED BY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE—ONE MAN FOUND GUILTY IN POLICE COURT.

"Refuse to prosecute for lack of evidence." Case against Al Schwartz, saloon-keeper, for seduction of girl of 13. Case against Frank Lewis, keeper of Maple Leaf saloon, for running disorderly house. Given six months' jail sentence in police court. Case against "Monk" Young, Warwick saloon, for attack on servant girl.

This is part of the record of the prosecutor's office in three days in punishing alleged crimes. "For lack of evidence," is getting to have a familiar ring. What's the matter up there? These three cases are serious. If these men are guilty, each should be given a long term in prison. There are few more serious offenses in the eyes of decent people than those against young and innocent girls.

Lewis, who has made a lot of trouble for the police was convicted in police court. Two detectives testified to goings-on there. One woman, an inmate, gave direct testimony which left no doubt in the minds of the jurors.

The charge against Young was even more serious. A servant girl was invited to an auto ride with two men and a girl friend. It was in the early evening. She was given a plausible excuse for the absence of the other couple and was lured into a down-town hotel.

It was only the next day, when overwhelmed by the terrible thing that had happened to her, she tried vainly to kill herself and wipe out the stain, that she told her employers the story.

And Young was arrested. The case reached the prosecutor's office. And Young went free, as had Schwartz and Lewis.

Young, Schwartz, Lewis—these are not school boys. They are grown men, responsible. Perhaps they are innocent. No one desires to see an innocent man punished.

But what offenses like these are alleged under oath, it is the duty of the prosecutor's office to leave no stone unturned until the guilty are punished.

What's the matter with the prosecuting attorney's office?

PROSECUTORS HINDER POOR MEN FROM GETTING RIGHTS

INJURED WORKMAN WHO ASKS FOR WARRANT IS MET BY CIVIL SUIT, AND ATTACKS COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Everett E. Harding, a workman crushed on the 11th st. bridge job in September, employed J. Matthew Murray to sue the company.

Murray settled for \$300 November 29.

Harding was to give him 40 per cent if he settled and 50 per cent if he sued.

But Harding only got \$30.50, he says.

Three weeks ago he got tired waiting for the rest of his money and asked Deputy Prosecutor Burmeister for a warrant. Burmeister refused to issue one. So did McMurray.

"McMurray told me he had had two cases like it against Murray already and by waiting awhile he had forced him to settle. He asked me to wait a week," said Harding. Harding waited a week. Yesterday he went to McMurray again. McMurray told him he had a date with Murray in the afternoon, and he should come back this morning. "This morning I went up and instead of him giving me a warrant he had a deputy sheriff there with a civil suit to serve on me from Murray claiming \$207.50 and that he had already paid me \$32.50," said Harding. "Now Harding, the poor laboring man, wants to know whether the prosecutor's office is being run to prevent poor men getting their dues. He says the suit brought by Murray is just a bluff to scare him off."

Phone Company Loses Chance

The Bell Telephone monopoly was saved from prosecution for its extortionate rates by the desire of the Commercial club to give it a chance to do right, but now that the new schedule of rates has been made, it is found that Tacoma is still discriminated against in favor of Seattle. The club's traffic representative, Jay McCune, will probably take the matter to the state commission now.

MEADSWOULD PUT CITY IN A HOLE

To try to make political capital for himself, City Controller John F. Meads is determined to put the city in a hole financially if possible and has started a campaign for an initiative petition demanding that the council submit a proposition to the people at the coming election to provide that hereafter all water mains shall be paid for by the city at large and that city pay back all assessments already paid. Judge Stiles says the city cannot pay back a cent already paid yet in spite of the law Meads is going ahead trying to create prestige for himself and making the people think they are going to get something when the lawyers say it is impossible.

World News In Brief

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO. William Penn Nixon, veteran newspaper editor and politician, is dead here. Death resulted from heart failure, which was chronic with Nixon. For many years he was editor of the Chicago Inter Ocean.

SALT LAKE CITY.—Count Rainier Halfy, Austrian nobleman, is a suicide here. He frequented pool halls several days and his losses are said to have been heavy.

MARPSVILLE, Cal.—J. Fritz saved up \$125 intending to marry Miss Eva Lamb. Fritz says he gave her the money to buy furniture but instead she bought a ticket for Reno. He's on the Fritz.

SAN FRANCISCO.—"Get your mother to leave and I'll withdraw my divorce suit," Marion Lemmon told his wife. Mamma-in-law skiddooed, lawyers were dismissed and the couple are all smiles again.

OAKLAND, Cal.—"Your money or your life," a thug said to Mrs. N. J. Miller. Mrs. Miller failed to scare. Instead she jabbed the bandit with a hatpin until he begged for mercy.

NEW YORK.—"Nothing doing." That was the invariable answer made today to an army of fortune hunters by Miss Mary Chase, a spinster who has inherited \$1,000,000.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Patrolman Griffith was hunting blind pigs when he entered Bessie Levy's boarding house. He spent the next half hour treed on a dining room table by her bulldog, which she "sliced" on him.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Guissippi Attrata, being examined for naturalization, was told to read the preamble to the constitution. He did, although he held the book upside down. He wonders why the papers were not granted.

BOSTON.—Forced to pass the last forty years of her life practically penniless, Mrs. Luck D. Fisk, widow of James Fisk, Jr., partner of the late Jay Gould, died in South Boston today. Rivalry between Fisk and Edward S. Stokes for the smiles of Josie Mansfield led Stokes to shoot Fisk more than 40 years ago.

Bank Wrecker's Ex-Wife To Give a Fortune Back

While on her way to New York, Mrs. Theresa K. Batten of Reno, Nev., the former wife of David Rothschild, bank wrecker, who died in Sing Sing five years ago, told Chicago newspaper men that she was going back to give \$500,000 to the creditors of her deceased husband.

He failed for \$2,300,000 60 per cent of which is said to have been paid back.

"My attorney," said Mrs. Batten, "has just informed me that Mr. Rothschild had left this \$500,000 by will to me. I am going back to claim it and turn it—every penny—back to the receivers of the banks.

"This money has worried me terribly. My husband is ever before me. He died in my arms in Sing Sing. He had only two more months to serve."

SEYMOUR BACK, FEELS HAPPY

Mayor Seymour is back at his office again. He appeared for the first time for over six weeks at the meeting of the commission this morning.

"I had a bully good time but if a fellow wants to feel real good just let him go to bed for a while then get up and out where he can see the green grass," says the mayor.



MRS. THERESA K. BATTEN.

Couple Make-Up; Lawyer Sues

Francis M. Fawcett, brother to the ex-mayor, made up with his wife after she sued him for divorce in October, 1909, as she had done before and did later, but Atty. Walter M. Harvey wants \$98.45 fees out of the near case, anyway. He sued for it today.

Entire Story Will Bare Woman's Shame

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Charging that the efforts to free from prison, Folke B. Brandt, former valet to Millionaire Mortimer Schiff, "is a conspiracy, a wicked tale, designed to reflect on the honor of a virtuous wife and mother," Delancey Nicoll, attorney for Schiff, declared in open court today that he would prove his assertions to the world and would drag into the light a certain newspaper publisher who had used Brandt to strike at the millionaires.

"We demand the broadest inquiry. We want every detail of the shameful story made part of the record to be submitted to the governor. I will drag it all into the light and show that Brandt said he was in the house on an invitation from Mrs. Schiff. I will show how the story was conceived and also those who aided him in publishing it. Schiff intends that the entire story be made public, so that the responsibility may be shown."

Myrabeau Towne, representing Brandt, resented Nicoll's statements, declaring that rather than that the woman should become involved, Brandt was willing to spend the remainder of his term in prison.

Detective Joseph Wooldridge, who arrested Brandt, testified regarding the alleged manufacture of evidence, on the strength of which Judge Rosalsky sentenced Brandt to 30 years' imprisonment.



For Tacoma and vicinity: Occasional rain tonight and Wednesday; warmer Wednesday. BANK CLEARINGS. Clearings \$745,178.53 Balances 63,762.34

DUMMY ENTRY IS UPHELD BY COURT

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—The worst blow conservation of public lands to the actual settler has received in years. This is the verdict of conservationists, Judge W. S. Gilbert of the United States circuit court of appeals in the case of the Barber Lumber company, former Governor Frank Steunberg of Idaho and others for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government of large tracts of timber lands in Idaho. Judge Gilbert's decision practically allows the use of "dummy" entrymen by land grabbing corporations in unlimited numbers, this use to be limited only by the proviso that the corporation must not "know" that their entries are fraudulent.

The decision handed down by Judge Gilbert came as an affirmation of a ruling of the United States circuit court in connection with the filing of applications of 210 entrymen on Boise basin on Crooked river and Six-Four river in Idaho in 1901 and 1902. Investigating the entries, the government instituted proceedings against the Barber Lumber company, James T. Barber, Sumner T. Moon, William Sweet, J. Kincaid, Louis M. Pritchard, Patrick H. Downs, Albert E. Palmer and Horace S. Rand, in which it was charged they had conspired to defraud the government by conspiring with former Governor Steunberg of Idaho, John I. Wells and others to gain unlawfully large quantities of public land by the use of dummy entrymen.

VICE GANG CONFIDENT

WITH DECENT ELEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP SLOW TO REGISTER SALOON CROWD HOPES TO UNSEAT PETTIT AND RESTORE EXCESSES OF ROYS REGIME.

"If the election were held tomorrow, Pettit would be defeated."

So said one of Tacoma's shrewdest political observers today after a study of the registration lists. Think that over.

Has Pettit been a failure? Has he broken his election promises? Elected on a pledge to clean up the town, has he gone over to the enemy? Also, has the town changed its opinion since it elected Pettit? Has Tacoma come around to "wide-open town" way of thinking? Does Tacoma, after one year of decency, want to go back to the excesses of the Roys' regime? Does Tacoma want gambling and gilded cafes and a restricted-district again? The answer to each of these questions is a big, emphatic NO.

What then is the explanation? Just this--the people who have the best interests of the town at heart aren't registering.

And the other people are. Every saloon man and every saloon hanger-on whom they can control or influence has registered. Every man who wants the town to become again the prey for the freebooters who rob women of their souls and men of their honor--all these are down on the city's registry books.

And the good people are not. It's a desperate matter for the open town gang. They've got to register. And to vote.

They know now that their only hope of winning is by the apathy of the decent people.

They have tried every crooked scheme they could think of to discredit Pettit. Lies have been told, traps laid, forgery and theft and open perjury resorted to--without effect. Pettit has grown stronger with each attack--for behind each scheme was plainly evident the menacing hand of the Forces of Evil. Failing to win by these methods, they are pinning their hopes now on the indifference of the decent citizenship. "The good people aren't registering. We'll win," is the secret exultant boast of Tacoma's underworld. It's a time for action. We must be ready to serve the city. Just eighteen more days remain for registration. Less than 13,000 people have registered so far. Last year the total vote cast exceeded 24,000. All kinds of new schemes and alignments may appear between now and April 2, the date of the primary election. Unless you are registered before March 12 you can not lift your voice in protest. We may realize before then much more clearly than now the scope of the vice gang's desperate battle to regain possession of Tacoma. Unless you are registered you must stand by idle and see them win. Get ready today. REGISTER!

KEPT CHILD IN CROWDED CAMP

Mrs. Thomas S. Burley today got an order for Robert M. Bedolf, her ex-husband, to come into court and show why he didn't return their five year old child to the state.

In an 18-page affidavit the mother tells how the child was taken to Oregon two weeks ago, where it is held in a construction camp 40 miles from a railroad by Bedolf's relatives.

"His father, mother, sister and my son live in a one-room cabin," the mother recites. She says too that a dog sleeps in the same bed with the child and that the dog has fleas.

Belated Romance Is Now Divorce

The belated romance of Thomas T. and Regina Armstrong has faded. The couple, who have married 18 months ago when he was 65 and she 64, the wife says that Armstrong at once announced that he had married for money and that she must support him. When she refused, he left, the wife says in her divorce complaint today.

Author Is Sued

John Williams, author of "The Mountain that Was God," is in court today answering a suit for \$309 worth of printing brought by the Pioneer Bindery & Printing Co. Williams sues for \$1000 damages, saying the work on 4500 books was unsatisfactory.

HONOR FRANCES WILLARD.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a Frances Willard memorial at the room headquarters, 310 So. 9th st., Thursday afternoon. Rev. W. A. Moore and others will speak. The county prohibitionists will hold a convention Friday at the W. C. T. U. hall. Lunch at 5 will follow the politics.

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