

FORMER POSTMASTER ON STAND IN BANK CASE

Testifies Concerning Certain Transaction With the Late Irwin Tucker.

PLAINTIFFS READY TO CLOSE

Last Evidence for the Depositors Will be Taken Next Tuesday; Then the Defendants' Witnesses Will be Examined—Case Goes to Judge in About Three Months.

Former Postmaster Fred Read was the principal witness yesterday in the suit of the depositors of the Savings Bank of Newport News against the officers and stockholders of that institution, his testimony relating to a certain controversy between the late president of the bank, Mr. Irwin Tucker, and the Postoffice Department over a shortage in Mr. Tucker's accounts with the department. Mr. Read was called to the stand in the trial of this suit several times, but declined to testify until instructed to do so by the Postoffice Department.

Mr. Read's Testimony. In reply to questions from Attorney C. C. Berkeley, counsel for the plaintiffs, Mr. Read said on the stand yesterday that at one time Mr. Tucker had been short in his accounts at the local postoffice to the amount of \$650 and that for sometime he refused to settle the account, claiming that the shortage resulted from a stamp robbery at the postoffice. After the matter had been in dispute for some time the department ordered the bill collected and it finally was paid by Mr. Tucker.

The only witness heard yesterday was Mr. Arthur Lee, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, who testified that Mr. J. W. Ayler, Jr., who has been examining the books of the defunct institution, is an expert bookkeeper. Mr. Ayler was on the stand some time ago, but was not recalled yesterday, counsel for the defense announcing that they had no desire to cross-examine the witness.

Continued to Tuesday. Yesterday afternoon the taking of depositions in this case was continued until Tuesday, when the plaintiff will close his case so far as the taking of depositions is concerned. Among the witnesses who will be examined Tuesday will be Miss Lillie C. Stewart, who was bookkeeper in the wrecked bank; Messrs. E. R. Vaughan and E. W. Milstead, stockholders of the bank, and Receiver Allan D. Jones.

The defendants probably will begin taking the depositions of its witnesses next week. This will, it is expected, require two or three months time and the case probably will not go to Judge Ingram, who was appointed by Governor Swanson to try the suit, until November or December.

FABIAN COMPANY GOES INTO RECEIVERS' HANDS

Seward Heidelberg President of the Concern, Disappears Mysteriously Over Month Ago.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 4.—Because of the mysterious disappearance in New York of Seward Heidelberg, president of the Fabian Manufacturing Company in this city, M. E. Moch was today appointed receiver of that concern and placed under a bond of \$600,000.

The petition for the receivership, in addition to setting forth the facts of the disappearance of Mr. Heidelberg, states that the action is taken with the consent of the largest creditors and also one of the two defendants, Stanley S. Roab, the other defendant being Mr. Heidelberg. The Fabian Manufacturing Company is known over the entire country in clothing circles.

Seward Heidelberg, disappeared last month while in New York city. He had returned but a few days previous with Mrs. Heidelberg from an extended stay in Europe. On the day when he was last seen by his relatives and friends in New York he secured from the New York financial agents of the Fabian Manufacturing Company drafts for \$4,000 saying he had to pay accounts contracted while in Europe. He started for an express office and since then has not been heard from.

SMITH-WALKER.

Young Richmonder Comes to Newport News for Bride.

Miss Ophelia E. Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Walker, of 551 Twenty-seventh street, and Mr. Harvey Smith of Richmond, were quietly married at 5:30 o'clock last night by Rev. A. A. Butler, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, at his home in North End. The ceremony was witnessed by the parents of the bride and a few friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left last night for northern cities, where they will spend their honeymoon. They will live in Richmond, where Mr. Walker is a division superintendent of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company.

Death of Mrs. Ware. Mrs. Martha L. Ware, aged 52 years, died at her home, 1039 Twenty-seventh street, at 7 o'clock last night after a short illness. The funeral services will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist church at 10

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o'clock this morning, conducted by the pastor Rev. Mr. Babcock. Interment will be made at Greenlawn. Mrs. Ware was the widow of the late Mr. J. P. Ware and is survived by one daughter, Miss Helena Ware.

Social-Personal

Misses Anne and Pace Royall, of Richmond, are spending the week with Dr. and Mrs. William Rouse Aydtlett. Miss Pace Royall will be the hostess at the Virginia building next week.

Miss Louisa Stearnes has returned from Pulaski, where she spent the summer.

Mrs. R. T. Stylis is visiting friends in Goodland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Davis will leave today for Hot Springs, Va., where they will spend two weeks.

Mr. Thomas P. Duncan has returned from an extended vacation, spent on the Eastern Shore, and a business trip North.

Mr. William Spraker, formerly of this city, now of Baltimore, is spending a few days in the city shaking hands with old friends.

Mr. J. H. Lindsay, editor of the Charlottesville Progress, is making Newport News his headquarters while visiting the Exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wilimink, of Grand Rapids, Mich., are guests at Hotel Warwick. Mr. Wilimink formerly was a prominent business man of Newport News. He now operates one of the largest bakeries in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Candy, of Dorchester, Mass., are visiting their daughters, Miss Candy, of this city, and Mrs. T. E. Search, of Homestead, Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Siegel and son left last night for a trip to New York.

Miss Florence Christopher and Mrs. Burgess, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teator on Forty-seventh street, have returned to Lexington, Ky.

KILLED THE MAN WHO TOOK HIS WIFE AWAY

Fire Chief of Dayton, O., Murders Person Who Eloped With Wife. Now a Maniac.

(By Associated Press.) DAYTON, OHIO, Sept. 4.—Fire Chief B. H. Miller, of Franklin, Ohio, shot and instantly killed J. H. Little, who recently eloped with his wife, and was returned to Franklin last night for trial. Miller entered the police station and going directly to Little's cell fired two shots which lodged in the victims' breast. Miller is now a raving maniac and is under guard.

Mrs. Miller eloped with Little about a month ago. She is a handsome woman and belongs to a prominent family. It was because Little has a missing thumb that the detectives located the pair. When the pair were placed under arrest Little denied his identity, but Mrs. Miller said she was the runaway wife and that she wanted to return home, but Little would not let her.

Death of Young Girl.

Miss Ida Buelah Prince, aged 13 years, died at the home of her sisters, Mrs. John A. Primmer, 323 Forty-eighth street, yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness. The funeral will take place from the residence at 4 o'clock this afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. A. A. Butler, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church. Interment will be made at Greenlawn.

VICTOR BLUE ASSIGNED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA

Lieutenant Goes to Sea Aboard the Namesake of His Native State.

HAS SERVED TWENTY-FOUR YEARS

During Spanish-American War He Attracted World-wide Attention by Carrying Message to Cuban Commander and Securing Information Inside the Spanish Lines.

Lieutenant Victor Blue, U. S. N., who came into national prominence in the summer of 1898 by his heroism during the siege of Santiago, has been assigned to duty on the new United States armored cruiser North Carolina when that vessel is delivered to the navy department by her builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company. Lieutenant Blue has been inspector of ordnance at the local shipyard for a number of years, but is at present at his old home in North Carolina.

Lieutenant Blue is a native of the Old North state and was appointed to the navy from South Carolina on September 6, 1883. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he was serving in Admiral Schley's fleet and when that fleet, with Admiral Sampson's warships, was blockading Santiago harbor he was sent ashore to ascertain the number and positions of the ships of Admiral Cervera's squadron in Santiago harbor. After being handed on the Cuban coast, Lieutenant Blue traveled past the Spanish lines to the camp of the Cuban insurgents, and the commander of those forces accompanied the lieutenant to a hill overlooking Santiago harbor, where with the aid of a telescope, the American officer was able to gather the desired information relative to the Spanish squadron. Lieutenant Blue then made his way back to the coast and reported to Admiral Schley. The trip was fought with danger and hardships, and Lieutenant Blue was advanced in rank for his feat.

Since entering the service, Lieutenant Blue has served nearly fourteen years at sea and about ten years on shore duty. He is one of the most widely known and popular officers in the service.

SPORTS AND THE SPHERE.

The Basic Pursuit in Most Games is to Drive a Ball.

Some day there will arise a patient investigator who will work out this problem. Why are most sports but the variants of one object, the propulsion of a sphere?

Billiards, baseball, polo, golf, slingshot, marbles, squash, handball, football, rackets, cricket, hockey, bagatelle, tennis, shooting, pelota—the basic pursuit in each is to drive a ball, the propulsion of a sphere.

Tipcat, shuttlecock and top spinning are the employment of modifications of the sphere, and archery is but another method of propulsion.

It is a strange limitation of form, and there must be a reason. Those who delve into origins may ascribe the whole motive of sports to some long-armed, hirsute ancestor who first threw a pebble at a fellow cave dweller and found it great fun.

Or it may be poor mortal's attempt to get in a small fashion into the tremendous scheme of the universe, which is the everlasting movement of the spheres. Or it may be that sports are framed in inevitable obedience to some irresistible law of nature.

At any rate the fact is sports are based on the propulsion of the sphere, and some one ought to find a reason therefor.—New York American.

Wych Hazel, Not Witch Hazel.

The correct name for Humamela virginica is not witch hazel, but wych hazel. Our plant has no connection with the magic of the water hunter. The blackthorn of England, Prunus spinosa, was the wood used in these divinations, or whatever these superstitious practices may be termed. Hazel had a very wide meaning in the olden times, and the elm as well as the nut now known as such was hazel. One of these elms, now known as Ulmus montana, was the favorite wood for making wyes, or provision chests, and was therefore known as the wych hazel. In the present day it is the wych elm. Our hamanella received from the early settlers the name of wych hazel from the resemblance of the leaves to those of the wych hazel or elm of the old world. Language reformers imagining that wych should be spelled with a w are responsible for the confusion. Wych hazel is the correct term for our plant.

Health in Canal Zone.

The high wages paid make it a mighty temptation to our young artisans to join the force of skilled workmen needed to construct the Panama Canal. Many are restrained, however, by the fear of fevers and malaria. It is the knowing ones—those who have used Electric Bitters, who go there without this fear, well knowing they are safe from malarious influence with Electric Bitters on hand. Cures blood poison too, biliousness, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Guaranteed by all Druggists, 50c.

REFINED MALICE.

Reminiscence of a Notable Theatrical Performance.

Herbert Kecey tells a story that establishes a new record for refined malice. The last previous mark was fixed by the Empress Josephine, who smilingly invited a rival beauty to sit beside her on a green sofa which absolutely killed the effect of the victim's blue gown.

The hero of Mr. Kecey's tale of woe is a New York customer who harbored a grudge against Lawrence Barrett. In the famous all star testimonial performance of "Hamlet" at the Metropolitan Opera House, Mr. Barrett was to play the ghost and Mr. Kecey Bernardo.

Now, Barrett was taller in art than in inches, while Mr. Kecey is a good six feet. The costume provided Bernardo with a glittering Lohengrin suit of mail, with a dragon topped helmet of portentous altitude. The majesty of buried Denmark looked like a tin soldier, though if the audience could have measured him by the height of his passion he would have been colossal.

If Mr. Kecey was hoist with pride, however, he met with the proverbial fall. In the entire performance he had had only one line, announcing to the king the return of Hamlet. But the king was faking his lines and cut out the cue. After waiting all evening in his hardware shop, Mr. Kecey was felled.

That performance, given as a testimonial to one of the most artistic of American actor managers, Lester Wallack, was in fact a monumental example of the faculty of all star casts. There were only three rehearsals, and Booth, who played Hamlet, foresaw the catastrophe, as appears in a letter he wrote to his daughter before it fell. He insisted on casting for Horatio an actor who was accustomed to play with him, and so saved his own bacon, if not the play of Shakespeare.

It was, however, the solitary survivor. Mr. Kecey, whose sense of humor is delicious, is voluminous in anecdote of the fatalities. All the leading theaters in New York were closed in honor of the occasion, and the actors swelled the crowds on the stage to hundreds.

DeWolf Hopper wore a costume several sizes too small for him, and Marshall Wilder dragged about garments proportionately large. It was about the least successful effort either of them ever made to conceal the fact that they are born comedians. The stage, which was of the old kind, raked backward at a terrific angle.

At the burial of Ophelia, as they were lowering Miss Modjeska into her grave, Mr. Hopper sank to his knees and, wringing his hands, loudly moaned out: "Heaven help her! They're burying her on the side of a hill!"—Saturday Evening Post.

The Champion Electric Sign.

The biggest electric sign in the world is hung on the western exposure of a building at Spring and Macdougal streets, New York. Flashing its light across the Hudson, this sign may be read miles away on the New Jersey side, and so deceptive are its dimensions to those in Jersey or the millions that cross the river by day and night that few realize the area over which the glittering letters are distributed. The initial "E" is sixty-eight feet high. This approximates the height of an ordinary five story building. The smaller letters completing the word are fifty feet high, each letter covering on a perpendicular line at least four ordinary stories. The letters are five feet wide, and a full grown man could almost lie down between the edges. About 1,400 electric lights are used for the illumination—this approximating the number of lights used in the entire illumination of many small towns. It requires practically all the time of one man to replace the burned out lamps, and it is interesting to watch him as he works upon his swinging scaffold, hundreds of feet in the air at times.—New York Post.

A New Problem.

It is reported that more than 1,000 Hindoos have crossed the Canadian border into the state of Washington recently and have become competitors in the labor market of the state. Men of their race, who present a strange and curious type to most Americans, may be seen at work now on the railroads of California. They are made conspicuous even at a distance by their turbans. A gang here and there makes an impression on the traveler without being noticeable because of its size. But there is a population of 291,361,600 in India, an area of 1,768,612 square miles, as against a population that is probably considerably less than 400,000,000 on an area of 1,532,420 square miles in China, and a population of 47,000,000 on an area of 147,653 square miles in Japan.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Vanishing Old London.

The "Old Curiosity Shop," in Portsmouth street, and other contiguous property leading into Lincoln's Inn Fields, are being demolished, the freehold having been sold, and a block of business premises will be erected. The quaint looking building, which has had a great fascination for American tourists, is said to be more than 300 years old, dating back to the early days of James I., but the fact has never been established that this was the "Old Curiosity Shop" immortalized by Dickens. The lucrative attraction of the name of the great humorist will therefore come to an end, but the tenants of the shop have received compensation and will carry on their printing business in Great Queen street.—Pall Mall Gazette.

To Make Clothes White.

To give clothes that bluish whiteness so hard to obtain under ordinary circumstances soak them the night before washing in blue water. Then the next day do not use bluing at all, but after washing rinse them in clear water only. This will do away with the yellow appearance so annoying to most persons.

To Clean Black Chip Hat.

Black chip hats may be successfully cleaned in this way: First carefully brush the straw; then with a soft brush apply a little sweet oil all over the hat, rubbing it in well. Now polish the straw with a piece of black cloth, and the hat will look almost new.

Rendering Lard.

If, when rendering lard, you add a half cup of milk you will find it will make the lard smell sweet and pure and make it as white as snow.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Library Paste.

Wet a cupful of flour, previously dried in the oven, with a pint of cold water, rubbing it smooth. Have ready three cupfuls of boiling water in a saucepan. Pour gradually upon the paste, working it well until you have a smooth batter. Add more boiling water should it thicken too much. Flour varies much in the matter of thickening. Set over the fire and stir for three minutes. After the boiling point is reached pour it out, and then it is lukewarm beat into it a teaspoonful of oil of cloves or of cinnamon. Carbolic acid is better still unless the odor be objectionable. Put up in small, wide mouthed bottles and cork tightly.

Headache and Insomnia.

For severe headache and neuralgia the application of a cloth wrung out in hot water is good, but one wet in very cold water will prove still more immediate in its good effects. The chill deadens the nerves, and the pain is soothed. For insomnia a towel folded in four wrung out in very cold water, laid if possible, and applied to the spine will usually put the wakeful one to sleep. If one towel does not effect the desired result, try a second and even a third one at fifteen minute intervals, placing a heavy bath towel between the bed and the wet application.

Cleaning Mattings.

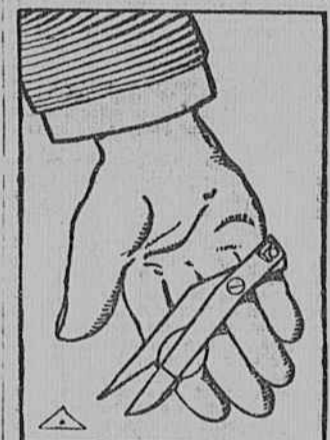
To clean matting sweep it thoroughly first with a stiff broom, following carefully the grain of the straw; heat up a soft broom in warm water and brush across the grain. Finally wash the matting off with warm water in which a handful of salt has been dissolved. If light in color borax will aid in brightening and preserving the shade.

Remove Lines in Face.

Tired lines can be removed by dipping the fingers into a good skin food and running them over the lines with a gentle movement. When the lines come from old age there is nothing so good as almond oil, which gives moisture to the skin. When the lines are premature it is always best to use a food which acts also as a stimulant.

Handy Thread Cutter.

The thread cutter herewith shown was designed especially to do away with scissors for cutting the thread. It comprises a pair of pivoted blades, the handles of which are set at an angle. At the end of one handle is a slot and in the other a lug, to limit the movement of the blades. In use the thread



HELD IN PALM OF HAND.

cutter is placed in the palm of the hand, being held in position by a loop which slips over the little finger. It is claimed that it can be kept in the palm of the hand without interfering with the operation while sewing, there being perfect freedom of the fingers at all times. A slight twist of the fingers is all that is required to operate the cutter to break the thread.

Air Cushion Substitute.

Cut two circles of cloth eighteen inches in diameter. Cut the center out, leaving the circle six inches wide. Sew the inside circle together. Take cotton batting, roll snugly until you have a roll large as your hand is wide, place padding in circle of cloth and sew outside seam. It is as good and sometimes better than the air cushion.

Iodine For Bruises.

A small bottle of iodine and a camel's hair brush may be added to the summer outfit of medicaments with prospective advantage. A bruise painted with iodine loses its soreness in very short order. One painting is usually sufficient, but if there is soreness remaining the second day put on a second coat.

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Storm Damages Crops. ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 4.—A heavy wind and rain storm with blinding electric flashes passed over Fort Gaines, Ga., late last night. All wire communication was cut off and no word was secured until nearly noon today. The storm prevailed over a wide territory, but no loss of life has been reported. Great damage is reported to crops.

Lost and Found. Lost, between 9:30 p. m. yesterday and noon today, a bilious attack, with nausea and sick headache. This loss was occasioned by finding at Druggists a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed for biliousness, malaria and jaundice. 25c.

Coal for Curacao. The Norwegian steamer Aladdin, Captain Borgh, sailed yesterday morning for Curacao with a cargo of 4,174 tons of coal, valued at \$11,478.50.

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