HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Lawyer's Brief, Masterpiece of Slang

SAN FRANCISCO.—As a horrible example of what the justices of the supreme court believe a legal document should not be, the brief of Attorney Ralph W. Schoonover of Santa Barbara has been held up to the public gaze, and Schoonover was cited to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court.

The following words must never be used in briefs filed before the Supreme court:

"Peach, raw, rotten, putrid, butt-in."

Nor shall a lawyer refer to a decision of a superior court in such sulphate language as:

"It is a huge judicial joke and would have been funny had it not been quite so raw, and intended and used as a hypocritical judicial cloak to cover as damnable a case of unblushing robbery and oppression of the widow and orphan as ever went unwhipped in this reign of Mammon."

The trouble started in a suit tried before Superior Judge Walter Bordwell of Santa Barbara county. A. C. Williams sued A. P. Lane, trustee of the estate of Addie L. Allen, bankrupt. Judge Bordwell gave Williams judgment for $651. Attorney Schoonover, for Lane, appealed to the supreme court. Then he filed his brief.

The justices of the supreme court met to review the papers in the case of Williams vs. Lane. One of the justices took up the brief of Attorney Schoonover and began to read it aloud.

"'Then the state court butts into the game,'" he read, in an amazed tone.

"Beg pardon, I didn't follow," interrupted one of the learned associate justices.

"'Then the state court butts in—'"

"My gracious!" exclaimed a justice, "did Blackstone ever use such language?"

"If my memory serves me," suggested Justice Melvin, "it sounds like a newer master; Ade, I believe, his name is.

The reading of the brief was continued.

"Do not comport very favorably with dignity and caution and evenness of mind, popularly believed to be personified in one who wears the judicial ermine and is presumed to know the law and to administer it."

There was a general judicial gasp en banc.

"The decision is a peach,'" continued the reader.

"What!" exclaimed a learned judge. "What!"

"In the vernacular," explained Justice Melvin, "the word 'peach' signifies anything rare, pretty—I gather that it is used here in a ironical sense."

"Jap" Prince Gives Canned Interview

CHICAGO.—Prince Tokugawa Iyesato, grand cordon of the rising sun, head of the house of peers of Japan, and who would have been a shogun were it not that the business of shogunning was abolished a quarter of a century ago, arrived here recently, and made his visit noteworthy by the introduction of the "canned" interview.

With Tokugawa are Viscount Sengoku and Baron Shidura and a retinue of surprising proportions. The prince moved into the most expensive suite in the Congress hotel, ate dinner, lighted a cigar, and waited. The first time the telephone buzzed a delegation of interviewers was at the other end of the wire.

"Come up," replied the baron.

Not waiting for any sort of an introduction, Prince Tokugawa walked up to his visitors and handed each a tract, faultless as to typography, and on the finest linen fabric.

But the prince's grin broadened and it was evident something was expected to happen. Clutching the tracts and nervously wondering what sort of religious or political propaganda Tokugawa sought to foist on them, his visitors grew serious, grinned again, and grew serious again. Then one blurted out:

"You are a Japanese prince, aren't you?"

That was what Tokugawa wanted. He pointed to the tract—and his grin was seraphic.

"Number one!" he qualified.

The tract holders consulted paragraph number one. It averred:

"I am Prince Tokugawa Iyesato, present head of the illustrious Tokugawa family, grand cordon—"

"What about a war between Japan and this country?"

"Number three," elucidated the prince.

That paragraph read:

"From time to time the newly coined phrase, 'the Japanese-American war,' appears in the foreign newspapers in Japan. Personally I cannot imagine such a thing taking place. America has assisted materially in Japan's progress and is her honorable benefactor, with whom the best terms of honorable cordiality and friendship exist."

The interview progressed in the same fashion until one visitor said:

"Good-by, prince."

"Number seven," smiled Tokugawa.

Admit "No. 7."

"Good-by. I shall see the honorable stockyards and a department store tomorrow. I shall embark for Liverpool May 11, and will return to Japan by Europe and the Siberian railway."

Oh Joy! Kissing Is Not Dangerous

BOSTON.—The kissing bug and "debrutalized" football have been given official O. K.'s by Harvard university. And in the same breath with the announcement that there is no danger in the exchange of germs by the osculation route comes the order that freshmen must be kept under closer supervision.

President Lowell, in his report to the trustees, advocates the general playing of football by students when it is on a plane where all may take part and when the players are not trained gladiators. Dr. A. M. Worthington of the medical school and an expert on bacteria, is the one who defends the gentle sport of kissing either as an outdoor or an indoor pastime.

Speaking merely as a student of the books on bacteria Doctor Worthington says there is no reason whatever why healthy and well intentioned couples shouldn't indulge in kissing to their heart's content. Incidentally his statement shatters the theory advanced numberless times by professors of other universities that kissing is dangerous because it makes a swap of microbes and illness in one or both parties to the union often follows such diversions. Said Doctor Worthington:

"Kissing harmful? Certainly not. No, sir. There is no possible reason when two self-respecting, wholesome persons meet lip to lip they can't break away without upsetting the bacterial balance. Perhaps the only serious danger springing from such a union would effect the heart only."

Doctor Worthington also ably defended his friends, the microbes, referring to them in other conditions. He asserted that if the bacteria was driven from the land, the world would become a desert scattered with the world's dead. Germs are humble in their needs, but stupendous in their life work

$250,000 Colony, Fine for the Birds

CINCINNATI.—Approximately $250,000 of the estate of Thomas J. Emery, who was by far the largest realty owner in Cincinnati, has just been set aside by his widow, Mrs. Mary Emery, for the founding and perpetuation of a home for birds. Mrs. Emery has just completed the purchase of two acres of land in Evanswood and has signified her intention of turning it over to the care of the department of biology in the University of Cincinnati.

This ground is to be provided with different kinds of houses for birds. It will be made secure against the invasion of cats and small boys and there will be located there possibly 100 different kinds of birds and their several species. In addition to this, there will be houses for the birds of mixed "nationality" and places where these may be studied in their different classes and under natural conditions.

All the work of this gigantic bird colony is to be done under the direction of Assistant Professor H. A. Benedict of the department of biology of the University of Cincinnati.

"We are in a new field as yet," said Professor Benedict. "We must study the best way to teach birds to congregate and nest in a locality where they are safe. The action of Mrs. Emery was the first of its kind to my knowledge in the world, and will have a decided effect in aiding other communities. It will be known as "The Mary Emery bird preserve," and we will take special delight in showing it to people who care to see it when it is finally arranged."

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

Elks of North Platte will put up a three-story building.

Democrats of Buffalo county will hold a banquet June 9th.

Albion had four fires in one week and two in the nearby county.

Robert Lethel of Pawnee county, was killed by his horse falling upon him.

All arrangements have been completed for the establishment of an Elks' lodge in Fairbury.

The contract has been let for a new opera house in Giltner. The old one was burned down last winter.

The Aurora banker, A. G. Peterson, and his wife and daughter, are about to start on a trip around the world.

Kearney will hold a special election to vote on the question of $125,000 bonds for purchasing the water works.

Ed Roberts, who has been traveling over Otoe county, reports potato bugs as being more numerous than for years.

Gillman is dry so far, saloonkeepers beingers being unable to secure the requisite number of signatures to their petitions.

The northbound freight on the Omaha road was wrecked near Tekamah and six cars of fruit and rock salt were thrown into the ditch.

Jack Oackes and C. H. Johnson were sentenced to thirty days in the Dodge county jail on conviction of the charge of stealing two bicycles.

Jacob Weiss, of York county charged with attempting to murder Frau Zook, whom he brought from Germany, promising marriage, which he refused, was bound over to district court.

The state convention of the woman's Foreign Missionary society was in session in Sutton. Missionaries from China, Japan and India gave daily lectures on their work and conditions in foreign fields.

Judge Grimes of North Platte held a special term of district court at Bridgeport to receive the plea and Sentence George Hunt, charged with horse stealing. The accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

A petition was circulated at Stella and funds raised by popular subscription to send to a hospital the little girl that was injured in the gas tank explosion of the moving picture show.

A sentence of five years imposed upon Regnar Aabel of Harlan county is reduced by the supreme court to two years. Aabel was convicted of grand larceny, being charged with stealing $500 worth of property in the store where he was employed as a clerk.

The Tecumseh school board is still without two teachers for next year. Great difficulty has been experienced this year in the securing of a full corps, the pedagogues seeming to be scarce.

Upon the complaint of W. T. Elliott, marshall of Brady, John Watkins of that village has been lodged in jail upon a charge of being a dipsomaniac.

Plans ahve been perfected by the merchants of Kearney for a 200-mile trade excursion by automobile train early in June. About forty Kearney automobiles will make the trip, carrying about 100 business men, a brass band, a male quartet, plenty of banners, souvenirs, advertising matter and other matter to delight the tourists and their friends, and several machinists to look after the cars.

A deal was consummated which will mean the location of another electric light plant in Beatrice. Messrs. Marris Freshman and H. A. Wheler of that city have been granted a site on the Blue river five miles southeast of Beatrice where a concrete dam will be built to use the water for power.

The Nebraska railway commission has given the Bell Telephone company permission to lower its rates in Kearney 20 to 30 per cent, to meet competition from the Independent company.

The Holdrege Commercial club has sent invitations to the members of the state railway commission and to its secretary, to be present at a function to be given on the evening of May 20. Invitations have also been issued to General Manager Holdrege, Solicitor Kelby, Attorney Dilworth, Vice President Byram and Superintendent Koler of the McCook division.

Ed Burke, a resident of Wymore, who escaped from the asylum at Lincoln the latter part of January, was taken into custody at Wymore. Burke was sent to the asylum for inebriacy and no attempt was made to again take him in charge until it was ascertained that he had gone back to his old habits.

Custer county democrats are planning a grand rally and love feast for June 6, thus passing on the feature of the fall campaign that has become a habit already. Governor Shallenberger and other prominent democrats have been invited.

THE VOICE OF CONSCIENCE

Michael Keenly Surmised Possibilities of Action Under the Circumstances.

Late one afternoon Michael Flannigan and Dennis O'Rourke met upon the avenue. Mike was considerably under the weather.

"Moike," asked O'Rourke, "why don't yez brace up, and lave the dhrink alone?"

"Oi've thried, Dinnie, but the job's too big for me."

"Thry this once more, Moike. Here's a church forninst us. Go in there, old man, and confiss and take a frish start. I'll wait outside."

He waited until he was tired, then, peering into the darkened building, said in a hoarse whisper:

"Moike!"

"Phwhat?"

"Have yez confissed?"

"Oi have that!"

"Where's the prast?"

"'Egorrah, Dinnie, and Oi think he's gone out to call a cop."—Success Magazine.

New Fly Trap.

A Californian has taken advantage of the fact that flies always walk up a window by inventing a trap to be fastened to a pane in such a manner that a fly will enter it without being aware that it has left the surface of the glass.

No man can love evil for evil's sake as he can love goodness for goodness' sake.—Schiller.

It is the aim of the man behind the gun to make his mark.

Cause of the Rush.

"Sad, sad, to see humanity ever engaged in a mad rush for wealth."

"Ferget it. Them fellers is on their way to the ball park."