

Judge Wappich Lax and Coarse, W.C.T.U. Charges

Committee Report Says Police Magistrate Showed Undue Levity and Disrespect for Law.

Severe condemnation of the attitude and manners of Municipal Judge William F. Wappich during his occupancy of the police court bench is contained in a report made by a committee of the Omaha W. C. T. U.

The report, made after several visits at police court at Central station, criticizes Judge Wappich on these points:

- Disrespect for national and state laws.
- Undue levity in his comment on the cases before him.
- Laxity in the discharge of his duties.
- Pronunciation of inaccurate and unwarranted decisions.
- Utterance of coarse, ungentlemanly and un-American remarks.
- Failure to give careful consideration to evidence.

The report is signed by these women: Mrs. Thomas G. Harmon, 2852 Hamilton street; Mrs. W. T. Graham, 5029 Chicago street; Mrs. Lillian C. Wadlington, 3102 Dodge street; Mrs. J. H. Robertson, 535 South Twenty-seventh street; Mrs. W. H. Woerner, 4618 Nicholas street, and Dr. Jennie Laird.

The report was made after observations made on visits to Central police court on April 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Disrespect Charged.

The women charge that the magistrate showed disrespect for national and state laws relative to liquor and immorality, and say that he suggested how and where laws could be broken.

In their report the women quote these remarks which they say Judge Wappich made from the bench:

On one occasion the comment of the magistrate was so unseemly, the women declare, that Police Commissioner Dan Butler, who happened to be in the court room and overheard the remarks, called them into his office and apologized to them.

The women recite a number of other remarks which they say the judge uttered and which they regard as "coarse" or "ungentlemanly."

Judge Wappich also is accused of giving no heed to the pleas of Prosecutor Dennis O'Brien and making, as a result, many unjust decisions. One part of the report describes Judge Wappich's decisions as "slack, inaccurate and unwarranted," and accuses him of a lack of careful consideration in reaching decisions.

Complaint also is made that the magistrate joked concerning law-breaking and exhibited an attitude of disrespect for laws that have to do with liquor and immorality. The women say the judge repeatedly referred to days when there were less restrictions and expressed the opinion that these latter were "better" days.

Prosecutor Praised.

The women supplement their report with words of praise for City Prosecutor Dennis O'Brien. This official, the report recites, gives the appearance of a man devoted to serious, honest service. The report also carries a word of commendation for Detective Andrew Trapp.

"Two Time" Speeders to Get No Mercy from Muny Judge

"Two time" speeders need expect no mercy from Municipal Judge Baldwin hereafter, he told Fred Helm, 3508 Cass street, yesterday, after fining him \$15.

"If you come back again, it will be the limit," he said. "That means a fine of from \$50 to \$100 or 90 days in jail, or both. That goes for any second offense speeder."

Then he fined James Cusick, 121 North Twentieth street, \$15 on a speeding charge.

Slueth's Foot Reveals Rum Hid Under Floor of House

Olaf Thestrup, deputy sheriff, discovered a booze cache yesterday in the home of Mike Trisky, 2207 Poppleton avenue, with the aid of his trained toe.

While the raid was in progress Thestrup's foot went through a weak portion of the floor, uncovering 100 pints of liquor.

Trisky was charged with illegal possession of liquor.

Spontaneous Combustion Starts Fire in Orpheum

Spontaneous combustion ignited a pile of rags left by painters and decorators in the gallery of the Orpheum theater yesterday afternoon. Workmen in the building smelled smoke and called the fire department. Firemen mounted the fire escape on the outside of the building and extinguished the blaze with chemicals. Damage was negligible.

Soap Box Appealed to Man More Than Work, Wife Says

Discussing the Darwinian theory, international politics, economic conditions and radio, from the vantage point of a soap box with a whittling knife in his hand, appealed to John W. Schultz, now living in Fremont, Neb., more than work, his wife, Mrs. Emma Schultz, alleges in a petition for divorce filed in district court.

The Schultzes were married in 1908. They have five children. She asks a divorce and custody of the children.

Russian Pianist Can't Be Located

Benjamin Adamowski Fails to Show Up for Scheduled Concert.

He came! He saw! He went! Benjamin Adamowski, who recently descended on Omaha from Russia and admitted that he was a pianist, has completely and mysteriously disappeared after disappointing a large crowd that gathered Thursday evening at First Methodist church. He may have gone back to Russia for all his acquaintances know.

Musical circles, according to several persons, are dubious as to his mental stability.

He left a "no fund" check with Will Mickel, in whose building he had a studio. Mr. Mickel had cashed a \$50 check three days ago for the erratic pianist. The Peters National bank returned it.

"I think he has committed suicide," said Dr. O. C. Goldner, at whose home the Russian lived. "He had been acting queerly all week."

Adamowski was last seen at the Union depot Thursday morning, where he had gone ostensibly to meet his manager.

Fine Mounts Until Wife of Prisoner Intercedes

"Five dollars," the judge told Grant Ross in municipal court yesterday, after Will Borg, 52, a boarder at the Ross home and a brother of Mrs. Ross, testified that Ross attacked him with his fists in a dispute over a board bill.

"Why don't you make it \$10?" Ross asked.

"All right: I will. I'll make it \$25," said Dr. O. C. Goldner, at whose home the Rosses live at 5546 North Thirty-fifth street.

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Mitchell Woman Held for Murder of Policeman

Mrs. Julia Johnson Held for Trial on Charge of Aiding and Abetting Frank Allen in Slaying.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Scottsbluffs, Neb., May 11—Mrs. Julia Johnson was bound over to district court on a charge of aiding and abetting Frank Allen in the murder of Police Officer Peterson of Scottsbluff at Mitchell on the night of April 25. Pending attempt to give bond in the sum of \$8,000, she was remanded back to jail by County Judge Delamatter.

Allen later killed Sheriff Heiser of Ogallala and was himself fatally wounded. Mrs. May Allen, wife of the slain bootlegger, was called as a witness but refused to answer any questions. She is under the same charge as the Johnson woman.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of a drunken party at Mitchell two years ago, which was followed by a fire

and the death of Ole Marsh. Another woman, who was a member of the party, later committed suicide.

In the course of the trial, all members of the alleged bootleg gang, including Maurice Casey, Henry Clark, Hope Robinson and Jim Doyle were put on the stand. Their testimony was directly contradicted in a number of instances.

The prosecution will ask that a special jury be called to try Mrs. Johnson, as the regular jury term is not up until next fall.

County Attorney Heiss, City Attorney Honnold and R. T. York are conducting the prosecution.

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