

EVIDENCE IN HOUSE OF DAVID CASE HAS SENSATIONAL PARTS

Benjamin Purnell Has Double Who May be Produced in Court—Humble Members of Colony Received Poor Fare—Girls Were Herded Like Pigs.

Grand Rapids, Mich. March 26—The defense in the \$80,000 suit of Mr. and Mrs. John Hansell against the House of David cult at Benton Harbor, opened in Federal Court, when Edwin Bulley a member of the advisory board of the colony made blanket denial of all charges made against the cult and its leader "King" Benjamin Purnell.

At the opening of the afternoon session Walter Nelson attorney for the plaintiffs announced that he had received an anonymous letter from Benton Harbor warning of a plan to bring a "double" of Benjamin Purnell into court as the real cult leader.

Warns of Substitute.

The letter, Mr. Nelson read:

"There is a rumor going around here that a substitute for Benjamin Purnell is to be introduced in court for the girls to identify as Benjamin. Then they are going to produce the real leader. There is a striking resemblance between the two men."

Charges of plaintiff witnesses specifically denied by Bulley were:

That immortality was practiced at Shiloh, home of Benjamin.

That beer was stored in the basement at Shiloh.

That a secret tunnel existed to provide a means of flight for Benjamin in the event of being pressed by officers.

Charles Peebles, a Berrien County deputy sheriff, who was called to the colony the night John Hansell was put out, denied that threats of violence were made against Hansell. He said he had been called to search for stolen articles. Some articles alleged to have been stolen from the colony, were found in Hansell's possession, Peebles testified.

Family Quarrels.

Mrs. Esther Hansell, daughter in law of the plaintiffs, was the last witness to be heard before the defense opened. She testified to alleged misunderstandings between Benjamin and Mary Purnell, his wife, over conditions said to exist at Shiloh.

Whenever trouble threatened be-

cause of the actions of Benjamin and some of the girls, the witness said. If Mary would threaten to have a girl removed from Shiloh, Benjamin would retaliate by threatening to have Francis Thorp, secretary of the colony, moved from Shiloh.

Deputy United States Marshals patrolled the corridors of the Federal Building today to keep order among the crowd that overflowed from the courtroom.

Esther Hansell, at one point in her testimony, said she ought to be behind the bars. She was Purnell's secretary for 13 years.

The witness during cross-examination, declared she had violated the laws for Purnell, "believing it was faith."

"I was partner of Benjamin in every crooked and deceitful deal in the colony," she testified. "I peddled myself and lied. Benjamin and I both ought to be behind the bars."

The witness said she had committed perjury in connection with a previous court trial.

Girls Herded "Like Pigs."

Describing the hardships of members of the colony, the witness said:

"I never saw a cripple admitted to the House of David. The qualification for membership was money, a strong back and a weak mind or else a good trade."

Referring to a trip taken by girl members of the colony from Benton Harbor to High Island, a bit of land in Lake Michigan owned by the cult, she said:

"The girls slept in covered wagons on the boat like pigs in a sty. Benjamin was aboard and visited the wagons in the night."

Humble members of the colony who worked for Purnell were given poor food, she testified. The bill of fare she said, consisted of vegetable soup containing coconut oil instead of grease, baked carrots or rutabagas, one slice of bread for each person, and berries that were unfit for the market. In the winter the followers were given skimmed milk, she said.

"Although thousands of cans of fruit were put up, the 'gulls' of the cult never were permitted to eat any of it," Mrs. Hansell said.

Products of the colony never were given to followers if they could possibly be sold at a profit, the witness declared.

AT SECOND HAND.

"The truth never harms any one," sentimentously remarked the professor.

"No," chuckled the cynic, "unless a man's wife hears it from some one else!"

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOY SOLD HOOTCH IN BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, March 26—In the campaign being waged by the police and the Boston Licensing board against the "speak easies" and "soft drink" parlors, where liquor of the poorest quality is being illegally sold, action was taken yesterday against three places by the members of the board on information furnished them by Captain C. T. Reardon, head of the vice squad at Headquarters, and his men.

One case in which the board took action was that of Carmello Albana, proprietor of a store at 474 Commercial street. It is said by the police that because of the facts unearthed in connection with this place a special investigation by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was ordered by a judge in the Juvenile Court.

It is alleged that that two of Capt. Reardon's men, patrolmen Petzo and La Croix, acting under the orders of Sergt. Daniel Hines, entered the place separately and each bought a pint of whiskey from an 11-year-old boy, son of Albana, who was in charge of the store at the time. The boy, the police say, seemed to be well acquainted with the modus operandi of the sale and charged each officer \$1.50 for the whiskey and placed the money in a special box.

On this evidence, as presented in court by the officers, the judge ordered the investigation by the children's society. When the facts were placed before the Licensing Board the beverage license of the store and the Sunday license were revoked. The license to deal in other commodities was not revoked, the board being adverse to cutting off completely the source of revenue of the family.

BROKE WINDOW, STOLE JEWELRY

New York, March 26—A young man hurled a brick through the window of I. Schulman's jewelry store in the Lower East Side today snatched six diamond rings, worth \$15,000 and escaped.

Gem thieves, in a similar robbery yesterday escaped with \$10,000 worth of jewels.

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TANGO RETURNING TO POPULAR FAVOR, EXPORTS TELL BOSTON OF MODERN DANCING

(Boston Globe.)

Public dance halls the least objectionable of four classes of dancing the other three being college, hotel and restaurant, in the opinion of the Massachusetts Committee on Dancing which was originated through the Florence Crittenton League.

To show all who are interested in conducting dances what is proper and what is improper dancing Otto F. C. Heinemann and Miss Dorothy Hanna demonstrated objectionable dancing at the Copley-Plaza yesterday. Community workers, dance hall proprietors, dancing teachers, musicians and hotel owners flocked into the ball room to learn where to draw the line because it was said the difficulty has been in determining what is proper and what is improper. Mr. Heinemann president of the American National Association Masters of Dancing showed them.

He said the public dance halls are cleanest because they are more easily regulated. Participants pay their fee when they enter and the proprietors, for the good of their business, try to keep the hall standards high.

"Hotels are different. Dancers in the hotels have come to eat. The dancing isn't the problem of the proprietors. Besides these people have paid \$10 to \$20 during the evening instead of the 50 cents or \$1 couple spend at a public dance hall."

Liquor Problem for Hotels.

"The problem for the hotels is the liquor. Dancers do not have it from cups or bring it on the hip but between dances they now go out to their cars and take a drink, then come back to dance some more. The hotel managers have given a great deal of thought to this and are troubled."

Mr. Heinemann was asked how he would go about eliminating improper dancers. Would he speak to them on the floor or would he wait until he could reach them quietly?

"That depends on what kind of a party it is and how nice you wanted to be about it. I'd nod while the couple was dancing and then as soon as I could, tell them what to do."

"The girls are sometimes as much if not more to blame than the men. They may say 'But we can't dance any other way.' Then they should be told to keep off the floor."

"There are innocent, mischievous and vicious improper dancers. Ninety percent of the dancers never learned how to dance except as some friend stepped up and down the hall with them and said 'O it's easy you can do it.'"

"They step out and try to imitate. They see eccentric dancers, think it's smart or clever and try to do the same thing."

"In the last four years people have lost all sight of grace in dancing. They have been trying to see how ridiculous awkward and disgraceful they can be. Music has been an influence."

Clarence R. Preston, general secretary of the Florence Crittenton League who introduced Mr. Heinemann decried the gymnastics of jazz musicians. He admitted however, that dance music is improving. It is getting smoother and with it dancing is becoming cleaner.

"The only dance acknowledged by dancing teachers today" said Mr. Heinemann, "is the waltz. All the

rest is marching or walking. And the waltz is danced wrong by 95 percent of the people. They'll insist they are waltzing. O yes, but there not. They are going the rodoa."

What Is A Waltz?

"Are you're feet together on count of three? Then you are waltzing. A waltz has two measures music. You can't waltz properly unless your feet come together on the count of three and six, making one full turn."

Objectionable features in dancing were demonstrated. Said Mr. Heinemann: "Never allow a lady's arm to encircle a gentleman's neck."

"Holding the hands high in the air is as bad as holding them way down."

He went through the slouch the exaggerated dip, wild swinging motions, hugs and indecent bending positions to make clear to the 200 present what is improper.

"Continued pivoting is impossible, aside from the fact that the couple bumps everybody on the floor. Most couples can't take the pivot correctly and continue unless they are altogether too close together. When the Castells were appearing here they would have been put off the floor if they were anybody else."

Then he showed the new radio waltz. It is not an unusual dance. It has a pretty lilt a few extra twirls and quirks and if you use your imagination it is possible to think of having a fine concert coming along when the government butts in. That's where the radio waltz ends.

The tango was shown in the parts that are proper on any floor. It is being danced more in New York now, but Boston—bah—it is a passion dance; the tango is not for Boston.

Tut tut, toddle, "is some foolish thing that doesn't amount to anything" says Mr. Heinemann.

EGG CIRCLES ESTABLISHED IN THE WEST

The British Columbia Poultrymen Exchange is now handling the product from over three hundred thousand hens, and in addition to supplying local trade in Vancouver, Victoria and provincial inland points is shipping from two to three cars east every week. This outstanding of producers in an outstanding example of successful cooperation.

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Not content to rest on present laurels and the successful shipment of thirty cars out of the province since January 1st the management of the Exchange anticipate making a trial shipment to the British market. Several lines of steamships are now competing for trade from Vancouver to Great Britain, with refrigerator service for perishable products.

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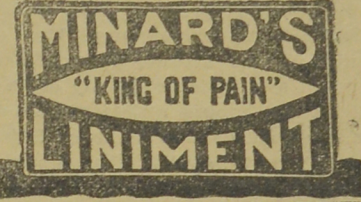
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(Sgd.) G. R. PERKINS,
City Clerk.

Notice of Legislation

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick at the next session thereof for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Southampton Cemetery Company, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a burial ground at the Parish of Southampton, in the County of

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