

GELBERT CLAIMS HE WAS TALKED INTO IT

One of the Defendants in the McClary Stove Stealing Case Admitted His Guilt This Morning---His Statement of the Affair.

Preliminary examination in the case against Oscar Peterson and Hanford G. Geldert for stealing from the McClary Manufacturing Co., was again taken up in the police court this morning and at the opening of proceedings, Dr. A. W. Macrae announced that he would call Geldert to the stand.

Mr. Baxter, Geldert's counsel, said he believed that Dr. Macrae would call Mr. Irvine and he also stated that Geldert had admitted misappropriating the McClary Co.'s property, and the charge was read over to him.

When asked what he had to say Geldert made the following statement:

"Last year on June 1st, I did dispose of that property, but I was talked into it. Peterson asked me if I could get him a stove at wholesale price because I was an employee of the company. I rang up the shop and asked the prices of two or three different kinds of stoves and when I told him the prices he said he could not get one.

"He then asked me in a day or two after that if I could get a stove over some way and he would give me a little money every month. He said he could take it in pieces. I got the stove from the warehouse. I helped him set it up. He gave me \$2. He gave me some money every month. He gave me \$18.50 for the stove."

In answer to a question from the court, Geldert said he did not give the money to the McClary Co.

Dr. Macrae then called Geldert but Mr. Mullin objected.

Later Geldert pleaded guilty and after some argument between counsel was sworn and stated that in June 1906 he was with

the McClary's and had charge of No. 2 warehouse on Celebration street.

Witness said Peterson asked him to get him a stove at wholesale price. He told him the same story as given above.

Witness denied that Peterson got the No. 70 refrigerator from him, but he did get a 46 or 47 model refrigerator from him (Geldert) and gave him \$5 for the refrigerator, the regular wholesale value of which would be about \$9. Peterson also got a small heating stove from him and a teapot, some other canned ware and an ice cream freezer. For the latter he got \$6. The value, witness thought, would be \$2 or \$2.50, wholesale.

After it was known that a stove was taken from the warehouse he went to see Peterson and asked him what he had thought he had better do. Peterson said to do nothing as he was well acquainted with the police and they would never go to his house and search it, anyway.

Witness went to see Peterson and told him it wasn't a No. 70 refrigerator he got from him and asked him what he did with the other one. Peterson told him it was none of his business. Witness told him he either traded or sold it. Peterson called him a liar and threatened to cut his throat. Witness left him and walked away.

When Geldert was called to the stand Mr. Mullin objected on the ground that the prisoner had already as good as admitted he was guilty; but Dr. Macrae said it was quite in order.

The point was rather an unusual one to come up at a preliminary hearing and after some argument between counsel and the bench, Geldert was allowed to give testimony under oath.

At time of writing proceedings were still in progress.

FAMOUS LONDON SLEUTH RETIRED, REACHES AGE LIMIT

LONDON, June 7.—It is usually as the heroes of sensational novels that detectives display that remarkable facility of assuming disguises with which they are all credited in popular imagination. As a matter of fact, many of the most famous detectives never resort to disguises and are far from being adepts in the mimic art. But there are exceptions. And without doubt the most notable of them in England is Detective Sergeant Thomas Gregory, who has just retired from Scotland Yard on a pension, after a quarter of a century's service.

Gregory might have won fame as an actor if he had not preferred the more exciting profession of a hunter of criminals. In the art of "making up" no one on the stage can beat him. And the multitudinous disguises he has successfully assumed have had to withstand the severest test than those to which actors are subjected when they appear before the footlights. Take an actor off the boards and expose him to the full glare of sunlight and his "make up" becomes at once apparent. Gregory's disguises have all had to stand the outdoor test. Among the many roles he has assumed are those of a pedler, butcher, baker, plumber, beggar, bootblack, valet, pavement artist and a woman. He not only looked the characters he depicted, but in voice, manner, actions and gestures he played the parts to perfection. He was thoroughly at home in all phases of low life. And yet his natural self was so marked by urbanity and politeness that his associates on the police force nicknamed him "Gentleman Tom."

CATCHES AMERICAN BURGLAR.
It was as a bootblack that he caught the notorious American burglar, George. Trying to escape from the corner, he slid down a drain pipe into the arms of the man who for more than a week past had been shining boots at that spot for a penny a shine. As a valet, he entered the service of the leader of a band of coiners, who was making so much money out of the nefarious business he was able to maintain an expensive establishment. As a result the principal and all the members of the gang were arrested, convicted and sentenced to long terms of penal servitude.

It was in the then notorious Soho district that Gregory appeared in feminine attire. Women there were in the habit of knocking men into houses where male confidence men were to be found. Gregory, known as the "badger game," by the rule he adopted he obtained evidence on which a dozen of these most despicable of criminals were convicted, and that put a stop to the business in Soho. Disguised as an old plumber, he succeeded in gaining access to a gambling establishment and letting the police in afterward. The raid resulted in the arrest of 150 men.

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His career as a tracker of criminals has been attended by plenty of excitement. Among other things he has been stabbed by Italians shot at by lunatics and attacked by a fierce boarhound. The astuteness and resourcefulness he has displayed in making many of his captures have won him many commendations. One of the London magistrates once said: "It is useless to keep on commending Gregory; he has been commended so often." Now he feels it is time that he settled down and took things easy.

SHE CHARGED HIM \$100 FOR GETTING HIM A WIFE

BOSTON, June 7.—Three weeks ago Reuben Pretsky, a prosperous young Park St. tailor, was married to the girl of his heart, one Mary Goldberg called by the prettiest young woman in the west end. Now almost before the first honeymoon days are over, his happiness is rudely disturbed by a suit which Bessie Palace through her attorneys, Whipple, Sears & Ogden, have brought against him to collect \$100 she declares was to be hers for introducing Pretsky to the woman whose charms had smitten him. There was one proviso in the contract, according to Miss Palace. This was if the beauty became the tailor's wife.

Now that the pair have been made one Miss Palace sees no reason why Pretsky should not at least show an appreciation of the joy that has come to him by paying over what she alleges he contracted to pay. She waited three weeks, and as a last resort took legal steps.

The case was on the list in the Municipal court for trial yesterday, but went over until this morning.

The suit is one of the most unusual entered in the courts of this country

or it is believed of the state. Pretsky stoutly contests the suit, making in his answer a general denial and setting up the contention that the contract is illegal and "contrary to law and public policy."

Miss Palace, who it is declared is a well-known property owner; also of the west end, in her declaration states that she and Pretsky entered into an agreement whereby the latter agreed that if she would "cause the defendant to make the acquaintance of a certain woman then unmarried, but now the wife of the defendant, and if such person was as reported by the plaintiff and she became the wife of the defendant, he would pay the plaintiff the sum of \$100.

She also asserts that she did introduce to keep on commending Gregory; he has been commended so often." Now he feels it is time that he settled down and took things easy.

Accompany the official papers in the case is "Exhibit A," as follows:
"Reuben Pretsky to Bessie Palace, Dr., to services rendered, \$100."

America, A Power in Japan, Who Smiles at War Talk.

NEW YORK, June 6.—"Japan is not looking for trouble. There is no warlike spirit in the country. So far as I have heard, there is no thought of taking the Philippines, Japan doesn't want war with any country, certainly not with America. If some time in the future she should decide that she would like to own the Philippines she will try to take them by force. If Japan had any intention of seizing them I, as an American citizen, would of course not stay where I am."

Thus spoke Henry W. Denison, an American and advisor to the Japanese Foreign office, when seen by a reporter at the Waldorf-Astoria. For thirty-eight years he has been employed by the government in Tokyo and is admittedly one of the real powers behind the Japanese throne.

Last of the foreign employees of the Tokyo government to remain, Mr. Denison announced last night that he had expressed a desire to retire at the conclusion of the Hague conference, but that he yielded to requests for him to return. He says, however, that he intends to retire in a short time, and return to America, the country of his birth, to "grow up with some new section of the country." He was born in Vermont, but went to Japan thirty-eight years ago, becoming soon thereafter a legal adviser to the government and subsequently coming to be recognized as one of the world's experts on international affairs and international law. It has been said time and time again that he is more influential with the real powers in Tokyo than any other man and that he has been largely instrumental in the development of the Nippon country during the last two decades.



H. W. DENISON.
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A ST JOHN CONCERN CORNERS TAR MARKET

Important Deal Put Through by Which Carritte-Patterson Co. Secures Whole Tar Output of St. John Railway Co.

The St. John Railway Company have made a contract with the Carritte-Patterson Co., Ltd., of this city, whereby the latter concern will take the entire output of tar from the railway company's gas plant.

The street railway officials, when asked as to the accuracy of the above report, confirmed it.

It will be remembered that at a recent meeting of the common council the matter of awarding contracts for tar came in for considerable discussion and it was decided that the supply should be obtained from the railway company and the Carritte-Patterson Co., each concern furnishing half.

The street railway company signed a contract for their portion, consisting of 425 barrels, but the Carritte-Patterson Co. has not yet signed the contract for their portion, so it would appear that the city will now have to secure their supply of tar from them at whatever rate they may wish to make, as they now control practically the entire supply in this territory.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning John Daey, charged with assaulting a man named Riley, in view of the police, was fined \$20 or two months in jail.

Mary Glass, colored, charged with wandering about the streets at three o'clock this morning, and being unable to give a satisfactory account of herself to the police, was sent below for the present.

John Kelley, charged with lying and lurking in an alley off Erin street, was remanded.

Two drunks were dealt with as usual.

The death occurred this morning at nine o'clock of Amy, the 11-year-old daughter of Sylvester Vanwart, 106 Adelaide street. Death was due to consumption. A twin sister and three brothers, besides her parents, survive. The body will be taken to Hampstead Monday morning for interment.

The funeral of the late Samuel Dickson will be held this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, 17 Garden street by the Rev. S. Howard who will conduct the service.

The North End branch of the Royal Bank of Canada will be closed on Saturday evenings during the months of June, July and August.

Fifteen deaths were reported at the office of the board of health for the week ending today, as follows: From senility, two; pneumonia, two; gastritis, convulsions, infestation, consumption, bronchitis, paralysis, uracemia, capillary bronchitis, carcinoma of stomach, arterio sclerosis and accidentally drowned one each.

THE TROUBLE BETWEEN AMERICA AND JAPAN

TOKIO, June 8.—An experienced diplomat, who was a protégé of Marquis Ito, said is a prominent figure in national affairs said to a representative of the Associated Press: "America is the last country with which I expected complications with Japan. The traditional friendship of the two nations uniformly maintained by the government at Washington makes me almost hesitate to believe that an anti-Japanese sentiment exists in Uncle Sam's territory though the unfortunate occurrences stand unassailable. But before forming a final judgment in the present instance, it is absolutely necessary to bear in mind that in America the autonomy of the various states is jealously guarded and the slightest infringement or interference by the national authorities is deeply resented. Consequently the federal government is in a most delicate position."

"Fortunately the chief executive of the United States is a wonderful personality. Judging by his speeches and writings, he might be called the incarnation of the principles of Bushido. There is no doubt that he is resolute enough to cut this Gordian knot."

"The Japanese cause in the present instance is right, throughout beyond the shadow of a doubt. This is a fact impossible to escape the enlightened judgment of a personage like President Roosevelt. I confidently expect that justice will be meted out and the sooner his action in this matter is made known the better."

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

The prizes and medals won at the sports on May 24th will be presented by Mayor Sears in the Every Day Club rooms on Monday evening.

Forecast—Light winds, fair; Sunday, light winds fair and a little warmer.

FORMER WIFE WILL TESTIFY

Woman Whom Harry Orchard Married Will Appear Against Him.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., June 8.—Mrs. Ida Toney, whom Harry Orchard married in Cripple Creek, left for Boise yesterday to appear as a witness for the defense in the Haywood trial.

ONTARIO TOWN IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

A \$50,000 Blaze in the Little Town of Elmsvale, Ont.

BARRIE, Ont., June 7 (Special).—Early this morning the village of Elmsvale was visited with a bad fire, which broke out in Vance's tailor shop. The following places of business were destroyed: W. T. Stewart, general store; R. H. Middleton, insurance and real estate; Herbert Greenwood, jewelry; W. C. Vance, tailor; J. Lawson, harness shop; S. J. Manning, grocery and shoes; S. Draper, grocer. The Bank of Toronto was almost totally destroyed and the post office and Queen's hotel suffered considerably. The loss is about \$50,000.

SONG LEADS TO WEDDING

Amateur Actor Weds Girl to Whom He Made "Stage Love."

LYNN, June 8.—"I've grown so used to you," is what Howard W. Sargent sang to Miss Mabel C. Earp. For several years they have both been members of the Nanette Dramatic Club, and have been playing roles in the club's regular shows. Strangely enough they were repeatedly cast opposite each other, and Sargent was called upon to make love to the leading lady. He got so used to it that he finally did it in dead earnest, and the Rev. George R. Grose made them man and wife.

WILL GET A REWARD

As a result of the capture of Thomas Baker and J. Matthew, the Frederick soldiers who deserted and came here with Hargreaves' circus, Sergt. H. Kilpatrick, of the north end police division, will be \$20 to the good. Sergeant Langille, of the military department, who was here looking after the deserters, called at the police court this morning and arrangements were made by which Sergt. Kilpatrick will receive the reward, which the government offers for deserters, in a few days.

HE CONFESSES TO THE MURDER

Karl Hau, Charged With Killing His Mother-in-Law, Admits His Guilt---Need of Money Drove Him to Commit the Crime.

KARLSRUHE, Germany, June 8.—Karl Hau, who has been under arrest here for some time, charged with the murder of his mother-in-law, Frau Molter, at Baden Baden in November last, confessed today that he was guilty of the crime. Hau's confession followed the news that his wife had committed suicide by throwing herself in a lake in Switzerland, whither she had gone after the double affliction of the death of her mother and the ar-

rest of her husband had befallen her. Hau was told of her death today and this culminating tragedy apparently was too much for him as he broke down and confessed that he was guilty of his wife's mother's death, a crime he had hitherto strenuously denied. His case attracted much attention in Germany, England and America. Although a German by birth, he lived for some time in Washington, where he was well known both socially and in the legal profession. Money troubles caused his crime.

SOME REMINISCENCES OF A CLERGYMAN

The Famous "Lads O' Pairs" Who Went From Pictou Academy to Glasgow in the Early Fifties ---Grant Was the Leader.

(Rev. Dr. Somerville of Blackfriars.)

By the recent death of Rev. Simon McGregor, M. A., late minister of Appleton, Scotland, an interesting chapter of our church history was closed. The presbyterians in Nova Scotia in the early days suffered from the lack of a sufficient number of ministers to carry on the work. In the early fifties a movement was made to get hold of the "Lads o' Pairs" and send them to Scotland to be educated for the ministry. The first selected were John Cameron, George Grant, Simon McGregor, and James McMillan. Events proved that the selection was a wise one. Grant and Cameron were prepared, and well prepared, at the famous Pictou academy that preceded the present Dalhousie University and Pine Hill College. MacMillan and McGregor, being older, enjoyed the advantage of private tuition. Principal Pollock writes: "I remember that in 1853 McGregor and MacMillan came regularly to read Latin to me, which we did sitting under the cherry trees in Squire Fraser's garden." The quartette crossed the Atlantic, entered the University of Glasgow, and very soon took good positions there. Grant was not only the first man in connection with his class, but foremost in the public life of the students. There were many bright young men at that time in the University—Henry Campbell, now Campbell-Bannerman, the premier, James Bryce, ambassador to the United States, Sir Robert Giffen, the two Macleods, Norman and John, the late sheriff Vary, Campbell, Craik, Abercromby, and many others will have since filled high positions, but it is only the truth to say that Grant was the best known among his fellow students, and was best remembered by them in his after days.

I well remember the first time I saw him. We junior students, let loose from our morning class, were rushing out furiously at the front gate. Suddenly we collided with a man carrying a large basket of eggs on his head. He and his basket were thrown down, the eggs broken and scattered upon the pavement. The poor man looked at them in dismay. Many of us stood and laughed at his sad plight. Just then a fair-haired student, older than most of us was entering. Quick as thought he addressed us: "Boys, this is fun to you but no fun to this man; he has got to account for the value of the eggs or probably lose his situation." Then tossing up his spickeen, he caught it deftly in his cap and held it out for contributions. The result brought gladness to the poor man's heart. I witnessed many such scenes, but not one that showed more clearly the quality of generosity and courage which was so characteristic of George M. Grant. It was easy to discern in these early days that he was destined for a great career.

The others also gained prizes and were prominent members of the various student societies. The Nova Scotians formed no small factor of the university life. McGregor, inheriting the blood of generations who had dwelt amid the Highland mists, was the poet of the fraternity; Cameron, the humorist; MacMillan, the philosopher; and Grant the all-round man of affairs.

The four were licensed by the Presbytery of Glasgow in 1860 and returned to Nova Scotia. Cameron was settled as

minister of Dundee in Ontario. Returning to Scotland afterwards he became minister of Campbelltown, and finally of Dunoon, where he died five years ago. McGregor's experience was more varied. He spent ten years in Nova Scotia, and twelve years as minister of St. Andrew's church, Victoria, B. C. He also returned to Scotland, and after short periods at Fort Augustus and Glenoe was minister of Appleton for ten years, retiring in 1902. MacMillan began and ended his career—about ten years ago—in his native colony. He was the first to pass over to the majority. Grant spent all his after days in Canada, with the exception of occasional visits to Scotland. He had charge of a congregation in Prince Edward Island, from which he was soon called to the pastorate of St. Matthew's church in Halifax, the most prominent church in the Maritime Provinces. Here he remained until he was appointed principal of Queen's College, Kingston. Here, as all the world knows, he did the monumental work of his life, raising it from being a theological college to the position of a great university, with courses in arts, in law, and in medicine. To his memory there was recently erected the magnificent Grant Hall, and the whole institution is his abiding memorial.

Grant was a statesman as well as an eminent churchman. In two great movements he took a large part—the confederation of the different provinces and the union of the branches of the Presbyterian church into one body. I question, indeed, whether these movements, or fruitless suits, could have been accomplished when they were but for his eloquence and his tact.

A few other companies of students from Nova Scotia succeeded these, all of whom did credit to their native land, but the tide soon turned. The remarkable Dalhousie University took the place of the old Pictou Academy. It, with the Theological College at Halifax, gave opportunities for study to many, and did much to furnish a native supply of ministers.

Indeed the tide is now the other way, for several universities have been established in Scotland were trained in Nova Scotia. Professor McGregor, who fills the chair of Natural Philosophy in Edinburgh, is a graduate of Dalhousie. Professor Seth was in Dalhousie before his appointment to the chair of Moral Philosophy in Edinburgh. Both the distinguished president of the Cornell University was also a student at Dalhousie and took his degree there.

Principal Pollock, Dr. George Sprott of North Berwick, and Rev. Mr. Maclean, Pictou, went out to Nova Scotia from Glasgow in 1883, very much under the influence of the late Mr. Norman Macleod, of St. John's Church, Glasgow. They have lived through all these changes. Dr. Pollock, on receipt of my letter informing him of the death of Simon McGregor, writes: "Yes, it ends an interesting chapter of our church history. These men are dead; their wives are dead, and yet their names are as fresh as yesterday. I myself, who was deeply interested in their going forth in 1843, are still alive. Such is the ordinance of God."

FIGHTING TO PRESERVE THE NEW RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT

ST. PETERSBURG, June 8.—The critical moment in the life of the duma has arrived, and Premier Stolypin and the Constitutional Democrats are fighting with two fronts to save the young parliament. The battle within the cabinet between M. Stolypin's backers and the Reactionaries is proceeding vigorously, and each faction is manoeuvring for support at Peterhof.

No decision has yet been reached, but the latest indications are that the premier is winning out. The Constitutional Democrats are bending all their might to secure a majority. To compass this, they are even willing to shelve compulsory expropriation, and amnesty for political and criminal planks in their platform and effective slogans in the last election.

A young man, named Gillen, had a narrow escape from being fatally injured while working at the new bank building at the corner of Canterbury and King streets today about 10.45 o'clock, and the injured man had to be taken to the hospital. Gillen, who up to a week ago, was employed in the St. John Iron works, was putting the vault door in place, when it fell back on him and jammed him against the wall. Dr. Boney read the ambulance was summoned and the injured

young man was taken to the hospital, where it was found that he had been quite badly injured.

Mrs. and Miss May came in from New York last evening and will spend the summer at Rosethy. Mrs. May is the wife of Dr. C. S. May, New York, and sister of R. H. Cushing, Lancaster Heights.

Mrs. Charles Newcombe left for Boston and New York last evening.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THE GROWING TIME



ed that growth in two days and one night. "Never seen the like," he said to the Times new reporter. "I didn't think we was going to get any summer this year."

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam is in great good humor today. The weather has given the crops a fine start this week. Hiram had with him this morning a blade of grass six inches long which he asserts affords evidence of growth in two days and one night. "Never seen the like," he said to the Times new reporter. "I didn't think we was going to get any summer this year."

GRATIFYING INTELLIGENCE
The decision of the city council not to

preserve the Old Chipman House has given the dead trees on Queen Square and the monuments in the Old Burial Ground a severe shock. There is no intention, however, the Times new reporter is assured by a prominent member of the council, to make war upon relics in general, either in or out of City Hall. The Chipman House is not now city property, and therefore is not entitled to the same consideration. The dead trees, the ancient tombstones, Wun Lung, Wun Gundy, the cemetery for dead dogs and cats near the back shore, the dumps and other civic ornaments will not be interfered with at present. Their value as memorials is fully recognized, and they will be preserved.