

COFFIN NAILS ARE GIVEN KNOCKOUT

Jones Hardware Company Refuses to Employ Men Who Smoke Cigarettes.

Discovering through actual experience that the habitual cigaret smoker becomes dull, erratic and reckless, the Jones Hardware company of this city, perhaps the largest retail hardware establishment in the Ohio valley states, of which Sharon E. Jones, president of the National Hardware Dealers' association, is the head, has taken an advanced step among retail dealers by refusing to employ men who are addicted to the use of "pills."

The rule was adopted, not because the railroad companies in most instances have done so, but because the company found that those in its employ who were using cigarettes to excess were not performing their duties equally as well as those who abstained. "In our experience the minds of cigaret smokers," Mr. Jones said, "seem to become dulled; they become neglectful of their work, and finally erratic and reckless in their business dealings. Furthermore as the company has to protect itself from liability, the decision was reached to give the cigaret smokers opportunity to stop the habit or else cease working with the company. The majority 'swore off' for good when the rule went into effect."

The use of smoking tobacco in other forms, such as in a pipe or cigars, is not encouraged, nor discouraged. Cigar and pipe smoking cannot be indulged in by employees while on duty. So satisfactory has been the result of the company's anti-cigarette campaign that among its hundred or more employees the cigaret smoker can not be found.

Establishes Example.

The Jones Hardware company is perhaps the first firm in this city to establish so rigid a rule in regard to the personal habits of its employees. But the results are being watched by the other business men with a great deal of interest and it is not unlikely that other firms, who employ many men will follow the example of the hardware company.

The same attitude is maintained against "boozers" by the Jones Hardware company. This is not unusual in Richmond as several retail establishments will not employ men who stimulate their nerves with "eye-openers," whether whisky or beer.

When an application for a position is made with the hardware firm, the following application blank form is handed the applicant with instructions to fill it out:

Date: _____; Name: _____; Address: _____; Age: _____; Married: _____; Trade: _____; Present occupation: _____; Former employers: _____; Reason for leaving them: _____; References: _____; Health: _____; Height: _____; Weight: _____; Do you drink: _____; Smoke cigarettes: _____; Names of parents: _____

BORTON FUNERAL

Greensfork, Ind., June 23.—The funeral of the late Elbert L. Borton who died Wednesday will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Roller on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Rev. S. R. Lyons will officiate.

MRS. CHASE HOSTESS.

Adding to the many pleasures of yesterday was the afternoon party given by Mrs. Omar Chase at her home in North Twentieth street, as a compliment to Mrs. Huntington, of St. Louis, who is visiting with Mrs. Ellis, of the Wayne Flats. The house was decorated with flowers and ferns. The affair was in the nature of a thimble party. Luncheon in courses was served late in the afternoon at the small tables. Among the guests were Mrs. Earl Mann, Mrs. Will Scott, Mrs. Fred J. Bartee, Mrs. P. W. Krueger, Mrs. Will Wilson, Mrs. Huntington, Mrs. Zimmerman, of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Harry Doan, Mrs. Joseph Hill, Miss Mary Lemon, Miss Marjorie Pennell, Miss Nina Pennell, Miss Anna Casleay, and Miss Olive Lemon, of Oklahoma.

AMERICAN GIRLS LACK SENTIMENT

Novelist Oppenheim Says They Are Beautiful, but Decidedly Cold.

New York, June 23.—Having had a jolly, well entertained stay with us for six weeks, you know, E. Phillips Oppenheim, rapid fire novelist, sailed on the Oceanic yesterday.

In his rooms at the Majestic he talked of many things before he left. Mostly it was about women—our own American women, you understand—with a flutter of comparison now and then that brought in British and French women.

And he was surprising, this British novelist. We are so used to having our American women lauded by foreign visitors of distinction that when one of them drags forth his little hamper—why, the joie is almost enjoyable. It may be said the English novelist was at no time brutal. His hamper had a velvet cushion on the head of it, but he was busy with it, just the same.

"Deucedly Self-Contained."

He put his hand half-tragically to his forehead when he began about the women:

"Pretty—beautiful? O, yes, yes; I should say so. But they're too much for me. They're—well, they are so deucedly self-contained; so bally well sure of themselves, don't you know. They are such a stunning combination of beauty, new hats, cocktails and self-concentration.

"You know," added Mr. Oppenheim, with bated breath, "I think the fair American creatures are totally devoid of sentiment. And there you are—really. I've been around a great deal in my six week's stay—been to Boston, New York, Newport and other famous spots, and have seen a good deal of American society and American society women, and—well, that's my opinion. They are totally devoid of sentiment. They do not suggest and of that charming trait of femininity which requires that somebody must be around making love to them.

"An American girl doesn't need anybody to make love to her. If she feels the necessity she can create the situation, believe me.

"All she cares about is to know where she can positively find and possess a man to buy her hats. Apparently she must always have new hats. She can get along without sentiment, but if life is worth living with her it must be crowded with hats, hats, hats. It is different with the English woman. She prefers sentiment always. She can get along happily with last year's hat, but if you take away this year's sentiment she will mope grievously. Fact, I assure you.

The novelist, who is a trim little man with a semi-bald head and a cynically turned mouth, looked wholly in earnest.

"They are not intellectual," he said, "but they are dreadfully inquisitive. They ask so many searching questions they suggest the intellectual, but they really are only inquisitive. But, by the same token, they are highly stimulat-

ing. Back to Placid English

"I'm really quite afraid of them, you know. They work a fellow so hard, you know. Yes, I'm going right home to the dear, placid sentimental English women. Not but what your girls are stunning.

"But they all seem so devoid of sentiment—beautiful but cold. They have been compared to French women, but that's absurd. French women have no intellect whatever. They don't know anything and nobody wants them to. They are just attractive and stand simply on the good old platform of their sex. And that isn't disagreeable to a fellow, you know."

CLUB COMMITTEE ON TRACTIONS MET

The Commercial club committee having in charge the project of building a traction line from Union City to Cincinnati by way of Richmond, held a meeting in the club rooms this afternoon. Plans for future action were considered.

The Racer That Needs No Ropes

Every boy or girl who tries the DUREX RACER Pronounces It a Winner

Come in and see if it isn't just the gift for Santa Claus to give your boy or girl.

Handle is extensible—can be used to pump or pull. No blistered hands, for handle turns with each stroke. Runs smooth and easy.

We have a winning line of gift things this year.

Price Only \$5.00

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PACKERS DEFEATED IN CHICAGO TODAY

(National News Association)

Chicago, June 23.—Permission to file a petition for a bill of particulars setting forth special charges of violation of the anti-trust law by indicted meat packers was denied by Judge Carpenter this afternoon. The packers must enter pleas to indictments before July fifth and face trial November 20th.

City Statistics

Marriage License.

Frank A. Witmer, Webster, 27, laborer, and Blanche Howe, Richmond, 25, telephone operator.

Deaths and Funerals.

BULLA.—The body of Charles E. Bulla arrived in this city today and was taken to the home of his mother, 229 South Ninth street. Short services will be held at the home Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Further services will be held at the Universalist church at Boston. Burial in the Boston cemetery.

HADLEY.—The body of Elwood Hadley arrived in this city this afternoon from Phoenix, Arizona. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 o'clock at the home of his brother, William D. Hadley, of North Ninth street. Friends are invited to attend the services.

ESSMAKER.—Kenneth, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Essmaker, died this morning at the home of his parents, 429 South Ninth street, at the age of 11 months. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

BALL.—Leara M. Ball, the 3½ year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Hallack Ball, 609 South E street, died this morning at its home at 6 o'clock. The body was taken this afternoon to Xenia, Ohio, where funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DIVORCE SUIT

Alleging that she and their two young children were neglected and not properly provided for within the past two years, Lena N. Bittner has brought suit in the Wayne circuit court against Charles R. Bittner for divorce, custody of children and a stated amount as alimony. They were married June 27, 1906 and separated on January 22, 1911. She is a telephone operator.

Four splendid secret society chapter houses have burned in succession at Cornelia.

SIX HEAT VICTIMS IN CHICAGO TODAY

Windy City People Are Suffering Acutely—Local Man Is Overcome.

(National News Association)

Chicago, June 23.—Six more deaths were today added to the hot wave death list making eleven in two days.

The night was so hot that hundreds upon hundreds slept on the benches on the lake front and many slept on porches and in their own yards.

Scores of prostrations were reported to the police early today and the weather forecaster declared that the mercury was likely to go to a record point during the afternoon. The excessive humidity made the streets like a Turkish bath.

LOCAL HEAT VICTIM.

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