LAWYER'S SPIRIT ADVISED PSYCHIC

Fenner Said He Was Guided By Shade of Furman Sheppard

TRUSTED IT IMPLICITLY

So Asserts Mrs. Wilde, Who Sues to Recover \$1000 Invested in Gold Mine

The mysterious "Mr. Sheppard, of Philadelphia," whose spirit aided the "Rev."
Samuel C. Fenner, pastor of the "Psychic
Temple." 1710 North Broad street, in exploration for gold nuggets in the iffilis of
Montgomery County, Md., it developed today was Furman Sheppard, once a District
Attorney of this city and a leading Democrat of Pennsylvania. Mr. Sheppard, in
whose office the "Rev." Mr. Fenner was a
law clerk before he took up the philosophy
of psychic teachings, died years ago.

Aside from being a member of one of fenner's "exploring trips"—that is, while he latter was in a state of coma—the spirit of the late Mr. Sheppard, according to Mrs. Ida C. Wilde, of 316 North Thirty-eighth street, aided Fenner to draw diagrams of he interior of mines of the Great Falls Gold the interior of mines of the Great Falls Gold Mining Company, located somewhere in the town of Cropley, Montgomery County, Md. On one occasion Mr. Sheppard's spirit helped the "Rev" Mr. Fenner to pens a picture of the "pockets" of the mine. All this was in 1914. It was about that time that Mrs. Wilde and her husband, William Mrs. Wilde invested \$1000 in the mine. H. Wilde, invested \$1000 in the mine,

Fenner, Mrs. Wilde declares, told her that he had implicit faith in everything that was told to him by Mr. Sheppard's spirit. Therefore, he urged upon her to maintain the same confidence in Mr. Sheppard's spirit. To convince her, Mrs. Wilde says that Fen-ner presented her with a map which he told her described in a graphic manner just

Mrs. Wilde's husband has brought suit against Fenner to recover the \$1000 which he invested in the Great Falla Gold Mining Company. Other defendants in the suit are Company. Come detendants in the suit are Stanley Francis, who served two years in prison for his part in the Storey Cotton swindle, and who is described by Fenner as "a man who is just like a broken branch"; Mrs. Emily H. Fenner, wife of the "Rev." Mr. Fenner, and William F. Kyle, who today is in parts unknown.

POSTAL INSPECTORS AT WORK Chief Postal Inspector James T. Cortel-you is now endeavoring to find out whether Fenner used the mails in connection with his gold-mine projects. Besides having one-eighth interest in the Great Falls Gold Mining Company, he is the secretary and treasurer of the Empress Gold Mining Com-rany, incorporated under the laws of pany, incorporated under the laws of Ariiona, and whose general offices are in the

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parlor of the Fenner home, 1933 North Park avenue. This same parior is frequently used for psychic seances. Mr. Cortelyou has assigned an inspector to check up the activities of Fenner's projects.

The Great Falls Gold Mining Company's "mine" is located a stone's throw from the "mine" operated in 1910 by the defonet Capital Gold Mining Company, whose offices were closed in this city many years ago. The Capital company flooded the homes of textile workers in Kensington years ago with circulars which read as follows:

"What's the

"What's the zee of going all the way West for your gold when you have it right here in the East, at the gate of the naonal capital?

an uptown physician.

the following day.

Assailant Under Bail, Accused of Caus-

ing Victim's Insanity and

Blindness

an of December 19 she attacked Stewart

he is now under treatment, manie and bilind, according to Special Officer Corry,

billid, according to Special Officer Corra, of the Germantown police station, who has been investigating the case. Mrs. Mechan alleges that its condition was caused by a fall in front of her home and not by blows inflicted by her.

Bristol Man Loses Home by Fire

BRISTOL Pa., Feb., 18.—Fire caused by a defective flux destroyed the dwelling of William H. Dyer, Jr., centerday morning

bucket brigade aided Enterprise Fire Com-pany, of Bristoi, save adjacent buildings,

gross increase in my

business here in 1916-

the enormous overhead expenses continue to

throw this store into the "Loss" column — I've

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MRS. FENNER DENIES SPIRIT AID Mrs. Fenner denies the story related by Mrs. Wilde that spirits were factors in the sale of stock to Mr. Wilde. Mrs. Fenner, by the way, is the president of the Empress Gold Mining Company, and when not busy with the affairs of that concern in her parlor, she assists her bushess.

with the affairs of that concern in her parlor, she assists her husband at the psychle
sessions at the "Psychic Temple"
"Everything that Mrs. Wilde has said is
a falsehood," declared Mrs. Fenner over
the telephone. "Why make such a fuss by
injecting spirits into this dreadful affair?
I only hope the newspapers won't publish
this affair very long."
"What are your objections?" she was
asked.

"Oh, they are so distrateful—it means further gossip," replied Mrs. Fenner; "and then you know I may lose my respect for the newspapers which publish anything about myself and husband."

Asked whether it was true that her hus-band called into consultation the spirit of the late Mr. Sheppard before stock was sold to Mr. Wilde, Mrs. Fenner replied: "There may have been some messages from Mr. Sheppard's spirit; that is nothing unusual. Questions are slways asked of spirits of loved ones who have gone away from this earth. And if questions were transmitted to Mr. Sheppard's spirit it would be unethical for me to make that fort be unethical for me to make that fact

But, nevertheless, Mrs. Wilde insists that but nevertheless. Mrs. Wilde insists that Fenner told her and her husband that he had received messages from Mr. Sheppatd's spirit that there was an opportunity to become enriched through an investment in the Great Falls concern.

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Fenner's defense is that he didn't sell the stock to Wilde. He says the stock was sold by Kyle, who ts described by Mrs. Wilde as a "cunner" for Fenner. However, Fenner admits that he received the name of a concern which is now interested in patents and of which Stanley Fennes of Storey est. concern which is now interested at catents and of which Stanley Francis of Storey cotton fame, is the manager. The office of this concern, known as the Aerovehicle Company, is in the Francis Building, Sansom

street mar Fourth.

James Greig, head of the Penn Smeiling and Refining Works, at 206 Filhert street, and a former officer of the Capital Gold Mining Company, who is acquainted with Fenner, said today that he had some business. ness dealings with Fenner many years ago According to Greig, he sold an option on the Manyland mine located in Montgomery County, to a "circle of gentlemen," as he expressed it. Among those in that "circle" was Fenner. Greig says that up to this time he hasn't received any payment for his option. He declares that everybody in

the "circle" is dead now with the exception of Fenner.

"I don't want to knock a man when he is in trouble," said Greig; "I visited Fenner's temple once or twice, but it was only through curiosity. I didn't go there seeking light, but went to study Mr. Fenner. As far as I am concerned, I am through with all gold mines. I have been told that among Mr. Fenner's friends are some well-known Philadelphians and many Judges."

Fenner's bail of \$350 fixed by Judge Fergussa pending the outcome of the suit to recover \$1000 was furnished yesterday by an uptown physician. State and National Mediators

BEAT MAN FOR INSULTING ries in this city and curtailed the output DAUGHTER, WOMAN SAYS

of a third plant.

PURSE FOR FATHER HANNIGAN PURSE FOR FATHER HANNIGAN
The Rev. Joseph J. Hannigan, rector of
the Catholic Church of the Assumption,
at Twelfth and Spring Garden streets, is
fifty years old. Friends of the priest tendered a reception to him last night in the
parish hall and presented a purse of \$1.500.
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the rector of the church, has held involving
tharges at the Church of the Holy Family,
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Sharon Hill, and others since his ordinalism
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SUGAR STRIKERS AGREE TO MEET EMPLOYERS

Also to Attend Conference. End of Walkout Near

Both the State and National Governments continued their efforts today to bring about a settlement of the strike of 2000 sugar workers here, which has closed two refin-

John Price Jackson, chief of the Department of Labor and Industry at Harrisburg, came to Philadelphia today to join his efforts with those of Clifton Reeve, of the Department of Labor at Washington, Mr. Jackson is attended by James A. Stease, his chief clerk and personal representative

Accused of attacking George Stewart, thirty-five years old, of 227 South Forty-fifth street, an employe of the United Gas Improvement Company, with an iron stove lid lifter and an umbreila and inflicting injuries that caused him to become insane 'We have been in conference with the strikers," said Mr. Stease today, "and they have virtually agreed to a conference with the employers. This conference may be held tomorrow m the office of George H. Frazier, president of the Franklin Sugar Refinery, I have no doubt that we will be able to bring about a settlement of the strike and end the present sugar famine." and to lose his eyesight. Mrs. Katherine Meshan, forty-five years old, of 5040 Mag-nolla avenue. Germantown, was today held under \$500 ball for court by Magostrate

Arthur W. Howe, Jr., of the Grocers' Sup-ply Company, the largest distributor of sugar outside of the refiners, said today. nan, on recember 19 she attacked Stewart because he had insulted her sixteen-year-old daughter Margaret, when he and William Deal, of 3554 New Queen street, employes of the gas company, came to her home to repair the gas meter. She was away at the time of the alleged insult and made the attack when the men returned the following day. The strike was brought about by number of the highest-paid laborers, wh determined to obtain still higher pay at the cost of the consumers. Sugar was niread costing, because of labor and other factors an abnormal price, and had the retiner yielded, the cost of living would have been advanced. We are getting some sugar from advanced. We are getting some sugar from the refiners, and today it looks as though Stewart, who is married and has several children, was taken to the Germantown Hospital unconscious, in which condition be remained for several weeks, finally being taken to Scaford, Del., by his wife, where the supply would soon become normal again.

The wages paid now by the refiners have proved attractive to men out of work, and they are receiving many applications for employment. We are supplying our regular ustomers with reasonable amounts

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Men's \$10.00 and \$12.00 Suits-\$7.50 Excellent Cheviot Suits, in styles for men and young men. All regular sizes.

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serge; cassimeres; well-tailored.

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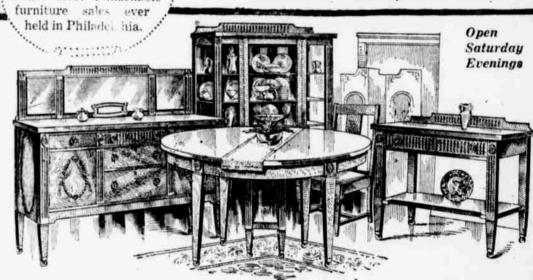
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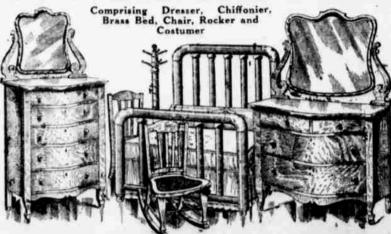


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