

COOK GETS LONG TERM.

Former Arctic Explorer, Guilty in Connection With Oil Frauds.

Fox Worth, Texas, Nov. 21.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, oil operator who was found guilty in Federal court here this afternoon of fraud in connection with the operations of the Petroleum Producers' association, of which he was sole trustee, was sentenced to serve 14 years and nine months in the federal prison and assessed a fine of \$12,000 by Federal Judge John M. Killits, Fred K. Smith, treasurer of the company, was sentenced to serve seven years in prison and was fined \$12,000. S. E. J. Cox was sentenced to eight years and fined \$5,000. Other defendants of Cook who were found guilty were given the following:

A. K. Eckman, seven years and \$12,000 fine; W. L. Braddish and W. P. Welty, two years each and \$1,000 fine; J. S. Ittles, C. W. Steele, S. L. Hess, T. O. Turner, B. S. Humberg, E. J. Bowen and A. I. Maxwell, each one year and a day and fines of \$1,000. L. A. McRecker was given six years and a fine of \$1,000.

O. L. Ray, G. A. Demastro, J. E. Robinson, Harry Blean and J. E. Burne, all of whom had previously entered pleas of guilty, were fined \$500 each. H. O. Stephens, who entered a plea of guilty was fined \$7,000 and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail. Judge Killits passed sentence on Dr. Cook after a scathing denunciation of the methods said to have been practiced by the former Arctic explorer.

Cook made no statement. Cook's bond was placed at \$75,000, which he will not be permitted to make until after a complete record of the case has been drawn.

All of the convicted men immediately were taken to jail, where they will remain until they either make bond or their appeals which they believe they will make, are decided.

Only one of 14 in a group tried in Federal court for six weeks was acquitted, and he, A. M. DeLambie, an oil operator, ordered by Judge Killits.

The court began its proceedings on the case at 10 a. m. The afternoon with the room filled with curious people and women, and the trial was held in a grand hall.

Dr. Cook was found guilty on 12 counts of the indictment, and he, as were all other defendants, were fined and sentenced to jail for an eight months.

The trial was held in the afternoon. Judge Killits presided, and Judge K. M. Killits presided over an arraignment of Dr. Cook.

Dr. Cook's "international" connections, because of some of the charges, was a subject of some of the charges and deliberations. Judge Killits asserted.

His general denunciation was made while thanking the jury for nearly six weeks of tireless service.

"You have done what I expected you to do," the court said, "when this nefarious scheme began to unfold in the evidence."

Wives of 11 of the defendants were in the court room. There was a little demonstration from the women as the verdicts were returned.

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GROOM IS NINETY-FIVE.

The Groom Had Been a Minister of The Gospel for 68 Years.

Bennettsville Advocate.

Last Tuesday morning an aged man and a comparatively young woman came into Probate Judge McLaurin's office and announced that they wanted to get married. A big discrepancy in their ages was apparent, but the judge received a genuine surprise when he asked the prospective groom his age and received the reply, "Ninety-five."

Thinking that there must be some mistake, Judge McLaurin asked, "When were you born?"

"On April 10th, 1828, in Liverpool, England," replied the groom. "I have been a minister of the gospel for 68 years."

He gave his name as F. M. Medlock, of Hamlet. The lady gave as her name, Leasa Lear of Hamlet, and

her age 28.

"Are you in a trance? Do you realize what you are doing?" Judge McLaurin asked her. "Yes, I know what I am doing," she said; and her prospective husband added, "and I am old enough to know what I am doing."

The license was issued and the marriage performed by Judge McLaurin, and they went their way rejoicing. They were accompanied by a middle aged lady, a pretty young lady and a little girl.

Mr. Medlock, though rather feeble, seemed to be a man of intelligence and culture. He said he had been married twice before.

In the island of Papua the women are no taller than an eight-year old child.

Four Things Money Cannot Buy.

A group of successful men were discussing at the luncheon table the purchasing power of money. "There is nothing that money will not buy"

declared one of the men. The others pondered this statement in silence, but one voiced an exception. "Money will not buy health," he asserted.

"You are wrong," replied the champion of wealth. "There are many invalids who could regain their health if they had the means of employing specialists, or taking treatment at expensive sanitariums or living in more sanitary surroundings. In many instances money will buy health."

"But money will not buy happiness," contended the dissenter.

"You're wrong again. Ask the average person what he needs to make him happy. He will tell you that all he needs is to be wealthy enough to work or rest when he pleases, to enjoy all the amusements that can give pleasure, and perhaps to travel or study. Money will buy happiness for millions of men and women."

So elated was this man at the ease with which he had disposed of his opponent's exceptions that he leaned

across the table and said triumphantly: "I'll tell you what I'll do. Write down four things really worth having that money cannot buy, and for each one I'll give you a check for \$1,000."

The next day the same group met again at the luncheon table. The man who had been challenged handed the challenger a slip of paper. He read it in silence. Then he read it again, slowly and thoughtfully, the rest of the party looking on with keen, but mute interest. When he finally laid it down, he took out his check book, wrote out a check for \$4,000 and passed it across the table. This is what was written on the paper:

1. A baby's smile. You cannot purchase a baby's smile with coin or currency, stocks or bonds. To the soul that has so recently come from paradise, the most coveted things in this world have no appeal. A mother's kiss, a father's caress, a flower, a pretty trinket, may win a baby's smile, but you cannot bargain for it

with gold. 2. Youth when it is gone: The mill will never grind again with water that has passed. All the wealth in the world cannot buy back the care-free happiness of maidenhood when maturity has blotted them out.

3. The love of a good woman: Her love, like a baby's smile, cannot be bought with gold. Men may barter silver and gold and precious stones for a base counterfeit, but true love that lasts eternally is the most precious gift a woman can bestow. No man is rich enough to buy it; and no man is too poor to possess it.

4. Entrance into heaven: Money will buy every material thing there is to be found in this world, but not a penny of it can be taken into the next and used to gain admission into a state of immortal bliss. The keeper of the heavenly gate is not susceptible to bribes. There, at least, money has no value.—Exchange.



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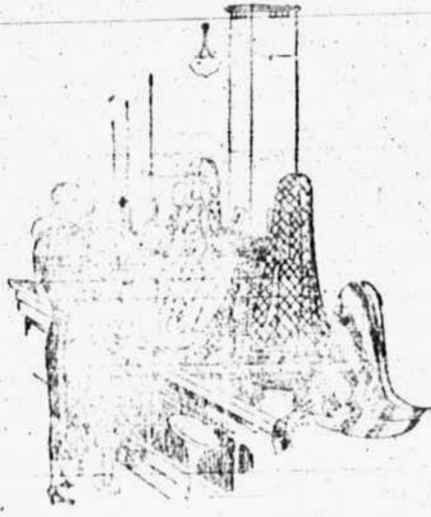
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