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FORD'S WIFE TESTIFIES

Woman Married Under Common Law Basis Insists on Rights

La Grande people who became acquainted with Homer W. Ford when he was in La Grande not long ago, follow with keen interest the trial at Portland in which he is charged with forgery, but overshadowing which is the matter of a Common Law wife, whom Ford now claims was never legally married to him. Portland papers give much space to the trial. One of them said last evening:

Carolyn Voght Ford took the witness stand in Judge Davis' court this morning to testify against Homer N. Ford, who is accused of forging deeds and mortgages which deprived her of her property.

"I am the wife of Homer N. Ford," she said. That started an argument as to the admissibility of her testimony which ended in the dismissal of the jury at 10:30 o'clock and a long discussion of common law marriages by John Collier and Charles G. Hindman, deputy district attorneys, and John C. McCue, attorney for Ford.

"Homer and I were going to get married, and we needed that certi-

cate to prove that we were married," Mrs. Ford testified, in answer to Collier's question as to why she had the certificate. McCue objected that the paper was not competent, and the court settled down to a discussion of the question.

As soon as Mrs. Ford was called to the stand McCue laid down his hand.

"I want to object to this woman's testimony," he said. "It is apparent from the state's own statement that it is claimed she is the wife of the defendant. He is privileged against her testimony."

"The only way you can take advantage of that claim is by the defendant's own admission that she is his wife," Collier answered.

"Just what relation do you claim exists between Mrs. Ford and Ford?" McCue next asked.

"Ford knows what that relation is," Collier said. "If he wants to claim his privilege he can."

But McCue would not admit that Mrs. Ford was Ford's wife. His entire defense is based on Ford's contention that the Alaskan ceremony under which they were married was not legal.

Mrs. Ford and Frank Reden, for-

merly a business associate of Ford, identifies scores of letters written by Ford to Mrs. Ford, and headed "My Dear Wife and Babe."

"What is the purpose of those letters?" McCue asked.

"Evidence, evidence," Collier answered, and the court admitted them, over McCue's protest.

Half a dozen former Alaskans who knew the Fords when they kept open house for all the people in Eagle City came down from Seattle this morning to add their testimony that Homer N. Ford and Caroline Ford are man and wife. They all shook hands with Mrs. Ford and told her they were for her to the last ditch.

"Up there that marriage was legal," one of the men, who lived at the Ford home for a time, said today.

Elizabeth G. Frary-Ford, who is accused with Ford, will have to come to Portland from Alberta to testify. Judge Davis so ruled yesterday afternoon at the request of Collier. She is at liberty at present under bonds.

Harriet Ford, aged 12, came into Judge Davis' court room yesterday afternoon, holding her mother's hand. Her eyes brightened as she saw her father, for the first time in years. Ford saw her as she came through the doorway. His only sign was a quick jerk of his head, in a direction away from his only living child.

Harriet doesn't know what it is all about, but she can't see why her father shouldn't speak to her. She and her mother sat hand in hand through the trial yesterday afternoon. Once in a while Harriet leaned her head on Mrs. Ford's shoulder and cried. All the time they were 15 feet back of Ford.

Ford, it is said, was willing enough to have his children bear his name at one time. In Eagle City, Alaska, where the Fords were married, is a little tombstone with this inscription: "Dorothy Marion Ford."

It marks the grave of the Ford's first born, who died in August, 1901. The epitaph was written by the babe's father.

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Equity Case Heard

A. Fine vs. S. F. Richardson is the title of a case heard before Judge Knowles this morning. The matters under litigation include the rights of removing a dam in the Grande Ronde river and the effects of back water resulting therefrom.

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