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COURT BUSY WITH UNHAPPY COUPLES

DECREE GIVEN IN FINLEY CASE—LARSEN VS. HAY TESTIMONY HEARD.

WOMAN AND CHILD ABANDONED

Quiet Day For Judge McBride in Circuit Court—Lawyers are Busy in Salem.

Judge McBride rendered a decree Wednesday morning to dissolve the bonds of matrimony in the Finley divorce case.

The case of Larsen vs. Hay was brought up also on Wednesday and the testimony of the defendant was heard changing the boundary lines of the property involved.

Francis Miller has brought suit for divorce in the circuit court against Henry A. F. Miller. The two were married in Ventura, California, September 23, 1898. In the complaint the plaintiff states that there is a child, Albert Miller, aged 7 years, as the result of the union.

She also states that, being in very bad health, a trip to Los Angeles was proposed for her and that she be accompanied by the child. After arriving in the Southern city, the defendant failed to forward the necessary funds for the support of the two and that the plaintiff was forced to labor to stay off the wolf from the door. The husband finally sent \$25.00 to pay transportation for the two to Clackamas county, where the woman's parents were living. Before leaving the south the plaintiff wished to return to her husband who was then located at Imperial, Calif., but the defendant objected and the trip north was made.

Upon arriving in this county the defendant refused to aid the plaintiff and the child and although sick, she was forced to work for the support of herself and child.

The plaintiff begs the court to grant a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony between the two and also asks for the custody of the child and whatever support the court sees fit to render.

Judge McBride gave decrees in the following cases: Mary Jacobs vs. M. Jacobs, plaintiff allowed to resume her maiden name of Mary Chenoworth; Anna Gray vs. George R. Gray; W. E. Frazier vs. Emma E. Frazier; Harry S. Green vs. Francis P. Green; Mattie A. Weesner vs. A. Elbert Weesner; W. T. Patton vs. Bertha E. Patton.

In the suit of Louisa Dickie vs. Gordon Dickie, asking for a divorce, the plaintiff was given temporary alimony to the sum of \$20 per month, and the defendant was also ordered to pay the cost of action.

The divorce suit of Leo Peterson, defendant and Charlotte A. Peterson will be brought up on the 26th of January, as a modification of the petition of then plaintiff has been entered. The trouble was caused by the defendant not allowing the plaintiff to visit and enjoy the society of the minor child.

The Henry Westerman vs. Rosy Westerman case was heard and the court ordered the defendant to pay the sum of \$100 to the plaintiff as well as the cost of the action.

Izola Stroup as plaintiff has instituted a divorce suit in the circuit court from Elmer N. Stroup. The couple were married on September 27, 1905, but since said marriage the defendant has been guilty of treating the plaintiff in a cruel manner. The property rights have been settled before and by the parties.

In the Hamilton case, Judge McBride placed the minor child into the custody of Gus Howard, giving the parents right to visit the child twice each month.

Louisa Dickie has brought suit for divorce against Gordon Dickie. The plaintiff and defendant were married on the 14th day of May, 1902, at Menominee, Mich. But since the said marriage the defendant has treated the plaintiff in a cruel and inhuman manner. That he also has abused plaintiff as well as assaulted and calling her vile names.

There are two children as the result of the union—Wesley Dickie, four year old and Hazel Louisa Dickie, two years old.

The plaintiff begs the court to grant

her the sum of \$20 alimony per month for the support of minor children and costs and attorney's fees.

Chas. Welever, plaintiff and Rose Welever, defendant, have brought their troubles into the circuit of Clackamas county. They were married at Stanton, Mich., on the 17th of April, 1887. The plaintiff claims that on or about October 1896 the defendant deserted him. There are three children from the union—Rose, age 17, Minnie, age 14; and May, age 12. The plaintiff has taken care of the children since the desertion and begs the court for the continued custody of the children and a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony.

Mattie A. Weesner, plaintiff in the case of Weesner vs. Weesner has received a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony as sought for and secured the rights and privileges of calling on the minor child at any reasonable times and places.

Frank McAdam as plaintiff has brought suit for divorce from Dora McAdam on the charge of cruel treatment and desertion. The two were married in Albany, Or., on March 3, 1904. While living in Stella, Wash., the defendant was guilty of ill conduct with other men while the plaintiff was engaged in his work. There are no children from the union and the plaintiff simply prays the court to grant a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony. George C. Brownell is attorney for the plaintiff.

Judge McBride rendered the following decrees dissolving bonds of matrimony: Gilbert H. Benjamin and Geneva Benjamin; George Anderson and Mary H. Anderson.

SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET

Miss Eva Meldrum Resigns—Miss Miss McCormack Will Be the New Teacher.

The board of school directors held a quiet session as only a small amount of business had to be transacted. The resignation of Miss Eva Meldrum of the Eastham school was accepted and City Supt. McKee was given the power to secure a teacher to fill the vacancy. The contract of Miss Meldrum with the school board does not expire until the latter part of June, but the officials gave her permission to accept another position. Miss Meldrum has secured an appointment in the Miss Harker's private school of Palo Alto, Calif.

Miss Meldrum has been teaching in the schools of Oregon City for a term of several years and had charge of the second grade. Her place has been offered to Miss Mary McCormack of Tallon, Linn county, who is one of the best teachers of that county. She received her education in the east where she made a specialty of the work of primary grades. For several years she held the position of critic teacher of the primary grades in the Weston Normal school.

If Miss McCormack accepts the offer, she will be assigned to the fourth grade and Miss Stevens will be transferred to the second grade.

ABERNATHY GRANGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Abernathy Grange No. 341, installed officers at an open meeting Saturday night. State Deputy Master William Beard of Maple Lane Grange was installing officer. The officers installed were:

Master, O. C. Clyde; overseer, Mrs. Ida Kent; lecturer, Mrs. Mary Ingram; chaplain, William Brayton; steward, Bennie Rivers; asst. steward, F. J. Jones; secretary, Mrs. A. M. Brayton; gatekeeper, Henry Nachand; Ceres, Jaunita Kent; Flora, Lulu Rittenhouse; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Jennie Butts.

The treasurer-elect, Capt. J. T. Apperson, and Pomona, Miss Beth Cooper, were not present to be installed at this meeting.

New Deputy County Recorder.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Williams are rejoicing over the advent of a son, weighing 11 pounds on Tuesday morning, January 15, 1907.

HOUSE AND SENATE ADJOURNED UNTIL THE FIRST OF WEEK

\$5000 LOSS TO STATE—GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE—ROUTINE OF LEGISLATURE.

FREE LOCKS AT OREGON CITY

Representative Huntley Introduces Bill Pertaining to Corrupt Practices in Securing Election.

Salem, Jan. 16.—The legislature lost for days at a cost of \$5000 to the state because of a shortage of printed supplies. The secretary of state is blamed for failing to order the necessary supplies in time. As a result the House and Senate both adjourned today, the House at noon, and the Senate at 2 o'clock to meet next Monday at 2 p. m.

Huntley introduced a bill—Corrupt practices, limiting campaign expenses of candidates, which will enable a poor man to run for office as well as a rich man.

A limitation is placed on the amount each candidate for nomination and election may lawfully expend.

The limit of expenditure for gaining office is placed at 20 per cent of one year of the office's salary, except that candidates for the legislature can spend \$100. This will do away with promises of support for other offices in order to gain the election.

The bill is a long one—of 49 sections, consisting of many remedies and penalties.

For Free Locks at Oregon City.

A bill was introduced in the house by Representative Jones of Polk-Lincoln county for free public locks at Oregon City. It provides that the present locks shall be purchased by the state or new locks be built at not to exceed \$400,000, the money to come from a half-mill tax, collected in 1908 and 1909.

Oregon City Stenographers Secure Positions.

The committee for appointment of stenographers and clerks in the house selected Miss Adele Quinn of Oregon City among the list of expert stenographers during the session of the legislature.

Miss Lennie Seeley and Trafton Dye were selected with others as expert typewriters.

Clerkship to be Reduced.

The clerkship graft will secure a decisive blow if the recommendations are adopted. These call only for one stenographer or expert clerk for each senator.

Should these recommendations be passed favorably the clerical help would cost the state \$7500 less than in 1905. The expenses would naturally be cut in half.

Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—Campbell of Clackamas introduced a bill on public service of a sweeping character. It applies to telephone, telegraph, railroad, gas, power, steam, electric light and express companies. It defines the duties and provides penalties for neglect of duties of officers and companies. It provides equal and efficient service from all corporations on due notice; the rates for services are not to exceed more than 3 per cent annually above the legal interest on the capital invested. If a corporation is guilty of unequal service the person prosecuting may receive ten times the amount of the damage.

PAY-STUFF DAZZLES STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CROWN BOYS MINE

The stockholders of the Crown Boys Mining and Milling Company met Monday evening in their third annual meeting at which were represented 397,000 shares of stocks. The members of the company are taking great interest in their enterprise and all believe that they have a good paying investment in the Crown Boys. The mine is situated in the famous Blue River district on Simmons creek and is in the midst of the wonderfully developed and paying mines—The Treasury, the Lucky Boy and the Great Northern.

The enthusiasm of the meeting was caused by the presence of eight samples of ore which had been sent a few days previous and which had just been dug out of the last bit of work on the long tunnel. The samples are good paying specimens and the ore is getting more into the "pay stuff" quality as the work of the tunnel proceeds.

WINTER WEATHER LOSES SCHOOL

Crowds of Young People Throng the Frozen Lakes—Snow-Storm Coming.

The cold weather of the last days has been giving the young people plenty of enjoyment and recreation in the way of skating. A large party of young folks made the Chautauqua lake resound with their merry voices Monday evening. On Tuesday afternoon there was a constant moving in the direction of the ice and hundreds of persons enjoyed the rare sport of ice skating.

The cold weather has placed the Eastham school out of commission as the building cannot be properly heated. The teachers visited the grades of the other schools, Tuesday.

The old residents of Oregon City upon seeing the large flakes of snow Tuesday afternoon, began prophesying a snow storm.

Needless to say the young folks rejoiced over the good news. The coming storm will be a godsend in the way of saving the fall wheat—causing a gradual thawing of the frozen soil.

GOV. CHAMBERLAIN'S RECOMMENDATIONS

ELECTION OF BOURNE AND MULKEY—PURCHASE OF WILLAMETTE LOCKS—NO PASSES.

Election of Jonathan Bourne and Frederick W. Mulkey to the long and short terms, respectively, as United States Senators, in accordance with the result of the direct primary election.

Passage of a law creating a Railroad Commission, following generally the measure prepared by the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Enactment of laws to make the tax burden fall more evenly on personal property and corporations.

Amendment of the inheritance tax law to the graduated system, with additional clauses to make evasion impossible.

A graduated tax on incomes from \$3000 up.

Decided increase in cost of commissions to Notaries Public.

Withdrawal from sale for ten years of the remaining state tide lands.

Purchase of the Willamette locks

STATE FINANCES ARE IN VERY GOOD SHAPE

Appropriation to operate the Portage Railway until the 1909 session. A new personnel for the Board of Portage Commissioners.

Appointment of an expert accountant to audit the books of all state officers.

Creation of the office of Expert Accountant, with duties to make uniform all state and county bookkeeping and check funds of state and county officials.

Enactment of an anti-pass law, with an appropriation to pay expenses of public officers on public business.

A reciprocal demurrage law.

Continuance of the Library Commission.

Investment of compulsory visitatorial power in some state authority to cover private asylums for insane.

A stringent anti-lobbying law.

Deposit of surplus state funds in banks at interest, the deposit to be safeguarded by bonds or other collateral.

Escheatment to the state of funds in banks where the depositors have not been heard from for over seven years.

Prompt action to establish an institute for feeble-minded and epileptic children.

Publication of itemized statements of the source of campaign funds and prohibition of campaign contributions by corporations.

Compulsory lectures to their classes by public school teachers on tuberculosis.

Measures looking toward eradication of scabbles in sheep.

Punishment of wildcat mine promoters.

Flat salary for the State Printer and erection of a state printing office building.

Board of control for normal schools, with the normal school appropriations in one fund, to be distributed by this board.

New apportionment of Senators and Representatives.

Transportation of convicts to the penitentiary by penitentiary officers.

Conservative legislation for employment of convicts in new fields, without abandonment of the present system at once.

Appointment of a State Engineer to supervise construction of new roads.

Appropriation for state representation at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and some kind of representation at Jamestown.

A new irrigation code. Extreme caution should be used in changing the tentative measure framed by the Portland Board of Trade irrigation bill committee.

DEL HART WILL BE ELECTED FIRE CHIEF

Hose Company No. 3 Elect Officers—Will Aid Hook and Ladders Elect Fire Chief.

The fire boys of Hose company No. 3, met Tuesday evening in a regular meeting and elected the following officers: D. Ely, commissioner; E. Chapman, president; B. Godfrey, vice-president; D. Williams, secretary; J. Finnucane, foreman; A. Natlerline, assistant foreman; and A. Mathson, treasurer.

For the coming election of the fire chief and the assistant, which is to be held on the first Monday of March, the company nominated C. Bruner for the position of assistant chief. His name was proposed and Mr. Bruner received the hearty support of all his brethren in the fire company.

The company will not place a candidate in the field for the position of Fire chief as the honor seems to have been conceded to the representative Del. Hart of the Hook and Ladder company, by all the different companies.

DEATH RECORD

Willie Currins died Thursday morning at the age of five years, one month and two days. He died at the home of his father at Shubel. The little fellow had been seriously ill since Friday with throat disease. The funeral services will take place Friday at 2 o'clock from the home with interment in the Clarke's cemetery.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS OF OREGON BETTER THAN IN FORMER YEARS.

LARGE CASH BALANCE ON HAND

No State Debt of Any Kind and No Interest Bearing Obligations.

Charles S. Moore, retiring state treasurer, has completed his last annual report for the years 1905 and 1906, which will be presented to the legislature for consideration. In the report it is stated by Mr. Moore that the state is in better financial condition at this time than at any period in its history. There is no state debt of any kind and no interest bearing obligations.

On October 1, 1904, the beginning of the period covered by the report, the treasury held \$508,189.65 cash on hand. The receipts for the two years ending September 30, 1906, were \$4,706,484.89, making a total of \$5,274,674.54 incoming money handled by the office. The disbursements for the same period of time were \$4,859,333.55, leaving a balance of cash on hand on October 1, 1906, of \$415,340.99.

All the counties except Malheur have paid their share of the state tax, that county having yet a balance of \$2,937.50, the first half of this year's taxes, remaining unpaid.

At the present time the common school fund shows assets of \$4,120,747.69 inclusive of \$71,583.05 cash on hand. This shows an increase of \$1,694,979.76 in the total amount of the fund in the department for the term covered by the report.

The receipts from the inheritance tax for the past two years amount to \$38,481.61. It is suggested by the treasurer that the amount received from this source could be greatly increased by amending the law so that it would include all estates of \$5000 or more. It is estimated that such an amendment would increase the amount of revenue received by the state to double the present receipts.

The law requiring persons financially able to contribute at least \$10 a month toward the support of insane relatives has brought the state \$5,392.71, while the outstanding accounts for the same purpose are \$3,141.65. Mr. Moore states that he is not in favor of the law as he does not consider it to be just.

The report takes up the financial conditions of the state and shows the disposition made of all state money by fund accounts kept in accordance with the law. The segregated statement shows the state to be in the best financial condition.

OREGON CITY HERO AWARDED MEDAL

Many Oregon heroes were honored Wednesday when medals and money from the Carnegie hero fund were awarded in Pittsburg.

The story of the deed of bravery by Sam Stowe of this city is recalled by the awarding of the above medals.

Mr. Stowe is well known in this city. He is a great athlete and a man of much strength. The Carnegie hero fund awarded to Mr. Stowe a bronze medal for saving the life of George Hemminger of Portland last July from the locks at Oregon City.

Hemminger was working in front of the Portland General Electric Co.'s station above the Willamette mill along the locks on July 20, 1906, the day of the accident. He was busy cutting long pipes when the stock broke off, causing Mr. Hemminger to fall into the canal. The waters of the canal at that point are very swift and often too swift for boats to make any headway.

Sam Stowe was present when the man went into the rushing waters and plunged into the canal to rescue the drowning man. It was a dangerous act as the suction towards the electric plant is very dangerous. When Stowe reached his man and brought him to a place on the wharf, it was only by the aid of R. Redding, the head-sawyer of the Willamette saw-mill that Stowe was able to reach a point of safety.

Ten silver and eight bronze medals, besides \$9210 in cash, were awarded.