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CAPEN CASE ENDS IN SUPREME COURT

FRANK CAPEN'S TITLE TO 800 ACRES OF VALUABLE LAND MADE CERTAIN

WILLAMETTE MAN WINS EVERY POINT

History of Case Dates Back 18 Years When Elery Capen and Brother Owned Portland Shoe Factory

After several years of litigation, the attempt of Edwin Capen to gain title of 800 acres of valuable land in Thurston county, Wash., from his brother, Frank Capen of Willamette, has ended in a failure.

The history of the case dates back 18 years when Elery Capen, father of Ed and Frank Capen, was in the shoe manufacturing business with his brother in Portland.

There was a mortgage on the Thurston county property which Frank Capen paid. For 15 years he met all claims against the land and exercised all the rights of the owner.

About two years ago, relatives of Elery Capen, then an old man, prevailed upon him to open a suit to regain title to the property. The suit was filed in Thurston county by Elery Capen, his wife and son Edwin.

In the suit, Elery Capen, his wife and son asked that Frank Capen be declared a trustee, that he give an accounting and that he be granted a clear title to the property.

Willamette was the home of the Elery Capen family and Frank Capen now lives there. The Capen shoe factory, which stands in Willamette, was operated by the Capen Shoe company of which Elery Capen was the head.

DON E. MELDRUM IS CHOSEN FOR MASTER

Don E. Meldrum was on Monday night elected worshipful master of Multnomah lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

Other officers chosen were C. C. Spencer, senior warden; H. G. Tietze, junior warden; John R. Humphrys, treasurer; William Hammond, secretary.

The lodge has arranged for a joint installation with Pioneer Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and Clackamas Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, on Saturday evening, December 26.

ATTORNEYS FIGHT IN SUIT FOR ONLY \$12.50

Attorney's and court fees and costs exceeded the judgment of \$12.50 secured by W. H. Timmons from E. Holdren in the justice court Wednesday.

Timmons and Holdren both live in Gladstone. The former is an auctioneer and sold several cows recently for his neighbors and claimed \$12.50 as his fee.

SUPERINTENDENT HAS PRAISE FOR SCHOOL

Teasel Creek school has won the admiration of County Superintendent Calvin. Edwin Woodworth is teacher.

Under the direction of the teacher and with practically no help from the district, the pupils have erected a substantial playground, 30 by 40 feet and the school grounds are kept clean.

The Estacada school has let a contract for \$900 for the erection of a playshed which will probably be the largest in the county.

CANBY CASE ARGUED

The suit of the Molalla Electric company against Irvine Wheeler, of Canby, to secure title to a right-of-way for a canal was argued before Circuit Judge Campbell Wednesday but no decision will be made until the court has an opportunity to view the property.

TREES SENT TO HONOLULU

Clackamas county dealers have always found a market for Christmas trees in southern California but it remained for W. H. Bair, a Canby merchant, to develop a market for the trees in Honolulu.

BOY HUNTER, SHOT BY OWN GUN, DIES

Ivan Robbins son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Robbins, victim of tragedy

5 DIVORCE DECREES SIGNED BY CAMPBELL

Earl R. Pugh, of Portland, is made defendant in a suit filed in the circuit court here by May E. Pugh for a divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

The following decrees were signed by Circuit Judge Campbell Thursday: Jean Pearl from Marks Pearl, Mattie Rambo from Henry Rambo, Ethel L. Schilling from George Schilling, Lina M. Ulrich from Edward Ulrich and Inez Boyer from J. Kelly Boyer.

WIFE AIRS MANY TROUBLES

Many are the troubles of Mrs. Dora Thompson who has filed a suit in the circuit court against Alvin D. Thompson, asking for a divorce.

WIFE SUES FOR DIVORCE

Bertha Harkleroad alleges cruel and inhuman treatment in her suit for a divorce from Wesley Harkleroad. They were married in Portland, July 19, 1911.

TWO SUITS FILED

Cruel and inhuman treatment is the charge brought by Reverda L. Cross against Leona Cross in the circuit court, in a suit asking for a divorce.

Ellen Ruth Rockwood has filed a suit against Clarence William Matthews as administrator of the estate of the late Sarah Matthews for \$500 alleged to be due on a note.

Daily Christmas Hint

Crape Paper Gifts Are Popular This Year

Crape paper rope work has proved to be a most popular and fascinating feature of paper art, and many girls are making some of their Christmas gifts from this rope material.



VASE OF CRAPE PAPER.

Form a loop in the end of the crape and insert a pencil. Grasp the pencil at the lower edge with the right hand and, steadying the strip of paper with the left hand, twist the pencil from you with a wrist motion until the crape is tight and firm.

To fashion the very good looking vase illustrated all one has to do is to wrap the pasteboard foundation with the paper rope.

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OFFICERS ELECTED BY DEUTSCHE VEREIN

GUSTAV SCHNOERR ELECTED FOR PRESIDENCY—PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS MADE

DEATH COMES ALMOST INSTANTLY

Lad, After Shooting Squirrel, Picks Up Weapon by Barrel and Receives Full Charge of Shot in Neck

Ivan Robbins, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Robbins of Molalla, was accidentally shot and almost instantly killed Saturday morning while hunting squirrels on the farm of D. Eagle, adjoining the place of his parents.

The boy is survived by his parents, four brothers and one sister. The funeral will be held 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the family home and interment will be in the Adams cemetery.

The Robbins boy with Marvin Eagle, aged 10 years, started out on their hunting trip early Saturday morning. The former shot and apparently killed a squirrel in a tree. He leaned his gun against a fence, which was within a few feet of the tree, and started up after his victim.

Marvin Eagle was within a short distance of his companion at the time of the explosion of the shot and as soon as he saw the tragedy ran for help. Ivan Robbins died within a few minutes after he was hit.

The boy was born in the Molalla district and has lived there all of his life. His parents are well known throughout the county.

LINN E. JONES IS HEAD OF LIBRARY

Linn E. Jones is now president of the Oregon City Library association, taking the place of William Andressen who resigned, following a meeting of the directors of the association.

J. W. Loder presented his resignation to the association but it was not accepted. In order to lessen the work of the office, Mrs. Bertha Adams, the present librarian, will assist Mr. Loder.

This action on the part of the board makes the president and the secretary among the city officers. J. E. Hedges is vice president and the Bank of Oregon City treasurer and the board unchanged.

\$50,000 SUBSCRIBED TO GROWERS COMBINE

Meetings have been held during the past week by the Oregon Hop Growers' association in Yamhill and Polk counties and field workers are daily reporting from Benton, Clackamas, Linn, Lane, Marion and other Willamette valley counties and the result far exceeds the most hopeful calculations of the organizers.

Hundreds of growers have written headquarters asking for meetings in their section and the greatest enthusiasm is manifested by all who have signed up. The growers are practically unanimous in their desire for the association.

Meetings are being held this week at Silverton, Aurora, Donald, St. Paul Gervais and other points and field committees are working in the vicinity of Sheridan, North Yamhill county, Amity, Dundee, Dallas, Salem, Brooks, Independence, Corvallis, Portland Eugene and other points.

BULL RUN WATER FOR MILWAUKIE ASSURED

Under the provisions of an ordinance passed Wednesday by the Portland city council, Milwaukie is to be supplied with Bull Run water. The ordinance authorizes Commissioner Daly to enter into a contract to build a main to the limits of Portland to connect with one to be built from there by Milwaukie.

Milwaukie water users will pay enough to make up 6 per cent interest on the amount invested by Portland and will pay for water received at the usual meter rates for users outside the city. State Health Officer White urged the passage of the ordinance, saying the present water supply in Milwaukie is contaminated.

32.2 MILL LEVY FOR OREGON CITY

COUNTY TAX RATE WILL PROBABLY BE 3.2 MILLS, INCLUDING 7 MILL DEFICIT

STATE LEVY ESTIMATED 4 MILLS

Unpaid Road Warrants Will be Taken up by General Road Fund—City School Tax Under 1914 Assessment

Mrs. P. J. Winkle, Miss Augusta Hopp and Carl Schandt were appointed as entertainment committee.

At the close of the business session, the following program was rendered: Opening address, President Schnoerr; song, "Morgenrote"; Verein; instrumental selections, piano, F. Rotter Jr., violin, Edward Sheik, cornet, Wm. Sheik recitation, Miss Clara Nobel; vocal solo, Miss Augusta Hopp; instrumental selections, Messrs. F. Rotter, E. and W. Sheik; recitation, Rudolph Seiler; song, "Lorelei"; Verein. At the close of the exercises a bountiful German dinner was served in the dining room.

The annual Christmas tree of the Verein will be held on Sunday, December 27, under the following committee of arrangements: Mesdames P. J. Winkle, Gustav Schnoerr, E. Knapp, H. W. Streibig, C. Hartman, Messrs. L. A. Nobel and C. Hartman.

MERCURY DROPS TO 16 DEGREES HERE

FORECASTER DRAKE PREDICTS COLD SNAP WILL BREAK—SKATING AT CANBY

Early Monday morning the mercury reached 15 degrees above zero, almost equalling the lowest mark in the last 10 years. In Portland it reached 24 degrees which was eight degrees higher than in Oregon City.

Acting Forecaster Theodore F. Drake predicts that the "break" has come in the cold spell, however, and that during the next 24 hours the temperature will fall below 30 degrees.

While Oregon City people were shivering in the cold Sunday and Monday her neighbors in the northwest were even worse off. At Tacoma the thermometer showed 24 degrees above, at Baker it reached zero, at North Yakima 12 degrees above, Spokane 15 above, Marshfield 20 above, Walla Walla 18, and Boise 12 degrees above. Seattle recorded the same temperature as Portland.

STORES CLOSE WHEN MRS. HOWELL BURIED

The funeral of Mrs. E. E. Howell was held at Jefferson, in the Masonic hall Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

This was the largest funeral ever held in Jefferson. The public school, stores and places of business were closed during the services. Floral offerings were profuse and very beautiful.

Fannie Titus was married to E. E. Howell October 25, 1895. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Erol and Leston, her mother, two brothers and a sister.

E. E. Howell, who is now Justice of the peace and city recorder of Jefferson, formerly lived in Oregon City where he has many friends and acquaintances. E. E. Howell is a brother of E. M. Howell of Oregon City and Mary L. Howell and Mayor T. C. Howell of Gladstone.

MEN SERVE DINNER

The dinner furnished by the men of Maple Lane Grange Saturday, December 5, was a substantial and nourishing one. The men not only prepared the vituals, but served them as well, and when dinner was over they also washed the dishes. The arrangement was as systematically made as the Gervis was as systematically as if made as the German military. Following was the picturesque setting:

Chief cooks—Switzer, Mixer and Swaller. Head waiter—A. J. Lookover; assistants, Jeff, Mut and McGinty. Drink slingers—Hob, Lew and Aug. Bill of fare—"No iced" fruit, surprise pudding, roast kartofoel, stew, desert, Fred cakes (pancakes), Dutch pie (sauerkraut); drink, lactical fruit and still liquor.

Government "Love Stamp" Must Be Affixed To All Marriage Certificates

The "love stamp" is the latest thing in stamp styles issued by the United States printing office to collectors of internal revenue, following the enactment of the emergency revenue law.

From now on the government will not consider a couple married unless the preacher or magistrate attaches a "love stamp" to the marriage certificate, where the law requires such a certificate.

As a result, Dan Cupid's expense account will be increased 10 cents, the cost of each stamp. The provision of the law follows:

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***** PROBABLE TAX LEVY FOR OREGON CITY *****

State 4 mills
County 3.2 mills
School 3.3 mills
Road 8 mills
City 10 mills
School district No. 52 5.7 mills
Total 32.2 mills
* This includes .7 of a mill to take up \$19,000 deficit left from this year.

***** With the county taxpayers meeting past, it is safe to estimate the probable levy in the county for the coming year. *****

That there will be a reduction is certain. The state levy will probably be about 4 mills which would raise \$115,000 in Clackamas county. This is a considerable reduction under the amount raised this year.

The county levy will be about 3.2 mills. Seven mills will be required to take up outstanding warrants left from this year. The budget for 1914 was \$17,000 too low and the amount of taxes estimated was \$2,700 under the amount collected owing to the fact that land in litigation between the United States government has been withdrawn from taxation.

The road levy will be eight mills the same as the rate for this year. However it is not considered probable that the county court will make a levy to take up outstanding road warrants as was done a year ago.

In Oregon City the school district tax will be 5.7 mills, which is a reduction under the rate for this year. The city tax will be 10 mills, the highest rate allowed under the city charter.

It is evident from these estimates, a majority of which are authoritative, that the Oregon City property owner will pay taxes on a 32.2-mill rate.

ASA PARKER PASSES IN WASHINGTON TOWN

Asa Parker, father of Rev. Gilman Parker, of Puyallup, Wash., and A. F. Parker, of Gladstone, died at Puyallup at the home of his son, Rev. Gilman Parker.

Mr. Parker was 92 years of age at the time of his death. He was for several years, up to the time of his wife's death, which took place in 1905, a resident of Gladstone.

The funeral will be held at the Baptist church Monday, December 14, at 11 o'clock. Rev. E. A. Smith officiating.

Mr. Parker and his oldest son both served in the Civil war. Mr. Parker was for many years a friend and associate of J. J. Burges, who died in June. These two old friends had both passed the ninety mark and both died the same year.

Rev. Gilman Parker who was formerly pastor of the Oregon City Baptist church is ill with pneumonia and will not be present at the funeral.

GERVIS FARMER DIES AT DAUGHTER'S HOME

Magloise P. Benjamin, a resident of the Willamette valley for the last 35 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. D. Loughary, Tenth and Jefferson streets, at 5 o'clock Saturday night following a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. Benjamin was born in Canada, December 18, 1839. He has lived near Gervis for many years and is well known in that part of the state. He is survived by his daughter and two sons, G. H. Benjamin, of Gervis, and William M. Benjamin, of Sacramento. The body will be held at the funeral parlors of Myers & Brady until it is shipped to Gervis for interment.

Wife, 55, Given Divorce From Husband, 80; Son, 10, Awarded to Mother

Mrs. Albina Olds, 55, and J. M. Olds, 80, have been granted a divorce by Circuit Judge Campbell and their child Clarence Olds, aged 10 years, and 30 acres belonging to the wife in the Mt. Pleasant district, have been awarded to the mother.

The grounds for the action was cruel and inhuman treatment. Mrs. Olds alleged that her husband constantly nagged her and that he married her only to secure the Mt. Pleasant property. The ownership of the land, which is valuable, was the principal point contested in the case. Olds alleged that

while he lived on the property he made many improvements and was entitled to a lien on the land. Many relatives of the defendant were introduced as witnesses to bear out his claims. Mrs. Olds was given a clear title to the property.

The couple had been married 13 years and lived most of that time in the Mt. Pleasant district. Judge Grant B. Dimick and J. W. Loder represented Mrs. Olds and George C. Brownell and William Stone represented her husband.