# Heirs Bring Action to Break Document

# RELY ON CALIFORNIA LAW

Deny Right of Court in Making Probate.

SUM IS INVOLVED

Contest Aims at Portion of Will Which Devises Residue of Estate to Institute of Learning.

Heirs of the late Amanda W. Reed have filed a contest against her will, which devises the rest and residue of the estate, amounting to over \$1,000,000, to Rev. T. L. Eliot, Judge C. B. Beilinger, C. A. Dolph, William E. Robertson and Martin Winch, as trustees to found an institute of learning to be known as the "Reed Institute," in memory of her husband, Simeon G. Reed.

Simeon G. Reed.

The contestants are Emily Pickering.
Sarah A. Robertson, Abagail Baxter
Wood, John H. Wood, W. H. Faxon,
Helen Faxon Passmore, Emma Wood
Brainard, Harry A. Wood, Corrine A.
Wood, Stella H. Wood, Helen B. Wood,
sil next of kin and heirs.

They filed a petition in the County
Court yesterday, which recites that at
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the time the County Court attempted to admit the will to probate on May 31, 1994. It had, and now has, no jurisdiction to probate or allow the will to be proven or established as such in Multinomah County, or to issue letters testamentary to Martin Winch, now claiming to act as executor under letters issued by the County Court, or to any other person.

Mrs. Reed died in Pasadena, Cal., of which place she was a resident at the

which place she was a resident at the time of her death. She had lived there a number of years previous, although she visited her old home, Portland, very frequently. She owned property in Pasadena valued at probably \$150,000. She also held shares in the Pasadena Land & water Company, valued at about \$12,500.

Basis of the Suit.

The contestants rely upon a California statute which provides as follows:
"No estate, real or personal, shall be bequeathed or devised to any charitable or benevolent society, or corporation, or to any person or persons in trust charitable uses, except the same be done by will duly executed at least 30 days prior to such death, and if so made at least 30 days prior to such death, such devise or legacy, and each of them, shall be valid; provided, that no such devises quests shall collectively exceed onethird of the estate of the testator leaving legal heirs, and in such case a pro rata deduction from such devises or bequests shall be made so as to reduce the aggre-gate thereof to one-third of such estate; and all depositions of property made con-trary thereof shall be void, and go to the residuary legatees or devises, next of kin,

or heirs according to law. One portion of this state of this statute relied upor is that which states charitable bequests shall not exceed one-third of an estate. Mrs. Reed executed her will several years before her death, but with the exception of a bequest of \$100,000 to Martin Winch, her nephew, and a few small bequests to other relatives, she left all her property to charitable institutions and the Reed Institute. A complete list of the legacies is as follows:

List of Legacies.

Amos Newton Reed, \$25,000; Harry D. Reed, Grace C. Reed, \$10,000 each; Georgiana Reed, \$25,000, and also in trust for Arthur B. Reed, George Gordon Reed and Minnie Reed, \$30,000; Emily Pickering, Nellie Amelia Winch, \$5000 each; Myrtle Walker Winch, \$500; Ellen, Sallie, Emily, William H. and John A Winch, \$5000 each; Simeon R. Winch, \$5000; the Troupe Polytechnic School and University, Pasadena, Cal., \$10,000; First Unitarian Society, Portland, \$5000; First Unitarian Society, Quincy, Mass., \$2000; The Home, Portland, \$5000; Boys' and Girls' Aid Soci-ety, Portland, \$1000; Baby Home, Patton Home and Homeopathic Hospital and Dis-pensary, \$1000 each; Portland Free Kindergarten, 2000; Portland Library Asso-\$10,000 and a large nur books; City Board of Charities, \$3000; Oregon Humane Society, Refuge Home, Port-land Women's Union, Good Samaritan Hospital, \$1000 each; Public Library, North Abington, Mass., works of Hubert H. Bancroft: Portland Art Association. paintings, statuary and bronzes; Old La-dies' Home, block 124, Portland, bounded by First, Second, Montgomery and Harri-

The rest and residue, in trust for the Reed Institute for literature, art and science, with the proviso that not more than \$150,000 be expended for a site and build-

Provisions of Statute.

With reference to the California statute. opon which the contest is based, the petition recites:

"That said law is now and was at all the times referred to, in full force and effect in the State of California, and also in the State of Oregon, governing the disposal, by will, in the distribution of personal estate of non-resident decedents leaving personal estate in the State of

Oregon."
This is the question for the Oregon courts to decide. The California statute cannot affect the real property in Multno mah County which is appraised at over \$800,000, and it is questionable if it can be made to reach the personal property valued at \$559,222. If not, the statute can only take away one-third of the California property, which will affect the provisions of the will but very little. On July 13, 1904, Judge Webster, on petition of Martin Winch, executor, made an orfor the sale of all the personal property to pay bequests, claims and carry out

ovisions of the will. The personal property comprises Northern Pacific Rallway bonds amounting to \$88,000; O. R. & N. Co. bonds amounting to \$88,000; Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railway bonds aggregating \$45,000; other shares of stock amounting to \$100,-000: Ladd & Reed farm stock, \$100,000, and

notes, mortgages, accounts, money, etc. Bearing of Oregon Law. Under the Oregan statute personal prop-

erty of a non-resident is not assessable here, but where the person resides. It is not known if Mrs. Reed paid taxes on this personal property in Pasadena, but she probably did not. If the California statute can reach this property the con-testing heirs will receive two-thirds of it.

The relationship and residences of the contestants are as follows: Emily Pickering, sister, and Sarah A. Robertson, niece Portland; Abigail Baxter Wood, niece, and John H. Wood, nephew, Quincy, Mass.; W. H. Faxon, nephew, Buffalo; of Union which is among the very best Helen Faxon Passmore, nicce, Philadel- in the Grand Ronde Valley.

phia; Rose Wood, Brainard, niece; William H. Wood, nephew; Corinne Wood iam H. Wood, nephew; Corinne Wood, niece; Stella Wood, niece, and Nellie Wood, niece, Pasadena.

WIFE WANTS HER MONEY BACK Lottle Bowen Claims Husband Took

Cash and Gave Abuse. Lottie Bowen, who seeks to obtain a

divorce from Harry Bowen, proprietor of the El Rey saloon, on the ground of cruel treatment and desertion, yesterday filed an amended complaint in the State Circuit Court in which additional facts are alleged. She names Belle Raleigh as corespondent.

Mrs. Bowen sets out that she was

married to the defendant in Portland, in 1902, and says that before marriage she loaned him \$1000, which he invested in the Kingston lodging-house with his mother, Mrs. N. L. Slocum and Mrs. Emma Butler. Tals was in December, 1902, Mrs. Bowen demands her share of the profits of the business since that date which, she avers, amounts to \$600, and she also asks for the return of her \$1000. She further demands that the court shall order Bowen to pay \$250 to defray the ex-penses of the suit.

Mrs. Bowen supports her charge of cruel treatment with a number of affidavits. John M. Woods, in an affidavit states that he heard scuffling and fighting in the room occupied by the Bowens and afterwards saw Mrs. Bowen with bruises upon her face. Ethel Rowe has subscribed to an affidavit that Bowen ejected his wife from the Kingston House and refused to

give her money.

T. J. Nichols affirms that he heard Bowen beating his wife in her room. Charles E. Royer a laundryman, has signed an affidavit that he calls at the Kingston lodging-house in the course of business, and on one occasion saw Bowen strike Mrs. Bowen with his enched fist, and heard him threater to kill her.

An affidavit by John D. Jackson recites that he saw Bowen slap his wife frequently. He saw him knock her down on the street once, and heard him threaten to send her to the morgue. Mrs. M. McGrotty has also subscribed to an affidavit in which she states she neard Bowen threaten to send his wife to an undertaking establishment for

CASE IS CALLED ON APPEAL New Rule of Circuit Court Carried

Into Effect. The case of Fred Davis and Grace Templeton, who appealed from a convic-tion in the Municipal Court on a charge of opium smoking, was called for trial in the State Circuit Court yesterday. None of the accused were present, and their bonds in the sum of \$100 each were declared forfeited. The sureties are A. B. Burger and Eugene Blazier. This was the first case called up under the new rule that cases appealed from the Municipal Court of the Court of the Sureties of Court o pal Court to the higher court will be tried and not allowed to die a natural death as has been done in the past.

Legal Jottings.

John Farrell was appointed in the County Court yesterday administrator of the estate of Johanna Curtin, who was burned to death last week. The estate is valued at and consists of two small dwelling houses.

On a petition filed by Attorney H. H. Riddell, R. O. Scott was appointed ad-ministrator of the estate of Rudolph Janson, who was killed in the street-car accident Monday. The assets consist of personal effects valued at \$100 and a damage claim against the Portland Consolidated Railway Company. The only known heir is Herman Janson, a brother, residing at

### MAGIC OF DE PACHMANN'S MUSIC He Fairly Hypnotizes His Audience

by His Marvelous Art. "De Pachmann seems to fairly hypno

tire his audience into an understand of what he plays," says the Evening Wisconsin, of Milwaukee. "Pointing out pression points especially to be noted-just as when, with an uplifting gesture, at the close of "The Bird as Prophet." he seems to say, 'The bird has flown-I couldn't help it.' With the playing of this exquisite writing of Schumann, the audience was completely carried away. He bewildered both layman and professional with the exquisite beauty of his 'ethereal finger etchings.' It was like a fairy dream, and people's hearts stood still in costacy at the divine singing of the inspired bird. Each succeeding num-ber was awarded its full measure of deserved applause, and when the Rondo of Weber's was reached, there was a furore n the audience and the artist was called back to the stage time after time, the storm being quelled only when De Pachmann went to the piano to play an extra umber-the Etude in G flat major, of hopin. In his playing of Chopin, the danist gives the impression of having had telepathic communication with the composer. In its refinement it was ideal." De Pachmann will be heard at the Marquam, Saturday, February 11, under the direction of Lois Steers and Wynn

### FORM BATTALIONS FOR DRILL Militia Companies Have Several Weeks of Work Ahead.

Under orders issued by the command ing officer, Colonel C. U. Gantenbein, the Portland companies of the Third Infantry, O. N. G., have been formed into two provisional battalions for the purpose of drill, instruction and ceremonies in batformations

The first battalion is composed of Com-panies B, E and K, under the command of Major C. E. McDonnell, and the sec ond, Companies H, F and C, with Major F. S. Baker in command. Drill will begin on February 29 and will include the movements of the school of the battalion in close order. The first battalion will drill on February 29, March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17. The second battalion will meet on February 22, March 9 and 23. April 6 and 39. Companies will continue their drill in the school of the company their respective drill nights during the intervening weeks.

#### ROOSEVELT ADMIRES STATUE Picture of Portland Masterpiece on Way to President.

President Roosevelt has seen and adpired a picture of the "Coming of White Man," the bronze group scuiptured by Hermon Atkins MacNeil and presented by the heirs of the late D. P. Thompson to the city. A photograph of the group as it stands on the highest knoll in the City Park was presented to Senator Mitchell who had it framed and hung in a committee room in the Capitol in Washington. One day the President happened by and noticed the picture. He inquired about t, admiring it and saying that he would like to have a copy of it. There is a copy of the picture on the way to the White House now.

Hutchinson Buys More Land.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 7 .- (Special.) -W. R. Hutchinson has purchased a 400-acre tract of land near Union from Floyd S. Wilson for \$14,600, also 100 head of cattle at the average price of \$17.50 per head. Mr. Hutchinson now owns 4500 acres of land in the vicinity

### Bargains in Drawers

Nainsook and Cambric Lace and embroidery trimmed, wide flounces, regular 50c to \$3.00, for 33¢, 59¢, 79¢, 98¢, \$1.59.

### Bargains in Gowns

Odd lots of Cambrie and Muslin Night Robes, best styles and trimmings, value \$1.00 to \$4.50, on sale at 63¢, 73¢, 89¢, \$1.19 up to \$2.22.

### French Underwear & Off

Our entire stock of fine imported French Lingerie, Skirts, Gowns, Corset Covers, Drawers and Chemise, on sale at ........ OFF

**Great Basement Bargains** 

7-inch Plates, blue, brown and pink decorated, per dozen ...........\$1.44 Decorated Cups and Saucers, dozen ..... \$1.80 Decorated Soup Plates, dozen, great value .... \$1.44

23e ...... 33¢ Platters, 19c, 23c, 56c, 79c. Covered Vegetable Dishes for the low price of .. 75¢

7 and 8-in. Vegetable Dishes,

### \$1.75 to \$6 Corsets 99c

Great odd lot of Corsets-Best American-made Corsets, French Corsets, White, drab, black, fancy brocades, sizes 18 to 30; \$1.75 to \$6 values, each ......99¢

### 75c, 85c Hosiery 53c

Women's imported lisle Hose, hand - embroidered, also allover lace effect; very best 75e and 85e values, in all sizes, pr.53¢

### Kid Glove Bargains

Women's and Misses' Kid Gloves, broken lines in black, white, mode, tan and gray; nearly all sizes; unequaled bargain at the 

### Perrins' \$2 Gloves \$1.39

Perrins' and Valliers' heavy Suede Gloves, 2 and 3clasps, in tan, white, mode, splendid street Gloves; sizes 534 to 7; best \$2.00 values on sale for \$1.39

# **Embroidery Remnants**

Soiled and short lengths of Embroideries and Insertions, 2 to 5 inches wide: values up to 45c a yard, are on sale for, yard . . 12¢ Values up to 25c yard for, yard ...... 8¢

# 18c Laces at 4c Yard

Great lot of Point de Paris, Venise, Cluny and imitation Torchon Laces; big variety to select from; values up to 18e a yard, on sale for yard ..... 4¢

# Rummage Notions

Fancy Ribbon Hose Supporters, all colors, 25c values, pair.. 18c French Darning Cotton, the card, great value .....ie Hook-On Hose Supporters, won-derful value, pair Fancy Brocade Shields, pair— rummage bargain . . . . . 18c 

# Men's Suits \$10.15

Men's \$15 all-wool Suits, splendid styles and materials, entire remaining stock for your choosing at low price of .. \$10.15

# Lace Curtains Half Price

Odd pairs of Nottingham, Irish Point and Arabian Lace Cur-tains, values up to \$15, on sale at extremely low prices.

# \$2.50-\$4 Shoes \$.179

600 pairs of Women's fine Dress Shoes, patent leather, kid and box calf, broken lines; nearly all sizes, \$2.50 to \$4 value; value extraordinary at...\$1.79

### \$2.75 Wrappers at 98c Women's Flannelette Wrappers

and long Kimonas in assorted colors and best patterns, all sizes, values \$1.50 up to \$2.75 each; your choice at, each. 28c

# Misses', Children's Shoes

Misses' kid and box calf lace Shoes, heavy and light soles, sizes 11 to 3½, 31.50 to 32 values, for the low price of 

# \$2.00 Waists 95c Each

Women's Wool Albatross Waists, red, black, navy, gray, side-plaits and tucks, all sizes, values up to \$2. on sale at the remarkably low price of, ea.95c

# March Delineator 15c, on Sale at Butterick Pattern Dept.

# The Meier & Frank Store

# Portland's Largest and Best Store

Custom Shade, Drapery Work Our Specialty-Best Materials, Workmanship; Lowest Prices Trunks and Traveling Bags, Largest and Best Stock on Coast, Every Good Size and Style Willamette Sewing Machines and Peninsular Stoves and Steel Ranges Sold on Easy Payments

# The Great "Rummage Sale" Continues



The '05 "Rummage Sale" is attracting the greatest crowd of buyers we have ever served in February-In every department we have brought forward all broken lines, odds and ends of seasonable and staple merchandise and marked them at the quickest-selling prices—The money-saving opportunities are to be counted by the thousands - A bargain feast women, men and children are interested in-It is really the best shopping time of the year for people who want to buy economically—We call particular attention to extraordinary values in women's ready-to-wear garments, millinery, silk and dress goods remnants, rugs-Take Advantage

# New Tan Covert Coats---Silk Shirtwaist Suits

We are showing hundreds of the new tight-fitting Covert Coats for Spring and Summer wear, plain strapped effects or fancy trimmed, the very latest product from the leading New York manufacturers, all sizes, prices range from \$14 to \$28, variety large enough to please everyone-Second Floor-

Over a hundred new silk Shirtwaist Suits on sale today, black, blue, brown, and changeable silks, made up in the newest fashions, plain, shirred and braid trimmed, blouse and vest effects-The assortment is the most satisfactory you will find in the city, all sizes, prices \$25 to \$40.

New etamine Dress Skirts with silk drops

1905 Wash Materials

Our 1905 Wash Goods display is assuming its

usual large proportions. Hundreds of pieces of

new, exclusive styles ready for your choosing. Silk-striped Voiles, Silk-dot Crepes, Homespun

Silks, French Flowered Chiffon Organdies, French

flowered Silk Organdies, plain Silk Organdies, etc., etc.; naturally those who buy early get the

ream of the showing. Then, remember you want

all Summer dressmaking out of the way early this

season, before the Fair visitors begin to arrive.

THIS LIGHT

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Women's Suits 1/2 Price

Women's Tourist Suits, in Cashmeres, Cheviots and Tweeds, splendid styles in good variety; this season's garments, ranging in value from \$25.00 to \$48.00, can be purchased during the "Rummage Sale" at exactly one-half the regular prices.

Women's Coats 1/2 Price

Women's Tourist Coats, in Cheviots and Tweeds and Cashmeres—splendid styles; two big racks full; values \$12.00 to \$24.00, are on sale at half regular prices

New crepe de chine Dress Skirts with silk drops A dozen new Spring Suits arrived yesterday-Second Floor



# Valentines! Valentines!

Our display of Valentines is second to none in the city. Thousands of the newest and prettiest novelties, all arranged so that the buyer gets an opportunity to view the entire showing before choosing. From the little lace Valentine at 2c to the handsomest novelty at \$15.00, you'll find our showing the largest and best in every respect.

Beautiful Books, appropriate for Valentine gifts, are also being shown for the first time today.

# The "Lindsay" In-"Rummage Sale" candescent Light

79c and 99c Each We sold 230 "Lindsay" Incandescent Gas Lights yesterday and every one we' guarantee to exceed all others in candlepower and durability. The "Lindsay" light has patent adjustment, opal or clear glass globes, in a variety of seven styles. During the "Rummage Sale" we are offering two styles like cut, with or without by-pass; the greatest Incandescent Gas Light bargain ever offered; same as

25e Silk Four-in-Hands and Tecks, best patterns, each....9c \$1.00 Golf Shirts at, each ..... 52¢ Engineers' Blue Shirts, 2 collars to match, \$1.00 values, each . 69¢ \$1.00 Neckwear for, each .... 39¢ \$1.25 Fancy Sox at, pair ..... 69¢

#### Sale of Handkerchiefs Great Bargains in Rugs

See them in the Basement.

plete, for 99¢ each.

cut, 79¢ complete; with by-pass, com-

Odd Borders and Carpets, made up into Rugs, \$30.00 Axminster Rug, 8 ft. 3 in. by 10 ft. 4 in. for \$17.00 ft. 4 in. by 12 ft. wonderful val. \$18.50 \$25.00 Body Brussels Rug, 8 ft. 4 in. by 8 ft. 7 in. great value for \$14.00 ft. 3 in. by 12 ft. bargain. \$14.00 \$27.50 Windsor Brussels Rug, 8 ft. 3 in. by 12 ft. bargain.\$16.50 \$29.00 Brussels Rug, 10 ft. 5 in. by 12 ft. 9 in. marvelous value. at \$18.50 Various other sizes and qualities. Special lot of Women's colored Special lot of Women's colored border and scalloped embroidered-edge Handkerchiefs, 25c and 25c values, for—2 for...25c Odd lot of hemstitched and embroidered Handkerchiefs, lawn and linen lace trimmed, slightly mussed. 20c values, ea... 8c Women's and children's fancy lawn hemstitch Handkerchiefs, embroidered corners, lace edge. 5c and 19c values, for, ea... 3c Women's hemstitched Handkorchiefs, taped border, hand embroidered initial, 65c-75c value... 33c arious other sizes and qualities at extremely low prices. Third Floor.

# Remnants Half Price

Remnants of Wool Dress Goods

Remnants of Wool Dress Goods are on sale at one-half regular prices. Materials and styles the very best, big assortment, all grades and lengths; grandest dress goods bargains ever offered. Fancy Silks in remnants from ½ yard to 12 yards, all the best styles and qualities, immense variety for your choosing at one-half regular prices. Hundreds of remnants of Fancy Velvets in dots and figures on sale at one-half regular prices.

# Men's Furnishings

Men's white Cotton Handkerchiefs, great value, each .... 3c Men's light-weight Balbriggan 3c 25e Silk Band Bows, each .....5¢ Boys' fleece-lined Kid Gloves, knit back and wrist at, pair .... 15¢ Special lot of Silk Handkerchiefs at, each ......96

# Damaged Kitchen Goods

200 pieces of slightly damaged Graniteware, Tinware, Nickelware, Galvanizedware; immense lot of useful kitchen goods of all kinds to be sold at ridicuojusly low prices.

# Cut Glass One-Fourth Off Choose during the Rummage sale from our entire high-grade stock of cut glass at \( \frac{1}{2} \) off regular selling prices; extra-ordinary values, one-fourth off.

35c Ribbons 7c Bolt Satin and Grosgrain Ribbons

# Wash Goods Remnants

Thousands of Remnants of Calicoes, Ginghams, Novelty Wash Materials, White Goods, Per-cales, etc., etc. All lengths and qualities; choose from the en-tire lot at.ONE-FOURTH OFF

#### Perrins' \$1.50 Gloves 89c 300 pairs of "Perrins" famous real French Kid Gloves, sizes 5% to 7; broken line of colors; self and black embroidered backs; best \$1.50 qualities, on sale at,

\$1.00 Wash Goods 25c

Balance of our heavy colored Waistings, desirable styles, values 75c to \$1.00 a yard-yard ..... 25¢ Scotch Dimities, figured, best 25c values, on sale for, yard ...... 15¢

### 40c Ginghams 25c

25e, 35c, 40e Scotch Novelty and Mercerized Ginghams, very best patterns and colors, great value, yd. . 25¢ All remnants of Ginghams and Wash Goods at greatly reduced prices.

### Brushes! Brushes!

Great Rummage bargain in Tooth Brushes at 16¢, 11e, 8e .....6e 50e Hair Brushes, gray or black bristles, polished wood backs ...... 33¢ Nail Brushes and Hand Scrub Brushes, great values, 4¢, 8¢, 12¢...16¢ Complexion Brushes, ea. 19c

### Eastman's Perfumes

Eastman's Triple Extracts, all odors, best 15c values, now, bottle .....8¢ Best 25c values now, bottle ..... 15¢ Rummage Sale of Drug Sundries.

### \$1.00 Underwear 59c

Women's fine ribbed Umbrella Pants, lace trimmed, 75e and \$1 values are on sale for, pair ...... 59¢ Women's fine ribbed Pants, lace trimmed; great special values at, pair ..... 27¢

### 35c Hosiery 19c Pair

Women's Cotton Hose, double sole, hem or ribbed top; white maco foot or split sole, all sizes; best 35e values, are on sale at the low price of, pr.....19¢

# 50c Hosiery 29c Pair

Women's heavy four-thread Cotton Hose, fine gauge, fast color, all sizes; best 50e values, on sale at the low price of, pair .... 29¢

# 35c Hosiery 18c Pair

Vomen's plain black Lisle Hose, double sole; all sizes; best 350 values, pair ....18e dd lot of fleece-lined Cotton Hose, size 9 only, 25c values, pair .....12e

# Women's Underwear

# 75c Trimmings 17 Yard

Odd lots of Persian Trimmings, Chiffon Appliques, Edgings, Medallions and Bands, values up to 75c a yard, are on sale at the low price of, yard. 17c

# Children's Hosiery

# Ribbon Bargains

# Millinery Bargains

Women's Tailored Hats, great special lot of this season's styles, values up to \$2.95, each
Great special lot of Women's
Trimmed Hats, values up to
\$3.95, on sale for, each ... 79e
Trimmed Hats in the best styles,
values up to \$6.95 and \$7.95, for
the low prices. 

# Neckwear Rummage

White and Cream Ecru Lace Collars, Linen Turnovers and Buster Brown Silk Collars, 25c values, at the low price of 14c Odds and ends in Collars and Turnovers, silk and wash materials, values up to 50c, ea. 14c "Keiser" Wash Stocks, bow and tab effects, 75c to \$1.25 values, for the low price of, each. 21c \$1.25, \$1.50 Linen Turnovers for, each 

# Drug Sundries