

# GIVES FREELY OF HIS MONEY

## How Fortune of D. K. Abrams Has Been Dissipated Is Told.

### SUIT OF HIS GUARDIAN

#### Effort Is Made to Have Deed to the Pacific University Set Aside, and Evidence Is Submitted to Court.

Additional evidence was submitted in Judge Toland's court yesterday in the suit of George W. Stapleton, guardian of D. K. Abrams, to set aside a deed to the Pacific University, tending to show how easily Mr. Abrams was influenced to part with his money and his slight knowledge of careful business methods.

Mr. Abrams owned stock in the firm of J. E. Haseltine & Co., which was afterwards incorporated. The interest which he held in the firm held good as stock in the corporation, and Mr. Abrams also acquired stock in the corporation by dealing to it valuable wharf front property on the East Side. This was testified to by J. E. Haseltine. The par value of the Haseltine & Co. stock was \$100 a share. Evidence was given that Mr. Abrams surrendered 70 shares of stock to J. A. Haseltine to cancel notes which Mr. Abrams had issued in favor of Isaac Durand, who once conducted the Durand Organ Company, and finally landed in the penitentiary. Mr. Haseltine held these Durand Organ Company notes.

Ed Campbell obtained a judgment against Mr. Abrams in Columbia County for \$200 on account of money lent to him by A. Lindley. Mr. Lindley is a brother-in-law of J. Thorburn Ross, manager of the Title Guaranty & Trust Co., which company holds the trust deed for the property given by Mr. Abrams to the Pacific University. Mr. Campbell caused an execution to be issued upon his judgment and levy was made on 650 shares of stock of the Weatherly Creamery Company, supposed to be worth about \$500, and 70 shares of stock in J. E. Haseltine & Co. The Creamery Company stock was bid in by Mr. Campbell for \$56 a share, and the Haseltine & Co. stock by J. Ambrose Haseltine for \$100 par value \$100 a share. This was in September, 1905.

Mr. Lindley was soon afterwards removed as guardian to have been done at the investigation of those opposed to the university deed, the Title Guaranty & Trust Company, the trustee, and Mr. Lindley, because he was the brother-in-law of J. Thorburn Ross. J. A. Haseltine testified that deeds were obtained from Mr. Abrams to his undivided one-half interest in 1300 acres and 1600 acres of land to secure Haseltine & Co. for \$12,000 advanced to Abrams and represented by judgments on the Haseltine & Co. books on the \$13,000 judgment held against Mr. Abrams and the \$2000 judgment in the Trust National Bank as a credit against \$38,000 indebtedness against Haseltine & Co. for which Mr. Abrams and A. A. Knox were sureties. J. E. Haseltine on Wednesday admitted that he owed this money, and deposited the deeds given by Mr. Abrams in the bank at the request of A. L. Mills, who wanted additional security because Mr. Abrams was transferring all of his property. Milton W. Smith, attorney for the university, asked J. A. Haseltine to produce a statement of the account of the \$13,000 testified as owing by Mr. Abrams to Haseltine & Co. This judgment was obtained by default. Service was made on Mr. Abrams and afterwards on his guardian, Mr. Lindley. The matter of the account has not yet been disposed of.

George W. Stapleton, the present guardian in Multnomah county, testified that he had not moved in the courts against the Campbell and Haseltine & Co. judgments on the ground that they were obtained at a time when Mr. Abrams was incompetent. He was not satisfied that he could legally do so. He testified in answer to questions by Milton W. Smith, who called his attention to a statute providing for the opening of a judgment for irregularity within a year, William M. Chas. testified that he informed J. E. Haseltine when he obtained the Abrams deeds that he did not think they were good if Mr. Abrams was incompetent at the time of their execution. Mr. Chas. appears as attorney for Mr. Haseltine.

A. A. Knox, the partner of D. K. Abrams for 42 years, during which time, except three years, they have lived together, testified that there was not much difference in Mr. Abrams in the last eight or ten years except that he was more easily influenced. He signed quite a lot of notes for other people and had to pay heavy losses, and said he would never sign again, and did the same thing over again. Mr. Abrams was religiously inclined, and placed confidence in religious men. A man with a strong mind could influence him and get most anything he asked for. The witness said he saw Professor Ferrin at the Ridgely farm talking to Mr. Abrams, but as he was out of the room most of the time he did not know what occurred, and did not learn of the deal until six months later.

Professor W. N. Ferrin, for the defense, testified that he had three different interviews with Mr. Abrams concerning the gift of \$2,000 to the university, and that Mr. Abrams had previously promised Rev. Mr. Shaver to do something.

Mr. Abrams, in testifying, admitted that he made the gift freely and had previously made numerous gifts to the church. F. S. Akin testified that he lent \$8000 to Mr. Abrams on mortgage security. Mr. Abrams lent this money to E. L. Poulson, a lumberman, without security.

#### Hoffman Divorce Trial Begins.

The trial of the suit of Lillian Hoffman against William Hoffman, a steamboat engineer, for a divorce, was begun in Judge Sears' court yesterday, and will be continued today. The Hoffmans were married in 1887, and have three children: the youngest 14 months old and the eldest 7 years. The baby was in court with its mother, who accused her husband of cruel treatment. The litigants own a home on Union avenue, and Hoffman also has a timber claim which the wife says is worth \$2000. She asks for a share of the property, and the custody of the children. The attorneys engaged in the case are Claude Strahan, J. B. Hooford and J. E. Magers.

#### Charges Cruelty and Desertion.

Carrie Erickson has begun suit in the State Circuit Court against Erik Erickson, to whom she was married in Kansas in 1883, for a divorce. They have recently resided on a farm near Eugene. Mrs. Erickson alleges in her complaint that her husband is possessor of a very bad temper and has treated her in a cruel manner. She further charges him with desertion. They have four children, aged 20, 14, 12 and 8 years, respectively.

## SCENES AT THE HORSE SALE AT IRVINGTON RACETRACK



COLONEL L. R. HARRIMAN, AUCTIONEER.

## GREAT HORSE SALE

### Blooded Animals Find New Owners.

### BUYING INTEREST IS KEEN

### Record-Makers and Speed Prospects Will Go Under the Hammer, and Some Fine Horses Are Offered.

Forty-three more blooded horses changed owners yesterday at the Irvington track. The buying interest was better represented than on the first day. Some handsome horses were sold and prices held at about the same average as before. This breeders' sale means much to the horse-producing industry of the Northwest. Today's sale will carry the "Made in Oregon" brand. Some of the best offerings will appear and will show what the home horsemen are producing. The record horses and speed prospects will come under the hammer today, also some perfectly-mannered drivers and saddle horses. The Tongue estate stable, the Eudley "C" stables, a pair of fast pacers from Salem, two great Commonwealths and a Boodle trotter from Springfield, Erickson's Diablo fillies and other fine specimens of equine nobility in this part of the sale compare favorably with the consignments from other states. At 9 o'clock the speed prospects will be worked out, and some fast brushes are expected. Rex Montgomery will show his seven gait, and many citizens who go out this morning on the street-cars may return tonight on horseback. Yesterday's sales were:

- Golden Robb, ch. g., by Jubilee de Jarnette, A. J. Johnson, Corvallis, Or., \$125.
- Bridgett, dan. m., by Kallian, J. W. Sweetser, Portland, Or., \$115.
- Exarite, b. g., by Expedition, J. A. Mundy, Vancouver, Wash., \$200.
- Nal, ch. g., by Pilot Lane, E. D. Geiser, Portland, Or., \$210.
- Island Lane and Teddy, ch. g., by Pilot Lane, J. A. Brown, Portland, Or., \$370.
- Easton, J. A., by Boston, W. W. Smith, Lafayette, Or., \$150.
- Thomas H., b. g., by Levalise, E. C. Johnson, Portland, Or., \$650.
- Cap'n Tell, thoroughbred, w. by Saturna, C. E. Brown, Wenatchee, Wash., \$205.
- Royal Eagle, br. g., by Vice-Regent, F. Joell, Portland, Or., \$175.
- Hammuth, b. g., by Alfonso, Joplin & Meier, Portland, Or., \$150.
- AH, b. g., by Alonzo, M. J. Deacock, Portland, Or., \$145.
- El Monarch, b. g., by Alfonso, L. H. Turpley, Portland, Or., \$250.
- Rico and Trade Wind, b. m., by Star Ruber, R. L. Wesley, Sheridan, Or., \$350.
- Vanduc, b. g., by Vice-Regent, and Lar, b. g., by Alonzo, E. S. McCord, Seattle, \$400.
- Bob White, br. g., by Gyr Falcon, H. J. Morrison, Portland, Or., \$250.
- Bald, b. g., by Alonzo, D. C. Scherff, Portland, Or., \$115.
- Red Ruff, ch. g., by Vice-Regent, R. Harkins, Mount Tabor, Or., \$170.
- Conall, b. m., by Alonzo, A. P. Morse, Portland, Or., \$205.

## BITTER ATTACK ON JEROME

### EX-CONGRESSMAN BAKER ON DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

#### Single-Tax Advocate Says District Attorney Is a Tool of the Rich.

"District Attorney Jerome, of New York, once said that Thomas Jefferson was a faker. This is peculiarly applicable to himself as he is the defender of some of the most colossal thieves in America. If New York had a District Attorney with any conception of duty to the people, some of the richest men in the world would be behind prison bars within six months."

This remark was made by Robert Baker, Congressman from New York from 1903 to 1905, who is now a guest at the Hotel Portland. Mr. Baker is a single-tax advocate, the promulgation of which movement he is making his life's work. Mr. Baker said last night that District Attorney Jerome, the idol of the masses of New York City, was nothing more than a representative of the wealthy men implicated in the recent insurance disclosures. He said that such men as Belmont, Ryan, Rogers and others supplied him with \$20,000 for campaign expenses. He says that District Attorney Jerome instead of aiding does nearly everything within his power to hinder the investigation of the insurance companies. "Single-tax is simply a plan to absorb through taxation the rental value of land," said Mr. Baker last night. "If it were applied it would have the effect virtually to create a lot of free land. No individual or corporation would take up more land than it could use and there would be no more withholding of land from use as there is now. The tendency is to lock up the land. Single-tax would solve the surplus labor problem as it would provide work. The farmers who are the ones who would be benefited more than any others by the adoption of the single-tax mode of taxation are hard to interest. They now pay fully one-half of the taxes of the country, but with single-tax they would pay less than one-

tenth. The rich corporations are the ones who would suffer. Mr. Baker will leave Portland tonight. Arrangements are being made to give a luncheon today in honor of Mr. Baker, which will be attended by the single-tax advocates of Portland.

## SPIRIT OF SAN FRANCISCO

### Mrs. Herbert J. Gosliner Writes Hopeful Letter to Parents.

The San Francisco spirit is strongly manifested in a letter sent by Mrs. Herbert J. Gosliner (nee Miss Estelle B. Samuel) to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Samuel, of this city. Speaking of the business of her husband, Mrs. Gosliner says that the workshop of her husband's electric works is being constructed in the backyard of their residence. The parlor was rented to the company for office purposes and another large concern occupies two former guest chambers of the house for their temporary office. Mrs. Gosliner speaks of the ruins of San Francisco which remind her of an an-

cient city, but is enthusiastic in her statement that they will not leave and hope to be better off in a short time than they were ever before. The only thing lacking is postage stamps, but all supplies so far are free. It is impossible to buy them and Mrs. Gosliner concludes her letter with the statement that she will be glad when the stores reopen for business.

REGISTRATION IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO DATE.	
Republicans	16,711
Democrats	2,967
Miscellaneous	1,951
Total	21,750

## Ringer Hermann's Trial Set.

The trial of Ringer Hermann has been set for the first week in June. Francis J. Heney will go to Washington to take charge of the prosecution. This will necessitate the postponement of some of the Oregon land-trust cases unless District Attorney Bristol takes up some of the Heney indictments, in which he is directly interested.

## MANAGEMENT OF REEDVILLE RANCH

### Witnesses Praise Administration of the Property Under W. M. Ladd.

### TESTIMONY FOR DEFENSE

#### Hired Girl of Foreman Wisenbach of the Farm Paid Out of the Johnson Estate Funds, It Is Developed.

Evidence that W. M. Ladd is a gentleman farmer of the school made famous by the comic weekly Jokesmiths was one of the features of the hearing of the defense in the matter of the petition of the Johnson heirs for Mr. Ladd's removal as administrator, taken up before Judge Webster in the County Court yesterday afternoon. On the cross-examination of J. J. Wisenbach, superintendent of the Reedville ranch, which is among the properties of the A. H. Johnson estate alleged to have been mismanaged by the administrator, it developed that Mr. Ladd has not only been paying the superintendent a salary of \$8 a month and "found" for himself and his family, but at one time paid, also, the wages of Wisenbach's servant girl.

#### As Gentleman Farmer.

Attorney H. H. Riddell, who was conducting the examination of witnesses for the heirs, seized upon Wisenbach's admission of this fact with avidity as proof of the contention of his clients that, while Mr. Ladd was thoroughly at home amid the plate glass and polished mahogany of his city bank, he was out of his element when he tried to make farming pay. Wisenbach's testimony on direct examination was very favorable to the administrator. He testified that when he was placed in charge of the Reedville ranch in August, 1902, he found the place badly run down. Since that time, he stated, he has built a new farmhouse, repaired the various outbuildings, rebuilt or replaced all the fences, slashed 40 acres of the uncultured land, conducted considerable valuable experiment work with fodder plants, etc., and added to the stock and equipment until the ranch was now making a profit.

#### Deficit for Ranch.

It is this ranch that Administrator Ladd reports has cost the estate to operate more than \$18,000 since 1898, making during that time only about \$12,476 and piling up a net deficit of \$5534.

The facts regarding the payment of the servant girl's wages by the administrator came out while Attorney Riddell was going over a list of the administrator's vouchers with the witness. He found a woman's name sandwiched in among those of the various hired men employed on the place and demanded to know how it came there.

"Oh, she's the hired girl," answered Wisenbach. On redirect examination Attorney Richard Williams, for the administrator, developed the fact that the hired girl was not a fixture on the ranch, but had been

employed during an illness of the superintendent's wife.

The principal witnesses for the defense, in addition to the Reedville farm superintendent, were T. D. Honeyman and Ben Selling, prominent Portland business men, who are large creditors of the estate. They testified that Mr. Ladd's management of its affairs was thoroughly satisfactory to them and that they believed no man could have done better in protecting the assets and converting them into cash. Mr. Selling was especially emphatic in his praise of the administrator's course.

The lawyers on the other side attempted to show, on the cross-examination of Mr. Honeyman, that about a year ago he had not been so well pleased with the Ladd administration. Mr. Honeyman admitted that he had retained a lawyer to look into the matter to ascertain why claims against the estate were not being settled more rapidly, but had assured himself that all was being done that could be done to hasten payments to the creditors.

#### Sale of Large Block of Stock.

Other witnesses who testified were M. M. Spaulding and J. F. O'Shea, who told of the sale of a certain large block of packing-house stock, which had come into the hands of the administrator. It had been disposed of at par, they stated, and at the best possible advantage to the heirs.

The hearing yesterday consumed but a small part of the afternoon. Further testimony in behalf of the administrator will be taken next Friday, when Judge Webster will devote the entire day to the case.

#### Sues to Quiet Title.

The Victor Land Company has sued William Kennedy and J. C. Havelly and wife to quiet title to seven lots in Woodstock. The plaintiff holds a tax title.

#### Appointed Estate's Administrator.

Herbert Clayton was appointed in the County Court yesterday administrator of the estate of Mary D. Clayton, valued at \$2500.

## TWO GANGS ARE AT WORK

### Progress on Mount Tabor-Peninsula Pipe Line.

Work on the Mount Tabor and Peninsula pipe line to connect with the high service reservoir is progressing. Pipe has been laid from the upper reservoir down to West avenue, thence to the Base line road and one-half mile west on the Base line road. The steam trench digging machine has been abandoned, and the pipe laying is now being done by hand. The machine was used on the first part of the work between the reservoir and the Base line road, but did not seem powerful enough to tear up the hard ground on the road.

There are two gangs of men at work—one on the Base line road, of about 40 men, and another about two miles further on down the pipe line.

The pipe is 24 inches in diameter and is capable of supplying 35,000 people. Mount Tabor and Montavilla are contending that they will be supplied with Bull Run water from this pipe, and are hoping to escape another Summer shortage such as they have been experiencing for several years past. It will take two or three months to complete this pipe line.

#### Two Clubs Will Ratify.

The Young Men's Democratic Club and the Multnomah Democratic Club will hold a joint meeting tonight in Unity Hall, Second and Morrison streets, for the purpose of ratifying the state ticket. John Montag is president of the Young Men's Club, and A. E. Ream, of the Multnomah organization. All of the Democrats are invited to be present.

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