

INTENTION TO WED

Salem Merchant Declares He Will Not Accept Dictation From Sons.

HEARING SET FOR FRIDAY

Although Charge of Insanity Rests Against Him and License is Refused, Prospective Bridegroom is Determined.

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He stepped up and presented a formal document containing the glaring inscription "charged with insanity." But Vancouver, Wash., is only a few minutes ride and well Mr. Meyers might make up his mind to visit that point. Only there is no doubt that he would be quietly restrained en route.

It was learned that arduous efforts were made to convert Meyers to remain in single blessedness for the remaining years of his life; at least to forsake the Widow Du Rette. C. L. McNary, an attorney for the sons, visited the old man at the Portland during the afternoon and talked with him extensively.

"You might as well try to move a mountain. I'll never change my mind," was the groom-elect's final reply.

Malarkey Calls on Client.

His own attorney, Dan Malarkey, called on him last night, but the nature of their talk could not be learned further than that the lawyer poked his client playfully in the ribs and said something about marriage, whereas the white-haired groom-elect fairly doubled up with mirth.

Mrs. Du Rette, for her part, is quietly going ahead with plans for their marriage. She called upon him at the County Jail yesterday morning, before he secured his release pending examination by alienists, and they had several pleasant hours together. She has sold the furniture of her modest home on Hancock street and is preparing to take apartments at the Oregon Hotel until the wedding bells peal, so it was learned last night.

Meyers was in a felicitous mood last night, and seemed to think that his difficulties were nearly at an end.

"Crazy he is, I say, do I look or talk crazy? Well, maybe I am crazy, but I ain't no fool!" he quoted.

Says Sons Waste Time.

"Those boys of mine are wasting their time trying to keep me from getting married. They seem to think she isn't good enough. Well, she's good enough for me. I'm the one that is marrying her. They don't have to live with her. What's it to them, anyway?" "I believe," he added, "that I'm old enough to know my own mind. If I'm not I never will be. Mrs. Du Rette is the right woman. It gets someone being alone after a man has retired from business and hasn't much of anything to do.

"Those boys of mine are mighty fine young fellows, but they're wrong on this case. They think she'd rob me from the way they talk. They must think it would make that much less for them."

Sons Give Their Position.

C. L. McNary, as attorney for the Meyers brothers, made the following statement of their stand in the case last night:

"At the outset it is due to the Meyers brothers to say that the sole motive which prompted them in preferring the charge of insanity against their father was one of filial affection and pride for their family name, and reputation. It has been their belief for some time that the old gentleman's conduct was abnormal, and this opinion was strengthened by the conduct which brought about the present condition of affairs.

"That Mr. Meyers' sons were not actuated by mercenary purposes is shown from the fact that they were willing to release any future claim they might have to his property by virtue of kinship, if he would abandon his present purpose.

"The Messrs. Meyers are the sole owners of their large apartment store at Salem, having acquired about one year ago their father's interest. It was at the same time that they and the two sons that Mr. Meyers was not detained in the County Jail after his arrest, as they asked Sheriff Stevens to give him common room quarters. The statement that Mr. Meyers was detained in jail is erroneous.

MEYERS SANE, SAY FRIENDS

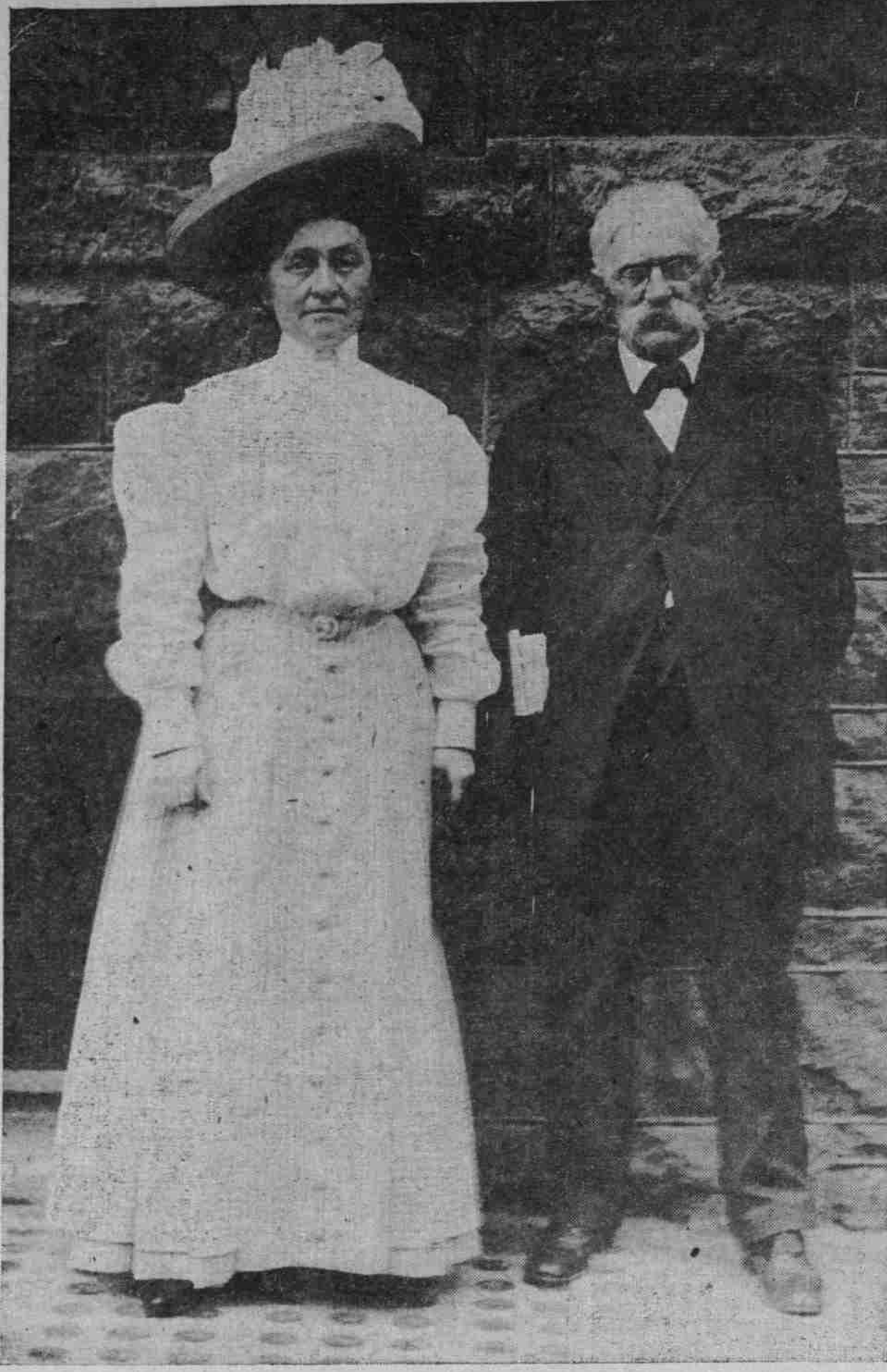
Sentiment of Salem People Entirely With Old Man.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—The Joseph Meyers insanity charge was the topic of comment and discussion everywhere in Salem today, and apparently public sentiment was unanimously in favor of the man who has been attacked by his sons. Scarcely any one is more widely known in Salem than is Joseph Meyers, and among all who know him and who have seen him recently there was not one who would credit the view that he is in any way incompetent to manage his own affairs, business or social.

Mrs. Du Rette, the woman whom Mr. Meyers was to marry, is also known here. For a number of years she was employed in Mr. Meyers' store. She is highly respected and esteemed by those who know her, and there are many who compliment Mr. Meyers upon his good judgment in choosing a wife. While the course of the Meyers boys in accusing their father is generally criticized, those who know the boys best do not charge them with evil motives. It is believed by many that the boys had discussed the matter among themselves and, while worked up over a marriage to which they objected, took measures which they would not have taken if they had consulted with friends or had considered the matter more fully.

Shoots Sister, Then Himself.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 18.—Thought to have become crazed upon religious subjects, William Kitley, aged 69 years, shot and wounded his sister, Mrs. Louisa Heston and committed suicide. For some time past Kitley has refused to patronize Sunday streets or read Sunday newspapers and had been considered an eccentric. The woman will recover.



JOSEPH MEYERS, OF SALEM, AGED 70 YEARS, AND MRS. ZENAIDE DU RETTE, HIS BRIDE-TO-BE.

MAYOR WILL HELP

Ready to Assist in Cleaning Up North End.

NO KNOWLEDGE OF GRAFT

Lane Declares He Will Support Cameron's Effort, but Apparently Resents Suggestion That Such Action Is Necessary.

Mayor Lane declared he was highly gratified yesterday when he read in the Oregonian the fact that District Attorney Cameron is going to have the county grand jury probe alleged grafting in the North End district. The Mayor said he is glad to note that things are to be investigated and added that he will lend any assistance at his command.

"I will help Mr. Cameron all I can," said Mayor Lane. "So he's going to hunt around after graft in the North End? I am glad of it; but if there is any graft in the North End, or anywhere else in Portland, I am not aware of it. All the assistance at my command will be his or yours, and I want to see any suspicious conditions cleared up, so I am ready to do my share."

It was evident from the attitude of Mayor Lane that there was some sarcasm in his words. It is said that he feels keenly the announcement that District Attorney Cameron intends to probe North End conditions. It is well known that the Mayor prides himself greatly upon what he believes to be the spotless administration of affairs during his incumbency with regard to moral conditions in Portland. He has repeatedly said to his friends that there is no grafting going on in any part of the city.

WOMAN'S UNIQUE MISSION

Mrs. Dick Wauler Seeking Missing Norwegians in America.

Mrs. Dick Wauler, from Norway, who will lecture in the Norwegian churches in Portland Wednesday to Friday evenings, is touring the United States on a unique mission. She comes to trace the missing sons and daughters who, having emigrated from the old country and not having been heard from, are mourned by parents there as lost. Many a pathetic story is told of the old fathers' hearts that yearn to see every American visitor they can find with the same question: "Have you heard anything of our son in America, who left us many years ago?" Mrs. Wauler has succeeded in discovering the whereabouts of quite a number of missing persons. Thus having made the cause of the sorrowing mothers of her country her own, she has been called by the press of this country "the mother of mothers."

Mrs. Wauler will lecture this week as follows: In the United Norwegian Lutheran Church, 45 Fourteenth street North, Wednesday and Friday evenings, at 8 o'clock; in the Norwegian Synod Church, East Tenth and East Grant streets, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

More Land-Graft Suits. Attorney A. W. Lafferty yesterday filed in the United States Court 10 individual suits for clients who are suing the Oregon & California Railroad Company to compel that corporation to sell to them 160 acres each of the land in-

FARRETT DAMAGE CASE UP

WOMAN SUING RICH LUMBERMAN FOR \$50,000.

PENCE MUST TESTIFY

Judge Morrow Will Ascertain Amount of Property He Owns.

The preliminary round in the sensational case of Helga Farrett against W. B. Mersereau, a wealthy lumberman of this city, for \$50,000 personal damages, was fought out in the United States Court yesterday with no decision. Attorney M. J. MacMahon, representing the plaintiff, applied to the court for permission to take the depositions of witnesses for his client residing in New York and Buffalo. This was resisted by Henry M. Esterly, counsel for Mersereau, who contended that the proceeding was irregular, the prosecution having failed to serve proper notice on the defense. Numerous authorities were cited and Judge Wolverton reserved a decision in the matter until this morning.

Following this wrangle, Attorney MacMahon moved that judgment be awarded the plaintiff on default of the defense, which was alleged to have been irregular in resisting the suit. This motion was overruled. A few days ago the defendant was given 30 days in which to file an answer to the complaint. It probably will be some time before the case will be at issue and ready for trial.

NEARING THE END.

The closing-out sale of McAllen & McDonnell is drawing to a close. All interested in good goods and wishing to secure bargains are requested to call at once. McAllen & McDonnell, store noted for good goods.

Tomorrow, Thursday, will positively be the last day for discount on East Side gas bills. Portland Gas Company.

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STEVENS READY TO FILE ANSWER

Exporter Declares Louise Powell Stevens Has Violated Terms of Contract.

AGAIN DENIES MARRIAGE

Woman Said to Have Made Personal Assault on Merchant and to Have Attacked His Credit at Local Bank.

T. M. Stevens, prominent exporter and business man, who is accused by Louise Powell Stevens of leaving her for another and younger wife, and of having failed to keep a contract to pay her household expenses, prepared his answer, yesterday, to the woman's suit. Through his attorney, Thomas O'Day, Stevens set up these contentions: That the woman never was at any time his lawful wife; that their relations were purely mercenary; that he has paid her the sum of \$24,000 because of her failure to get along in congenial fashion; that she has failed to keep a contract where she was to leave him strictly alone, and that consequently the contract in question, on which the woman bases her suit, is null and void.

Such, in brief, are Stevens' contentions. He elaborates upon them, showing that the woman who claims his name threatened his life, nagged at him continually, and finally attempted to wreck his credit at the United States National Bank, nearly a year ago. His allegations are contained in a reply to Mrs. Stevens' suit.

Does Not Deny Contract.

The fact of a contract wherein he agreed to pay her a certain sum of money, including \$300 a month during the rest of his life, is freely admitted. But the invalidity is insisted upon on two grounds—that the contract was not a mercenary relation and accordingly was against the public good and policy, and that Mrs. Stevens, by not leaving him to do as he pleased, broke her part of the contract.

No reference is made to the marriage with Lillian Monk. It is repeatedly denied, however, that there was ever, at any time, a marriage with the plaintiff, who styles herself Mrs. Stevens. They entered into relations of a mercenary nature when she was 27 years of age, and able to determine between right and wrong, the answer states, and there were no promises of marriage.

Has Already Paid \$24,000.

With reference to the contract which the woman makes her cause of action, the following is set out:

"That under and by virtue of said contract this defendant paid to said plaintiff the sum of \$8000 in cash and delivered a certain note and mortgage to said plaintiff of the value of \$11,500, as mentioned in said complaint, and in addition thereto gave the said plaintiff the further sum of \$2000 and the further sum, which said defendant alleges on information and belief to be \$2500, making a total, to wit: of \$24,000, and that subsequent to the execution of said contract this defendant paid to plaintiff, to wit: On August 2, \$300 for the month of August, and on August 21, \$300 for the month of September, \$300, and on October 1, \$300 for the month of October; that the only consideration of said contract was the mercenary nature of said defendant; and that this defendant and this defendant. And this defendant alleges that the said contract, in so far as it is executed, is binding on the defendant; but insofar as it is not executed, the consideration, therefore, being immoral and against public policy is not enforceable, and to that extent said contract is not executed is void, as against public policy."

Says Contract Was Broken.

Further along the answer broken into the conduct of the woman and her alleged efforts to make life miserable for Stevens, as follows:

"It was provided and covenanted in said contract that said plaintiff should not interfere with this defendant, though the plaintiff and defendant were at liberty to reside in the same house, and it was further provided in said contract that in case plaintiff did interfere with said defendant that said contract would be null and void.

"This defendant alleges that soon after entering into the contract, in October, 1907, the plaintiff violated the covenants and conditions in said contract to be done, performed on her part, and this said plaintiff interfered in various ways with defendant, to wit:

Definite Charges Made.

"Said plaintiff at various times threatened said defendant with personal violence, threatened to kill this defendant, did personally assault him in a vicious manner, and did undertake in various ways to try and undertake to control the personal actions of this defendant in his business. The defendant further alleges that said plaintiff had been for a number of years in a large, importing and other business in Portland, Or.; that this business is conducted under corporations, but the business of said corporation depends for success upon the personal efforts and financial and business standing of this defendant and is conducted on the business reputation of this defendant; that said plaintiff, in October, 1907, attempted to destroy the credit of this defendant; that she went to the United States National Bank, where the said defendant does business, and through which his corporations do business and obtained large credits, and there was falsely represented and reported to said bank that this defendant was drinking liquor to excess, otherwise neglecting his business, and did to her utmost try to injure the financial credit of this

defendant and the corporations through which the said defendant does business."

Wants Agreement Annulled.

In conclusion, the answer sums up Stevens' grievances in the following words:

"Plaintiff violated the covenant of said contract by interfering with the personal action of said defendant by refusing to allow defendant to go when and where he pleased and said plaintiff by her threats against the life of this defendant and by personal nagging, interfering with and continually harassing the said defendant and by taking and keeping from this defendant his personal clothing, jewelry and other personal articles, and refusing to deliver same to the defendant, and has thereby made it impossible for the defendant to remain in said house with plaintiff, and plaintiff did in various ways interfere with the personal liberty of this defendant contrary to the covenants of said contract, and by reason thereof, and other reasons, plaintiff is released from any liability under said contract and said contract is wholly at an end."

FORM AEROPLANE COMPANY

Experiments to Be Made Within Three Months.

A new corporation to be known as the Wagner Aeroplane Company has filed articles with the Secretary of State. The incorporators are Louis Wagner, M. B. Meacham and A. C. Pike. Wagner is the inventor of an aeroplane. The corporation is capitalized at \$100,000, and it is said that enough stock has already been subscribed to bring about the success of the venture. It is probable that the company will file articles with the County Clerk in a few days.

Patents for the new flying device have been applied for. Wagner expects to experiment about Portland and vicinity within three months. The feature of the aeroplane will be a huge concave piece of aluminum, reinforced by wire of high tensile strength.

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