

MAN IS CALLED CHICKEN THIEF

More Sensations Develop in Will Contest at Pendleton.

STAR WITNESS IMPEACHED

Testimony Also Shows Disputed Document Could Not Have Been Drawn When Alleged Because of Dislike for Witness.

PENDLETON, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—With the introduction of evidence showing the fourth alleged will to the estate of the late James W. Young could not have been written, signed and witnessed at the time and place alleged, the heirs to the estate, who are contesting this alleged will, opened their hearing Tuesday in a rather sensational manner. This sensation was increased when witnesses swore that S. V. Knox, one of Mrs. Warner's star witnesses, was a chicken and wood thief, a forger of a note, that his reputation for honesty, truth and veracity was bad. Mrs. Della Stacey, the other star witness, was declared to be a notorious character of La Grande and to have a bad reputation for truth and veracity.

Knox and Mrs. Stacey had sworn the will was executed in Young's hardware store, in Weston, November 21, 1903. Today George Stagg, former proprietor of the store, took the stand and swore he did not sell it to Young until in December of that year. A bill of sale was also introduced which corroborated the testimony of Stagg.

Swears He Stole Chickens.

While on the stand Mrs. C. Purcell swore Knox had stolen her chickens, and Mrs. O. T. Douglas and James Ashworth swore Knox had forged a note and his reputation for honesty, truth and veracity was bad. Chances Turner also corroborated the testimony of the other witnesses as to Knox's reputation for truth and veracity while Dupuis told of having caught Knox in the act of stealing wood from the shoemaker, W. H. Getchell, formerly City Marshal of Weston, but now living in La Grande, was also placed on the stand. He also swore Knox's reputation as to truth and veracity was bad, but declared he had caught him stealing Jones' wood and Paul's chickens. He also declared Mrs. Della Stacey was a notorious character in La Grande.

Mrs. Douglas volunteered the statement on the stand that J. W. Young had told her Knox was a rascal and advised her not to let him have anything to do with drawing some papers. Getchell also declared Young had no use for Knox, and he did not believe the hardware merchant would have permitted Knox to have signed his will as a witness.

KNOWLES' TROUBLES MANY

Has Long List of Grievances Against Wife, Whom He Sues.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Thomas F. Knowles has filed a suit for divorce in the Circuit Court against Missouria A. T. Knowles, to whom he was married at Portland, Or., December 5, 1907. He charges she is possessed of an ungovernable temper; that she has treated him in a cruel, rude, unkind and unadvisable manner; that she would not speak to him for one or two days at a time; that she refused and neglected to cook and prepare his meals, after he had been working hard all day, and as a consequence he had to prepare his own; that she has locked the house and refused to give him a key, and he has been compelled to obtain his meals elsewhere; that she ridiculed and belittled him to their neighbors; that she placed anti-tobacco medicine in his coffee, and that she poisoned a dog belonging to J. J. Kelly, a neighbor.

Knowles says his wife owns 21 lots in Oak Grove, and she deeded this property to her daughter, Mary C. Burton.

representing to him that she was about to be sued and the transfer was necessary as a protection. He asks for a decree of divorce and a one-third interest in the property, stating that he has furnished material and improved the place to the value of \$1000.

VETERANS GO INTO CAMP

Clark County Association Holds Ninth Annual Reunion.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 9.—(Special.)—The ninth annual reunion of the Clark County Veterans' Association, at the Grange hall and grounds at Orchard, opened at 7:30 o'clock tonight with flag raising and salute of guns. An address was delivered by ex-Senator E. M. Rands, camp fires were lighted and old soldiers bivouacked once more and told stories of their war experiences.

Orchard is a city of tents tonight. Yesterday Colonel McGunnagle, of the

PRIZE BERRIES BRING \$2.75 A POUND WHEN AUCTIONED OFF AT LEBANON.



Prize Crate at Strawberry Fair.

LEBANON, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—A beautiful crate of 12 boxes of strawberries took the grand prize last week at the Lebanon Strawberry Fair. They were grown and packed by Mrs. Hattie Umhoefer, a widow who tends her small farm a few miles above Lebanon on the Santiam River. The 12 boxes sold at the close of the fair for \$35, or \$2.75 a box of one pound. They were bid in by Colonel E. Hofer, of Salem.

Barracks, sent out a large number of Government tents for the use of the G. A. R. men, and the veterans will thus be able to camp on the ground during the four days' encampment. Government teams also will drive out each evening from Vancouver to Orchard to take out any passengers or veterans who wish to attend the evening sessions.

Besides the general public there will be at the encampment the members of General Lew Wallace Post and Elsworth Post, G. A. R., and the members of General Lew Wallace Women's Relief Corps No. 80, and Elsworth Relief Corps No. 2. The committee on arrangements, composed of Ira Spencer, president of the association; J. A. Keaton, vice-president, and Oliver Allen, secretary, has prepared a complete programme for each day, morning, afternoon and evening. Speakers from Vancouver and Portland will be present.

Marshfield Is Criticized.

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Inspector Wagner of the Pacific Underwriters, and electrical engineer has severely censured the city officials for not taking more precautions in the way of fire protection. He declared the moving-picture shows were dangerous to the public. Mr. Wagner also criticized the water works system of the city. A special meeting of the City Council is being held tonight to discuss the matter with the inspector and endeavor to reach some arrangement which will reduce the fire hazard.

WIFE IS ON SEARCH

Mrs. Mabel Porteous Fears Her Husband Is Murdered.

COMES FROM LOS ANGELES

Edward J. Porteous, Manager of Rogue River Mine, Disappeared From Grants Pass May 5, and Has Not Been Heard From.

GRANTS PASS, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mabel Porteous, of Los Angeles, arrived in this city yesterday heartbroken in her efforts to locate her husband, who has been missing since May 5, under circumstances that point to foul play. On that day Edward J. Porteous, the missing man, came in town from the property of the Rogue River Mining & Development Company, of which he is manager, and made preparations to take the 2 o'clock train for Los Angeles.

He was seen about the city until about 1 o'clock and from then until train time no account can be given. He is in good standing with the company and has been its manager for two years past. It is said he may resume his relations with the company should he return. There has been a rumor that he had planned to disappear suddenly, but this his friends deny and attribute to discharged employees of the mine of which he was manager. He also left a private bank account in the local banks. He was a man of good standing, had no bad habits nor drank or gambled so far as known.

Those who knew him believe he has been put out of the way by some discharged employee or interested person who took sides in the recent mining contest that involved his company. Mrs. Porteous left tonight for West Fork, where the trail leads to the company's property. There she will make further inquiry.

CASE SET FOR JUNE 16

Crater Lake Road Merits Will Be Threshed Out.

SALEM, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—The Crater Lake road case came up in Circuit Court before Judge Galloway today. The demurrer previously filed by Attorney-General Crawford was overruled and a reply filed. The case was then set for trial Wednesday, June 16, P. M., when it will be tried out on its merits.

It is expected considerable evidence will be introduced by the Crater Lake people to show the value of the road and also in an effort to prove it is a part of a continuous state highway from the ocean to the Idaho line. Attorney Mears, of Medford, appeared for the Crater Lake people and Attorney McMahone, of this city, for the complainant, Sears of McCoy, Polk County, who contends the state law appropriating \$100,000 to aid the proposed highway is unconstitutional.

19 ARE TO LEAVE ASHLAND

Last Commencement Is to Be Held From June 11 to 17.

ASHLAND, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—The State Normal commencement festivities are scheduled for June 11 to 17. The first event will be the opera, "Pricilla," by the music department at the Opera-house, Sunday evening, June 13. The baccalaureate will be given at the Chauvauqua building by President H. M. Shafer. Monday, June 14, will be devoted to class day and field exercises, including a tennis tournament. Tuesday, June 15, the class breakfast will be given at Hotel Oregon, while in the evening the entertainment will be in charge of the literary societies. Wednesday, June 16, occur the graduating exercises, with the address to the class given by Professor J. N. Bowman, of the University of California. The commencement programme closes with the annual reunion on Thursday evening, June 17. The graduating class numbers 19, as follows: Stanley Wood, Minnie Lewis, Florence Foster, Beulah Caldwell, Norma

Minkler, Ida Rodine, Amy Puckett, Mae Beaver, Glenn Conwell, Agnes Reeling, Nellie Lewis, Mrs. E. L. Blandford, George Whyte, Agnes Storey, Ada Welsh, Nina Kame, Clara Wilkinson, Frances Lees.

MILTON'S SHOW IS WINNER

Over 6000 Attend Strawberry Festival and Horseshow.

MILTON, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Overreaching by all odds the efforts of any previous occasion, Milton's third annual strawberry festival and horse show yesterday was pronounced by the 6000 people who attended to have been the most successful event of its kind ever given in the Walla Walla Valley. The streets of Milton were thronged with people from Walla Walla, Pendleton, Dayton, Prescott, Weston, Athens and the surrounding country. Over a crippled service on the Interurban line between Milton and Freewater hundreds of those who intended to come from the Garden City were unable to do so.

The half crate of strawberries which won first prize was turned over to L. E. Meacham, publicity manager of the Walla Walla Commercial Club. These berries were grown by Clarence O'Beir, residing five miles above Milton, and then delivered to the Chicago business men on their visit to the Garden City next Friday. The horse show and stock parade in the afternoon was the most successful of the day. Dr. Winters ever held in Milton. From an advertising standpoint today's festivities have won of the first water. Many prospective home-seekers were present.

SALEM FRUIT UNION BUSY

Dedicate New Building With Big Reception—Orders Swamp.

SALEM, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—The Salem Fruit Union celebrated the completion of its commodious new two-story packing-house today by a reception, attended by several hundred people. Refreshments of strawberries and cream were followed by speeches by prominent men. President C. L. McNary, of the Fruit Union, acted as master of ceremonies. John H. Albert, banker, was the first speaker, followed by L. M. Gilbert and Dr. James Withcombe. Dr. Withcombe predicted the time would come when the Willamette Valley would produce \$20,000,000 worth of fruit annually, this would be made possible largely by the unions that find a profitable market and handle the commercial end of the venture in a systematic manner. Manager C. L. Dick, of the Salem Union, already has more orders for fruit than can possibly be filled this year from the present acreage in this vicinity.

MARSHFIELD CARS URGED

Council Will Hold Special Session to Consider Franchise.

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—The City Council is considering a petition for a franchise for a street railroad, presented by J. M. Blake, a lawyer of this city. Mr. Blake has asked that the Council approve his ordinance and after this he is willing to submit it to the people. A special meeting of the Council will be held to consider the franchise.

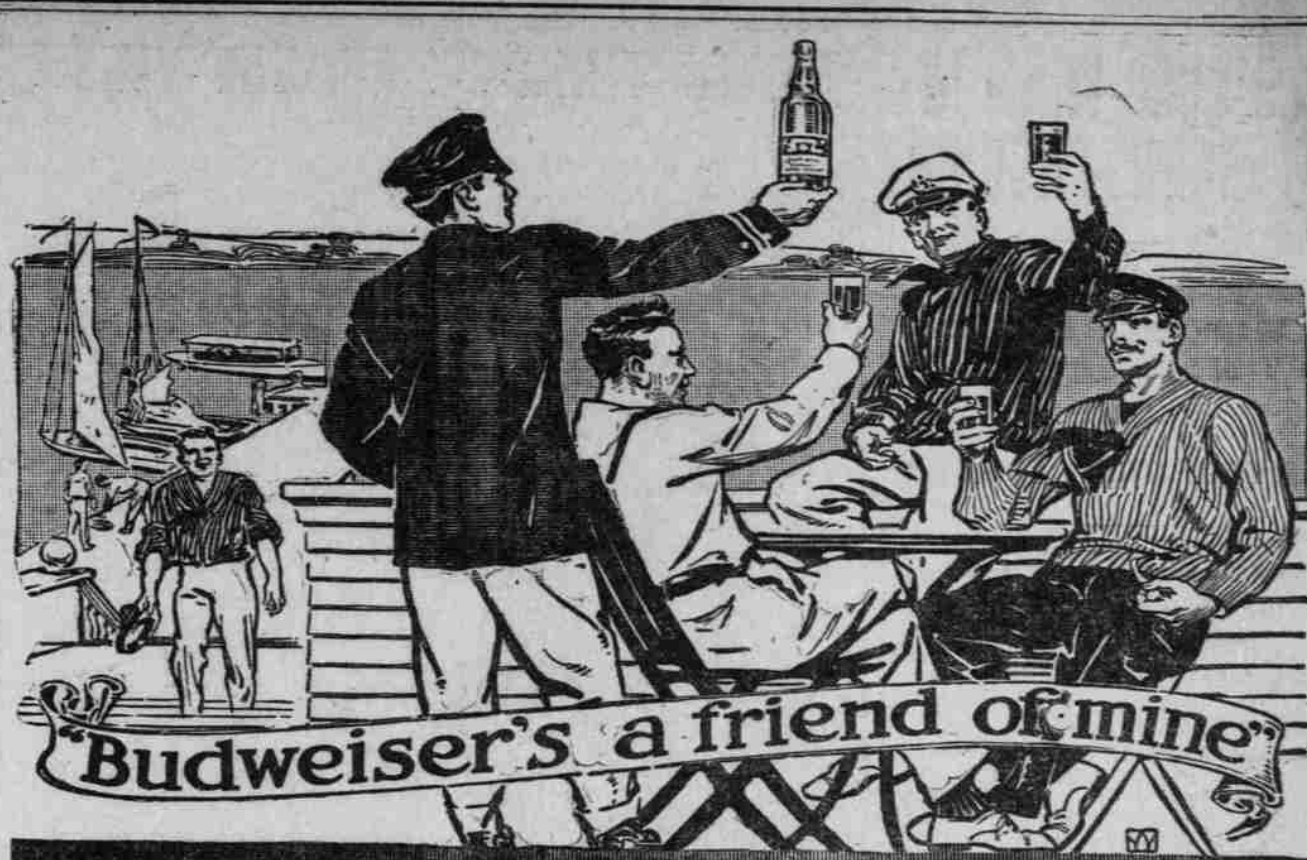
Seymour Bell, who holds a franchise in North Bend and right of way from that city to Marshfield, and who for the past two years has been endeavoring to secure franchise in this city, has left for Portland, announcing he will not bother with the matter further.

Large Tractor Engine Bought.

MORO, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—The Wasco Hardware & Implement Company, Charles Gollmer manager, has sold to George Hilderbrand an 80-horse-power gasoline farm tractor engine, the largest ever brought into the State of Oregon or the western section of the United States. It is a machine manufactured in Iowa, and this style has been in successful operation in Canada, North Dakota and Texas for some time. Mr. Hilderbrand will use it this summer for drawing his combined thrasher and later for all his farm work. With this machine a farmer can plow, harrow, drill and roll the land at one time.

Young Man Electrocuted.

ONTARIO, Or., June 9.—C. Hickman Staples, a young man of Ontario, was electrocuted this morning by accidentally coming in contact with a live wire in the electric powerhouse. He was an employee of the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power



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GRADUATING CLASS OF 1909.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Graduation exercises of the Klamath County High School were held tonight in the auditorium of the splendid structure which stands prominently in the foreground of the "Gateway City" of Southeastern Oregon as a monument to the educational standard that has been established here. The class of '09 consists of eight young men and women. Under the direction of John T. Butcher, principal, who came here from Oklahoma last year, the year has been a notable one in the growth and advancement of the school. Following are the members of the graduating class: Erwin Rolfe, Vincent Yaden, Carlisle Yaden, Garrett Van Riper, Will Hurn, Elsie Stout, Alta Griffith, Mamie Boyd.

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