

FIGHT DENIED BY SCHOOL TEACHER

Miss Groves Also Declares She Is Not Affinity of Young Schureman.

HIS FATHER MILLIONAIRE

Texas Schoolteacher Admits Co-Defendant's Wealthy Kinship—She Promises to Clear Name at Trial on Elopement Charge.

"Of course Arthur J. Schureman is a son of J. L. Schureman, of Chicago, mentioned in this morning's Oregonian," was the answer made by Miss Vivian Groves, the Texas schoolteacher arrested Friday on complaint of Mrs. Schureman. "There is no denying that J. L. Schureman, the Chicago electrical manufacturer, is his father," continued Miss Groves last night. "My lawyer told me not to talk, but there is no harm in saying that."

Miss Groves is occupying rooms at the Frances lodging-house, at the corner of Morris and West Park streets, where she was arrested with Schureman last Friday. She broke down when interviewed yesterday, exclaiming that her parents, if they heard of her disgrace, will die of grief. Arthur Schureman, arrested with Miss Groves, on complaint of his wife, for eloping, has moved to another part of the city. Miss Groves declares she does not know Schureman's whereabouts.

"I am guilty of no crime, and I believe my good name will be cleared when this case comes to trial," said Miss Groves last night, sobbing between words and evidently heartbroken over the turn affairs had taken. "I cannot say much now, but I mustn't now. My life was always an open book until this affair."

J. L. Schureman, referred to by Miss Groves, is reported by dispatch from Chicago to be the president of the J. L. Schureman Company, electric manufacturers.

Miss Groves faltered once during her short recital. Asked if she was known at her lodging-house as Miss Groves, she answered: "No, but I do not want to say under what name I was known. I can't tell why. I can only say that here I have always had my own rooms."

Miss Groves denounced the statements made by Mrs. Schureman concerning her as false. "It is a lie, everything she has said about me. I don't want to say anything against her, but I am not a bad woman, and when she says she is not telling the truth," she said.

She refused to discuss the divorce proceedings which her alleged affinity has instituted against Mrs. Catherine D. Schureman. She also declined to discuss the probability of her marrying Schureman if a divorce is obtained.

Her 17-year-old sister, a school teacher in Texas, she said, would be hurt by her plight in Portland.

"It Was the Woman."

Schureman yesterday went to 1889 Graham street, where Mrs. Schureman is living with her three children and asked for forgiveness, saying if she would forgive him he would turn over a new leaf and care for the family as a husband should, from now on.

The wayward husband said he had been duped by Miss Groves and that she had deceived him and led him to do things he would never do for any other woman. He said he had not been under her hypnotic spell. He approached the wife with whom he had lived 20 years in peace and happiness and almost in tears asked her to forgive him for his misdeeds and allow him to come back to his beloved wife and children and provide for them as a father should.

Mrs. Schureman, however, steadfastly refused to receive the man who has lived for months with another woman.

She said she would not allow him to see her husband sympathetically but did nothing further toward taking him back into the family fold other than to allow him, if he wished, to help provide for the three children. He spent some time with his family yesterday, but Mrs. Schureman says she will not allow her husband to stay in the apartments.

Brave Talk, This.

Mr. Schureman said last night he has not seen Miss Groves since the arrest Friday, and that she had turned against him absolutely.

"I think Miss Groves will leave the city," said Schureman, "because she knows that I intend to stay in this city that I have a good position and am able to make it hot for her father should I and I was hardly conscious of what I was doing."

Mr. Schureman yesterday received an anonymous letter which advised him to leave the city. The letter, said Mrs. Schureman last night, "was addressed to A. J. Schureman in care of William Nash. It was written in a woman's hand and I am quite satisfied it came from Miss Groves. The letter was worded as follows: 'Mrs. Schureman or rather the law, intends to follow up the case against you. It means ten years in the penitentiary. You had better help your bond and leave the country.' The letter was written on a piece of typewritten paper and was signed 'a friend.'"

Mr. Schureman said he had received the anonymous letter.

"Miss Groves has simply worked Mr. Schureman and has taken a lot of money which should be going to support his family," said Mrs. Schureman.

"I have a brother and a father in Chicago," said Mr. Schureman, "and the initials of each are in the letter. My father has engaged extensively in the mining business and is also in selling tomb stones. He has had great wealth but lost it in speculation and at the present time has money to spend of my brother, however, who is an electrician, is very wealthy, but he never bestowed any of his wealth upon me and I don't expect he ever will. I am not a millionaire, but my wife and I may become wealthy in about two years if an estate in New York worth about \$50,000 is settled as I rather think it will be. There are about 30 heirs to this property and I and Mrs. Schureman are directly in line, if the title is cleared. In case of a settlement we will receive about \$100,000."

Mrs. Schureman says she is a newspaper woman and magazine writer of much experience, and has acted as traveling correspondent for the Houston Chronicle.

WOMAN WHO ACCUSES HUSBAND OF ELOPING WITH SCHOOLTEACHER, AND HER THREE CHILDREN.



Mrs. Catherine D. Schureman.



Jeannette Schureman.



James Leigh Schureman.



Arthur Leigh Schureman.

CHURCH STORE LAD

Mayor Presides at Sunnyside M. E. Ceremony.

CREEDS SEND GREETINGS

Many Ministers Attend Service—Dr. Young, T. S. McDaniel and B. Lee Paget Speak—To Be Dedicated in July.

He Praises Builders.

It gives me great pleasure, both as a citizen and as a minister, to be present here this afternoon and I wish to congratulate the pastor and people of this church, and to commend their enterprise, in undertaking such a project as this for the general use of the city. I see that you have laid an excellent foundation for this beautiful structure, one which will endure, and am glad to know that a house of worship such as this is to stand here through the ages, and will be a strong influence for the better things of life.

From what I have learned since being honored with an invitation to be present here, I understand that this church is to stand for a broad religion, that its policy will be along broad lines, and that the masses of the people of this city, who are the backbone of the city, will be helped by the beautiful structure for the worship of God, intended to reach out in all directions, to help the masses, and I heartily approve of such a policy, for I earnestly believe it is a broad and cheerful religion that the world needs today.

I believe there is a great work for the churches to do, and I feel that one of the greatest needs of the time is for a more liberal administration by those who place the ministry as well as the laity, to the end that the masses may be more effectively reached.

I again congratulate you as a church, and as a part of Portland for the enterprise you have shown in this undertaking, and hope that the work will be crowned with every blessing.

Dr. Young Speaks.

Rev. Benjamin Young, of the First Methodist Church, gave the greeting of Portland Methodism. T. S. McDaniel, of the First Methodist Church, gave the greeting of the Oregon Laymen's Association. He spoke briefly, extending congratulations to that association to the Sunnyside Methodist Church, and the address provided by the Methodist discipline for such occasions. The address was a review of the march of Christian civilization, the speaker holding that there was no progress in human affairs without the touch of spiritual life back of it. Following this address the cornerstone was laid by the Mayor, assisted by Mr. Euster, H. Gordon, chairman of the building committee, Architect H. N. Black and Foreman Shane. Rev. J. W. McDougall pronounced the benediction.

The cornerstone is a block of granite, and in it is deposited a copper box containing the Bible, church records, copies of membership rolls and several small articles. The contracts have nearly all been made, and the work on the church will be rushed to completion. It will be dedicated next July.

LAYMEN ARE ASKED TO HELP

State Senator Booth Presents Needs of Methodist Church.

Greater efficiency of the whole church, better support for the active and superannuated ministers of the Oregon conference and the larger endowment of Willamette University were declared to be the purposes of the Oregon Methodist Laymen's Association by State Senator Booth, at his address yesterday morning in Centenary Methodist Church. Mr. Booth

said in his opening remarks that about eight years ago he attended a banquet in Centenary Church and was surprised to find out for the first time that many of his business acquaintances were Methodists. He contended that there should be closer fellowship, and that this is one of the objects of the Oregon Laymen's Association. He said:

The Laymen's Association stands for the general efficiency of the whole church. The organization has ideals, and the higher the better for us. The association seeks to be useful in a practical way. I believe in a practical Christianity. The church is to be a place for organization, for plant, for every church ought to be well supported. At the last Oregon conference there were 12 ministers reported. Of this number 12 received \$1200 a year, and the average of the rest was \$170 per annum—a most unfortunate condition. The fact that the laymen are not doing their duty. Willamette University, instead of being a burden, should become a resource. Its endowment ought soon to reach \$250,000, toward which it is sending for the splendid leadership of the present president.

After the address \$150 was raised as Centenary's portion for the Laymen's Association fund, which nearly double the amount it was assessed.

"JUSTICE TO JEW" HIS TOPIC

Dr. Brougher Preaches at the White Temple.

"Justice to the Jew," was the subject of Dr. Brougher's sermon at the White Temple last night. Many Hebrews were present to hear the sermon.

H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., spoke at the Unitarian Church last night on "Fun, Religion and Making a Living."

TAX TIME DRAWS NEAR

OREGON CORPORATIONS MUST DECLARE EARNINGS.

Compilation of Companies Completed, Blank Forms Expected Soon to Be on Hand.

Action preliminary to the collection of the Federal corporation tax has been taken in the Oregon Internal Revenue district, and within a few days every corporation in the state will be called upon to make an official statement concerning its profits and other business details to the Government.

Colonel Dunne, Collector of Internal Revenue, said yesterday that his office had just completed the compilation of all the names of corporations in Oregon, and that blank forms upon which they will be required to make their statement were expected soon. "They may be here in a day or two," said Colonel Dunne.

Contrary to popular belief, the Collector said, enforcement of the new law will not require the employment of a large additional force in the Portland office.

"There are more than 6,000 corporations in the district subject to the law," the speaker added, "but our duty is done when the reports have been received and forwarded to Washington. So far as I am concerned, there is nothing to do but accept the statement of the corporation as to its profits. The assessment is levied in Washington, not here. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue in Washington receives the statements and makes the levy, and has it in his power, if he doubts the statement submitted, to make an investigation."

"It would be impractical for me to hazard a guess as to the amount the tax will produce in Oregon. The impression seems to prevail that a test of the legality of the law will be made."

The corporation tax was authorized by the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, and was passed at the last session of Congress. It was President Taft's substitute for an income tax law. It provides for a tax of one per cent on the net earnings of corporations in excess of \$500 per annum. The tax is retroactive in that it applies to earnings for the full current year, minus the \$500 exemption.

The law requires that the president or other general officer of every corporation earning more than \$500 per annum shall render a sworn statement of the corporation's earnings to the Collector of Internal Revenue at Washington, D. C., on or before March 1 of each year. This statement will be examined, and if found to be supposedly correct, the tax will be assessed. The corporation will be notified of the amount of the tax before June 1, following, and payment must be made before June 30. Draconic penalties are provided for fraud in making returns as to earnings.

It is generally admitted that the law will be attacked in the courts, and its enemies declare they will undoubtedly prove it to be unconstitutional.

PELLAGRA IS NOT A GOOD INVESTMENT

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE FROM \$107 TO \$335.

Special Inducements in Order to Close Out the Remainder of Exposition Planos, Pianolas, and Pianinos at Elfers Piano House—All Must Go—Room Needed for Heavy Holiday Stock Now Arriving.

The many magnificent Grand and Upright Planos, Pianolas, and Pianinos, etc., which attracted the attention of artists and virtuosi, and were especially constructed in triplicate and selected for use in the Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, King County, D. A. R. Baptist, Masonic, Hoo Hoo, Arctic Brotherhood, Cheneville, Swedish and other prominent buildings, and in the success of whose social functions they contributed so materially, are now offered in this great exhibition.

Beyond Description.

All these pianos were specially constructed and selected for exhibition purposes. This means that every piano is the very finest and most up to date in every respect, and comes in the very latest and most beautiful of case designs in San Domingo mahogany, Caspian walnut, English quarter-sawn oak, Hungarian ash, English burr ash, mottled walnut, and other rare woods. A superb Story & Clark in rich San Domingo mahogany, handsome in the extreme, being the official piano of the Hoo Hoo House; another elegant Kimball in quarter-sawn oak, the most original pattern, entirely out of the ordinary, and truly artistic.

A magnificent Robert M. Cable in beautiful burr walnut, three-panel effect—official piano for the Arctic Brotherhood Building.

A Chickering Upright, official piano of the Exposition, in solid mahogany case, dainty, refined and superbly finished. A beautiful little Chickering grand piano, in addition to our regular stock, and we must dispose of them quickly. To do this we are offering a

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