

RIGHT WOMAN SUED FOR \$155 DRESS

Mrs. L. M. Eskridge, of St. Louis, Refuses to Pay Till Ready.

SOUTHERNER SHOWS FIGHT

Portland Tailor Even Says Outfit Is Worth \$300 and So He Brings Suit Against Defendant, Who Owns Mine and Much Land.

Papers in a suit for \$155, alleged to be due on a dress, were served Monday upon Mrs. L. M. Eskridge, who is staying at the Portland Hotel, by A. R. Allison, manager of the London Tailors, with offices in the Wells-Fargo building. Behind this move are hidden two somewhat different but interesting stories.

The dress in question is described by Mr. Allison as being "a princess gown with a military cloak, cut from fine Venetian cloth, outlined with gold braid and brass buttons, and elaborately trimmed with black tubular silk braid, and lined throughout with old-rose gold silk, and easily worth \$300. Mr. Allison declares that the design of the dress is upon the latest Parisian models, and that the gown cannot be duplicated in the Northwest.

Tailor Cuts Prices. "I made a cut in the price," declared Mr. Allison, "because Mrs. Eskridge did not desire a drop skirt to go with the costume, she preferring to wear bloomers and silk tights. The dress was ordered October 12, and she paid a \$10 deposit. Since the dress was completed she has refused to accept it, and so I have brought suit. This woman is a mining broker. If she didn't want to pay that price, why didn't she go to some cheaper tailor?"

Mrs. Eskridge, seen at the Portland, admitted that the suit had been filed. That, however, was as far as her story agreed with Mr. Allison.

"I am a business woman," she said, "and I make it a point never to put anything down in writing. I went to this Allison to order a suit, and he said he would give me his date. I paid him a deposit with him. However, he rushed work on the gown, and when I told him I was in no hurry to have it finished, he said the tailor that was making it was going to California on a vacation, and that he wanted to get his work done.

Woman Owns Oregon Mine. Asked as to her mining ventures, Mrs. Eskridge brightened up. "I own an Oregon mine," she said. "I own the mine, not the stock, and it pays me good dividends. I am a Southern woman also, and I am a fighter, and no tailor is going to get ahead of me. My home is in St. Louis, but I prefer to be in Portland just at present, to be near my two sons, who are at the Hill Military Academy. Incidentally, I do a little trading in real estate—you had a story in the Oregonian yesterday about some 25000 acres of wheat lands that I picked up. Do you suppose I could have done that if I could not pay this bill?"

PERSONAL MENTION. W. G. Kerr and wife, of Corvallis, are at the Imperial. W. C. DePen, of Clats, registered at the Imperial yesterday. Bruce Clendenning, a Spokane attorney, is at the Hotel Portland.

VALUABLE PAINTINGS BURN Fire in Steamboat Captain's Home Causes Loss of Thousands. For nearly two hours yesterday morning, commencing at 2:30 o'clock, fire from a blaze in the flat of Captain Fred M. Sherman, of the steamboat, Bailey Gatzert, 575 East Main street, which was finally subdued after a collection of paintings valued at several thousand dollars had been destroyed.

1200 Juveniles in Roseburg. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special).—The school census of the Roseburg district practically completed, shows approximately 1200 children of school age in the district. At the ratio of five to one this would give Roseburg a population of 6000.

Only One "BROMO QUININE." That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

the meeting of the Board to be held in this city. J. L. Caviness and L. R. Haworth, both contributors to the commercial prosperity of La Grande, are located at the Imperial for the next few days. G. W. Blakeley, druggist of The Dalles, is registered at the Cornelius and will be interested in the examination of druggists to be held in Portland this week.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—(Special).—Oregon people registered at Chicago hotels today as follows:—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wallace, at the Great Northern; H. L. Pittock and daughter, at the La Salle. From Medford—Edgar Hofer, at the La Salle.

COUNTRY WANTS STAMPS DISTRICTS OUTSIDE OF PORTLAND SEND BY TELEGRAPH. New Cases of Tuberculosis Reported to Red Cross Since Campaign Began.

Although the original supply of Red Cross postal cards has been exhausted, 5000 additional cards have been ordered and are on the way. The women in the booth at the Hotel Portland established a new record for the morning sales, selling to the value of \$41 of the Red Cross stamps between 10 and 1 o'clock.

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PLOT SEEN IN SALE

Sextet Accused of Selling Worthless Phone Bonds. \$15,375 DAMAGES ASKED

G. A. Vehr and Wife Sue J. C. Elrod and J. T. Peters for Alleged Conspiracy in Transfer of Rooming-House.

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Day last Thursday because he threw snowballs at two young women who confronted with the probability of going to court next Friday without witnesses. Young Adler has been unable to locate the two girls, and search by Chief Probation Officer Teuscher, of the Juvenile Court, has been futile. Juvenile Judge Bronaugh will hear the case.

Chinaman Fails to Fight Bail. Although word was given to Deputy County Clerk Bush yesterday morning that Sam Boue, a Chinaman accused of assault and battery, would ask Circuit Judge Gatzert to set aside his order forfeiting Boue's bail, Boue did not put in an appearance. His bail was \$100 cash.

Mrs. Fearnley Will Administer. Alice H. Fearnley, widow of Walter H. Fearnley, was appointed in the County Court yesterday morning administratrix of his estate, valued at \$100,000. The appraisers are Marion F. Dolph, Walter G. Cox and George Tazwell. Fearnley died December 8.

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Though St. Nicholas may be a tiresome old story to you, don't forget that there are hundreds who look forward to the holiday times as eagerly as you once did. Here are practical presents for boys from 3 years up.

LION CLOTHIERS 166-170 Third St. Council over the liquor licenses, these being granted as a mere matter of form, although the Council committee this year is scrutinizing each one carefully. It is anticipated, however, that a strong effort will be made by some Councilmen to cut down materially the number of restaurant liquor licenses.

LIEDER SINGER ENTHUSES Wullner's Programme Runs Gamut of Human Emotions. Wullner, the emotional lieder singer, will present a programme of extraordinary interest tonight at the Masonic Temple, West Park and Yamhill streets, where he will sing under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman. Song-poems by Schubert, Brahms, Hugo Wolf, Richard Strauss and Schumann will be sung. Concerning some of these songs to be given here the San Francisco Chronicle of November 24 said:

After a bow to the hearty applause which greeted him he was at once in the emotional world, into which he was to lead his hearers. In an instant he suggested in bodily posture and facial expression the utter desolation of Schubert's "Wanderer." And how he sang it! With equal eloquence, words and music under the Wullner spell rang out the same sad cry of the homeless wanderer. The audience was convulsed at once and applauded warmly, but it was not until after the intense portrayal of the "Belching" that Wullner aroused them to the enthusiasm that grew and grew until it became an ovation.

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ARNAUD GETS REPULSE NO OTHER LIQUOR LICENSE IS DENIED BY COMMITTEE. Time at Regular Session Found Too Short to Handle 418 Applications and Special One Is to Be Held. Applications to sell liquor, worth \$300 each, were taken up for consideration of the liquor license committee of the City Council to the number of 418 yesterday afternoon. Not all were passed upon finally, as it will require another special session to finish the work. This will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

TONIGHT LUDWIG WULLNER The Great German Song Interpreter, Accompanied by COENRAAD V. BOS Pianist MASONIC TEMPLE West Park and Yamhill

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