

PORTLAND WOMAN

THE B. SYSTEM

Nephew of Rich Massachusetts Theater Owner Lays Claim to Estate.

MRS. BOOTH BENEFICIARY?

Three Local Residents Reported to Have Won Big Bequest Left by George D. Nelson, of Springfield, Mass.—Denial is Made.

Though official announcement has not reached this city, it was reported Wednesday from Springfield, Mass., that Mrs. Mary Booth, a worker in a local Chinese mission, has been left \$1,000,000 by the will of George D. Nelson, of Springfield, Mass., who died in the East yesterday.

Late last night reports from Springfield denied that Mrs. Booth had been made the sole heir of the estate, but this fact will probably be made known to the public in the Massachusetts court.

Two years ago, at the death of Mrs. Vinton, Mr. Goldstein made a trip to Springfield in Mrs. Booth's behalf, at the instance of Mr. King, who had taken Mrs. Booth's case on a contingent fee of one-half of what she eventually received.

Mr. Goldstein, in speaking of the bequest reported to have been made to Mrs. Booth, last night said: "I received a message from Probate Judge Hamilton of the County Court at Springfield, saying that Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Booth of this city had been named legatee of \$1,000,000 by Mr. Nelson. I never heard of this man and I do not know that Nelson has any relatives at all.

Though it will be some days before the will will be probated, the following information came from Springfield in a dispatch to The Oregonian last night: "Denial was made here tonight by George D. Nelson, of Springfield, N. Y., said to be the only living heir of George D. Nelson, the wealthy hotel and theater owner, who died here yesterday, that a bequest of \$1,000,000 had been made to Mrs. Mary Booth, of Portland, Or., by his uncle.

"The will has not yet been admitted to probate and its exact contents are not officially known. "According to Dunn, the estate of Nelson will not reach \$1,000,000 and aside from a few minor bequests, the aggregate to about \$75,000, he is the sole beneficiary.

"Nelson came into the money and property at the death of Mrs. Emma G. Vinton, widow of the late J. Bliss Vinton, the paper collar manufacturer, for whom he was superintendent.

"Mrs. Booth is only cousin. "Dunn claims that Mrs. Vinton did not have a sister, Mrs. Booth being his not more closely related to her than cousin. He is positive, he says, that Mrs. Booth is not named as a beneficiary of the estate in the will. At the time of Mrs. Vinton's death, he said, Mrs. Booth, with other relatives, contested the will, which was finally upheld.

"The report that Nelson's estate is valued at \$5,000,000 is declared by Dunn to be a fake. Dunn is in Springfield tonight and talked with matches to the witnesses of his dead uncle's life. He said: "I have positive knowledge that I am named as the executor of the will and aside from a few minor bequests, the aggregate to about \$100,000 am the sole beneficiary. I know nothing of any money or property being left to Mrs. Mary Booth, of Portland, Or."

NEW HOUSE IS DESTROYED

Fire Consumes Residence at East Thirty-fifth and Skidmore.

Fire entirely consumed a newly erected residence at the southwest corner of East Thirty-fifth and Skidmore streets at midnight last night. Patrolman Spivey discovered the blaze and informed headquarters. Engine Company No. 14 was sent to the scene. The building was doomed and burned to the ground before an effort could be made to subdue the flames.

At a late hour last night the police or fire department officials were unable to learn the name of the owner of the building. It is estimated that the stove placed in the building to dry the plaster is believed to have become overheated and caused the destruction of the building.

POLICE CAPTAINS SHIFTED

Baty Goes to Day Side and Slover to Second Night Relief.

The latest shift in police circles came at midnight last night, when Police Captain Baty, of the second night, was transferred to the day squad, which for the past two months has been commanded by Police Captain Slover. Captain Slover assumed command of the second night relief last night.

The exact motive for the transposition of the captains was known to a few at headquarters. From a reliable source it is said, however, that Chief of Police Cox ordered the move for the good of the department. Captain Baty will take charge of the day relief today.

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hallway and ran screaming to the street. Allen ran after her. Leaving her husband, who had fallen dead at her feet, Mrs. Anderson hastened to protect her daughter. She witnessed the second murder and the suicide that followed. Several pedestrians dodged the gun-wielder as he fled along the pavement, and the neighborhood in which the shooting occurred was in a blaze of excitement and terror.

Raising Japanese spawners is the way one Connecticut farmer's daughter has solved the problem of earning money while remaining at home and helping with the household. She cleared \$500 the first year and almost double that amount the second and she looks forward to doing still better in 1910.

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