

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. Furthermore, it is reported that the estate is not worth over \$500,000.

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 Hunsden 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. If anyone tries to contest the will I will leave at once for Springfield and renew the fight as I did two years ago."

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 is 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 admitted."

"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.

HASKELL DEFENDS SELF

Witnesses Called to Show Illegal Expenditure of Public Funds.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 10.—The legislative committee appointed to examine charges against Governor Haskell and other state officials that they spent public funds irregularly, heard the testimony of two witnesses in the opening session of the inquiry yesterday. They were O. T. Smith, private secretary to the governor, and W. T. Hutchins, a Muskogee attorney, who is jointly indicted with Governor Haskell for the alleged Muskogee township frauds.

MYSTERY ENWRAPS

GIRL-LIFE'S DEATH

Tragedy Suspected in Sudden Passing of Ethel Fry in Curry County Wilds.

POISONING IS HINTED AT

Relatives Will Ask for Grand Jury Investigation as Means of Ascertaining Whether the Girl Died From Natural Causes.

HATTERS LOSE \$222,000

DECISION AT HARTFORD IS BLOW TO BOYCOTT.

Court Declares That Effort Was Made to Cripple and Possibly Destroy Business of Defendant.

From New York Papers. HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 10.—Under an amounting of \$200,000, which is automatically tripled by the Sherman anti-trust law to \$222,000, and with costs amounting to about \$26,000, the jury to the United States Circuit Court at Hartford, Conn., has rendered a verdict in the case of the United Hatters of North America, which has been in the United States Circuit Court on trial for four months, found in favor of the plaintiff, D. B. Thomas, who lives in a locality known as Clay Hill, 25 miles from the mouth of Rogue River.

Mrs. Fry died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Thomas, who live in a locality known as Clay Hill, 25 miles from the mouth of Rogue River.

Two months ago Mrs. Fry left her husband and went to her parents' home. After she died word was brought to Gold Beach that there was suspicion of poisoning and the sheriff, Mr. Thomas, in the case were presented to the Justice of the Peace at Langolis. No formal complaint was made, and the sheriff, Mr. Thomas, was notified that the girl's parents had been buried and there was no post mortem to ascertain the cause of death. It is not known at Gold Beach whether or not a physician attended the girl.

Investigation to Be Made. It is stated by the officials that the grand jury will investigate the case, but it is doubtful if it can ever be ascertained whether poison was administered by the girl herself or by others. Some of the Gold Beach people think that the death was natural, although the girl's fatal illness was but of two days' duration. They are, however, of opinion that there is sufficient ground to bring about an investigation by the next grand jury.

POPE REBUFS SPAIN

REQUEST FOR REVISION OF CONCORDAT MEETS REFUSAL.

Alfonso Will Reply That Will of People on Religious Liberty Must Prevail.

MADRID, Feb. 10.—The impartial announced yesterday that the Vatican opposed a categorical non possumus regarding the proposition of the Spanish government for the revision of the concordat of 1851. The paper says the government probably will proceed with the work without negotiations with Rome.

Several versions of the incident are in circulation, but Mr. Fairbanks gives the following: "When on Sunday I reached the American college, Mr. Kennedy said that he had been advised from the Vatican that it would be impossible for me to have a Papal audience if I delivered my contemplated address at the American Methodist Church. I replied that I had agreed to make an address and was obliged to keep the engagement; that I had always exercised the privilege of speaking to Catholics and Protestants alike whenever they desired and whenever it was possible, and, therefore, the arrangement for the audience I regarded as ended."

CABINET FALLS, NEW ONE IS IN

More's Catering to Republicans Causes Split Among Liberals.

MADRID, Feb. 10.—Internal Liberal dissensions culminated today in the resignation of the Spanish Cabinet, of which Moret y Prendergast was Premier. The King at once charged Jose Cantalejas y Mendos, a Democrat and leader of the extreme Liberal left, to form a new Ministry.

The reform of the concordat of 1851 is one of the principal articles in the programme of the Liberal government of Spain. It has already been unsuccessfully attempted by other Liberal Ministers. The modifications sought affect chiefly the clauses relating to religious conscience and education and the limitation of religious orders.

RIVERS IN FRANCE RISING

Flood Victims Returning to Damaged Houses Forced to Leave.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—Flood conditions in the eastern sections are becoming worse. The Marne, near Reims, rose 15 inches today, and inhabitants of the valley are fleeing with their belongings. River Aisne rose three feet in a few hours.

Pathetic scenes were witnessed in many places, for the victims of the Marne were just beginning to return to their damaged houses when they were obliged to leave again. It is estimated that the Seine at Paris will remain stationary from Friday until Monday, when it will be slightly augmented again by waters of the Marne and Upper Seine.

TAFT SOCIAL SEASON OVER

Reception to Army and Navy Shows Brilliant Year.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The White House social season ended brilliantly last night when President and Mrs. Taft received in honor of the Army and Navy.

The attendance was probably the largest of any of the four big receptions of the year. The pressure for invitations was so great that the lines closed more than a week ago. The guests were limited more strictly to Army and Navy officers than ever before.

FAIRBANKS LAUDED

FOR ROME ACTION

"Whom Will He Prefer?" Asks Italian Newspaper as to Roosevelt's Visit.

EX-VICE-PRESIDENT TELLS

Speech Called "Vindication of American Tolerance"—Italy Congratulates Him—Catholics Got Their Share of Praise in Talk.

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Simon Hahn, who lives at the hotel and deals in stocks, had increased his assets by a neatly wrapped bundle of sticks, papers and old rags, and the boy had set down the said \$20 on the credit side of his account.

Fifteen minutes after Mr. Hahn had left the hotel yesterday morning, some person called for him on the telephone. Mr. O'Brien answered the call, and the person on the other end of the wire said: "This is Mr. Hahn's tailor. We have a pair of trousers and a waistcoat for him, and he is in a hurry for them."

Soon thereafter the boy appeared with a bundle and a bill, the latter noting forth that Mr. Hahn was indebted to the tailor for one pair of trousers at the rate of \$7 per leg and one waistcoat valued at \$5. Mr. O'Brien paid the bill and put the package in the broker's room. When Mr. Hahn arrived home last night he was surprised to find the clothes he had ordered, only the night before. When he opened the package out dropped the sticks, rags and paper.

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Special Sale of Men's Overcoats and Cravenettes

Regular \$20, \$22.50, \$25 and \$30 Values at \$15

The nearness of Spring lends aggressiveness to our efforts to clean up this Winter stock. We'd a good deal rather give you the benefit of our extremely low prices now than to carry these goods through until next Fall. Many of these overcoats and raincoats are Hart Schaffner & Marx goods. They're all perfect in fit, style and finish, and were good values during past season at \$20, \$22.50, \$25, and \$30. We offer you unrestricted choice of entire lot at

\$15.00

First showing new Spring Cluett Shirts, \$1.50 Our Spring Manhattans have arrived

Sam'l Rosenblatt & Co.

Corner Third and Morrison Streets First Shipment John B. Stetson Hats for Spring Has Arrived

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE TITLE GUARANTY & SURETY COMPANY

of the State of Pennsylvania, on the 31st day of December, 1909, made before the Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.

Capital. Amount of capital paid up.....\$1,000,000

Income. Premiums received during the year in cash.....\$1,065,478.98

Interest on investments and rents received during the year.....63,443.56

Income from other sources received during the year.....2,505.49

Total income.....\$1,132,428.33

Disbursements. Losses paid during the year.....\$ 232,416.75

Dividends paid during the year.....60,000

Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....274,028.46

Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....27,384.69

Amount of all other expenditures.....176,112.88

Total disbursements.....\$770,452.83

Total assets.....\$1,132,428.33

Assets. Value of real estate owned.....\$ 97,100.00

Value of stocks and bonds owned.....1,065,774.32

Loans on mortgages and collateral.....177,154.80

Cash in bank and on hand.....151,393.16

Accounts receivable.....75,200.00

Interest and rents due and accrued.....116,865.59

Total assets.....\$2,296,719.35

Less special deposits in any state (if any there be).....0.00

Total assets admitted in Oregon.....\$2,296,719.35

Liabilities. Gross claims for losses unpaid.....\$ 307,251.63

Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding policies.....387,398.73

Due on commissions and broker's fees.....41,100.24

Accounts payable.....75,200.00

Total liabilities.....\$770,950.60

Total insurance in force December 31, 1909.....774,797.47

Business in Oregon for the year. Total risks written during year.....0.00

Gross premiums received during the year.....\$ 13,610.12

Losses paid during the year.....23.00

Losses incurred during the year.....0.00

Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1909.....13,610.12

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