

ROCK PILE AGES WILL GO TO WIFE

Neglectful Singer Is Sentenced to Work for County for \$1.50 a Day.

CHANCE GIVEN FOR BONDS

Previous Broken Promise Spills Chance for Mercy—New Law Is Invoked for First Time in Multnomah County.

In sentencing Robert Forrest, a singer in a moving-picture show, to one year on the rockpile, as a result of his failure to support his wife, County Judge Cleeton yesterday put into effect for the first time in this county the new law that compels a neglectful husband to work for the county on the rock pile for \$1.50 a day to pay for the support of his wife.

After the sentence was pronounced Judge Cleeton was induced to allow Forrest until Monday to secure a bond of \$480 to insure future support of the neglected wife. If the bond is not forthcoming at that time, the sentence imposed upon Forrest will be enforced, according to the provisions of the new law in a moving-picture show the next 12 months, he will break rock under the watchful eye of a guard, and the money he earns will not reach his pockets, but will go into the hands of Mrs. Forrest.

Previous Promise Broken. Forrest's appeal to the court for mercy resulted in his receiving a lecture from the judge concerning the responsibilities of married life. When arrested on a previous occasion for the same offense, Forrest had promised Judge Webster that if permitted to go he would pay his wife a certain proportion of his weekly salary, and in refusing to listen to Forrest's promises, Judge Cleeton said that he not only had broken faith with the woman he had promised to support, but that he had betrayed the trust put in him by the court also.

"You are only 28 years old," said the court, "and you appear to be a man capable of doing better than you have. You must learn that marriage involves serious obligations that you cannot throw off lightly. You have had the opportunity to improve, and you have failed, and I do not see anything remaining for me to do in your case except to send you to the rock pile."

While the singer's pretty child wife, who only 17 years forward intently listening to all that was being said, some of Forrest's friends joined him in making a rather pathetic appeal to the judge to grant him a reprieve. These appeals were ineffective, and the court remained firm in the determination to make the man work for the county. At last the request for time in which to furnish a bond was made, and after carefully considering it, the court gave Forrest until Monday in which to obtain a surety.

It is charged by Mrs. Forrest that her husband, although earning a good salary, has forced her to work as a housekeeper for her own support. It was not until she discovered that the prospect of a newcomer would cause her to give up her work that she appealed to the court for aid. For a time Mrs. Forrest gave her \$15 a month, but when he left the city and went to Eastern Oregon with a moving-picture show, she realized she probably would be escape from the jurisdiction of the court, and a warrant was sworn out for his arrest and he was brought back to Portland.

Since assuming his office, County Judge Cleeton has shown a tendency to be strict in cases of non-support, but yesterday was the first time that he has found it necessary to resort to a rockpile sentence.

MOORE MUST STAND GRILLING

Judge Cleeton to Examine Him and Other Directors. Walter H. Moore, formerly president of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, will be subjected to a rigid examination regarding the affairs of that institution when his deposition is taken this afternoon before County Judge Cleeton.

The deposition will be taken as a preliminary to the coming civil trial commenced against Moore and the other officers of the bank by Thomas C. Devlin, as receiver for the bank. E. A. Clark, attorney for Devlin, will conduct the examination. The other officers of the bank will be required to appear in turn and submit to similar examinations.

If Moore's deposition is concluded in time this afternoon it will be followed by that of E. E. Lytle, one of the directors.

AUTO-SMASHER MUST PAY UP

Tyler Gets \$1700 Verdict Against Belt for Collision. W. M. Tyler, whose automobile was wrecked on the Base Lane road on August 25 of last year as a result of its colliding with the auto belonging to R. B. Belt, was awarded \$1700 damages from Belt yesterday by Judge Cleeton in the Circuit Court.

Tyler charged Belt with running dangerously fast and with going on the wrong side of the road, thereby making the accident unavoidable as far as Tyler was concerned. Belt did not appear and the verdict was granted by default.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. E. Connelly, prominent merchant at Shelton, is at the Imperial. E. S. McCord, Seattle attorney, is in the city and located at the Oregon. D. A. Wilson, of Vancouver, B. C., is among the arrivals at the Seaside. George H. Durham, an attorney from Grants Pass, is at the Imperial with Mrs. Durham. O. A. Berger, connected with the Baldwin Piano Company, of Seattle, is at the Lenox for the week. H. J. Cramer and H. B. Norland, business men of Pasco, Wash., are receiving callers at the Perkins. Walter J. Ball, insurance general agent at Seattle, is visiting Portland and registered at the Oregon. W. R. Turrell, salesman at Roseburg, came to the Imperial yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Turrell. William Reavis, whose apple orchard is one of the attractions of Hood River, is staying at the Perkins. S. W. McFarland, engaged in merchandising at Oregon City, is making headquarters at the Ramapo.

HUGE SLASH MADE IN ASPHALT BIDS

Barber Company Makes Lowest Tender for Paving Ever Known in Portland.

BITTER CONTEST IS RAGING

As Result of Contractors' War Price of \$1.60 Square Yard Is Offered on Job on Montgomery Street.

Asphalt pavement at \$1.60 a square yard, the bid of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company submitted yesterday afternoon to the Executive Board, is taken into consideration by the city, and is one of the fiercest paving wars in the history of the city is in progress. Engaged in this battle are the Barber Company, the Warner-Quinlan Company, of New York, and the Oregon Independent Company, of Portland.

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Eastern Company Tries to Break In

The Warner-Quinlan Company is a large firm with headquarters in New York, which has undertaken to "break into" the local market. It has maintained an agent here for several weeks and has bid twice on work each time, however, above a competitor.

The Oregon Independent Paving Company is composed of local capitalists, and has secured some contracts. It has not met the opposition shown by the Warner-Quinlan Company, the supposition being it is not so formidable a rival.

Mayor Simon, City Engineer Morris and Messrs. Corbett, Platt and Smith, of the street committee of the Executive Board, heard with much pleasure the reading of the bids at the meeting yesterday afternoon. They are glad that the Mayor shortly after he assumed office.

Competition Hot on Three Streets

There were three streets for which competition on asphalt was hot yesterday, and the one upon which the Barber Asphalt Company put in its bid of \$1.60 a square yard is a residence street. On a four-inch concrete base, the Barber Asphalt Company bid \$1.60 a square yard; total, \$30,042; the Warner-Quinlan Company, \$1.89 a square yard; total, \$32,280; the Oregon Independent Company, \$1.80; total, \$34,701.

On Fourth street, from Jefferson to Stark street, the Barber Asphalt Company bid \$1.80 a square yard, total, \$49,120; the Warner-Quinlan Company, \$1.85, total, \$51,517; Oregon Independent Company, \$1.95, total, \$53,906. This is on a five-inch concrete base, and is the cheapest rate ever quoted for this class of work in Portland.

GOOD THINGS IN THE PORTLAND MARKETS

BY LILLIAN TINGLE. AN OLD English country tradition says that Spring has come when you can set your foot on three daisies at once. In Portland it is fairly safe to say that the spring has come when you can set your eyes on three bunches of asparagus and three Spring bats at once.

There are of course many other signs—the buds on the hawthorn, the small boy and the hop-scotch diagrams on the pavement; but none of these apply to the markets. The previous winter does not seem to have been so bad as this. Besides asparagus, costing 20 to 35 cents a bunch, there are now dandelions, field-sweet, and celery, lettuce, Spring cabbage and cabbage sprouts, spinach, radishes and Spring onions, all doing their best to make you forget the cheaper goods of the winter. You can open wider your careful pocketbook.

Mushrooms at \$1.50 are not for every one, nor are hot-house peas, beans, cucumbers and peppers. Celery, sweet potatoes and artichokes are getting scarcer, but there are good cauliflower and celeriac for dainty dishes at comparatively moderate prices.

In the fruit market, alligator pears are new at 50 cents each, and choice pink rhubarb at 25 cents a pound. Rhubarb, fresh salmon, chicory, leeks, Spring cabbage and cabbage sprouts, spinach, radishes and Spring onions, all doing their best to make you forget the cheaper goods of the winter. You can open wider your careful pocketbook.

SUES HUBBY FOR \$300

Money Due Her for Agreeing to Live With Him in Question. Laura Meier was given permission by the Circuit Court yesterday to prosecute her suit against Fred Meier, her husband, for \$300, still due her for having agreed to return and live with her after they had separated. A demurrer filed by Meier's attorney attacked her right to sue him for the money, and was argued before Judge Morrow yesterday. It was held there was no legal reason why she should be prevented from trying to obtain the payment of the money.

In order to get his wife to return to him, Meier had promised her that he would give her \$1000, \$700 of which he immediately paid in the form of a note that had been given to him by a third person and which he transferred to his wife.

If Mrs. Meier wins her case, her husband will not only lose the \$1000 he had paid her to return to him, but will probably lose her also as the result of divorce proceedings.

Ten divorce cases, which were not contested, were heard by Judge Morrow yesterday, and in each case he granted the decree which was requested. These divorces are: Nellie N. Keller, from George S. Keller, for interference; Sarah Malone, from Thomas Malone, for desertion; Violet Kiebusch, from Gus Kiebusch, for desertion; Mattilda Wharton, from Gerald Wharton, for desertion; Edith E. Lynn, from John W. Lynn, for cruelty; Susie Shipley, from Row W. Shipley, for cruelty; Lella Hastings, from James J. Hastings, for desertion; Nancy Adams, from Henry E. Adams, for interference; and Amelia E. Rely, from Charles S. Rely, for desertion.

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