

ALLEGED HEIR TO MILLIONS LOCATED

Resident of Ireland Springs Surprise in Albina Land Contest.

DEED MAY TURN TABLES

Two Enniskillen Families Involved in Fight for 160 Acres, Part of Original Donation Land Claim—Proof Awaited.

Title to Albina property lying between Union avenue, the Willamette River, and Morris and Ivy streets, containing 160 acres, and worth more than \$1,000,000, has again been called in question by the filing with County Clerk Fields of a deed to the entire tract on which stand the residences of many property-owners who considered their title good.

This deed is signed by Arthur Chapman, of Enniskillen, Ireland, and conveys the tract to Julius C. Proebstel, who is said to be the son of Jane Chapman, who married Wendie Proebstel years ago, and as his wife she took up with him 239 acres of Albina land as a donation land claim. A number of years ago it was thought that the rightful heirs to this property had been found, but Julius Proebstel, who has been in Ireland looking up records, and his attorney, G. Evert Esker, declare that they are prepared to prove Arthur Chapman to be the rightful heir to the land. If this be true the deed of every property-owner now having a residence upon this tract of land is worthless.

People Feared to Buy Here.

For a long time the sale of this property was slow, as people feared a flaw in the title after the unsuccessful effort to excheat it. But the Title Guarantee & Trust Company began guaranteeing the title and after that the sale was more rapid.

Under the statute the north half of the donation land claim would go to Mrs. Proebstel's heirs when she died. But Wendie Proebstel and Jane Proebstel had no children, although it is now asserted that Jane Proebstel had a son by a former marriage in Ireland before she came to America. Arthur Chapman claims to be this son. After the death of Jane Proebstel Wendie Proebstel married again and upon his death his second wife, Elizabeth Proebstel, laid claim to all his property. But Mr. Saker, who acted as administrator for her, informed her that she could not lay claim to the north half of the donation land claim, as in the absence of heirs that would escheat to the state. Soon afterward the state brought suit to excheat the property.

A little later Benton Killin, who was acting as attorney for the administrator, received a letter from Mrs. D. Sawtelle of Michigan, telling him that Jane Proebstel was from Ireland. An advertisement was accordingly inserted in one of the Ireland newspapers, and soon afterward a Thomas Chapman, of Enniskillen, wrote to Attorney Killin and informed him that his sister, Jane, went to America, that he was a full brother and that Mrs. D. Sawtelle and Mary Height were daughters of one of Jane Chapman Proebstel's sisters. Attorney Killin then made affidavit that he had discovered heirs to the Jane Proebstel property and the state's suit was dropped. He then secured a power of attorney signed by the heirs and proceeded with the sale of the property.

Proebstels' Attorney Talks.

In discussing the matter yesterday, Attorney Baker, representing the Proebstels, said: "Several years afterward, along in the '90s, a friend of John Proebstel bought a piece of property in this tract, and showed the abstract to John Proebstel, father of Julius Proebstel. He declared that Jane Proebstel had no relative named Thomas Chapman nor Archibald Wainwright, one of the relatives named by Thomas."

"She had no relatives of the names given, he said, but had a sister by the name of Mary or Marie Chapman and a brother named Ralph. He had decided to make a trip to Ireland to look into the matter, when he paid a visit to his son and nephew, who were suffering from paralysis, from which he died."

"Julius Proebstel then went to Ireland and discovered two Chapman families, both living in Enniskillen, and almost across the street from each other. Both families boasted of a Jane Chapman. In both cases Jane had left and come to America. "Investigation brought out the fact that in the Thomas Chapman family, Jane Chapman could read and write, and that she was a dressmaker. It was also discovered that she left Ireland in 1854. This is all set forth in depositions which Julius Proebstel has in his possession. The fact is also set out in depositions that Jane Chapman Proebstel took up the Albina donation land claim for two years at the time the Jane Chapman of the Thomas Chapman family left Ireland. It is also proved by deposition that Jane Chapman Proebstel could neither read nor write, and that she left Ireland some time in 1827."

Proebstel Off to Ireland Again.

"When this had been established, Julius Proebstel thought he had sufficient proof, so he returned. But he had not secured proof that Arthur Chapman was related to Jane Proebstel, so he made a second trip to Ireland and has found two persons, 80 years old, who have known Arthur Chapman ever since he was born, knew when Jane Chapman, his mother, came to America, and knew that it is the same Jane Chapman who married Wendie Proebstel. At the time she was married in Portland she was 34 or 35 years old. "Arthur Proebstel recognized his mother's picture the minute he saw it, and burst into tears, saying they had known that his mother left for America, but they had never known where to find her."

WHITE WINGS SOON TO FLY

Brigade of Ten to Keep City's Streets Free From Debris.

Portland will soon have a full-fledged "white-winged brigade," composed of ten men, who will work in the congested districts keeping the streets free of debris. They will wear khaki uniforms and white helmets, and will operate all day. Seven will be placed on the West Side and three on the East Side, according to the present plans of Superintendent Donaldson, who is working on the subject to get action in the near future.

Superintendent Donaldson has other plans for cleaning the city streets this year. He intends to have apparatus built for attaching to fire-pumps in various places throughout the hard-surface dis-

tricts, so that he can flush streets that are on steep grades and upon which the power-brooms or flushing machines cannot be operated. The city will this year oil 400 miles of macadam and gravel streets, and it is the opinion of Superintendent Donaldson that this work should commence about the middle of April. The administration is going to put forth great efforts this season to put the thoroughfares in first-class condition.

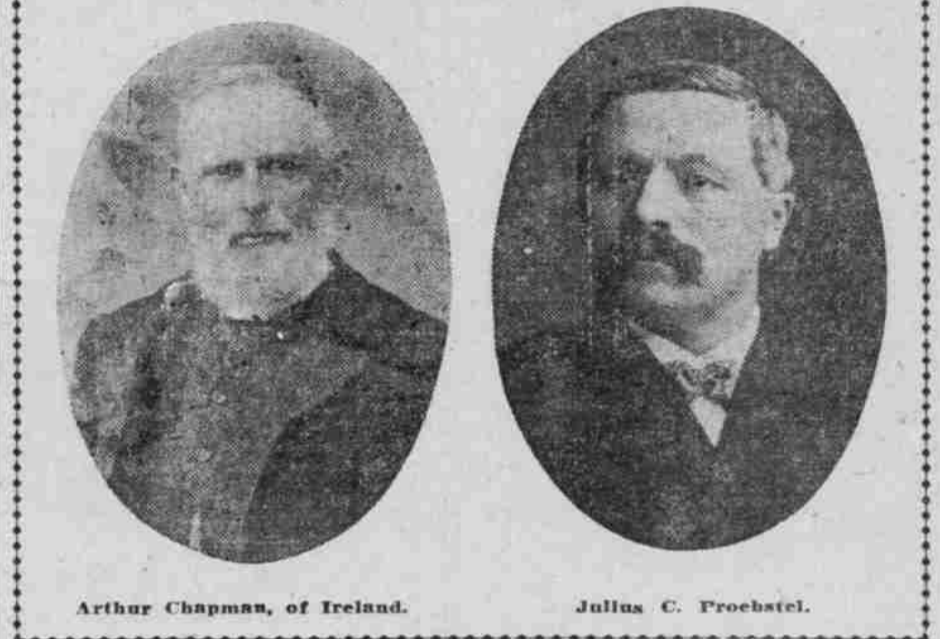
KEYNOTE SOUNDS TONIGHT

Laymen's Missionary Convention Begins With Big Convention.

With 1000 enthusiastic Portlanders at the banquet board tonight the keynote of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which meets here three days this week, will be sounded by William H. Lewis, of Seattle, Wash., who will speak on "The National Missionary Campaign." E. B. Sturges, of Scranton, Pa., will tell "How a Business Man Became Interested in Missions," and J. Campbell White, of New York, one of the most prominent pulpit orators of the country, will make the principal address of this, the opening evening. He will speak on "America's World-Responsibility."

Mr. White, who arrived in the city last evening, is enthusiastic over the prospects of the missionary work in Portland. He is general secretary and one of the founders of the laymen's movement. He said: "We have had great success with our meetings in the South, and can see nothing but the best for the future."

RESIDENT OF IRELAND WHO LAYS CLAIM TO 160 ACRES OF LAND IN ALBINA, AND MAN SUPPORTING HIS CLAIM.



Arthur Chapman, of Ireland.



Julius C. Proebstel.

ing but even greater success here. Our fields are ready for harvest, and we have found the harvesters are not few, but many. "The only people who doubt the divinity of Christ are those who are passing their time discussing it, instead of putting it in practice in their lives today. "Will America undertake her full share in the task of world-evangelization? The problem of the churches at this time is the successful distribution of the seed corn of the Kingdom of God. There are about 600,000,000 persons in the non-Christian world, dependent on the churches of America.

"To reach 600,000,000 would require a total of 24,000 missionaries, which is one missionary to every 25,000 persons. Twenty-four thousand missionaries from North America would be less than one out of 800 of our Protestant church members."

QUAKE BEGAN ROMANCE

Miss Lilla C. Jeffers Weds John C. Powers at Catholic Cathedral.

Culminating a romance begun in San Francisco's earthquake days, Miss Lilla C. Jeffers, of Portland, and John C. Powers, of Spokane, were married at the Catholic Cathedral yesterday.

Both of the young people were residents of San Francisco when the city was destroyed. Miss Jeffers being engaged as a courier to carry dispatches from the authorities and relief headquarters to various portions of the city. She was working with Major Tilden when a shot fired by error killed that officer as he was riding in an automobile.

While engaged in that work Miss Jeffers became acquainted with the young man now her husband. Miss Jeffers is the daughter of a pioneer San Francisco family. Mr. Powers is an attorney and was a resident of California for many years before coming to a prominent place in the political and social world. He located in Spokane recently and has come to Portland to accept a position with the Roman Catholic Life Insurance Company. He will have charge of the Oregon territory and will reside here. For five years Mr. Powers was confidential secretary to the Governor of California, and chairman of the committee which had in charge the codification of the laws of that state.

After the wedding ceremony supper was served at the Oregon hotel for Mrs. and Mr. Powers, and the bride, Mrs. San Francisco, mother of the bride, Mrs. Kate Finnen, of San Francisco, and Philip Harding, of Spokane, the best man.

EDWARD SHRIVER ACCUSED

Man Suspected of Horse Stealing Is Landed in Jail.

Edward Shriver was arrested yesterday afternoon by Constable Lou Wagner and Deputy Gardner on a charge of horse-stealing. Shriver's partner in the alleged crime, a man named Hood, eluded the officers and is still at large. The complaint was made by W. W. Paddock, who reported that he suspected the two men of stealing his horses, and when Wagner and Gardner arrested Shriver at Thirty-fourth and Surman streets one horse was found in his possession. He said he had caught the horses running loose in the streets and that he had given one of the animals to Hood, his partner.

In the building in which Shriver was captured was also found a plow, which had been stolen. When taken to the Constable's office Shriver threatened to start a fight with the officers, but his anger in this regard soon cooled. Not being able to furnish bail, he was sent to jail to await the action of the grand jury, which meets the latter part of this week.

Saved a Soldier's Life.

Faithful watch from the shell in the Civil War was more agreeable to J. A. Stone, of Kemp, Tex., than facing it. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cough that would not go away. I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. I now weigh 175 pounds." For Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Asthma, Hemorrhage, Hoarseness, Croup, Whooping Cough and Lung trouble, its supreme. 50c., \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

HINDUS ROILED BY REMARK OF OLSON

St. Johns Riot Cases May Be Taken Up Directly by Grand Jury.

STEICHEN PROVES ALIBI

Work of Interpreter Does Not Satisfy—Consul Laidlaw Secures Services of Lawyers and Federal Secret Service Men.

Because Justice Olson, of the Justice Court, yesterday afternoon expressed what was construed as animosity against the Hindus, it is probable that no more



Justice Olson.

preliminary hearings of the cases against the alleged rioters will be heard before him. Justice Olson said, during the hearing of R. E. Steichen, who proved an alibi and was discharged, that if the wife and children of Manager Ayer, of the St. Johns Lumber Company, were forced to mingle daily with the Hindus, the lumberman who is assisting the prosecution would soon change his opinion regarding them. This statement was resented by the Hindus and immediately after the hearing of Steichen they gathered in the hallway outside the courtroom and decided to protest against the cases being heard before Justice Olson. Deputy District Attorney Garland, who is conducting the prosecution, said that for this reason all of the cases would probably be held over to await investigation by the grand jury. The inquisitorial body for the April term will be sworn on Friday and they will, in all probability, then commence action with regard to the St. Johns riot.

Grand Jury Expected to Act.

Justice Olson has recommended that the grand jury handle the case right along, and suggest that a special body be called to look into the matter. District Attorney Cameron decided not to do this. There is hardly any doubt now, however, that the rest of the cases will be taken in hand by the grand jury. M. Unger, son of a confectionery proprietor at St. Johns, who was arrested a few days ago, charged with being implicated in the riot and was released on \$3000 bail, waived his preliminary examination in the Justice Court yesterday and was bound over to the grand jury. He put up bail in the sum of \$2000 and was not held in custody.

R. E. Steichen proved an absolute alibi to the court yesterday, showing by means of numerous witnesses that he was working in the mill on the night the riot took place. The foreman of the planing mill in which Steichen is employed testified that the defendant went to work at 5 P. M. and did not leave the mill until after midnight. Corroborative evidence was produced to support this statement. On the other hand, one Hindu positively identified Steichen as the one who had beaten him during the melee. The Hindu's identification was given with much credence, however, in the face of the other testimony. Indeed, Justice Olson afterwards said that he had no doubt that the Hindu told a bare-faced lie.

Interpreter's Work Displeases.

Considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed with the work of John Kim, the Hindu who has been interpreting for the court. He has been accused of not only misinterpreting, but also of suggesting to the Hindu witnesses what to testify.

A new feature of the case developed yesterday when it was learned that the British government, through Consul Laidlaw, had secured the services of Attorneys Seabrook, Dan Malarky and Rowden Stott to assist in the prosecution of the cases. Several Secret Service men of the United States are now at work in St. Johns in the matter and more arrests are expected soon.

WEMME TIRES OF BIPLANE

Wealthy Stockman of New Mexico Desires to Purchase Machine.

Not desiring to make practical use of the airship as a means of communication between his place of residence and his own business houses, E. Henry Wemme is entertaining a proposition to sell the Curtiss biplane to Jack Guy Stark, a wealthy young man from Silver City, N. M.

Mr. Stark arrived in the city yesterday and went to the Nortonia in company with R. A. Blackly, his aviator. The aviator immediately approached the Portland pioneer of air travel with an offer to acquire the machine. The offer had not been accepted up to late hour last night, but Mr. Wemme announced that a sale was probable.

Mr. Stark is reported to be one of the wealthy young miners of the state whose sagacious and cautious so strongly interfere with automobile-speeders that an anti-speed law is unnecessary. Should he be successful in securing the first airship ever owned in the Northwest he will ship it to his home and make use of the vehicle for pleasure. Members of the Stark party last night pointed out many advantages for airship travel possessed by the state of New Mexico which Oregon is without. In New Mexico the aviator is not apt to drown should his ship suddenly dip to the earth.

while sand is much more comfortable a place to land than the tree tops or black soil of the Beaver at night. Mr. Wemme is holding the price of the machine at \$3000. He has accomplished his desire to own the first heavy-duty machine in Oregon, as he did the first automobile, and is now ready to dispense with it.

New Bills Open at the Vaudeville Houses

Orpheum.

EVERY one who saw the new bill at the Orpheum yesterday said to his neighbor, "Best show I've seen here for a long time." If no neighbor was handy apparent, he said it to some one else, both nodding smiling approval over an unusually excellent entertainment.

If there were no other act than Classical Dayne on the program the show would be enough run for any man's money, but add Nellie Nichols and five other good acts, and the success is proportionate. It's quite a ways down in the programme that Cressy and Dayne come on, but the curtain is lifted in a delightful way. These two vaudeville stars have established a reputation for original and artistic characterization second to none in their field, and belong rightfully in a class by themselves. Their appearance is invariably the signal for an ovation. As is generally known, Mr. Cressy is the dean of vaudeville playwrights. In this instance this gifted twin are presenting his latest and most pretentious playlet, "The Wyoming Whoop."

Of course, the "Whoop" is a newspaper, and Cressy is its editor. Grizzled and bewhiskered and unkempt, he philosophizes in his mean little office, and every line is funnier than the one that preceded it. The audience doesn't smile or beam gently at Cressy's witticisms; it pounds its knees individually and collectively and chortles. Also guffaws in spots. Miss Dayne in the guise of Genevieve Montmorency of the Elite Repertoire Company on tour, enters into the office to insert an advertisement. Cressy's sketches cannot be described in cold printer's ink, because no press can tell of their human interest, so much of their gentle sarcasm, of their intensely genuine charm. And what pen can tell of Cressy's methods? He has to be seen; not read.

Following this act in close second for applause is Nellie Nichols, a vivacious and talented maiden, on whom the good ladies who attend to the gift-giving department most generously bestowed good looks, personal charm and versatility. She has an splendid voice and is a songstress/comedian of the best type. She is most generous in her offerings, giving a series of original sketches that are the originals. Wonder of wonders she doesn't include Eya Tanguy or George Cohen in her list.

Whitely's "Dance Steps" are dandy fine dancers, whose steps are both lively and new. The costuming of their act is particularly grateful to the eye. The two girls in modish tan suits that produce an attractive color combination in their costumes, and are so deft and must have danced several miles yesterday.

"The Picnays," Maurice and Ethel, are amusing and excellent entertainers. Their act is a novelty of acrobatic features, and the ease and grace evidenced by both participants is remarkable. Maurice's piece de resistance is a buck and wing dance on his hands. The Lavine-Cimaron trio presents a variety of entertainment, and a comedy in a travesty on physical culture called "Imagination," which includes some contortion feats and marathon dancing by Max Lavine, some more than excellent comedy by Oliver Lavine, who comedies as a "cullud" gentleman and a very indifferent and jelly-like support by a meek-looking and mild-mannered person named Cimaron.

Fred Wilson pleases in an act entitled "The Student," in which he sings college songs, gives college yells, and wears college clothes. Gordon Eldrid and company give a semi-horsey play act called "Grown by a Leg," which is an experience to see the native dances of the European Orient so well done. There are nine Russians all told in the act, and their striking costumes and human top dancing appeal with more than usual force.

Helen Carmen, a comedienne and singer, followed closely in a group as a favorite with yesterday's audience. She sings her songs and tells her stories in an inimitable fashion. Carmen is distinctly worth while. Foster and Foster, in their musical oddity, "The Volunteer Pianist," are strongly in favor with the audience. They have a few ideas of their own which they introduce in an original manner and which illuminate their efforts most satisfactorily.

An superior acrobatic act is offered by the Lavelles, a quartet which does some remarkable tumbling and tossing stunts. Helm and Cousins, a team of comedians, have a skit which gives them an opportunity to sing and display English humor. The Carlston sisters, in childish

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A try-out would have been made sooner had it not been for a fault found in the motor. It is claimed for the machine that it will start off the ground without running any considerable distance, as is done with other Curtiss models.

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