

**BENSON BIGAMIST
AS SON'S CHARGE**

Both Wives Remembered in Will of Landgrabber Who Died Recently.

FIGHT IS ON FOR ESTATE

California Man Resents Father's Action in Awarding One-Third of Property to Spouse No. 2, Once Wedded to Swiftwater Gates.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—(Special.)—It is reported this evening that a peculiar will made by John A. Benson, a land-grabber, who has been found among his effects, according to the story, it leaves one-third of the estate to his first wife, who is still living, and from whom it is charged that Benson never secured a divorce; one-third to wife No. 2, who was once the wife of "Swiftwater Bill" Gates, and one-third to the son, Dr. Edward A. Benson, who has branded his dead father as a bigamist.

The sudden death of John A. Benson on the first day of liberty after a year's imprisonment in the Inglewood jail for land-grabbing has opened the lips of the son, Dr. Edward A. Benson, who is president of the California College of Optometry, branding his dead father a bigamist and says that he will fight to establish the claims of his mother, the first wife, over those of "Swiftwater Bill." He says Mrs. Gates married J. A. Benson when he had no divorce from his first wife.

Dr. Benson Talks.
"It was my mother's horror of publicity and scandal which made her endeavor to effect treatment by my father," said Dr. Benson today. "I have applied for letters of administration on my father's estate and special letters have been granted by Public Administrator Hynes. I have no idea what the value of the estate is. The home where I live in San Francisco and the Oakland residence occupied by my mother belong to her. I suppose the San Ramon ranch belonged to my father.

NEW AIRSHIP TYPES SEEN

Fairchild and Baldwin Already on Ground in Mineola.

MINEOLA, L. I., May 11.—If next week brings good aeroplane weather, Clifford Fairchild and Baldwin are ready to make country flights around Long Island from their quarters at the Aero Club motorhome here. Fairchild has had a week's hard practice with his Farman biplane, making several flights of a mile or more each day.

WRIGHTS GOING AFTER RECORD

DAYTON, Ohio, May 11.—Announcement was made here last night that the Wright brothers will attempt to better Paulhan's long-distance aeroplane feat by flying from Dayton to Chicago. A date has not been definitely set for the trial beyond that it will be within the next few weeks. The distance is approximately 350 miles.

FACULTY DEFENDS DIGNITY

Students Suspended for Trying to Disrobe Teacher Ballplayer.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—School authorities today set the seal of disapproval on the student practice of attempting to disrobe faculty members in public when they suspended or expelled seven students of the South Central High School, two of them track team members and five of them players on the baseball team.

M'KINLEY SEEKING LANDS

Seattle to Be Future Home of Public Lander Franter.

AERONAUT WHO, WITH HIS COMPANION, WAS INJURED BY BALLOON'S FALL.



A. HOLLAND FORBES

BIG BALLOON FALLS

Aeronauts Drop 20,000 Feet Escaping Death.

President of Aero Club of America and Companion Pass Through 4 States; Rip Cord Damages Bag and Gas Escapes.

Those who saw it could discern no passengers and suspected that something was wrong. It was going at the rate of five miles an hour. As it moved over Center and north it appeared to be settling toward the ground, when suddenly the bag collapsed and the dash to earth followed in the twinkling of an eye.

Farmers soon reached the field in which the balloon had fallen. They freed the two apparently dead men and carried them to the Barton home, where restoratives were administered. It was not until several hours later that Forbes showed signs of returning consciousness, and remained only for a few minutes at a time.

FORBES AERIAL ADVENTURER

Has Had Many Narrow Escapes While Up in Balloons.

NEW YORK, May 11.—A. Holland Forbes has had a long and adventurous career as a balloonist, and is vice-president of the Aero Club of America. On October 11, 1885, while he was preparing for the James Gordon Bennett distance trophy at Berlin, his balloon—the Cosmos—burst at a height of 3000 feet and fell swiftly. The gas bag, however, spread after its collapse into a parachute form and the aeronaut gently to a house-top uninjured.

HOLDOVER LOSS TO FARMER

Goldendale Wheat Brings 30c Less Than in December.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—The first sales of wheat, held over by the farmers at Goldendale, were made this week, the price paid for forty-four bushels being 70c per bushel, which is exactly 30c per bushel less than was offered for the same wheat last December.

SPILLS SYSTEM BLAMED

Civil Service Reforms Say Roosevelt and Taft Ignore Rules.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Neither President Taft nor ex-President Roosevelt escaped criticism in the report of the executive committee of the Civil Service Association made public tonight at the annual meeting of the association.

TEST CASE TO BE MADE

LOCAL OPTION ORDER IN MORROW IS OPPOSED.

Indicted Men Admit Sale of Intoxicating Liquor, but Insist No Law Was Violated.

**CURT-HELLIG MOVE
BEING COUNTERMANNED?**

Klaw & Erlanger Reply to Seattle Man's Organization, in Theater War.

SHUBERTS' SHOWS COMING

Hellig Theater Probably Will Play Independent Attractions if Portland Theater Lessees Acquiesce — Speculation On.

NEW YORK, May 11.—An alliance has just been formed by producing managers in the United States, who together own and control 300 of the leading traveling combinations in this country. They have placed the booking of their various interests in the hands of Klaw & Erlanger, with instructions to play only in such territory and in such theaters as will give the producing managers the support to which they consider themselves entitled.

The managers of the new alliance are Charles Frohman, David Belasco, Henry W. Savage, Henry B. Harris, Joseph Brooks, Conan & Harris, Klaw & Erlanger, Florenz Ziegfeld, Augustus M. Catts, Wagnalls & Kemper, Frederic Thompson, Al H. Woods, Joseph Weber, Henry Miller, Daniel Frohman, William Harris and others.

That the theater war, started by Calvin Hellig, of Portland, and John Cort, of Seattle, a week ago, which has since spread until it embraces 400 theater managers of the same way of thinking as themselves, is but in its infancy was indicated by a New York dispatch last night.

Threatened with the downfall of the supremacy by Hellig and Cort, agency, what the independent theaters proposed to form, Klaw & Erlanger have drawn their forces together and are making a grandstand fight. K. & E. have bound together managers representing over 200 leading attractions who have consented to an agreement that they will sign no contracts otherwise than through K. & E. What county shall be played shall be decided in the hands of the booking agency.

This a prompt checkmate has been offered to the plan fostered by the Northwest Association, that the middleman be eliminated. K. & E. have not taken kindly to the proposal for the elimination and have come back with an answer.

As to how the great war started there are varying statements. Calvin Hellig says it was because Klaw & Erlanger told him they could only supply 14 attractions for the following season, while on the other hand K. & E. charge the faith of Hellig and Cort. Hellig says he withdrew his theaters in the Northwest, and the other independent theaters followed suit. K. & E. assert they declined to book further for Cort, Hellig & Co.

Hellig has an iron-clad agreement with the showmen that they will play at the Hellig Theater next season so that Portland will not be without adequate theatrical entertainment, yet Hellig and Cort were confident that they would be able to book the other shows previously handled by K. & E. by arranging independently with showmen who had advertised more than feasible, as the new booking agency, formed by Mr. Hellig and his associates, could take care of a show from coast to coast.

LAND FRAUD CASES DEAD

Several Idaho Prosecutions Dropped, Venue Changed in Others.

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 11.—(Special.)—Special Assistant Attorney-General Peyton Gordon dismissed several of the Idaho land-fraud cases in the Federal court today.

TACOMA ASKS THIRD TRIAL

Commercial Club Seeks Mrs. Kvaishaug's Conviction or Acquittal.

TACOMA, May 11.—The trustees of the Commercial Club today adopted a resolution urging that Mrs. Martina Kvaishaug, charged with the murder of her husband, be tried a third time, the jury having twice disagreed.

EXPLORERS' ROUTE CLEAR

Mount McKinley Parties Will Find Susitna Navigable.

SEATTLE, May 11.—The steamer Bertha, from Northern Alaska port, brings back to Cook Inlet and a part of the Susitna River was navigable when she left and that the whole of the Susitna must be clear of ice now. This is important for the two Mount McKinley expeditions, which had feared they might be delayed a long time by ice.

PRESIDENT APPROVES BILL

Postal Bank Bonds in Multiples of \$24 Pass Muster.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—President Taft virtually approved the postal savings bank bill as presented to him in tentative form last night by Chairman Weeks and other members of the House committee on postoffice and post roads. After the bill emerges from committee it will be submitted to a Republican caucus for final changes.

RECEPTION TO BE INFORMAL

Thousand Invitations Issued to Roosevelt Luncheon in London.

LONDON, May 11.—After commencing with Mr. Roosevelt, the committee of the corporation decided today to present the ex-President with the honorary freedom of the City of London on May 21, the date originally chosen.

WOMAN BURNS HER BABY

BODY RECOVERED FROM BAY SHOWS CAUSE OF DEATH.

Mother Now in Hospital in Critical Condition—May Be Charged With Murder.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—With blood on her clothes and hands, and her naked baby dead by her own hand in her arms, Hilda Schinke, 19 years old, was thrown into the bay and staggered to her home, three blocks away, in agony. Neighbors called Dr. F. A. Booth, who sent her to the city hospital, where she is in a critical condition. Coroner Snyder is investigating.

The girl rented a room in an apartment house at Inter Bay several months ago. She has been working in a laundry until last week, when her condition made it imperative that she quit. Mrs. P. E. Kelly, who lives in the same house, saw the girl leave Monday with the naked baby, badly burned. The mother took the child to the foot of Smith street, where she threw it into the bay.

She said she was married, but would not talk to any extent. Sergeant Dugner recovered the baby's little one had been burned to death, its head, back and arms being charred. An Alaskan stove was found in the room occupied by the girl.

CHIPPWA LANDS ARE RESTORED.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Lands aggregating 232,294 acres, located in the Chippewa Indian Reservations, in Minnesota, which were withdrawn from settlement a little more than a year ago, have been restored to the public domain by the Interior Department. They will be subject to homestead entry on June 20.

NEW EARTHQUAKES ARE FELT

All Americans, at First Thought Killed at Cartago, Are Found.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, May 11.—Heavy earthquakes were felt here today. Thousands of persons are leaving the city in alarm. A series of severe shocks were experienced yesterday.

Methodists Would Block Fight.

LODI, Cal., May 11.—A resolution asking Governor Gillett to stop the Jeffries-Johnson fight was adopted by the Sacramento District Methodist Ministerial Association, which closed its session here today.

Trading Stamps Under Law's Ban.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The issue of trading stamps under the law is being held up by the House committee on the judiciary.

Classes in Hardanger Embroidery Today

Lipman-Wolfe & Co.

French Serge Dresses at \$12.50

Regular Price \$20.00

Women's one-piece dresses of finest quality all-wool imported French serge, in black, navy, white, champagne, reseda, smoke and gray.

\$12.50

These dresses are made in the new one-piece model, showing the new belted waistline effect. Some are elaborately braided, others are tailor-made with button trimmings.

Summer Coats and Jackets

Silk Pongee Cloth and Covert Cloth Regular \$12.50

Thursday \$6.75

Women's Jackets in 32 to 36-inch lengths, made of all wool tan covert cloth, black taffeta silk in plain and braided styles, also of natural colors. Cloth of gold in braided and trimmed styles and of fine all-wool broadcloth. These jackets are all this season's newest styles. Lined with either satin or silk.

Bungalow Curtain Nets, Special 43c Yd.

2000 yards of fancy Curtain Nets in mission and leaded glass patterns, in large variety of pretty patterns. White or Arabian color; 45 to 50 inches wide; values to 60c yard, special, yard. 43c

\$1 Curtain Nets, Special 79c Yd.

500 yards of fancy Curtain Net, especially suitable for bungalow windows; 50 inches wide; white or Arabian color; regular \$1.00 value, special, yard. 79c

25c Swisses and Scrims Sp'l 19c

3000 yards of Curtain Swisses and plain Scrims, in a large variety of patterns; reg. 25c value, sp'l, yd., 19c

Extension Rod Sale for Thursday

5000 Brass Extension Rods of superior quality and finish, both for sash and full-length curtains. All brackets and screws complete with rods. Regular 40c Rods, Special at 7c Each. Regular 15c Rods, Special at 9c Each. Regular 20c Rods, Special at 12 1/2c Ea. Regular 25c Rods, Special at 19c Ea.

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Illustration of a woman in a dress, part of the Lipman-Wolfe & Co. advertisement.