

DIVORCE SOUGHT TO RETAIN SANITY

Husband Says Another Year With Wife Would Have Driven Him Crazy.

DOZEN KNOTS ARE UNTIED

Wife Who Pretended to Drown Herself Merely Deserts Her Children and Goes East—Desertion Frequent Cause.

"I would have gone crazy if I had been compelled to live with my wife another year." This was the expressive way in which W. G. Collings, an engineer for the Scoville & Suberg Company, living at 221 Fourth street, summed up the results of his wife's treatment when testifying before Presiding Circuit Judge Cleland yesterday. He said that Anna Collings held all mankind in contempt, often expressing her belief that "any woman is a fool who thinks more of a man than to wish for plenty of money to spend and fine clothes to wear."

Life for Collings was made unbearable, he said, by the nagging of his wife, who, in addition to informing him two years ago last January that his carcasses were distasteful to her, would pick a quarrel on at least two evenings each week, and then awaken him in the night to continue it. "She would take naps in the afternoon, and then tell me about it," said Collings, in explaining how his wife could continue to lose so much sleep. "but I was working 12 hours a day, and seven days in the week."

Husband's Relations Objected To.

"A year ago last June my brother and I had planned to go out for an automobile ride. There was room for only two in the automobile. She always disliked to have me have anything to do with my relatives. This time she told me if I went I would always regret it. When we returned we stopped to pick her up and she begged at once to scold. After we arrived at home she drank about a teaspoonful of laudanum while I was in the other room and I worked with her until 2 o'clock the next morning, giving her black coffee to bring her through. "She contracted debts at local stores and in Seattle for fancy she did not need, and has now left me. She stopped at the Denny's saloon and insists on associating with what are known as undesirable citizens. Yes, and she choked her mother once, and if I hadn't been there I guess she would have killed her."

Collings said he was married April 23, 1897. Judge Cleland thought the charges sufficient for a divorce. Divorces held the attention of the court all the morning, there being 12 of them, all of which were granted. Another case, that of Walter Hughes against Ellen Hughes, was on trial at noon, being taken up again in the afternoon, the decree being allowed.

Wife Pretends Suicide.

On October 2, 1907, the coat and hat of Mrs. Maude Grace Justice were found by a policeman lying upon the east approach to the State bridge. To the hat was pinned a note, signed "Maude," and informing Joseph E. Justice, her husband, that she was "tired of this life," and hoped she would never be found. At first he thought she had thrown herself in the river, he said, in telling Judge Cleland of his troubles yesterday, but concluded later she had done this for a "bluff." Later she boarded a streetcar upon which he was riding, he said, not recognizing him until he spoke to her. Justice said he did not know that his wife had left until he returned home at 6 o'clock one night, to find their children there, but no mother. That night, in looking over the newspaper, his eye fell on the words of the note, which had been given to the press. He went to the Police Station, he said, and claimed the coat and hat. His wife left for Detroit, Mich., he said. He married her in Burnsville, Minn., September 15, 1886. The Judge gave him a decree with the custody of the two children.

Wife, Ill, Made to Work.

Thomas Bryant drew a knife across Calle Bryant's throat because she would not quarrel with him, according to her statements to Judge Cleland. She said he told her he intended to cut her throat if she did not answer him. This was while they were living at Myrtle, Or. At another time, while they were living in Albert, Canada, he threatened to kill her with a gun, she said. She told of his refusal to work, compelling her to do so while she was under the doctor's care. She kept boarders and cooked in logging camps.

Harold D. Warnock was working for Wells, Fargo & Co. in San Francisco, he told the Judge. One night he went home to find his wife in the company of a male visitor. But Warnock said he was assured by his wife that the man had only made a friendly call, so he thought nothing of it. Soon afterward he went home one night, and found she had gone. He followed her to Portland, and found the "male visitor" had also come here. His entreaties to his wife to return for the sake of their three children led to the response, he said, that she had found another man who loved her, and she would not return. The Judge gave him a divorce from Eloise C. Warnock. He said he married her November 22, 1896.

Landlord Is Witness.

J. Landigan, landlord at 481 Sherman street, told what he knew of the troubles of Nigrid Wilhelmetsa Lindell and August Lindell. Roomers called him out one evening, he said, because of a disturbance. He found Mrs. Lindell's face covered with blood, and was told her husband had struck her on the head. At another time he was told Lindell had tried to stab his wife. She was married November 4, 1898. The court allowed her to take her maiden name, Starr.

Lulu Dietz Was Another Unhappy Wife.

Lulu Dietz was another unhappy wife, who said that her husband threatened her with a knife. He also used a gun, she said. False accusations that she was not properly conducting herself toward her brother were also made by Dietz, she testified. She was married at Eugene, October 15, 1897. Her maiden name, Frances M. Foss, she said. She was allowed to resume her maiden name. Virgil B. Baird secured a divorce from F. H. Baird, with her maiden name, Mossely, on a charge of desertion. They were married at Norman, Okla., July 2, 1894.

Frances McDonald said Fred McDonald left for California with another woman, and was arrested and brought back to Portland. She was married to him in Yamhill County, October 22, 1892. She will take her maiden name, Coffin. Eva White said the names Charles C. White used toward her were "pretty much the same as the instances of her."

attorney she told them to the court. She was married to him at Eugene, November 15, 1892. John Cramblit, a butcher, is no longer the husband of Ollie Cramblit. She secured a divorce yesterday because of his drunkenness. She was married to him at Baker City, December 2, 1900. They have one child. Wesley S. Williams secured a divorce from Myrtle Williams, saying she put their child in a home and left. They were married at North Platte, Neb., November 1, 1894. Walter Hughes, who clearly betrayed that he is a native of the British Isles, said his wife, Ellen Hughes, had a habit of drinking so heavily that she would lie in bed in a stupor for three or four days at a time. She was arrested three or four times last year for drunkenness, he said. He told of a petition the neighbors signed asking that the neighborhood be rid of her. Hughes married her in March, 1888. He was given a decree.

JEWELS ARE IN LITIGATION

Sons of Negro Woman Take Settlement of Estate to Court.

The contest over the estate of Frances Richardson, alias Agnes Bush, a negro, was submitted to County Judge Cleland yesterday. The hearing was had upon the petition of a son, William H. Woodward, to have the administrator removed. The latter maintains that if he is removed, the interests of James Oliver Smith, another son, 11 years old, will be jeopardized. Woodward makes objection on the ground that the administrator and one Clarence Price have conspired to divide the dead woman's jewels between themselves. Price having filed suit for \$200 while she was on her death bed, and attached the diamonds and jewelry, valued at about \$250. The estate property in Idaho is valued at about \$1000, while that in Portland consists of the jewels only. The various names borne by the dead woman's sons are accounted for by the fact that she was several times married.

TARDY FILING IS ALLEGED

The Company Seeks to Quash Suit Pending in Court.

Because Justice of the Peace Olson is said to have decided a case May 18, and to have failed to file it with the clerk of the court until the following month, the Oregon Art Tile Company, through its attorney, may be able to quash the suit brought against it by George McGowan for Arthur W. Lambert. The case was tried before Justice Olson, decided in favor of the tile company, and appealed to the Circuit Court. The matter was taken up before Judge Cleland yesterday, who allowed the plaintiff to make proof in the matter. The law provides that the appeal must be taken within 30 days. McGowan's attorney declares it was taken within 30 days after the judgment was filed with the clerk. The tile company's attorney maintains it should have been taken within 30 days from May 18. It is a suit for two months salary, \$130, alleged to have been owing Lambert.

McLean Estate Appraised \$56,862.

The estate of William McLean is worth \$56,862.85, according to the appraisal, filed in the County Court yesterday by William Frazier, Charles R. Frazier and Fred S. Williams, the appraisers. Of this \$53,915 is cash. Three pieces of property, the west four feet of lot 2, block 14, Portland; the west four feet of the north 24 feet of lot 4, block 145, and the east 64 2-3 feet of lot 5, block 145, are appraised at \$30,000.

\$400 to Be Paid for Man's Death.

Tony Boston, administrator of the estate of Boso Tomjanovic, who was killed in an explosion of giant powder, was authorized by Judge Cleland yesterday to accept from the Pacific Coast Construction Company \$400 in settlement of all damage claims on account of Tomjanovic's death. He was killed in Clackamas County, August 24, 1909, when he and a fellow laborer were tamping giant powder in preparation for a blast.

JOHN NEWELL LAID TO REST

G. A. R. and A. F. and A. M. Have Charge of Services.

The funeral obsequies of John A. Newell were conducted yesterday in the chapel of the East Side funeral directors, 414 East Alder street, jointly by Sumner Post, No. 12, G. A. R., and Washington Lodge, No. 46, A. F. and A. M. Rev. W. T. Kerr, chaplain of Sumner Post, had charge of the services and delivered a short address on the general life and character of Mr. Newell. Appropriate music was rendered. Following ex-Mayor Harry Lane, in whose Executive Committee Mr. Newell served, said: "It was my good fortune to have known John A. Newell for more than 40 years. He was the friend of my father. I bear testimony that Mr. Newell was one of the best men I ever knew—honest, faithful to every trust, and with a keen sense of justice and right. When I became Mayor of Portland I called Mr. Newell to my assistance, as a member of the Executive Board. In that capacity he served the city with his usual modesty and strict construction of justice and right. He devoted his time and ability for the benefit of the people of this city and yet without ostentation. After considering and passing on important municipal affairs, Mr. Newell would return to his home the same modest man he always was. I always felt that Mr. Newell was a safe counselor in city affairs. He always held out justice for all. I was glad to have him back of me and alongside of me." In behalf of Sumner Post, D. D. Neer, C. H. Welch, M. L. Pratt and J. W. Ogilbee, charter members of Sumner Post, conducted the rites of the order. Mr. Pratt delivered the memorial address. The Masonic Lodge then took charge, and concluded the services at the grave in Lone Fir Cemetery. The casket was draped with the National colors and numerous floral pieces were received.

YEAR'S RAINFALL LIGHTER

August 18, With 91 Degrees, Was Hottest Day of Month.

Portland failed to live up to its rainfall reputation, from September 1, 1909, to September 1, 1910, the deficiency being 2.91 inches, according to the monthly meteorological summary issued by the local weather bureau. The statistics show that the mean temperature was 2.3 degrees lower than usual during August. Four days were cloudy, 16 partly cloudy and 11 days of continuous sunshine. There were only two days when more than .01 of an inch of rain fell. A thunder storm occurred on August 28. The highest temperature for the month was 91 degrees on the 18th and the lowest, 48 degrees on the 16th. The total rainfall from September 1, 1909, to September 1, 1910, was 42.2 inches. The normal amount for a year ending September 1 is 43.13 inches. The entire month of August contributed but 12 of an inch of rainfall.

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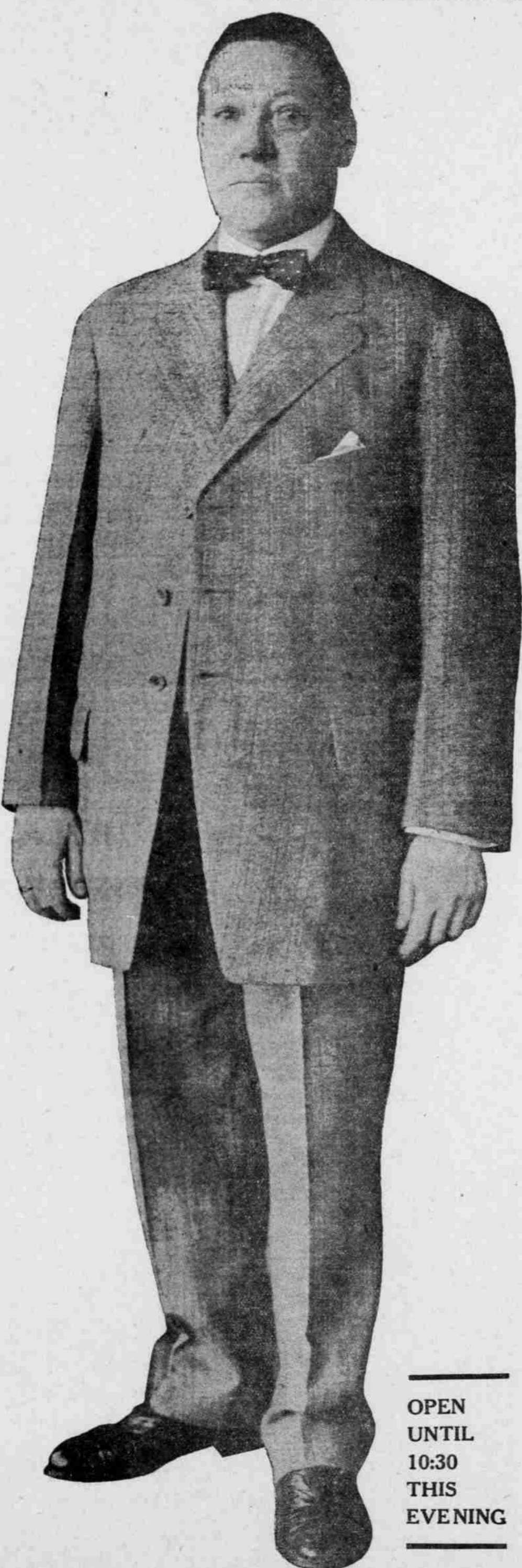
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