

DIVAL'S COPY HERE FOUGHT BY ARTIST

Frederick Webster, of Chicago, Denies Report that Miniatures Are Not Genuine.

ONE PUT TO TEST RUINED

Paintings of Mrs. E. C. Mears and Her Two Daughters Are Object of Attack by Reginald Harrison—Suit Threatened.

Statements by Reginald Harrison, an artist of this city, that three miniature portraits produced for E. C. Mears, of 888 Everett street, are not genuine, but mere watercolors over a photograph, have brought Frederick Webster, a well-known Chicago artist living in Evanston, to Portland to defend his art and his honor.

Retraction Is Demanded.

Webster demanded a retraction of the statement and threatened to bring suit. He has engaged an attorney and will consult with him today on the advisability of starting court proceedings.

As a long drawn-out legal controversy will require more time than Webster cares to spend in Portland, he has agreed to reproduce the portrait of Mrs. Mears, which was ruled by chemists in yesterday's effort to establish that a photographic film was beneath it, and to have an artist or committee of artists of Mr. Harrison's choosing observe him in every detail of the work.

If this committee then declares that the painting is done as represented, Webster will ask Harrison for a public retraction of his original statements, which, he says, are injurious to his reputation and damaging to his character as a man.

Harrison has been in Portland but a short time. He lives at 609 Ford street road and has been doing some painting for local people. Several weeks ago he was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Talbot. It was there that he met Mrs. Mears. In the course of their conversation he revealed that he painted miniatures, whereupon Mrs. Mears told him that she recently had three miniatures painted by Mr. Webster.

Harrison said he never heard of Mr. Webster, but expressed a desire to see the pictures. Mrs. Mears gave him permission to call and see them. He went to the Mears home the next morning. No sooner had he seen the three paintings than he declared:

"Why, Mrs. Mears, those are not paintings. They are photographs, colored. They are not worth \$10 apiece." Mr. Mears was in Chicago at the time and his wife immediately telegraphed him the circumstances. He called upon Mr. Webster, who lives at 1423 Chicago avenue, Evanston—a suburb of Chicago—and demanded an explanation. Mr. Webster established them and there to Mr. Mears' satisfaction that his work is genuine, but he sought by telegraph a retraction from Harrison, as follows:

"I demand an immediate retraction, both publicly and privately, of the statement regarding my portraits made by you to Mrs. E. C. Mears and her friends. I can and will, if necessary, prove in court that your statement is false. My lawyer's letter follows."

Harrison did not see fit to reply to this message, whereupon Webster wrote him as follows:

"I requested Mr. Mears to wire Mrs. Mears giving you the privilege of removing the color from any of the Mears portraits by which you may satisfy yourself that your statement regarding my work is incorrect and that they are not colored photos as you state, but that, in painting, I shall insist, however, in return that you make a sworn statement of the result, one copy to be mailed to me and one given to Mrs. Mears, and same published in The Oregonian."

Personal Character Hit, He Says. "You must realize that in such false accusations as you make against my art, but also my personal character as a man, neither of which I am willing to let pass unnoticed. I shall examine your statement in reply, as I infer I am dealing with a gentleman who is simply laboring under a grave mistake."

This letter, written on July 7, also brought no response, so Dr. and Mrs. Webster came to Portland, arriving here yesterday. Plans for a vacation trip to the Coast were abandoned.

Webster brought with him numerous specimens of his work, as well as a large number of photographs of paintings performed by him.

As further evidence of his good faith he has brought an invitation issued by the Moffett Studio, of Chicago, to attend a loan exhibition of portraits in oil, pastel and miniatures on ivory executed by Webster last year, the subject of his work as announced including such well-known Chicago persons as William B. Phillips, Horace Woolworth, Mrs. Frederick H. Bartlett, Mrs. Edward M. Holbrook, Robert Dunlap, Miss Margaret Melvin, Mrs. George Jackson, Edward V. Price, Raymond O. Evans and others.

ARTIST OF CHICAGO WHO HAS COME TO PORTLAND TO UP-HOLD WORK HE SAYS HAS BEEN DEFAMED.



FREDERICK WEBSTER.

DOZEN SEEK HONOR

Examination of Applicants for Police Captaincy on Today.

ONE VACANCY EXISTING

Civil Service Commissioners Still Undecided as to Scope of Quiz for Fire Chief—Other Tests Are Decided.

Expert Shots Chosen

15 IN OREGON TEAM TO ENTER NATIONAL MATCHES.

Nine of Guardsmen to Compete at Camp Perry, Ohio, Are Members of Portland Companies.

After a special competitive shoot lasting two days selections of the 15 riflemen, who will represent the Oregon National Guard in the National rifle matches next month, were made Wednesday by Adjutant-General Pinner.

Twenty-four marksmen, the pick of the entire National Guard, tried out for places on the National team. Under the direction of Major Creed C. Hammond, state inspector of small arms practice, the crack shots went over the range course three times. The 15 men selected, all but one of the enlisted men, are:

First Lieutenant Grover Todd, Woodburn; Sergeant O. A. Stevens, Portland; Sergeant R. L. Perdew, Eugene; Sergeants L. H. Spomer, G. A. Rickard, Charles White, Frank Guerin, A. A. Schwarz, O. P. Romaine, all of Portland; Corporal A. Q. Johnson, Portland; Corporal Frank H. Mapez, Salem; Private H. T. Conner, Cottage Grove; Private Steve Pearson, Roseburg; Private R. J. Snyder, Portland.

Quick Settlement Asked

Engineers Want Hawthorne Bridge Penalty Case Decided.

The United Engineering & Construction Company, through its attorneys, submitted to Mayor Rushlight and City Attorney Grant yesterday a letter in which they ask that a settlement be had as soon as possible on the question of completing the Hawthorne bridge, saying that is the only unadjusted business preventing the dissolution of the company.

The matter has been construed as finally adjusted by the award of the engineer in charge more than six months ago. We understand, however, that the matter has been referred to the City Attorney for his opinion, and we desire to say all action of the United Engineering Company has been based on the theory that the engineer's opinion is final and conclusive, and if this is not so it desires to enlarge its demands against the city in accordance with what it believes to be the real justice and equity of the case under the contract.

Reforms in Egypt and the Levant have improved the public administration, developed local resources, and stimulated existing private enterprises, developing local energy and advancing morality.

ROSSMERE WATER GRABBED, REGED

Resident Appeals to Mayor to Prohibit Laying of Mains Under 8 Inches.

REALTY GRAFT ASSERTED

W. J. Platt, in Letter to Rushlight, Writes That Under Sprinkling Order Homes Nearest Inlet Have Monopoly.

Instead of giving me the sprinkling privilege as intended, the regulation absolutely deprives me of all water," he writes.

"Now I appreciate the fact that you believe you are doing me something, and I am writing this for no other purpose than to show you how you are unintentionally giving a monopoly of water to a few, and letting all the rest not only pay for it, but go thirsty. The reason is simple.

Rossmere has a two-inch (7) main. The tract has a prospective capacity of 1000 to 2000 houses. It is easy to compute how far from the inlet a user would have to be with 3/4-inch pipes running full and all forced to use it between 5 and 8 A. M., that he might share in the benefit.

Near Houses Called Trust. "The fact is that the five houses nearest the inlet are the 'water trust' of Rossmere, and you, without intending it, have given orders to make them so. The remedy is to have the eight-inch mains plugged behind the inlet, laying them in Rossmere and to connect each street to this larger main. If conditions are not bettered we are considering the advisability of sending you a petition to withdraw all open water hours except for household use."

Referring to the arrest of a Rossmere woman for sprinkling flowers with a can, he writes:

"We do not propose to have our women, who have been patient under conditions as you, Mr. Mayor, would not submit to as long as they have, browbeaten for something which is no fault of theirs, and can be remedied by the water laying in two days by putting a force of men at work on the Thompson-street main and connecting the pipes on each cross street to these. We ask you to instruct the police department to handle water cases in Rossmere carefully in view of the peculiar conditions which exist."

In the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, Portland's reservoirs provided the city with 799,966 gallons, holding 66,000,000 gallons and with a few more cool days will be able to supply the city with 700,000 gallons, being 21,900,000 gallons short.

Between 8 o'clock yesterday and 5 o'clock last night, 700,000 gallons, this being the consumption in excess of the 30,000,000 gallons supplied the reservoirs every 24 hours. The amount of water used was 100,000 gallons less than what it was the day before.

LEAGUE TOPICS VARIED

OREGON DEVELOPERS PLAN FOR ASTORIA MEETING.

Programme for August 14, 15 and 16 Includes Some Best-Known Speakers in Country.

Meeting at the Astoria Centennial at Astoria, August 14, 15 and 16, the annual session of the Oregon League will occupy the next three days.

CHURCH AND COLLEGE JOIN

Fraternity and Electro-Therapeutics School Incorporated.

Religion and electro-therapeutics are to be mixed according to the articles of incorporation of two concerns, the Church of Universal Fraternity and the Pacific Coast College of Electro-Therapeutics, which were filed with County Clerk Fields yesterday.

The incorporators are the same in each case. They are D. C. Ashmun, Dr. W. S. Armstrong, Dr. V. K. Jindra and Dr. William Nye Armstrong. One of the objects is to "establish and maintain a church for teaching the gospel of a universal fraternity as taught by Jesus Christ, to ordain its ministers and missionaries and to conduct its schools and universities."

The present assets of the church, as given in the articles, are of the value of \$250. With respect to the college it is said that its course of revenue will be the benefit fund of the Church of Universal Fraternity and subscriptions. Its present assets are valued at \$1500.

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50c Creme Eleaya . . . . . 31c  
25c Bathing Caps . . . . . 18c  
\$1 size Ayer's Hair Vigor . . . . . 59c  
25c Squibbs' Talcum Powder . . . . . 15c  
25c Frostilla (Holmes') . . . . . 12c  
50c Mentholatum . . . . . 34c  
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up by addresses by the prominent railroad officials. Wednesday will be good roads day. C. T. Prall, president of the Oregon Association for Highway Improvement, will preside at the good roads session. President Wilcox and the various vice-presidents of the league will wield the gavel at the other sessions.

Representatives of the various land shows scheduled for Eastern cities this year will be in attendance Wednesday morning.

DIXON ASKS COUNTY AID

Pioneer's Relatives Assert Applicant Will Be Given Care. John Dixon, a pioneer resident of the county, is again trying to secure relief from the County Commissioners in face of the fact that his relatives have frequently informed the County Court by letter and otherwise that they are ready and willing to care for him.

Dixon succeeded once in having himself committed to the County Farm but left in a huff the next day, when Superintendent Jackson informed him that "at this hotel we do not order from a bill of fare, but take what is set before us." The old man insisted on having food specially prepared to his order.

The old man recounted to Commissioners Lightner and Hart a variety of physical afflictions yesterday and asked to be sent to the County Hospital, expressing the opinion that his relatives would come to his relief rather than have him remain a county charge.

Commissioner Lightner says Dixon's daughter has written that there is no necessity of extending him aid.

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