

### GEBHARD'S WIDOW CONTESTING WILL

#### Florodora Girl Left Out of Testament Brings Suit to Have It Set Aside.

### UNDUE INFLUENCE HINTED

#### Instrument Executed Before Marriage in 1906 Declared Not to Be Last One—Estate Seemingly Has Dwindled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. Marie Gamble Gebhard, who was known here as Marie Wilson when she was a member of the original Florodora sextet, has brought suit in the Supreme Court to set aside the will of her husband, Frederick Gebhard, who died at Garden City, L. I., September 8, 1912. Mrs. Gebhard, who has been living in the house she owns at 1911 Kenyon street, Washington, is required to give a bond in the case because she is a non-resident and the \$250 bond she filed has been approved by Supreme Court Justice Fayer.

Mrs. Gebhard was not named in the will of her husband already admitted to probate, and his property all went to his sister, Mrs. Frederick Neilson, mother of Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt; his sister, Mrs. Mary Isabella Hunnewell, and Jules Blanc Neilson, of Garden City.

The will admitted to probate was executed by Mr. Gebhard on June 23, 1906. He did not marry Marie Gamble until January 2, 1906. The defendant named in Mrs. Gebhard's suit are: Mrs. Neilson, individually and as executrix of the will; Mrs. Hunnewell and Jules Blanc Neilson, John M. Bowers, who is executor, is also a defendant. One of the witnesses to the will sought to be declared invalid by Mrs. Gebhard was Supreme Court Justice Gerard, then a member of the law firm of Bowers & Sands.

Mrs. Gebhard alleges not only that the will in question was not the last will of her husband, but that it was executed through the undue influence of one or more of the defendants. The widow also contends that the husband was incompetent to make a will at the time the instrument probated was executed.

#### Large Fortune Not Found.

Mr. Gebhard was 57 years old when he died. With a sister he divided a large fortune left by his father, the New York merchant, but at the time the disputed will was offered for probate the executors said in the petition that Mr. Gebhard left only personal property valued at less than \$10,000. The widow believes the estate is larger.

It was said today the defense to the present suit would be that a thorough search was made in safe deposit boxes and elsewhere, but will later than the one offered for probate was found.

#### ACKERMAN BADLY WANTED

Court Offers \$100 Reward for Man Suspected of Shooting.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The County Court of Linn County has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest of Paul Ackerman, of Shedd, who is charged with shooting M. E. Nicewood in a public highway near Shedd on the night of December 3. The shooting occurred when Nicewood was driving with Miss Tempa Brock, who had refused Ackerman's offer of marriage.

A man, whom Nicewood and Miss Brock recognized as Ackerman, halted them in the road and fired two shots at them with a .22-caliber rifle, one bullet passing through Nicewood's right cheek. The assailant fired again two or three times when the buggy dashed past him.

A complaint was filed charging Ackerman with the crime of assault with a dangerous weapon, but officers have failed to find him. Some think he is hiding near Shedd, and one report is abroad that he escaped to Washington. Ackerman's father clings to the belief that the young man has committed suicide, as it is said he had made threats to kill himself if Miss Brock refused to marry him.

#### LA GRANDE FOLK SELL OUT

Bread, Eggs and Flowers Give Way to Signs, "Merry Christmas."

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—With the ground covered with snow and the occasional falling of scattered flakes, La Grande today enjoyed a merry Christmas. Practically all of the work going on was that of the general delivery system which worked gratis for the delivery of dinners to those unable to provide a good Christmas dinner for themselves. Sleighload after sleighload of eatables had been scattered throughout the city, the supply being more than the demand, making it possible to give to the worthy a bounteous dinner.

The Elks' Lodge had a Christmas tree for all of the children of the city, rich and poor alike. Christmas trade was better than ever before and today it was impossible to buy a loaf of bread, a dozen eggs, or even a bunch of cut flowers, signs being displayed in the windows, "sold out. We wish you a merry Christmas."

Heights Orchard Company had been stripped of its assets by a conspiracy of certain of its officers, Judge King Dykeman appointed G. Benninghausen as temporary receiver of the company, and took charge today, after filing a bond for \$10,000. The action in court was commenced by William P. McElwain and E. E. Ryer, contract holders, who state that they have obligations in the amount of \$25,000 and \$20,000, respectively, that will ultimately be due the company on their contracts for orchard lands in Chelan County. The fix in the outcome is the sale by the Wenatchee company officials of a large portion of the water rights owned by the company, without which the lands are practically worthless.

#### DEATH TAKES FOREST GROVE PIONEER OF 1846.

ALVIN C. BROWN, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Alvin C. Brown, a resident of Forest Grove since 1848, and a grandson of John Brown, founder of Pacific University, was stricken with paralysis Friday and died yesterday.

Mr. Brown was born in Missouri in 1823. His father, Orus Brown, located on a donation land claim, which he afterward sold to Harvey Clarke, another of the founders of the university. This claim is now the site of Forest Grove. Alvin Brown located on a donation claim north of this city when he was 21 years old, and at the time of his death still owned part of this tract. In 1875 he moved into town. Following the Whitman massacre, Mr. Brown joined Captain Hall's company and served until the Indians were brought to terms.

He leaves five children: Dr. Charles Brown, of Tacoma; Mr. Mary Lewis, of Portland; Victor Brown, of Forest Grove; Ernest Brown, of California; Alfred Schock, of Chicago.

purpose of devoting the property of the Wenatchee company to the new concern. It is also charged that the defendants were about to procure the appointment of a friendly receiver for the Wenatchee company, who would not disturb them in their plans. The court is asked to order the re-transfer of the property made over to the defendants through the connection with the Wenatchee company. The defendants will show cause on January 2, in court No. 3, why the temporary receiver should not be made permanent.

#### SMUT IS TO BE FOUGHT

WASHINGTON GRAIN GROWERS TO WAR ON WHEAT PEST.

Farmers and Millers of Three States to Meet at Pullman, Wash., January 7 to 9 Inclusive.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Secretary R. W. Thatcher, of the Washington Grain Growers, Shippers and Millers' Association, announced today the complete programme for the annual wheat convention, which is to be held at Pullman, January 7, 8 and 9. Reduced rates have been granted by the railroads of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, including the inland electric system out of Spokane.

This year's programme as prepared by Professor Thatcher is the most extensive of its kind ever held at the man and will include all phases of the grain industry of this state. The convention will attract practically all of the prominent grain men of the state, invited to deliver addresses based on their practical knowledge of the work in hand. An interesting feature of the programme is the number of Spokane men who have been designated to speak, including the anti-smut campaign, the election of officers, the receipt of special consideration on account of the heavy losses which were incurred in Eastern Washington last season on account of the prevalent smut. This phase alone will attract many of the grain-growers of the inland Empire.

The programme mapped out by Professor Thatcher includes addresses by former Governor Hoch, of Kansas; J. Bibb and Chief Grain Inspector C. J. Holst, of Tacoma; President E. A. Bryan, of Washington State College, and many others. Election of officers will be held Wednesday afternoon.

#### FURNISH YIELDS HEAVY

Project - Grown Potatoes Prove Among Largest on Record.

STANFIELD, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The immense yield on the Stanfield project has been secured by one city producing two and a half tons of potatoes. Another lot, 50x100 feet, producing 50 sacks, one sack containing 25 potatoes and weighing 14 pounds. One potato that is on exhibition here measures 28 inches in circumference and weighs four pounds.

## WOODARD, CLARKE & CO. America's Largest Drugstore.

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ALDER STREET AT WEST PARK

### AMERICA'S LARGEST DRUG STORE

# YEAR-END CLEARANCE SALE

## AT THE PLAIN FIGURE STORE

All our goods are marked in plain figures. So, when we say 25 per cent off, or 1/2 price, you can easily verify our statements by looking at the price tags. You will need New Year's Gifts for some one. You will always need some of the hundreds of items in our varied lines. NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY—30 extra 2c Stamps FREE if you shop this morning.

### Cutlery and Sundries

Razors Values to \$2, on sale for 29c  
Razor Straps Values to \$2.00.....78c  
Shaving Brushes Values to 50c.....19c  
Pocket Knives Values to 75c, on sale for 47c  
Scissors Values to 75c, at 47c  
Shaving Mirrors, values to \$2.50, 98c  
Opera Glasses, values to \$8.00 for \$4.98  
Silver Caserole Baking Dishes, on sale at ONE-FOURTH OFF  
Chaffing Dishes at 20 Per Cent Off  
Triple Mirrors at ONE-THIRD OFF  
Hand Mirrors, values to \$1.00 at 59c  
Field Glasses, values to \$10, sale \$6.68

### FREE EXTRA 2c STAMPS

# 30

On combined purchase of \$1 or more in addition to all regular stamps in your order, this coupon, good on our first three floors till P. M. today only Thursday, Dec. 26, 0.

### All Leather Goods Reduced One-Fourth

Excepting "Mark Cross" English leathers all our fine English, French, German and best American make Leather Bags and Novelties for men and women are placed on sale unreservedly. Your choice ONE-FOURTH OFF

### All Sterling Silver

Toilet and Manicure Sets, Military, Hair, Cloth and Hat Brushes—

## At One-Half Price

Ebony and Cocobolo Toilet and Manicure Sets, all sizes and prices, reduced one-fourth.

### All Stationery Reduced One-Fourth

Except Hurd's Fine Papeteries. Box Paper and Envelopes, Address Books, Calendars, Diaries, Game Sets, Greeting Cards and Desk Blotters and numerous other attractive articles. Engraving orders rushed.

### New Year Post Cards To Close Out A Dozen . . . . 5c

### Genuine Parisian Ivory Reduced One-Fourth

You don't want the imitation. It's neither durable nor handsome. The genuine lasts a lifetime and is de luxe. It has replaced silver for the dressing table, and to advantage. We have Brushes, Mirrors, Combs, Toilet Boxes—all the luxuries for your dressing-room—a complete assortment, despite the unusually heavy Christmas trade. We engrave initials free of charge.

WARNING—There is a lot of imitation Parisian Ivory in town. It isn't bad to look at, but has little value. At Woodard-Clarke's only the genuine is stocked.

### Bargain Basement Clearance

Entire Stock of Exclusive Jewelry Reduced No Two Pieces Alike and Few to Be Duplicated West of Chicago One-Fourth

La Vallieres, Strings of Pearls, Exquisite Extra Clasps for Pearl Necklaces, Earrings, the newest Bracelet Watches, Bar Pins, Stick Pins, Bracelets, Brooches and all Modern Articles of Jewelry.

Get one of our fashionable new Dinner Rings for New Year's; in Old Tuscany and L'Art Nouveau Designs. Hat Pins, values to \$1, cut to . . . . . 23c

1.50 Cut Glass Nappies at 85c  
2.50 Cut Glass Sugar and Creamers at \$1.55  
3.50 Cut Glass Pitchers at \$3.60  
2.50 Combination Red Seamless Hot Water Bottles only . . . . . \$1.59  
All Camera Tripods are now reduced 10%  
All Photo Albums are now 10% off  
Asticology Split, Dago Red and at . . . . . 15c  
Two for . . . . . 25c

### CORNETS AWAKEN CITY

CUSTOM CENTURIES OLD COMMEMORATED AT VANCOUVER.

Trio of Musicians Climb Steeple of St. Paul's Church to Welcome in Christmas Morn.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Commemorating a custom centuries old in Europe on Christmas morning, three cornetists, at 8 o'clock today, ascended the steeple of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church and wakened the sleeping city by playing two beautiful selections on their instruments.

### MRS. J. ALLEN GEORGE DIES

Former Portland Newspaper Woman Passes Away in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. Allen George, formerly prominent in educational and newspaper work in Portland, Or., died yesterday in her apartment at the Renton. Mrs. George had been ill for four years. She was 49 years old. Her two daughters, Mrs. William J. Milliken and Miss Kathleen George, both former University of Washington students, were at her bedside. The funeral probably will be held Saturday afternoon.

### FIELD MATRON IS KILLED

Accidental Shooting Results When Woman Greets Agency Farmer After Absence of Few Days.

WARMSBURG, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Miss Vona Lee McLean, an employe of the Government Indian School here, was the victim of an accidental shooting at this place last night.

### SPOKANE CLEARINGS GAIN

Banks to Show \$6,000,000 Increase in Business for Year.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Spokane bank clearings for 1912 will show an increase of more than \$6,000,000, over the figures of 1911. The increase for 1912 will be approximately \$6,012,423.

### C. E. Holliday Co.

355 Alder St., Corner of Park

## Annual Clearance

LADIES' AND MISSES' SUITS

Of the Better Class. Formerly \$25, now \$12.50  
Formerly \$35, now \$17.50  
Formerly \$50, now \$25.00  
Formerly \$75, now \$37.50

LADIES' AND MISSES' COATS

Three-quarter and full length, in all sizes and materials. Formerly \$22.50, at \$11.25  
Formerly \$27.50, at \$13.75  
Formerly \$35.00, at \$17.50

ENGLISH RAINCOATS 1/2 PRICE

## DRESSES

In all wanted materials—Charmeuse, Crepe de Chine, Velvet, Esponge, Serge, etc.—for all occasions, greatly reduced from former price.

## WAISTS

### MAN GETS \$100 CHRISTMAS GIFT.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Bert Babb was allowed to depart from the jail last evening, in order to pass Christmas day with his family. Babb was the recipient of \$100 bail by neighbors. He will answer the charge of having attempted to rob James Powell, an itinerant fishman, the last of the week.

### STATE FAIR IS FAVORED

Idaho Inter-Mountain Affair May Be Enlarged in Scope.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Lower racing purses and an increase in premiums for agricultural and horticultural products, abolition of professional fees, and the making of the fair a permanent adjunct, earlier fair dates to avoid bad weather, the addition of necessary exhibit buildings, and a legislative campaign to make the Idaho Inter-Mountain Fair a state rather than a local institution, are

### RIGHTS OF WAY OBTAINED

CHERRYVILLE, (Mount Hood), Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Horncliffe Rosh, of Portland, attended the last meeting of the Commercial Club and conferred with the officials of the Multnomah Eastern Railway Company regarding the right of way through his tract of land. He signed a contract giving a right of way, with the proviso that the company will give him a station on the corner near the schoolhouse and that it shall be called Cherryville. The committee appointed by the Commercial Club to assist in getting the rights of way through to Sandy is making progress, and it is considered likely that the rights of way between Cherryville and Sandy soon will be obtained. It only remains to get through a few tracts near Sandy.

### Hatchery Wanted on Catherine Creek

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—J. E. Thompson, owner of a fine ranch in the meadows on Upper Catherine Creek, is circulating a petition, which is signed by over 1000 people, asking the coming Legislature to make