# PLOT CHARGED BY ESCAPED WOMAN

## Commitment as Insane Person Declared Result of Fight Against Property Sale.

## SUIT TO CLEAR SELF BEGUN

**Mrs. Olive B. Dudley, ex-Portland Resident, Later of Cosmopolis, in Normal State of Mind, Say Mental Experts.**

To attempt to clear from the record her commitment to the State Hospital for the Insane at Steilacoom, Wash., Mrs. Olive B. Dudley, ex-wife of James P. Wager, newspaperman of this city, will return to Cosmopolis and Montesano this week. She was committed to that institution last Summer, was an inmate for months, and made her escape Thanksgiving day, after she had nearly succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Dudley attributes to her independent spirit in the managment of her property interests in Cosmopolis her experiences that, when related in detail, sound like a translation of a page from a work of a Russian revolutionist.

Mrs. Dudley in her fight to clear up the record as to her sanity is in possession of a statement from prominent Portland specialists that her mind is normal.

More than five years ago Mrs. Wager left Portland, having lived here for 12 years, and went to Cosmopolis, where she had property interests. Mr. Wager was in poor health, and Mrs. Wager took charge of the property and operated it for the only income derived by the family. She operated the property for five years.

**Property Wanted by Company.**

Mr. and Mrs. Wager were divorced in the meantime, and she was remarried, the second time to Mr. Dudley. Last Summer Mrs. Dudley had trouble with a company that wanted to acquire her property. She alleges that the company tried to "freeze" her out. Her husband feared results, she says, and suggested that the two leave the city for a while. He suggested that she come to Portland, and he intended to go to Idaho, where she was interested in mining properties. She agreed to the plan. She was, however, to join him in Idaho later, after she had heard from him. But she waited for more than a week in Portland and no letter came. She returned to Cosmopolis and found a note from him, she said, indicating that he had run away with another woman.

During that week in early June, 1915, a charge had been made, in her absence, of insanity. When she returned she said she heard vague rumors of such a charge, but could not locate the source from which it enamated. However, she was later committed to the state hospital as a paranoiac, her commitment being signed after she had been out on bonds for several days.

**Communication Is Denied.**

After her commitment to the hospital, Mrs. Dudley alleges that she was refused visits from friends and that no letters were allowed to reach her. She says she was placed in a ward with a number of other patients and that her nights were sleepless and her days were days of horror. She broke down and was forced to take to her bed. Mrs. Dudley's story of her escape from the hospital is remarkable.

"Having recovered gradually, I planned to escape," she said. "I realized that the best time to get away from the institution was on a holiday, when the midday meal was had at 2 P. M. instead of 12 o'clock. Accordingly, on Thanksgiving, 1915, I dressed in my best clothes and put on outside of these an old shawl and an old skirt. My umbrella was concealed inside my skirt and waist. Then I quetly walked to one of the outbuildings, took off the old clothes, put on a veil, raised the umbrella, for it was storming, and walked quietly through the grounds, not being recognized by one of the attendants.

**Clothes Hide Identity.**

"Thus I walked for two miles through the rain and wind, and finally, almost exhausted, went to a farmhouse and was invited inside by the woman of the house. She gave me tea, helped dry my clothes, which had been drenched in the downpour, and did all she could to assist me, not knowing my identity.

"I then telephoned to the auto livery at Steilacoom and asked for a cab to take me the rest of the way to Steilacoom. The authorities had discovered my absence sooner than I expected, and notified the people of Steilacoom to look out for a strange woman. The liveryman was therefore on the lookout, and I was driven back to the state hospital. When the machine in which I was riding drove up to the gates of the institution from which I had just escaped, attendants came out to identify me. But although they climbed into the machine I was not recognized because of the clothing I wore, and was allowed to proceed to Steilacoom. I took no further chances, however, but asked to be driven to Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma. From there I caught a train for Portland, and went direct to the home of a relative, Mrs. Clyde Sager, of Lents. On my arrival there I collapsed and was sick for weeks."

Mrs. Dudley's property in Cosmopolis, in the meantime, has been in the hands of her daughter. Her daughter was named guardian during the incarceration of Mrs. Dudley.

**Physicians Find No Insanity.**

Mrs. Dudley went to local physicians after her arrival in this city and was under their observation six weeks for mental disorders. Dr. E. A. Rockey, Dr. H. M. Patton and Dr. Gustave Baar, all of whom took great interest in her case, declare that she is perfectly normal mentally.

She has engaged as attorneys to help her in the fight to have her commitment stricken from the records of Grays Harbor County Troy & Studevant, of Olympia. Colonel C. E. S. Wood is her local adviser.

The hearing of her case is set for next Thursday.

## HUGHES CLUB AT NEWPORT

**Ninety-One Republicans Petition for Alliance Charter.**

NEWPORT, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—At a temporary organization of a Hughes Alliance Club here Friday night the following were elected as temporary officers: Dr. F. M. Carter, chairman; W. H. Waterbury, secretary; Mrs. Al Schwartz, vice-president; H. H. Anderson, treasurer.

The meeting was called by a petition to which were signed 91 charter members. As soon as the charter is received a permanent organization

FORMER PORTLAND WOMAN, WHO ESCAPED FROM INSANE HOSPITAL, TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO CLEAR COMMITMENT FROM OFFICIAL RECORD.

MRS. OLIVE B. DUDLEY, FORMERLY MRS. JAMES P. WAGER, OF PORTLAND.

# NEW AID PLAN IS AIM

## Associated Charities Work to Be Simplified.

## CHANGE IN NAME LIKELY

**One Annual Campaign for Finances to Meet Budget Prepared in Advance Is Proposal of Secretary-Manager Gephart.**

Important changes in the methods and policies of the Associated Charities are to be made at once, according to A. R. Gephart, the newly-appointed secretary-manager of the organization, who assumed his new office here September 1. Prior to his acceptance of the position in Portland he was secretary of the social service bureau in Spokane.

"In the first place the name of the organization is to be changed," says Mr. Gephart, "and some name adopted which will indicate the idea of social service rather than mere charity. The board of directors will be reorganized and its membership enlarged from 12 to 25.

"The most important step which has been decided on by the board thus far, in point of interest to the general public, is perhaps the plans for future financing of the organization. The new plan will provide for one big campaign each year, instead of continued appeals to the contributing public. The budget will be made out by the board and at the beginning of the fiscal year we will go before the people in our financial campaign, prepared to let them know just exactly what we will need to cover our work for the ensuing year.

"The change has been decided on because former methods of raising money have proved a bit too expensive. Under the new method it is expected to reduce the cost of financing to a low figure.

"The board will meet about October 3 to determine the date when the first financial campaign under the new plan shall be launched. It will probably be in November.

"The employment bureau of the Charities will be eliminated and arrangement made for co-operation with the Municipal Free Employment Bureau. Under the old plan the employment bureau diverted a great many people to our office who were not actually destitute and who used the employment bureau as a device through which to exploit the Charities. Employment will continue to be the basis of our relief efforts, but under the new arrangement we expect to avoid a great deal of unnecessary relief dispensation. Already since the discontinuance of the employment service in our own bureau there has been a perceptible improvement. It will soon be brought to a basis where relief will be given out through our office direct, only to actually destitute cases.

**Legal Aid Bureau Likely.**

"No formally organized legal aid bureau is being maintained now. A legal aid expert will be in Portland in November and one will be developed here at that time no doubt, though whether it will be a bureau of the Charities or an independent organization is not yet certain."

Arrangements are being made for co-operation between the reorganized Charities and the Chamber of Commerce, county and municipal offices, Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association.

Mr. Gephart is a graduate of De Pauw University, after which he was with the Indianapolis Charities as financial agent. He came to Spokane five and a half years ago and reorganized the Social Service Bureau there, resigning from that position last July to accept the position in Portland.

**Wallowa Pastor Returned.**

WALLOWA, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Rev. L. A. Cook, who has been the pastor of the Methodist Church here for the past two years, was returned to the Wallowa charge for the coming year by the Methodist Conference held at Gooding, Idaho. The return of Mr. Cook meets the approval of the entire membership.

PORTLAND REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, WHO ARRIVED HOME YESTERDAY.

C. N. M'ARTHUR.

# C. N. M'ARTHUR IS WELCOMED HOME

## Large Delegations of Republicans Meets Representative at Station.

## LOYAL SUPPORT PLEDGED

**Pleasure at Return to Oregon Expressed and Firm Conviction Declared That Hughes and His Party Will Triumph.**

C. N. McArthur, Representative in Congress from the Third Oregon District, is back home for the first time in nearly a year. He got a home-coming welcome that would warm the heart of any man when he stepped off the O.-W. R. & N. train at the Union Depot at 9:20 o'clock yesterday morning.

Headed by David L. Povey, of the Hughes Campaign Committee, a prominent Progressive, and Ralph E. Williams, Republican National Committeeman, there was a big delegation at the depot waiting for him.

Mr. Povey, in a neat little address of welcome, told Mr. McArthur that the united Republican and Progressive party welcomed him back, and what was more, would vote for him. This announcement was greeted with cheers. Mr. McArthur expressed his appreciation briefly.

Besides immediate relatives, including his wife, his mother, Mrs. Harriet McArthur; his mother-in-law, Mrs. C. C. Smith, and his brother, Lewis A. McArthur, among those who took part in the reception to Representative McArthur were:

David L. Povey, Ralph E. Williams, W. D. Wheelwright, Sig Sichel, General Charles F. Beebe, James D. Abbott, Gus C. Moser, William Plimpton, H. G. Terry, Walter E. Critchlow, William Reidt, C. S. Lowe, Ben Wade, W. E. Claussen, Edward Wheeler, Roy Kesl, L. B. Seeley, John R. Latourette, A. E. Barnes, C. DeYoung, T. J. Fording, Henry Much, Fred Tussl, J. S. Bailey, Maurice Dooley, Norman West and others.

**Oregon "Looks Good."**

"I certainly am mighty glad to get back," said Representative McArthur in an interview later in the day. "I have been away 10½ months, which incidentally, is the longest time I was ever before away from Oregon in my life. Oregon looks better to me than any place I have seen since leaving it.

"I have conferred with both the New York and Chicago headquarters of the Republican National Committee, and have been in touch with various party leaders, and I am firmly convinced that Mr. Hughes will be elected.

"There is no denying the fact that for some time in mid-Summer, there was a slump in the Republican campaign. But with Mr. Hughes' vigorous attack on the way the Adamson eight-hour measure was recklessly and hastily put through Congress, practically without discussion and with no time for proper consideration of the important facts involved, and with the splendid Republican victory in Maine, new life has been infused into the campaign. States heretofore doubtful now are counted as safely for Hughes.

**Hughes Stock High.**

"I stopped two days in the Middle West and found much favorable comment on the Hughes campaign there. He has made a decidedly favorable impression in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. Indiana is one of the battleground states, but the Hughes managers are very hopeful of carrying it. The magnificent demonstration given him yesterday in Indianapolis is significant of the enthusiasm that is being aroused by his campaigning.

"The House of Representatives is virtually sure, in my opinion, to go Republican. Already the Republicans have gained one seat in Maine. They expect to make large gains in Indiana, Illinois and Kansas. The Republicans expect to gain one seat in Massachusetts, one in Pennsylvania, one in Wisconsin, one in New Jersey, two in Ohio, one in Minnesota, one in South Dakota, one in Montana, two in California, four in Indiana, three in Kansas, two in Missouri, one in Kentucky and possibly others.

"These gains will give the Republicans votes enough to control the House by a safe margin.

**Senate Control Doubtful.**

"Control of the Senate is a matter of considerable doubt. Already the Republicans have gained one in Maine. It is necessary for them to gain eight more. I look for certain gains of one seat for the Republicans in each of the states of New York, New Jersey, West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana, and the Republicans have a fair chance of gaining seats in Maryland, the other seat in Indiana, one in Missouri, one in Nebraska and one in Montana.

"In any event, we are sure to reduce greatly the Democratic majority in the Senate, though as I have said, it will be a very close fight for honors.

"The victory in Maine was particularly significant, notwithstanding the apologies of the Democrats, in view of the widespread popularity of Senator Johnson and Representative McGillicuddy, both of whom have been efficient in office and were well entrenched behind powerful state and Federal Democratic machines.

**Maine Vote Pleases.**

"The vote in Maine showed clearly that a large part of the Progressives are returning to the Republican fold.

"In brief, I believe the Republicans will gain the Presidency and the House, with a fair prospect of regaining control of the Senate."

Representative McArthur plans to visit the State Fair for a couple of days this week, and will probably also spend a couple of days on his farm in Polk County. He expects to open his campaign for re-election and have it going in full swing shortly after the first of October. He is planning to conduct a very active speaking campaign.

Mr. McArthur will address the Members' Council of the Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon in the Oregon building today.

## SCOTLAND'S CROP IS GOOD

**Gaston Man Gets Letter Saying Labor Is Scarce and Wages High.**

GASTON, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—In a letter dated August 21 from H. F. Carmichael, of Edinburgh, Scotland, to his brother here, is the following: "Crops are late this year, but good; if the weather just holds till we get them in, we have the biggest crop of hay I ever saw. I am still working away, but very short of men; still, it is wonderful, considering we have been at war for two years. Food and everything is a bit dearer, but plenty of it, and as workmen get bigger wages, they are able to buy.

"Am sending you a copy of the Glasgow Herald with Jellicoe's report of the naval battle. Being so far off and reading both versions, you must wonder which, or are both liars? Well, I can't tell what we know, but we are still receiving merchandise into our ports, which is more than the Germans are doing, and still sending troops and ammunition into France and bringing Russians to France, and a lot of other things which seems strange if we got so badly beaten. It is an awful war, but everything seems to be going as well as can be expected, and we are not downhearted."

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# JUVENILE REPORT FILED

**DRUNKENNESS NO LONGER CAUSES DELINQUENCY, JUDGE SAYS.**

**Court Passes Upon Cases of 3000 Children in Last Year—Only Five Per Cent Become Wards.**

Drunkenness as a cause of delinquent children being brought before the Juvenile Court has disappeared since the abolition of the saloon January 1 of this year, according to the annual report of Judge Cleeton, of the Juvenile Court.

The review of the year's work has put Judge Cleeton in possession of many facts which he has written into a lecture on juvenile work, its causes and how to cure them. He is so enthusiastic over what he has found in this work that he has arranged a number of lectures to discuss the importance of the Juvenile Court and to show what it has accomplished.

From June 1, 1915, to June 1, 1916, there were nearly 3000 children to claim the attention and care of the Juvenile Court here. Of this number less than 5 per cent have been made wards of the court.

The main causes for child delinquency and broken homes are set down as death, divorce, separation, intemperance, economic pressure due to lack of employment, hasty marriages and ease in securing divorce. The cure is found in education in the home and not through the prosecuting agency.

Disbursements to widows under the mothers' pension act to some 300 mothers, with approximately 650 children, for the year ending June 1, 1916, aggregated about $40,000. Since the Summer of 1913 more than 650 applications for pensions have been filed. Of these 312 were granted.

More than 200 children were put in homes during the past year under the home-finding system of the Juvenile Court. Some 13 per cent of these were for delinquency. The others were dependents.

# TRAILS CLUB TAKES TRIP

**PARTY OF 100 GOES ON EXCURSION TO EAGLE CREEK.**

**Special Feature of Outing Is Visit to Bonneville Fish Hatchery—380 Autos Stop at Grounds.**

Approximately 100 persons participated in the excursion to Eagle Creek yesterday, under the auspices of the Trails Club. An inspection of the partly constructed Eagle Creek trail, and a picnic luncheon, were features of the trip.

The fish hatchery at Bonneville was also visited by the excursionists, and a special exhibit was put on there by Superintendent Clanton, showing some of the methods of obtaining the eggs for hatching purposes.

Two special coaches were provided for the accommodation of the excursionists. Many of the party took lunch at the Punch Bowl, in the vicinity.

The excursion was led by Henry Hayck, vice-president of the club and chairman of the programme committee.

The Eagle Creek trail is now constructed for a distance of 3½ miles. When completed it will tap about 20 beautiful cascades, opening to the public some beautiful scenery.

Albert Weisendanger, ranger in charge of that section of the forest, reported that 380 automobile parties took luncheon at the Eagle Creek picnic grounds yesterday. The trip to Eagle Creek is becoming popular with automobilists, and every effort is made by the Forest Service and Mr. Weisendanger to make the visit of such parties enjoyable.

## ELKS TO SEE STATE FAIR

**Special Train Chartered for Thursday and Band Will Play.**

The Portland Elks' Band of 40 pieces will be one of the main attractions at the State Fair at Salem on Thursday, which has been designated "Elks' Day" as well as Portland day.

Portland Elks will go to the fair in a special train, leaving the Union Depot over the Southern Pacific at 8:45 Thursday morning. The band will go along and on Thursday evening will play the following programme in the Auditorium on the fair grounds:

March, "Corcoran Cadets" (Sousa); overture, "Fra Diavolo" (Auber); extra special, vocal solo, (a) Brother Warren A. Erwin, (b) selected, Portland Lodge No. 142, at the piano, Cary W. Houseman, Portland Lodge No. 142; waltz, "Les Sirenes" (Waldteufel); "Recollection of Grand Opera," "Bahelonia" (Mussi); "Popular Songs 1916" (Lampe); BB. bass solo, "Asleep in the Deep" (Petrie), Brother Raymond J. Ellis, Portland Lodge No. 142; extra special, recitation, "The Obvious," John Mowry of Portland, Or.; selection, "Robin Hood" (DeKoven); "Star-Spangled Banner" (Francis Scott Key).

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Snider's Catsup, one of purest, large bottles, dozen $2.20, bottle 19¢
French Gloss, indispensable in the laundry, dozen 85c, four packages 25c, package 7¢.
Rockwood's Cocoa, strictly pure, 10c cans for 8¢
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Laundry Soap, Winner, medium bars, 8 for 25¢
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