

NURSES TESTIFY IN FALLING WILL CASE

Mrs. Charlotte Reed Recalls Acts Indicating That Woman Was Insane.

RAMBLING TALK NOTICED

Mrs. Geraldine Ridley Tells of Conversation With Mrs. Etna Chatten-Fuller Regarding Signing of Will.

Mrs. Luelia Wain and Mrs. Geraldine Ridley, two trained nurses and Miss Charlotte Reed, a teacher in the Stevens School, all three of whom knew Mrs. Xarifa J. Faling more or less intimately at different periods of her life, testified before County Judge Tazewell yesterday that Mrs. Faling was hopelessly insane from the summer of 1911 until her death in July, 1917.

The three witnesses in question are the first in a series of 100 or more which Attorney Coy Burnett and E. Heckbert will call in an effort to break a will which leaves the bulk of a \$500,000 estate to C. Lewis Mead and Thomas N. Strong. They are appearing as witnesses for Dr. W. Tyler Smith, of Sheridan, Or., who asserts he is the nearest of Mrs. Faling's surviving kin.

Miss Reed's acquaintance with Mrs. Faling began in 1908, testified Miss Reed, and continued almost uninterrupted until Mrs. Faling's death.

Peculiar Acts Related.
"It was during a call I made on her at a cottage in Irvington that I first noticed her mind was becoming unbalanced," said Miss Reed. "She insisted upon coming back to the city with me to my apartments at the Sargent Hotel. I telephoned several of her friends, Mr. Strong being among the number, and told them she was there and insisted upon staying. They told me to let her remain there if she insisted."

"When I proposed to Mrs. Faling that she allow me to return with her to her Irvington cottage, she said she wouldn't listen to the suggestion, as the place was too dangerous for either of us. She seemed possessed of the hallucination that the basement of the house was full of subterranean passages and that these were the abode of multitudes of murderous Chinamen and rats. Another form of her delusion was that everybody, particularly trained nurses, were morphine fiends and opium eaters."

Mind Grows Weaker.
"Was there any change in Mrs. Faling's mental condition after 1917," asked Mr. Burnett.

"Yes, there was a steady change for the worse. Every time I saw her, which was frequent, her mind seemed to have become weaker. Her hallucinations began to take many different forms. She would talk lucidly to me for a moment or two, and then suddenly and without warning, her conversation would be disconnected and rambling. At times she believed her mouth was full of thread or hairs and these she would continually attempt to spit out. At other times she would speak earnestly of black-and-blue marks over her eyes and on her ankles, but these were purely imaginary."

Mrs. Wain and Mrs. Ridley confirmed the testimony given by Miss Reed. They said that at no time during their acquaintanceship with Mrs. Faling, embracing a period both antedating and following the making of the will under contest, was her mind ever clear enough to recognize callers or enable her to express her simplest wants.

Signing of Will Told.

Nerve-racking visions which had no basis in fact tormented her nights and days, testified the nurses. Frequently would the patient scream at the top of her voice at some distorted and unreal figure conjured up by her fancy.

Mrs. Ridley is the first witness to speak directly of the supposed pact. Mrs. Etna Chatten-Fuller, another trained nurse, had in the signing of the disputed will.

"I came back from Alaska in March, and Miss Chatten told me the will had been made and that she had been given \$2000 by it. I asked her the world Mrs. Faling had been able to sign the document."

"I guided her hand while she held the pen," is the reply she made," added Mrs. Ridley.

REFUSE TO BE SALVAGED

Conservation to Govern Operation of City Incinerator.

As a part of the conservation campaign new rules have been issued at the city incinerator for handling garbage by householders and garbage collectors. The rules require the separation of various classes of garbage so as to facilitate its handling and to enable the salvage of refuse suitable for food for animals.

The rules follow:
The owner or occupant of each household or business concern is required by ordinance to provide separate and proper receptacles to hold garbage, ashes and rubbish.

See City Ordinance No. 33419.
Place in garbage can all refuse or garbage of any food value, table and kitchen scraps, vegetables and parings.

Place in ash can all ashes, tin cans one gallon or over, dirty or filthy glass, bottles, broken dishes.

Place in other receptacle all combustible material, including rags, sweepings, egg shells, tea or coffee grounds, oyster, clam, lobster and crab shells, paper, onion tops, corn husks, broken boxes and pasteboard.

It is the duty of all scavengers operating in this city to see that above rules are enforced and to report all violations to the engineer in charge of the incinerator.

CARL EVEREST, 27, DIES

Ex-Washington High Football Star Succumbs to Injury in Shipyard.

Carl Everest, Washington High School football star during the season 1907-8, died Monday at his residence, as a result of an accident at one of the local shipyards.

Mr. Everest was a prominent figure in local amateur football circles a few years ago, and was a member of the East Side eleven which won the independent football championship in 1907. He played halfback and was considered one of the mainstays of the East Side team. He later played halfback with the Holladay eleven.

Mr. Everest is survived by a widow and infant daughter. He was 27 years of age. The funeral will be held today.

EXCESSIVE RATES ALLEGED

Rubber Heels and Salt Basis of Hearing Here Yesterday.

Railroad rates on rubber heels and salt were probed yesterday before Ex-

aminer Geary, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in the postoffice building. The Portland Rubber Mills brought the complaint as regards rates charged on rubber heels from Portland east, contending for a lower tariff, and M. E. Reed, secretary of the company, was its representative at the hearing. The railroads were represented by H. C. Bush and R. W. Fyfe, of the Western classification committee, Chicago. The Portland Transportation and Traffic Association contends rates now in effect on salt favor unduly shippers of this commodity from the Salt Lake City country, in direct opposition to the interests of salt shippers in this territory. A showing along this line was made yesterday afternoon, while the Utah shippers were represented by I. A. Clayton, Jr., of the Inland Salt Company, and H. W. Prickett, secretary of the Towing Bureau of Utah, both of Salt Lake City.

34 STUDENTS ENLIST

RECORD NUMBER RESIGN FROM CLASSES AT EUGENE.

Five in Aviation Corps, Four in Navy, Four in Marines, Three in Medical Corps, 17 in Other Branches.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Thirty-four university students, among them several prominent in athletics and other student body activities, have withdrawn from classes during the past two weeks to enlist in one branch or another of the Army and Navy, and several have left to join the colors without making formal application to withdraw. Except for the first few weeks after the United States severed relations with Germany, the number of students leaving college to enlist since December 1 is far greater than during any similar period since the beginning of the war.

Following are the names of the men and the branch of the service in which they enlisted:

Aviation—Claire Holdridge, Jax Fox, Alex Pearson, Jr., Earl Powell and Wilfred Stroud.

Navy—Lee Waldron, Walter Banks, Carl Knudson and Ernest Boylen.

Marines—G. P. Tachanz/George Cook, Lewis Griffith and Vincent Patterson.

Medical Corps—A. C. Shelton, Harold Trenglas and Glen Macy.

Ordnance Corps—Mike Harris, James Howell, Lynn McCready and Harold Wells.

Other branches—Wilford Jenkins, William Skidmore, Kenneth Shetterly, Jay Fisher, Newton Center, M. E. Wilson, Walter DeBryns, Oliver Gyllenberg, Keith Leslie, Paul Robinson, James Gurney, Adelbert Hays, Nell McEachern and Roy Samuels.

Subscriptions Must Be Indorsed.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Subscriptions for public charities and war relief hereafter will have to have the indorsement of committees of the County Council of Defense before they will meet with success here. Citizens have been informed that they need not feel it their patriotic duty to contribute to funds which do not have this indorsement.

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