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Ten Suits for Separation Filed in Circuit Court Yesterday. With Accusations Ranging From Simple Desertion to Infidelity.

Declaring that his wife's cruelty is impairing his already enfeebled health, Venness Danforth, aged 81, yesterday filed suit for a divorce from Elizabeth Danforth, to whom he was married in Portland in 1910. He asserts that his wife returned last Monday from California, but instead of coming to their home, went to the house of his stepson. When he endeavored to call on her Tuesday, he asserts, she refused to let him in the house. He says he is in poor health and that his wife's action causes him much anxiety.

The complaint of the aged plaintiff is but one of nine suits for divorce filed yesterday in the Circuit Court in which charges ranging from simple desertion to infidelity are made by the various husbands and wives who seek release from marital bonds.

Margaret Livingston said too much time spent with "other women" broke up her romance with H. M. Livingston. They were married in 1888 and have five children, four of whom are of age. She asks for \$10 a month for the support of the minor child.

Mabel Fluke asserts that her husband, Edwin Fluke, was too familiar with his employer's wife while he was employed at a cafe in Roseburg. Other acts of alleged cruelty are charged. They were married in 1912.

John H. Blockley alleges that his wife, Leva Blockley, spent many evenings in the company of some man, and that she finally admitted to the plaintiff that she was deeply in love with the other man. They were married at St. Paul in 1911 and have no children.

Four months of married life spoiled the dream of Harry Leyden, he says. The couple were married at Vancouver in June, 1916, and she deserted him four months later, according to his complaint. Desertion is likewise charged by Katherine Brady, who married Henry J. Brady in Portland in 1908. She says he left her two years later.

Extreme cruelty is charged by Jessie Van Sickle in a suit for divorce from A. B. Van Sickle. They were married in Iowa in 1916, and have one son who is now in the American Army in France.

Desertion, cruelty and non-support are all charged against Robert Evans in the complaint of Josephine Evans. They were married in 1902 and have four children, three of whom are of age. She asks for \$10 a month for support money. Josephine wants a divorce from Robert Evans, who he married in Hungary in 1908, and who refused to come to his country after he had made a home for her.

NEW DEPENDENT BOBS UP

James Stuart and Wife Effect Reconciliation of Difficulties.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—By "making up" with his wife, since filling out his questionnaire, James Stuart Hopper, of 172 E. Thirty-second Street, Portland, has added a new dependent to his list.

Mr. Hopper and his wife, with whom he had not been living for some time, today called at County Clerk Harrington's war-counter and asked to add the name of Mrs. Hopper to his list of dependents. Mr. Hopper filled out his questionnaire on December 21, but three days later he and his wife effected a reconciliation. Hopper previously claimed dependent parents in his questionnaire, and now asks permission to add the name of his wife. Clerk Harrington made it plain that his only hope was in an appeal to the District Board.

DRIED FOOD IN DEMAND

Weiser Food Products Company Will Enlarge Evaporating Plant.

WEISER, Idaho, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The Weiser Food Products Company will enlarge its evaporating plant in the near future. The machinery for the new addition has been ordered and will arrive by express in a few days. The increased facilities is in response to a demand by the farmers of the community. At a meeting of the potato growers of Weiser and vicinity Monday night, M. E. Stone, manager of the plant, contracted for 20,000 sacks of potatoes.

The new plant will have a capacity of 12 tons a day and will be one of the best in the state as the time of drying is 10 hours shorter than any of the other plants of the state. The new plant will also be equipped for the drying of other farm products.

YOUNGSTERS WIN HONORS

Good Work Done by Industrial Clubs of Lewis County, Wash.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The names of 142 Lewis County boys and girls who have been awarded achievement pins by the State Department of Education for their work in industrial clubs the past year were announced yesterday by A. C. Cantor, County Superintendent of Schools. Centralia pupils winning pins were: Hazel Johnston, Myrtle Kibbey, Rose Robinson, Dorothy Stewart, Eva Bannse, Jack and Lillian Kohtola, Leonard and Arne Niemi and Francis Osborn.

Herbert G. Heath, county deputy superintendent, has been appointed club leader for this year and has already spent much time in preparing for a larger enrollment for the year.

BURGLAR MAY BE WOMAN

Tacoma Dental Offices Robbed; Evidence Points to Gentler Sex.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—A woman purporting to be a dentist, who was only suspected by the police to be responsible for a number of burglaries in the business district of Tacoma during the past few days.

The office of Dr. A. Draper Coale was entered while Dr. Coale was at lunch today. Dental gold to the value of \$75, a nugget, a platinum pin and a small quantity of scrap gold were found missing when the dentist returned.

Dr. F. F. Smith, who occupies an adjoining office, later reported that he heard a woman's voice in the dentist's office about the time it was being burglarized. The police are searching for the petticoat burglar.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.
Liberty—William S. Hart, "Dead or Alive."
Majestic—Mary Garden, "Thala."
Peoples—Mary Pickford, "Stella Maria."
Star—Margarita Fischer, "Molly Go Get 'Em."
Sunset—Mae Marsh, "Sunshine Alley."
Globe—House Peters, "As Men Love."

Peoples.

Those who associate the name of Mary Pickford with feminine beauty and long curls are due for a rude shock when they witness "Stella Maria," Little Mary's latest photoplay, which opened an engagement yesterday at the Peoples Theater. As Stella Maria, William J. Locke's heroine, Miss Pickford is the beauty of ringlets, but as Stella Maria, a crippled slavey in an orphanage, few could identify the Mary Pickford of their dreams.

Straight hair, drawn tightly back, and a head, a besmudged face, and a lunched shoulder is what converts the idolized Mary into a creature strange to her admirers.

"Stella Maria," a photoplay of unusual appeal, presents Mary in her first dual role. If she chose the story simply to prove that she is an actress as well as an ingenue, a better choice could not have been made. This "Artcraft" production really presents the actress Pickford, rather than the cute little thing of endearing mannerisms.

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As Stella Maria, a p. ralytic heiress, surrounded by every luxury wealth can command and protected from even the slightest knowledge of worldly things, she is a startling contrast. Later, when Stella has her health restored, the picture lacks the customary comedy abundance of Pickford subjects, but humor has not been overlooked in the presentation of a story which has a wide appeal.

Conway Tearle and Herbert Standing are two of the principal players in support of the star.

Sunset.
Mae Marsh, the screen's whim girl, plus her pal of so many film successes, Robert Harron, will be presented at the Sunset today in "Sunshine Alley," a photoplay of unusual charm. With this will be screened the latest Alice Howell comedy, "Her Bareback Career."

"Sunshine Alley" has for its story the life of a little bird-girl, a child living with her old father in a bird store. An accident causes the father to die, and she opens the doors of a wealthy home to the girl. Her love affair with the young man of the house, almost shattered by the death of her father, is a hilarious two-reeler, with a bear, a goat, a cat and fishes supporting the regular Sennett funsters in their elasticity.

A special feature of the bill is the showing of the Liberty-Van Sooy scenic of the Salmonberry and Nehalem rivers, one of Oregon's mecca for anglers.

Columbia.
Manager Ruffner, of the Columbia Theater, announces a change in bookings which will result in the screening of the second half of the French war comedy, "The Mad Lover," today, instead of Sunday. "The Mad Lover," the six-reel comedy drama, with Elaine Hammerstein and Robert Warwick, will be shown today in conjunction with the war pictures.

Sunday Wallace Reid comes to the Columbia in "Rimrock Jones," another picture of the type of "Van of Music Mountain." Ann Little is his leading woman again.

Star.
"Molly Go Get 'Em," a harum-scarum picture with a harum-scarum star, Margarita Fischer, of Silverton, Or., and Charlie Chaplin in that comedy scream, "A Jitney Elopement," will monopolize the Star Theater screen until tomorrow night. Saturday the theater will present the latest Lois Weber production, "The Price of a Good Time," starring Mildred Harris, the youthful beauty whose rise in the film firmament has been one of the distinct features of recent months.

Miss Fischer, ever a prankful screen star, romps through a laughable role in "Molly Go Get 'Em." Its story is based on the sub-deb idea, with Molly, the youngster, who is banned from the

social affairs of her elders, but manages to intrude sufficiently to steal her big sister's beau, and otherwise destroy the social fabric of the household. How she finally persuades papa and mamma that it is wisest to permit her to wed is unfolded in a picture which is proving most popular.

Majestic.
Mary Garden, world-famed operatic prima donna, is making her bow to film audiences this week at the Majestic Theater in a pictureization of Anatole France's sensational story, "Philip Nolas," a picture which she will bring to the screen tomorrow night, giving way to the William Farnum success, "When a Man Sees Red," based on the Larry Evans story.

Goldwyn has given Miss Garden a particularly sumptuous filmation of "Thala" for initial film appearance, while her cast of supporting players is excellent. The diva, recognized as one of the beauties of face and form, of the operatic world, not only makes a pleasing appearance, but scores histrionically.

The fifth and final picture of the Battle of Arras pictures and Pathe News of topical events unfolding the war on the current programme.

Screen Gossip.
Governor Whitman, of New York, is to open the big film exposition at the Grand Central Palace, New York City, on February 2.

Doris Kenyon, beauty now featured by De Luxe Pictures, Inc., is to be provided in the highly successful Mary Roberts Rinehart novel, "The Street of Seven Stars."

Erfa Shannon, wife of the late Herbert Kelley, is to be seen soon in pictures. She's due for stardom in a new patriotic feature from Metro, "Her Boy." Niles Welch will be the boy.

In "My Own United States," a picture made by the Frohman Amusement Corporation, Arnold Daly will be seen as Philip Nolan, the man who saved the story of Edward Everett Hall's historic character. This is the second picture of the kind on the market. "The Man Without a Country" being screened at the Liberty Theater last week.

Bertha Mann, leading woman at the Oliver Morosco Broadway Theater in Los Angeles for two years, is now Fox player. Charles Clary, who has been ill with bronchial pneumonia for three months, is expected to be well known in Portland, who recently completed a Paralta engagement, will be with Miss Mann in her first picture.

After nearly four years with Universal Herbert Rawlinson left on January 1.

WAR STARTS

Dairymen's League Decides to Do Own Distributing.

PLANT TO BE EQUIPPED

Between 300 and 400 Members Vote Confidence in Their President, Alma D. Katz, Who Hopes to Lower Price of Milk, Cream.

After a stormy session, due to the presence of a group of dissatisfied creamerymen and milk distributors, between 300 and 400 members of the Oregon Dairymen's League at Central Library yesterday unanimously voted their confidence in the president of the league, Alma D. Katz, and the board of directors; decided to continue their organization and agreed to establish a central distributing plant, completely equipped with a condenser.

The meeting was called by Mr. Katz, president of the league, for the purpose of presenting for the consideration and action of the members of what he considered efforts to disrupt the organization. Representatives of several creameries and a number of the smaller dairymen not in sympathy with the operation of the league prevailed themselves and were admitted to the meeting, which was opened with a statement by Mr. Katz, in which he reviewed the history of the league, formed last August for the purpose, he said, of protecting both the producer and the consumer.

Purpose of League Set Forth.
"The purpose of the league is to secure for the producer a fair price for his product, eliminate as much as possible duplication of distribution, dispense to a great extent with the middle man and, if possible, reduce the ultimate cost to the consumer," said Mr. Katz. "We believe that these results can be obtained through the continued operation of the league. Personally, I am convinced that we will be able eventually to reduce the cost of milk and cream to the consumer. Certain I am that the cost will not be greater."

These assurances by Mr. Katz brought responses from Pat O'Donnell, of the City Dairy, and Charles Eckelmann, of the Riverbank Dairy, who spoke disparagingly not only of the individual work of Mr. Katz, but the general plan of the league, which, they predicted, would bankrupt its members. Some consideration was given their pessimistic views, for the gathering promptly adopted a motion expressing full confidence in Mr. Katz and his associates on the board of directors.

Plan to Utilize Brewery.
Announcement was made at the meeting of plans of the league for taking over the property of the Gamble brewery at Washington and Twenty-third streets and establishing a central distributing station by which the milk of all league members would be handled. It is also proposed to provide in connection a complete condenser and other equipment for a modern plant.

Substantial additional stock was subscribed toward this project at the close of the meeting. In all, between \$50,000 and \$60,000 has been subscribed by the members of the league for this purpose.

MRS. JAMES LOTAN DEAD
PIONEER OF PORTLAND PASSES AFTER ILLNESS OF MONTHS.

Oldest Member of St. Ann's Charitable Society and Many Years Its President. Active in Good Works.

Mrs. Emma Carroll Lotan, 72, wife of James Lotan and a pioneer of Portland and the Cathedral parish, died yesterday at her home, 1215 E. 15th Street, after an illness of several months.

In the roster of Portland's elder residents the name of Mrs. Lotan has been before the public for many years. Active in good works and the affairs of the Cathedral parish, Mrs. Lotan was held to be the finest type of pioneer woman.

She was the oldest member of St. Ann's Charitable Society, organized 24 years ago, when a number of progressive Catholic women met in the parlors of the old St. Vincent Hospital, then on North Eleventh Street, and banded themselves in that guild of good deeds, the "Sisters of Charity."

Emma Carroll Lotan was born in Boston and was but 12 years old when her parents removed to Portland. They are well remembered by pioneers. The first ferry at Albina, a rowboat, was operated by her father, William Carroll.

On September 1, 1887, she was wedded to James Lotan, who survives her. Mr. Lotan was prominent in civic life for many years, and at one time held the post of Collector of Customs for Portland. He, too, has been in ill health for some months, but his condition is not critical, and it is believed that he will be able to attend his wife's funeral.

Funeral services will be conducted from St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday morning at 9 o'clock, with the celebration of high requiem mass. Arrangements are in charge of the Holman Undertakers. Interment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

MEN FORM KNITTING CLASS
Baker Women to Give Instruction in Handling Needles.

BAKER, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Assisted by Baker school teachers, 20 of Baker's prominent business men have formed a knitting class and expect to receive their first instructions tomorrow evening. The first knitter was held in the City Hall, Mayor Palmer having offered the use of one of the Council chambers for that purpose.

The Baker men who have joined the knitting class are: Mayor C. L. Palmer, Judge Gustav Anderson, Judge Adney, W. A. Zimmerman, Chief of Police, L. E. Freitag, P. J. Brown, D. H. Sheffield, Neuberger Bros., Ephraim Barnes, E. E. Jones, Walter L. Dutton, O. A. Zimmer, Chief of Police, Fred Berg, Tom McGovern, Adolph Hansen, Fred Weiss, Hugh Tarkenton, Cecil Stuller, Dr. L. E. Sook and B. F. Bratt.

INDIAN IS FOUND GUILTY
Eddie Copperfield, of Klamath Falls, to Be Sentenced Saturday.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Eddie Copperfield, an Indian reading on the Klamath Indian reservation north of this city, was today convicted by a jury in the Circuit Court here before Judge D. V. Kuykendall of operating a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition, and because of such condition causing bodily injury to Miss Lucile Stewart, of this city, by colliding with her horse and buggy on Sixth Street here on November 10.

The buggy was demolished and the horse so badly injured as to necessitate its being killed. Miss Stewart was also painfully injured. This conviction was in accordance with the last session of the Legislature, and is the first conviction of its kind in Klamath County. A conviction under this act requires a sentence of from one to five years in the penitentiary. Copperfield will be sentenced next Saturday afternoon by Judge Kuykendall.

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