

CLOUDING OF TITLE CAUSED BY STARS

Estate of Late A. R. Mendenhall Entangled Through Belief in Power of Prophet.

14-YEAR-OLD SON IS SUED

In Order to Clear Title to Property, Mrs. Mendenhall Brings Action Against Own Son—Deed Filled for Record Asked Removed.

The belief in the supernatural power of a star gazer to look into the future caused Alfred R. Mendenhall, a former prominent Portland attorney, who died December 7, last, to entangle his property, valued at about \$30,000, in such a manner that his widow, Mrs. Bennetta Mendenhall, was forced to bring suit against her 14-year-old son, Seth, in order that title to the property might be cleared.

This unusual state of affairs was brought to light yesterday in the filing of a civil suit by Mrs. Mendenhall in which her son is made defendant. She seeks to have a deed signed by her May 4, 1915, set aside in order that she might regain clear title to the property, which brings in an annual income of approximately \$1000.

According to the complaint, Mrs. Mendenhall signed a deed giving her husband all her property in 1915. This deed was filed for record July 24, 1917. Mr. Mendenhall died December 7, 1917, leaving no will. Under the Oregon statutes the son is made the sole heir at law where no will can be found. Mrs. Mendenhall alleged in her complaint that the deed filed by her now deceased husband is not the one which she signed.

Star Gazer Sought.

Investigation yesterday revealed the fact that Mr. Mendenhall last Summer sought the services of a star gazer during the time that his wife was critically ill. This alleged prophet, it was learned, told Mr. Mendenhall that he would live to be 70 years of age, although he advised the attorney that there would be a death in the family during the year.

It was learned that Mr. Mendenhall had previously decided his property to his wife, but when he thought, after advising with the star gazer, that his wife would soon die, he had the deed filed for record. He had not intended filing the deed, it was stated, in the event that his wife should recover, as he was willing that the property remain in her name.

Guardian is Named.

Now that Mrs. Mendenhall has been forced to file suit against her own son in order to clear title to the property, it will be necessary for the court to name as guardian of her boy's estate. It is understood that Mrs. W. N. Gatens, wife of Circuit Judge Gatens, and a sister of Mrs. Mendenhall, will be appointed the boy's guardian.

Attorneys for both Mrs. Mendenhall and the estate of Alfred R. Mendenhall, deceased, declared there was no thought or charge of fraud in any manner in connection with the suit. This to the property would not have been clouded, it was asserted, had not Mrs. Mendenhall's illness last Summer, coupled with her husband's information from the star gazer, caused him to file a deed which he had never intended should be filed.

In fact, Mrs. Mendenhall was appointed administratrix of her husband's estate in an order signed by County Judge Tawell, December 11, last, and is now serving in that capacity.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Kiddie Stars of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at Sunset.



Barbara Castleton and Hobart Henley, in 'Parentage'

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

People—Winston Churchill's "The Crisis." Columbia—William S. Hart, "The Bargain." Star—Harry Carey, "The Phantom Riders." Sunset—"Jack and the Beanstalk." Liberty—Bushman and Bayne, "Fighting Blood." Majestic—Viola Dana, "Blue Jeans." Globe—Wallace Reid and Myrtle Stedman, "The World Apart."

LIBERTY

2 DAYS

FRANCIS X. BUSHMAN IN "FIGHTING BLOOD"

Jack, the beautiful Princess, the fearful Giant who eats boys and girls, the Giantess, the villainous Count, and all of the other figures of that famous old fairy tale, "Jack and the Beanstalk," are glamorously presented in that magnificent William Fox spectacle now being exhibited at the Sunset Theater. The original picture has been reduced to entertainment of an hour and a half, which makes it even more appealing.

CADIGAN IS TARGET

New World Life Trouble Comes to Surface.

\$8500 LOAN QUESTIONED

President of Insurance Company Which Took Over Columbia Life & Trust Is Sued—Secretary-Treasurer Also Defendant.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The New World Life Insurance Company, which a few months ago absorbed the business of the Columbia Life & Trust Company of Portland, is in the throes of a quarrel that promises to cause sweeping changes in the officers and management. The trouble came to the surface late this afternoon.

Charging that false representations were made by John J. Cadigan, president of the New World Life Insurance Company, to secure a loan from the company of \$8500, offering as security property valued at \$5500, the insurance company and several of its officers, including Thomas A. Lally, M. Shannon, Dr. H. B. Luhn, Edward M. Waldron and Dr. Edward Logan, have filed suit in the Superior Court against President Cadigan.

Edward O'Shea, secretary-treasurer of the company, is also made a defendant, it being asserted he had knowledge of the deal.

The action seeks the recovery of \$8500 on the ground that the company only recently has been apprised of the true value of the property and now desires to cancel the loan, which was made in 1911.

In the complaint it is asserted that for the purpose of fixing a value on the property against which the mortgage was written, Mr. Cadigan filed a deed to the property, transferring it to Garret H. Murray, at a consideration of \$8500, and that the loan was secured by Mr. Murray and turned over to Mr. Cadigan, the filing of the deed in no way changing the true ownership of the property, which is located in Saunders Addition.

"I know nothing of the suit," stated Mr. Cadigan at his home tonight. "I have been at home sick all day."

The business of the Columbia Life & Trust Company, which is mostly in Oregon, is in no way impaired, as the New World Life is financially strong.

DADS AND SONS BANQUET

Baker Celebrates at Elks' Hall. Flag With 703 Stars Presented.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Two hundred and fifty happy boys and their fathers, or borrowed fathers, participated in a big banquet at the Elks' Hall here tonight in order properly to celebrate Father and Son day. The number present was limited to 250, owing to lack of greater accommodations. The banquet hall was decorated with the flags of the allied nations, the feature being a big service flag containing a star for each man that is now in the United States service from Baker.

The number of stars on the flag was 703.

Mayor C. L. Palmer acted as toastmaster for the occasion and announced the program, which included numbers by the Baker High School Glee Club; "Our Dads," responded to by George Hogg; "Our Sons," Frank Gardiner; "The Sons in Uniform," C. H. McCulloch; "Showing Our Colors at Home," Joe Boyer; "Getting Acquainted and Working Together," Professor S. H. Hunt; a meeting of the executive committee of the Red Cross last night.

The presentation of the service flag to Baker County was made by C. L. Shaw, local superintendent of the Y. M. C. A.

PENDLETON GETS SNOW

Fall of Six Inches Recorded in Round-Up City.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Predictions of a snowless winter were set at naught this morning when the people of Pendleton awoke to find nearly six inches of snow on the ground. Snow has fallen in other parts of the county during the week, but there was none in Pendleton until this morning.

The warm weather during the day has laid the ground nearly bare again. There have been two previous flurries, but they were not heavy enough to cover the ground.

MILITARY FUNERAL PLAN

Late Dudley A. Loomis, Aviator to Be Accorded Honors by Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The full honors of a complete military funeral will be accorded the late Dudley A. Loomis, pilot-Lieutenant and former University of Idaho undergraduate, who was killed in an air plane accident at Fort Sill, Okla., last Thursday. This was the announcement made today from the office of First Lieutenant Luther Felker, U. S. A., retired, university commandant.

The cadets of both the university battalion and the Washington State College corps will participate in the funeral ceremonies.

\$74,651 PUT IN STAMPS

Grays Harbor Falls to Reach Monthly Quota by Feb. 27.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Grays Harbor bought \$74,651 worth of thrift stamps and war saving stamps in January, or just \$2703 under the monthly allotment of this district.

Sales were more than three times those of December. Leaders in the sales drive predict that if interest continues to grow at its present rate the county will have purchased its quota.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams.



THIS IS HOW THE GREATEST FILM CRITIC IN THE WORLD RECOMMENDS IT:

"Parentage" is the sort of film I have been praying and yelling for all these months. It is the greatest film dealing with vital home problems that has ever been produced. Delightfully entertaining—forceful—with moments of heart touching pathos. You'll love it."

Parentage A MESSAGE

DO YOU ASK FOR HEALTH RATHER THAN WEALTH FROM THE MAN WHO IS TO MARRY YOUR DAUGHTER?

MAJESTIC



BEGINNING SATURDAY

SEE IT— THEN YOU WILL RECOMMEND IT

Red Cross Vacancies Filled.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Red Cross last night all vacancies in the chapter caused by resignations were filled. U. F. Edge-

Baker Elks to Celebrate.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Baker Lodge of Elks will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the order tomorrow night with a big banquet and other festivities. Places will be laid for 125 guests. The local speakers will be W. S. Levens, A. A. Smith, Charles Breck and George B. Small.

Centralia Reports Enlistments.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Jeffie Stinchcomb, Ellsworth Pearson, William Webber and William

Harlock, four Ford's Prairie boys, have enlisted in the Engineering Corps. They reported for duty today. Elmer Snyder and Robert Boardman, both of Chehalis, were enlisted yesterday by Sergeant Percy Pizor, local marine recruiting officer.

NOW RAISES 600 CHICKENS

After Being Relieved of Organic Trouble by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Oregon, Ill.—"I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for an organic trouble which pulled me down until I could not put my foot to the floor and could scarcely do my work, and as I live on a small farm and raise six hundred chickens every year it made it very hard for me.



"I saw the Compound advertised in your paper, and tried it. It has restored my health so I can do all my work and I am so grateful that I am recommending it to my friends."—Mrs. D. M. ALTERS, R. R. 4, Oregon, Ill.

OLD AGE A CRIME!

Some people are young at 60—red cheeks, ruddy and vigorous. Others are old at 40—joints beginning to stiffen up a bit; step beginning to lag and lose its springiness; occasional touches of pain in the back, feet tired without cause, and possibly a twinge of rheumatic pain.

20 MILLION PEOPLE USE CASCARETS—WHY?

Only True Tonic for Liver and Bowels Costs 10 Cents a Box. Cascarets are a treat! They loosen your liver, clean your thirty feet of bowels and sweeten your stomach. You eat one or two Cascarets like candy before going to bed and in the morning your head is clear, tongue is clean, stomach sweet, breath right, and cold gone and you feel grand.

The Japanese Way to Remove Corns Doesn't Hurt a Bit—Easy and Simple

The Magic Touch of Ice-Mint Does It—Just a Touch Stops Soreness, Then the Corn or Callous Shrivels and Lifts Off—Try It. Your Feet Will Feel Cool and Fine. Just a touch of Ice-mint and "Oh!" will relieve. Corns and callouses vanish almost after a touch of Ice-mint. No pain, not a bit of soreness, either when applying it or afterwards, and it doesn't even irritate the skin.

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Then, Too, No. 2 of the Finley Nature Pictures

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