TESTIMONY ENDS IN PITTOCK WILL CASE

Only Mr. and Mrs. Leadbetter Appear for Contestant.

FRAUD CHARGES COLLAPSE

Sole Claim of Undue Influence Is Statement by Mr. Piper in 1912 of Offer Elsewhere.

The testimony in the Henry L. Pittock will contest came to an abrupt end at 2:26 yesterday afternoon, 18 minutes after the case for the contestant had opened. But two witnesses were placed on the stand by the attorneys for Mrs. Caroline P. Leadbetter, the contestant herself and Fred W. Leadbetter, her husband, whose combined testimony was in support of the mass of evidence produced by the proponents of the will concerning the mental alertness and acumen of the late publisher at the time he executed his final will. They offered nothing more.

Argument continued for the remainder of the afternoon and will be concluded today, but all evidence in the case is in.

Complete collapse of charges of fraud and improper influence was noted in the argument, except for the claim that Edgar B. Piper, managing editor of The Oregonian, by telling Mr. Pittock in 1912 what was an admitted fact, that he had an attractive offer elsewhere and could not remain with The Oregonian unless his tenure was made certain, exerted undue influence on the publisher, resulting in the 20-year trust provision in the Pittock will.

Theory of Attack Veers.

The theory of attack on the will veered from the charge in the petition that O. L. Price, executor and trustee, and C. A. Morden, trustee, exercised undue persuasion on Mr. Pittock, to the supposed influence of Mr. Piper, based on the discovery made through Mr. Piper's testimony the first day of the hearing that The Oregonian trust was the direct result of a desire on the part of the publisher to retain his managing editor. Though never mentioned in the contest petition, Mr. Piper was made the main figure in the argument of Attorney J. P. Cotton, for the contestant, yesterday.

The most unexpected admission of the contestant, in the face of charges in the petition filed, was that Mr. Pittock was mentally alert "and knew what he was doing" when he dictated his will.

That only two witnesses were produced by the contestant and that they gave no testimony to support allegations of fraud made in the petition was the comment of Attorney John F. Logan, appearing for the estate, who said this was "particularly surprising in view of the fact that, at the opening of the case, a jury had been demanded by the contestant to advise Circuit Judge Tazwell 'because of the impending sharp conflict of testimony.'"

Undue Influence Issue.

Invalidity of certain clauses in the will was charged by Attorney Cotton of the firm of McAdoo, Cotton & Franklin, New York, and supported by Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist, who appeared with W. M. Cake for the contestant, to which Charles H. Carey of the firm of Carey & Kerr replied that the only issue before the court was undue influence, that the proceeding was a will contest, and that the only time to bring up the validity of certain clauses in the will was at the time of distribution of assets as already had been held by Judge Tazwell in former proceedings in the Pittock estate.

"Someone owes an apology as well as an explanation to the lady who is contestant in this case," observed Attorney James B. Kerr in his argument. "Was it by wiles that this kindly woman, this good woman, was persuaded to besmirch the character of three business associates of her father and to charge that men whom her father had trusted were unworthy of trust? It must have been the counsel she received, counsel based on the necessities of the situation."

Pittock Control Asserted.

C. A. Morden, manager of The Oregonian and president of The Oregonian Publishing company, was the chief witness for the proponents in the conclusion of their case yesterday. He was called to substantiate the contention of the estate that Mr. Pittock was not a man who could be led and that his will was the will of none other than Henry L. Pittock. After long years of association with Mr. Pittock Mr. Morden has become entrusted with the property dearest to the heart of Mr. Pittock—The Oregonian.

That Mr. Pittock always was in complete control of The Oregonian, in all its departments, was the emphatic assertion of Mr. Morden.

"He took a keen interest in all the work on The Oregonian and the final decision in all matters of importance always was his," the witness explained.

"Did you ever suggest to Mr. Pittock how he could better handle business affairs other than The Oregonian?" was asked of Mr. Morden.

"Never. I knew very little about them."

"Did you ever represent to Mr. Pittock that yourself and Mr. Price were most able to handle his affairs after his death?"

"No."

"Did you bring any pressure, direct or indirect, on Mr. Pittock to have yourself named as a trustee of his estate?"

"No."

Chief Always Consulted.

Though the business management of The Oregonian was turned over to Mr. Morden, as assistant manager, before Mr. Pittock's death, it was subject always to the personal control of the publisher, testified Mr. Morden.

"I consulted and advised with Mr. Pittock every day," he declared. "I never presumed to act in any important matter without his direction."

Mr. Morden became associated with The Oregonian in 1884, and in 1907 was named assistant manager of the newspaper property.

Asked concerning the decision of Mr. Pittock in 1912 to place The Oregonian in trust in order to retain the services of Mr. Piper as managing editor at a life tenure, Mr. Morden replied:

"Mr. Piper came to me in the spring of 1912 on my return from an Association Press meeting in New York, and asked me if Mr. Pittock had spoken to me about a personal matter, concerning him. I said he had not and Mr. Piper then related to me the offer he had received, showed me the letters which had been sent him and talked with me about the matter.

"Mr. Pittock later said that Mr. Piper had an attractive offer to go elsewhere, that he was desirous of Mr. Piper's remaining, but that his remaining was contingent on being assured of his tenure of employment."

No Suggestions Offered.

"Was anything said about your own tenure, or did you discuss the desirability of having your own tenure assured?" inquired Attorney Carey, one of the estate attorneys.

"It was not mentioned at any time."

"Was anything said about the will or the desirability of creating a trust?"

"Nothing."

"Did you advise Mr. Pittock as to any method for keeping Mr. Piper?"

"He did not ask for advice or suggestions, nor did I offer any."

"When did you find out that Mr. Pittock intended to place The Oregonian in trust?"

"I learned of that first from Mr. Price. He brought me a draft or memorandum of the clause to be inserted in the will relating to The Oregonian about three weeks later."

"Did you ever speak to Mr. Pittock about that provision of the will?"

Provision Voluntary One.

"I went to Mr. Pittock after the will was executed and told him how I appreciated the provision he had made for me. He told me at this time that it was not his last will, but that the provision spoken of would be carried over into his final will."

"Was the provision regarding yourself at your solicitation or suggestion included in the will?"

"Not at all."

"Did you ask anyone to talk to Mr. Pittock about the advisability of inserting such a provision?"

"No."

"Did you ever talk to anyone about the disposition of Mr. Pittock's property, such as the creation of a trust for The Oregonian or other property?"

"No."

"When did you learn about the 1916 will?"

"Mr. Price told me that another will had been made and that Mr. Pittock desired him to say to me that the provision regarding The Oregonian had been incorporated in the new will."

"Were you ever shown the new will?"

"No."

"Did you ever see it before the death of Mr. Pittock?"

"No."

No Solicitation Made.

"Was the last will made at your solicitation?"

"No."

"Did you give Mr. Pittock any advice regarding the terms of the 1916 will?"

"No."

"Did you ever talk with Mr. Pittock in advance concerning what you thought he should do with his property?"

"No."

"Was the provision you mention shown you?"

"No."

"What was the health of Mr. Pittock in August, 1916, if you remember?"

"Good, except for twinges of rheumatism in his foot. His hearing was not so good as it had been."

"Did you note any decay of his mental faculties or weakness of his will?"

"None whatever."

"Was there any change in your relations with Mr. Pittock after the 1916 will had been executed?"

"No, unless it was that he more frequently talked with me about affairs other than The Oregonian after the will was signed."

"Did he ever talk with you concerning such affairs before the will was drawn?"

"Very slightly."

Character Strong One.

Mr. Morden was asked to give a word picture of Mr. Pittock.

"Mr. Pittock was a quiet man—a gentle man," he answered. "I think the word 'strength' would indicate Mr. Pittock's character. He had much physical stamina and a very strong will.

"Mr. Pittock was baffling to a stranger or a man seeking to put over some deal, because he would listen until the man had talked himself out, without saying a word. The man would not know how far he had gotten, often leaving without Mr. Pittock replying to his arguments.

"He was a patient man. Mr. Pittock could wait. He never was hurried and apparently never was worried—a man of perfect poise."

A large part of the staff employed by Mr. Pittock on The Oregonian had been with the newspaper for many years, said Mr. Morden.

"Mr. Pittock rarely discharged a man or ordered him discharged," declared the present manager of The Oregonian.

Cross-Examination Brief.

Cross- examination of Mr. Morden was not lengthy. It opened with an inquiry from Attorney J. P. Cotton as to whether Mr. Pittock ever talked over matters outside The Oregonian with Mr. Morden.

"Infrequently," was the reply.

"Did he ever ask your advice about outside affairs?" continued the interrogator.

"Not that I recall."

"Are you very sure? On business or other matters?"

"No."

"Did he ever ask you if you thought The Oregonian should not lose the services of Mr. Piper?"

"Well, not exactly. He told me that he believed that Mr. Piper was a very valuable man and that he didn't know where he could find another to take his place, and I concurred with him."

"Did you know that Mr. Piper had spoken to Mr. Pittock, as a reciprocal proposal, that it was desirable to keep you?"

"Mr. Piper told me that he had."

"That you knew before you talked with Mr. Pittock at all?"

"Yes."

"Mr. Pittock wanted your advice in the Piper matter, did he not?"

"He was conferring with me."

Family Matters Noted.

"Did you ever discuss family matters with Mr. Pittock?"

"Never."

"Did Mr. Pittock show every evidence of affection for his children?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did they ever call at the office to see him?"

"Almost daily. He was especially fond of his grandchildren."

"You were in Mr. Pittock's personal confidence?"

"I think so."

"Did Mr. Pittock ever discuss with you the policies he desired The Oregonian to follow after his death?"

"No."

"You have no written instructions of any kind from him, intended to direct how you should carry out your trusteeship?"

"None. That is, I have never had any explicit directions or counsel from Mr. Pittock concerning the handling of affairs after he was gone, but I had my training under Mr. Pittock."

Mr. Leadbetter Called.

Testimony of Mr. Leadbetter, the first witness to be called by the contestant, was chiefly a tribute to the sterling character of Mr. Pittock.

"During all the period of my acquaintance with him Mr. Pittock was one of nature's noblemen—small of stature but large of brain. I never knew a man in my life who loved his family or was more devoted to his family than was Mr. Pittock. My earliest impression of Mr. Pittock was gained when I first met his daughter, now my wife, and I shall never forget the impression on me of his ideal family relations at that time.

"He was loved by every member of his family and he loved them all. The first deep impression Mr. Pittock made on me was at the time of the death of his little grandchild. I shall never forget his desolation when the little child died. For days he was disconsolate.

"In all of his business affairs Mr. Pittock was competent, trustworthy and his word was as good as his bond. I doubt if ever a finer character was ever brought into the world than Henry L. Pittock."

Competency Not Doubted.

"Was there ever any doubt in your mind as to Mr. Pittock's sanity or competency up to the time of his death?" he was asked.

"None whatever.

Mr. Leadbetter declared he had no knowledge of Mr. Pittock's will until after his death. Asked if he knew, he replied: "I was told by Mr. Price that he had not made a will."

"How was that?"

"During Mr. Pittock's last illness and a few days before his death I met Mr. Price and was talking over the advisability of sending for Mr. Pittock's brother George. It involved the sending of funds to him. I remarked, 'I hope, if anything happens, his brother will be provided for, as he is almost destitute. Do you know if Mr. Pittock has made a will?'

"To which Mr. Price replied, 'I do not know of any will. I don't think Mr. Pittock ever expects to die.' After his death I met Mr. Price in Mr. Pittock's office and he said to me, 'Mr. Leadbetter, Mr. Pittock did leave a will.' I asked him why he had not told me and he said Mr. Pittock wished to have the will kept secret.

"I asked him who drew the will and he said he did. 'Alone?' I inquired, and he said his brother helped him. He further said that the release of news that the will had been made had been left to Mr. Morden, to which I replied by saying that I thought he said the making was to be secret. I do not recall his answer."

There was no cross-examination.

Family Life Described.

Mrs. Leadbetter was asked by her attorney to describe the family life of Mr. Pittock.

"He was very gentle, very quiet, patient—a loveable disposition," she replied, quietly. "He was devoted to his family. He wanted us at his home and visited us at our home. He was devoted in every way. He was particularly fond of his children and grandchildren."

"Did you ever question that he was in complete possession of his mental faculties?" was asked.

"Never, to within a couple of hours of his death."

"Did your father ever discuss what would happen to his property after his death?"

"No, he was a reserved man and talked but little."

There was no cross-examination.

Testimony Is Closed.

"I have no desire to produce further testimony but desire to be heard in opposition to the probate of this will," announced Attorney Cotton, when Mrs. Leadbetter had concluded.

"The case is rested on that evidence?" he was asked.

"Yes," he answered, then continued: "The proof which has been produced here shows what has never been contested—not only that Mr. Pittock was sane, but more than that, competent, forceful, and a man hard to influence. We are prepared to concede these things. We called Mr. and Mrs. Leadbetter to make this clear.

"We even concede that under the law it is possible for a man to trustee his estate and newspaper for 20 years. That is not doubted, but we feel strongly here that a trust has been created which is a highly unwise trust, a trust which may have unfortunate results. The law permits the dead hand to go on directing, and in this particular no illegal thing has been done.

"In 1912 Mr. Piper went to Mr. Pittock to look out for his own tenure on The Oregonian. He said he wanted his tenure guaranteed and Mr. Pittock replied that he thought it could be arranged. The way in which they arranged it was to have Mr. Pittock draw a will with certain paragraphs creating a trust of The Oregonian, assuring the tenure of Mr. Piper, Mr. Price and Mr. Morden. We know that Mr. Piper told Mr. Pittock that Mr. Morden's deserts were greater than his and that Mr. Morden concurred in the suggestion that Mr. Piper be treated as was done.

Two Wills Considered.

"By that proceeding, Mr. Piper and Mr. Morden were greatly benefited by the tenure of office, besides the compensation Mr. Morden would receive as a trustee. The 1916 will is but a carrying on of the 1912 will.

"We are satisfied that Mr. Pittock was a sane man and a man of strong mentality, but assert that Mr. Piper and Mr. Pittock could not validly enter into an agreement by which Mr. Piper's tenure of office could be secured and he and Mr. Morden made permanent directors of the publishing company. The agreement was void and against public policy, even in Mr. Pittock's lifetime, and naturally continues so in a will bearing that agreement out.

"The family has a right to stop the carrying out of that illegal arrangement, of which the will is a part. The action of Mr. Piper was the cause of the making of a will with that central provision in it, which all will agree is the main clause, the trust provision. There isn't any question but that Mrs Piper had an absolute right to do it. He might have asked Mr. Pittock to leave him The Oregonian and if he had done it the distressed family would have no redress, if such an agreement is legal. He did influence Mr. Pittock and used means which would constitute illegal, undue influence.

Influence Held Exerted.

"There is nothing in common with an ordinary undue influence case. There is nothing gross about it. Mr. Piper did not tell Mr. Pittock that he had an offer when he did not. But he did influence him in this illegal way.

"We think there is law enough to forbid any attempt of business associates to exert pressure with selfish purposes, even though they try to persuade a perfectly sane man who knew what he was doing when he did it."

A discussion of the alleged invalidity of certain clauses of the will followed, in which Attorney Cotton and Attorney Liljeqvist took part.

"Has your honor ever seen a case come to a more lame and impotent conclusion?" demanded Attorney Logan, when the lawyers for the contestant had concluded. "The chief contestants vie with the proponents to establish the mental ability of Mr. Pittock."

"Strange, daring, unsupported allegations fell when the unanimous testimony of the proponents' witnesses was supported by the witnesses for the contestant," remarked Attorney Kerr, who characterized the entire proceeding as "a research determined by selfishness."

Pittock Solves Problem.

"The offer received by Mr. Piper was laid before Mr. Pittock and the plain statement was made that he felt he ought to accept," continued the attorney. "Mr. Pittock replied that he did not want Mr. Piper to leave and would try to arrange so he would stay. He decided the problem for himself and it was his own solution. When the rubbish is cleared away, the entire case and theory of the contestant rests on the belief that Mr. Piper used undue influence on Mr. Pittock when he said, in substance, by this offer:

"Arguments will be concluded this morning, and an immediate decision may be expected from Judge Tazwell as to the proof of undue influence in the attack on the will. Legal points raised as to the validity of certain clauses in the will may be taken under advisement following submission of briefs.

"Doctor, I will leave to each of my children $500 a month income from the Pittock block, and if they can't get along on that they can't get along on anything." Mr. Pittock told his family physician in the summer of 1915 or 1916, either just before or just after the execution of his last will, according to the testimony of Dr. William M. Campbell yesterday.

Trust Statement Recalled.

Further discussion of family affairs led Mr. Pittock to remark, concerning his daughters, testified Dr. Campbell, "Well, but you know their husbands can claim a certain proportion of their estate by law. How are you going to get around it?" The physician said he replied that, not being a lawyer or business man, he had no idea, to which he said Mr. Pittock retorted, "Well, I might put it in trust."

Dr. Campbell was in attendance on Mr. Pittock during his last illness and had been the family physician for nearly ten years, he testified. He spoke of the excellent health of his patient during the years preceding his death and of his clear mentality.

"He had a keen mind and was a marvel of intellectuality," he declared.

On cross-examination by Attorney Cake, Dr. Campbell said that his fee for his last services to Mr. Pittock was $3300.

That Mr. Pittock was not under the control of Mr. Morden was indicated by William Goldman, an insurance man, with offices in The Oregonian building, and a lifelong friend of Mr. Pittock, in testimony yesterday. Mr. Goldman had been refused a two-year lease on his offices in The Oregonian building by Mr. Morden, but on applying to Mr. Pittock secured the lease without delay.

The most remarkable thing about Mr. Pittock, to the mind of Mr. Goldman, was that "he carried such a tremendous burden and talked so little." As with a dozen other witnesses who had known Mr. Pittock intimately, Mr. Goldman noted no decline in mental faculties in late years of Mr. Pittock's life nor signs that he was being influenced by others.

CUBANS HOLDING SUGAR

PLANTERS EXPECTING STILL HIGHER PRICES.

Cane Said to Be Rotting in Mills and Fields Because of Acute Shortage of Cars.

EUGENE, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Sugar is bringing 20 cents a pound at the plantation in Cuba, E. L. Knapp, vice-president of the Alsea River Lumber company, told the Eugene chamber of commerce at its regular weekly luncheon today, but not many growers are selling even at this price because they believe they are going to get still more. Mr. Knapp owns a sugar plantation in Cuba and recently returned from a visit to it.

"Sugar was selling only a little while ago for 10 cents. Then it jumped to 17 and now it is bringing the grower 20 cents," said Mr. Knapp, "but even at this price many planters are holding back because of the apparent certainty that the price will go still higher.

"The belief in a higher price is not ill-justified. Cuba is simply crowded with sugar buyers from all over the world, and they are bidding feverishly against each other for the available supply."

The real underlying cause of mounting sugar prices, however, in Mr. Knapp's opinion, is the acute car shortage from which Cuban railroads are suffering. Because of this failure of transportation, cane is rotting in the mills and the raw sugar as it comes from the mills is "slacking"—drawing dampness—with the result that it has to be sent back to the mills and run through the centrifugal machines again before it can be shipped. All of this entails heavy expense, which is added to the price of raw sugar.

"As a concrete example of what the car shortage is doing to the sugar supply," said Mr. Knapp, "I will cite the case of the man, a Cuban, who owns a plantation adjoining ours. He has $250,000 worth of sugar cane rotting in his fields because he cannot get cars to take it to the mill. He needs about 10 cars a day, and he is getting about one a week. The railroads of Cuba are owned largely by English capital, and they are woefully short of cars. Everywhere in the industry this shortage is showing up. The result is waste and this waste, particularly in view of the keen market, is added to the price of the raw sugar."

STRAWBERRY FETE IS ON

Tenth Annual Carnival at Roseburg Opened by Parade.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—The 10th annual strawberry carnival is in full swing tonight, the parade staged by the Elks this afternoon and the ball games inaugurating the festivities. The berry exhibit is excellent and displays of Oregon manufactured products in many business places is attracting attention.

The weather conditions are ideal and throngs have been in town all day. The feature for tomorrow is the school parade. In the afternoon an auto pageant will be held and it is expected this will be the finest demonstration of its kind ever held in the southern part of the state.

FRUIT RANCH IS SOLD

267 Acres at Melrose to Be Developed Scientifically.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Kenneth McKay, manager of the National Fruit company, Portland, and associates, have bought a 267-acre fruit ranch near Melrose, this county. The company has been incorporated and will be known as the Roseneath orchards. The property has 160 acres in orchard, which will be developed along scientific lines.

A. W. Hardman has assumed the local management of the property. Several Hood River orchardists have lately visited this section and all expressed themselves optimistically regarding the future of the district.

SENATE COMMITTEES GO

Forty-Two Boards Abolished, Others Cut in Membership.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The senate voted today to abolish 42 standing committees and reduce membership of all others, effective in the next congress. The reform has been urged for years and the new committee slate was adopted virtually without discussion.

The senate's committee are reduced from 74 to 32. Senator Knox said the plan "would cut out all of the committees which rarely if ever meet."

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NOTICE SERVED ON BONUS OPPONENTS

Announcement Is Made in House Amid Loud Applause.

QUCK ACTION WANTED

Advocates Say All Legislation to Be Blocked Until Measure Is Brought Up for Passage.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Advocates of the soldier relief bill served notice in the house today that beginning tomorrow they would seek to block all legislation until the measure is brought up for passage. Representative Mason, republican, Illinois, made such an announcement amid loud applause and later Representative Murphy, republican of Ohio, repeated it.

"We are tired of this confidence game," declared Mr. Mason, referring to delay in bringing the bill before the house.

Representative Fordney, republican, Michigan, in charge of the measure, said its passage might be attempted Saturday, but some other leaders thought that it might go over until next week.

Favorable Report Ordered.

The rules committee today ordered favorable report of a resolution suspending house rules for six days beginning Saturday, the plan being to bring up the relief bill during that time.

Prolonged debate on the bill, though bitter at times, disclosed no open opposition to it. Mr. Mason, in answering affirmatively a question by Representative Henry T. Rainey, democrat, Illinois, as to whether the former favored an 80 per cent war profits tax to finance the proposal, charged that B. M. Baruch "had stolen $5,000,000 of war profits on copper."

"I'm willing to support such a proposal," Mr. Mason said, "but I am afraid what you offer is not to help but to defeat the legislation that the soldiers want. I'm willing to vote to have your attorney-general bring suit against Barney Baruch, the chief man, the closest man to the president of the United States, who stole $5,000,000 in copper alone."

Charge Not Denied.

Representative Mason did not elaborate on his charge and his remarks passed without comment from the democratic side. His assertion that the war profits tax was one of the democratic proposals to defeat the bill, however, brought denials from democrats, some of whom announced their support of the measure.

During the debate senators and newspapers opposed to the bill were criticised. Representative Freary, republican, Wisconsin, called on the house "to protest" against senators inserting into the Congressional Record anti-bonus articles, which characterized the legislation as "a raid on the treasury."

BONUS IS BELIEVED KILLED

Tactless Campaigners Blamed for Arousing Protest.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 27.—Soldier bonus legislation has not one chance in 50 of being brought to life, according to indications here.

The country is against it and congress is turning against it so rapidly that its friends in the house almost have despaired of being able even to get it considered. Today it was to have come up but the house rules committee found its plan to bring in a special rule blocked by two republicans joining with the democrats. It is not impossible that the house leaders favorable to the bonus may find a way to force the measure through but that, likely, will be the end of it.

The senate is set against it and only waiting the opportunity to use its ax. Senator Myers, of Montana, is preparing to speak against the bill either tomorrow or Saturday.

A strong element in the American Legion has asserted itself against the bonus in the last few days, and the non-soldier class has risen up in its might. The tenor of letters and telegrams coming in from all parts of the country is that the promoters of the bonus virtually have charged that all those who remained at home during the war were slackers and that the bonus is a form of penalty to be levied for neglect of duty. This aspersion which, it is true, has been cast by some of the less tactful bonus campaigners, has aroused those who stayed at home until they are in a fighting mood, it appears.

BEST PLAYS ARE CHOSEN

Portland Writers Win Honors in Drama League Contest.

Honors came to play writers of Portland and vicinity yesterday when announcement was made by the judges of winners in the drama league play-writing contest. The three plays adjudged the best of those submitted in the contest, which closed April 9, will be produced at the Little theater June 28, under direction of Mrs. Dent Mowrey.

The following are the winning plays and their authors: "Background," Susie Smith; "The Man Who Always Smiled," Mrs. Folger Johnson and Mrs. Harold Sawyer; "Back-door Neighbors," Mrs. Edwin Seeley Parsons.

Honorable mention was accorded the following: "St. Anthony, Who Finds Things," Edith F. Backemose; "Candle-light," George S. O'Neal; "For Old Time's Sake," D. E. Chambers; "The Free Lovers," and "Lacquer Bat," both written in collaboration by Mrs. Folger Johnson and Mrs. Harold Sawyer.

The judges in the contest were Hugh Hume, Mrs. H. B. Torrey and Colin V. Dyment.

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STATE OSTEOPATHS ELECT

Dr. Mary E. Giles, Portland, Is Chosen President of Association.

The Oregon State Osteopathic association held its annual election of officers last Wednesday afternoon in the assembly room of the Morgan building. Mary E. Giles of Portland was elected president of the organization while Dr. Harry Payne of Oregon City was chosen vice-president. Dr. Catherine Myers of Portland is the new secretary-treasurer and Dr. Tracy Parker and Dr. D. D. Young were elected trustees.

Highway Workman Injured.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Nels Olsen, employed in highway construction work near Peel, was seriously hurt late yesterday by the delayed explosion of a shot placed in a rock ledge. Believing the fuse had failed to burn, Olson was investigating when the blast occurred. A second charge exploding a few moments after the first also slightly injured another workman who rushed in to assist Olson.

Gasoline Shortage Relieved.

ALBANY, Or., May 27.—(Special.)—Albany dealers were entirely out of gasoline yesterday forenoon. The Standard Oil company's tanks here were empty and all of the dealers had exhausted their supplies. A freight train arriving just before noon brought a car for this city and the drought was relieved temporarily, but the supply is very short yet.

Painter Marries Actress.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Frances Starr, actress, and William Haskell Coffin, painter and illustrator, were married here today.

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I may have to move or quit—I don't know—but just as soon as my "gracious" landlord tells me what her mind is, I know what I can do. Although I have made repeated attempts to find out, not a word has been told me as to what I can expect—so that's the way some landlords try to "foster" manufacturing in Portland. Anyone knows that I have to make plans ahead in manufacturing, especially these times; but, no; it seems that means nothing to this landlord. But more anon. I'll say more about this transaction and condition, past and present, later on. Now I want

380 Suit Orders

with 14 days—by June 10th—to keep my expert help jam-up busy, as I don't want to make more garments for stock, as I may have to quit entirely. To get me these orders I'll accept orders for suits at from $25.00 to $45.00—splendid goods, guaranteed materials—just the stuff for this year, next winter and next year. Coats and suits both you'll need. COME QUICK, BUY QUICK, for the material is limited—my capacity to make is limited. I hope all my old customers will see this—it is surely a snap for them, for THEY KNOW a hint is enough. However, new customers are welcome. But we urge you to act and buy quickly, for action—action—is what counts if you want to get a good suit worth double or more what you pay for it.

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Size.		Sale Price.
30x3	NON-SKID	$12.75
30x3½	PLAIN	13.95
30x3½	NON-SKID	16.50
32x4	PLAIN	20.85
32x4	NON-SKID	21.95
34x4	NON-SKID	27.20
32x4½	NON-SKID	29.50
32x4½	PLAIN	28.50
33x4½	NON-SKID	32.50
34x4½	PLAIN	32.50
34x4½	NON-SKID	32.50
35x4½	PLAIN	33.50
35x4½	NON-SKID	33.75
36x4½	NON-SKID	33.50
33x5	NON-SKID	32.50
35x5	NON-SKID	35.60
37x5	NON-SKID	32.75

Fisk Cords
SILVERTOWN
Guaranteed 5000 Miles.

Size.		Sale Price.
32x4½	NON-SKID	$41.25
34x4½	RIBBED	41.40
34x4½	NON-SKID	43.60
35x4½	RIBBED	42.45
36x4½	RIBBED	44.45
36x4½	NON-SKID	45.50
35x5	RIBBED	49.50
35x5	NON-SKID	52.25
37x5	RIBBED	52.50
37x5	NON-SKID	55.75

Batavia Firsts
Firsts—Guaranteed 4000 Miles.

Size.		Sale Price.
30x3	PLAIN	$12.95
30x3	NON-SKID	13.45
30x3½	PLAIN	12.95
30x3½	NON-SKID	14.75
32x3½	PLAIN	17.85
31x4	NON-SKID	28.85
32x4	PLAIN	23.25
32x4	PLAIN	25.30
33x4	RIBBED	28.35
33x4	NON-SKID	29.80
34x4	PLAIN	25.85
34x4	NON-SKID	30.55
35x4½	NON-SKID	42.35
36x4½	RIBBED	40.75
36x4½	NON-SKID	43.05
35x5	RIBBED	46.75
35x5	NON-SKID	49.75
36x5	NON-SKID	50.75
37x5	NON-SKID	52.60

Dreadnaught Firsts
Firsts—Guaranteed 5000 Miles.

30x3	RIBBED	$14.65
30x3	NON-SKID	15.50
30x3½	RIBBED	16.40
30x3½	NON-SKID	18.90
32x3½	RIBBED	21.65
31x4	RIBBED	28.30
31x4	NON-SKID	29.05
32x4	NON-SKID	29.55
33x4	NON-SKID	30.75
34x4	RIBBED	31.00
34x4	NON-SKID	31.80
32x4½	RIBBED	39.45
34x4½	RIBBED	40.10
34x4½	NON-SKID	41.15
35x4½	RIBBED	41.00
35x4½	NON-SKID	42.10

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