

LABEREE WILL CASE UNDER ADVISEMENT

Arguments Completed at Night Court Session.

APPEAL SEEMS LIKELY

Affectionate Letters Written First Wife After Divorce Are Introduced as Evidence.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special).—The contest to break the will of the late Oscar G. Laberee, bequeathing to his second wife \$100,000 which the children of his first wife are seeking to obtain, was taken under advise ment late tonight by the court after the arguments in the case had been completed at a night session.

Counsel for each side, immediately after the case was brought to a close, indicated an intention to appeal if the decision should be unfavorable to them.

As "cutbacks" in motion picture melodrama are flashed upon the screen, so this afternoon in the closing arguments were recreated episodes in the stormy marital career of Laberee, deceased railway builder and prospector.

Final Testimony Is Taken. Final testimony was taken early in the afternoon and argument opened by counsel for the defense. He was followed by the testimony of the plaintiff. At 6 o'clock, court adjourned to meet again for the night session. The trial has now lasted seven weeks.

A dozen or more letters, written by Laberee to his first wife and children, just prior to, during and after his first wife obtained her divorce, were read into the record by Judge Moore.

They were affectionate letters, most of them referring to requests for financial aid to the family.

Apparently, the man who had made and lost three fortunes each approximately \$1,000,000, whose railway schemes at one time were said to involve a Canadian investment of \$3,000,000 and to have wrecked it, and of whom it was told that he won \$75,000 in a few hands in a Seattle poker game, was hard pressed. He said he hadn't the money to give and called attention to former gifts and settlements.

In one letter he referred to a stock speculation gone awry. "If I could have held on I could have made \$25,000," he said.

J. H. Cornett Takes Stand. J. H. Cornett of Shedd, Or., was one of the last witnesses examined and gave the first testimony reflecting against the reputation of the first Mrs. Laberee. He testified that Laberee told him after his divorce and marriage to Anita Laurence that he was experiencing the first true happiness of his life. He had never known, that this first marriage was a failure. "What, if anything did he say about the character of his former wife?" asked counsel.

"He told me that she drank to excess," said the witness, who testified that the heart shot told visibly on the aged first wife, who buried her face deeper in her hands. She sat throughout the trial with her head propped from the stare of the curious by first one and then another outstretched hand.

The defense attacked the testimony of ex-attorney Turner of Washington, who affirmed that Laberee had told him that Anita Laurence and her mother threatened him with jail for violation of the contract. It is believed that Laberee had not divorced his first wife until after Mrs. Rose Laberee, the first wife, testified during the trial that her total annual income now is \$500, chiefly from an apartment house in Chicago built by Laberee in 1903 which he settled upon her before the divorce.

Suit for \$50 Is Started. Suit in the local court was brought today against Anita Laurence Laberee by H. J. Winters, jeweler, to collect \$50 which he alleges she has owed for more than a year.

The exposure of the trial have been a shock to many local residents. During the war Anita Laberee took an active part in all war work and was a leader in Red Cross and Liberty Loan campaigns in the city district. She has staunch friends who do not believe that she deliberately set a snare for the Laberee wealth and alienated Laberee's affections from his family. They accept the theory that the victim of Laberee and that his marriage was a reparation to which she was entitled.

Reporter on Rubber Heels Foils Space Annexer. Stunt That Fooled Public and Judge Comes to Naught.

His name is \_\_\_\_\_ and he is aptly named this week at the \_\_\_\_\_.

It was at the hour of 6 Tuesday evening. The crowds were hurrying homeward along Broadway and Washington when this individual stepped into the street, dressed in the oldest clothes which his press agent could find, and began singing at the top of his voice.

A crowd gathered. After the curiosity of the pedestrians had been sufficiently aroused a bluecoated copper appeared in the offing and staged a pre-arranged "pinch."

The singer waded meekly to the police station. And the press agent went back to his job, highly pleased with himself.

But the work of the press agent had only begun. There was other work to do, for the right publicity had to be procured.

Thus it was that Singer \_\_\_\_\_ appeared yesterday in the police court charged with vagrancy. To Judge Roseman it was just another of the multitude of "vags" a bit of flotsam and jetsam buffeted about on the tide of adversity.

But the press agent was still on the job. When the offender's name was called he arose from the prisoner's bench and began to sing in a rich baritone voice. "Down the Trail to Home, Sweet Home."

Judge Roseman couldn't do anything else but let the fellow go. Although the judge had his suspicion that some clever press agent was at work, he decided to give him the benefit of the doubt.

The publicity stunt brought in a goodly bunch of dimes and nickels to the singer. The crowd at Broadway and Washington showed red coats to his hat before the cop got the high sign to rush the act.

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PRINCIPALS IN TRAGEDY OF YESTERDAY.



ATTORNEY 'KILLS' SELF

C. S. SPENCER TAKES OWN LIFE, WOUNDS WIFE.

Financial Worries, Together With Ill-Health, Are Believed to Cause Derangement.

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years after his arrival, his second wife being Mrs. Anita Spencer. She divorced him in Portland in 1909.

A son, Roscoe Spencer, who was born to his first wife, died in Indiana two years ago. Mr. Spencer suffered a complete breakdown at the time of his son's death. He had put the boy through Harvard and had assisted him in getting a start in the law practice.

Paralysis Stroke Suffered. Upon his arrival in Portland Mr. Spencer was at first a member of the law firm of McDougall & Spencer. Later he became associated with W. M. Davis under the firm name of Spencer & Davis. He had been a member of the law firm of Wilbur, Spencer & Beckett for about ten years.

About six months ago Mr. Spencer suffered a slight stroke of paralysis while exercising at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club. Again about two months ago he suffered another slight attack. He had been in ill-health since then and members of the law firm had been endeavoring to have him take an extended vacation for the past several weeks.

When Mr. Spencer at first became mentally unbalanced yesterday morning his wife thought it was the beginning of another paralytic stroke but the firing of the revolver came as she had arisen from the bed to assist him.

F. M. Howell, a member of the law firm, said that Mr. Spencer appeared to be in his usual health and good spirits when he left the home Tuesday evening. Members of the firm could note nothing wrong with his mental condition at that time.

Attack Seems Sudden. Mrs. Jones, housekeeper at the Spencer home, said that Mr. Spencer was normal and appeared to be enjoying his usual health at the home Tuesday evening. It is believed that he and Mrs. Spencer had resumed their discussion of financial difficulties that night and that Mr. Spencer's mind gave way under the strain.

Mr. Spencer was a Shriner and a member of the Portland lodge of Elks. He was a member of Wabash college and studied law in the office of Eugene L. Hays, who is now best known as ex-representative Crumpacker of the world and its residents are being violently elbowed to make room for the league of nations, with all its appointments.

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LEAGUERS CROWD VIENNA

SECRETARIAT, 300 STRONG, OCCUPIES LARGEST HOTEL.

Residents Are Violently Elbowed to Make Room for Hundreds of Representatives of Nations.

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WAGES BLAMED FOR MILLS' SHUTDOWN

Clothing Plants Close Until Working Conditions Change.

ADJUSTMENT IS WANTED

Manufacturers Declare New York Must Be Able to Compete With Other Markets on Same Basis.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—The Clothing Manufacturers' association of New York announced today its shops could not be reopened until employees who are members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' union agreed to new working and wage conditions, "necessary to the life of the industry."

The announcement was made after the association's market committee reported failure in negotiations with the workers. The association in closing its shop said new conditions were necessary to further competition in the market and laid down seven points to be inserted in a new contract.

William Bandler, president of the manufacturers' association, said negotiations would be opened with the union at any time it designated and that the decision of the association to keep its shops closed was in no wise a "lockout."

Conditions Are Blamed. "Conditions have closed our shops," he added. "The public wants cheaper clothes, we want business and our employees want employment. We cannot get business until we are able to make and sell clothing in competition with other markets. Conditions must be equalized with competing markets before we can resume manufacture."

The seven points demanded are: 1. The right of the manufacturer to install piece work.

2. Scales prevailing in other clothing markets to be the base rates for New York workers.

Co-operation Is Wanted. 3. The co-operation of workers in maintaining individual records of production in shops and cutting rooms.

4. The right of the manufacturer to change contracts.

5. Adequate freedom to discipline and hire workers and to introduce improved machinery.

6. The agreements maintained by the union in other markets in which adjustment machinery is functioning successfully to be made the basis of relationship between the association and union.

BIG STILL IS UNCOVERED

PLANT IN FULL OPERATION AT SYLVAN IS RAIDED.

Three Serbians Arrested and Large Quantity of Moonshine and Raisin Mash Confiscated.

Sixty gallons of moonshine, seven 55-gallon barrels of raisin mash and a still in full operation were the catch of Deputy Sheriffs Christofferson, Schirmer and Rexford yesterday when they raided a house at Sylvan, about three miles out of Portland on the Canyon road.

Mike Matyaszewich, Tony Miestich and Stanko Simich, Serbians, alleged to have been running the establishment, were taken into custody.

The still was set up in the basement of a house the men said they had occupied four months. Officers were not fully aware of the extent of the operations but Christofferson said he learned from one of the men that they had been in California part of the summer and spent \$2000, which the officer believed they earned there by firing two revolver shots.

Matyaszewich and Simich were found near the house and the latter headed for the woods when he saw the officers. He was pursued by Christofferson who fired two revolver shots before the man stopped. Miestich was in Portland and it was necessary to wait until he returned.

CHANCES ARE SLIGHTED

Road Report Shows How Tourist Trade Could Be Developed.

The possibilities of tourist trade development in Oregon's scenic wonderland by the establishment of well-appointed, modern hotels in the Cascades or along the Columbia river highway are vividly portrayed in a comparative report on tourist traffic by seasons to Paradise Inn in Rainier National park, issued by the O.-W.-R. & N. company.

The report shows that Oregon supplied about 5 per cent of the tourists who patronized the inn the past season, and that 60 per cent of the tourist trade for the year came from points outside the state of Washington.

Many blue ribbons were awarded students in the pomology department of the Guillermo Citrus, with a single tray exhibit of Northern Spy apples; E. L. Smith, with a plate exhibit of Clear-gear pears, and E. H. Hessestine, with a general plate display of walnuts, won first places.

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In Observance of Armistice Day This Store Will Be Closed—All Day Thursday, November 11th H. Liebes & Co. ESTABLISHED 1864 BROADWAY AT MORRISON

WEST STUDIES ARMY PLAN

EIGHT STATES TO BE REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE.

G. A. White, Adjutant-General of Oregon, to Attend San Francisco Meeting.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special).—George A. White, adjutant-general of Oregon, will leave early next week for San Francisco where he will be called by Major-General Hunter Liggett, in command of the ninth corps area, to assist in working out the plans for the new military programme outlined for the western states.

Eight states will be represented at the conference, including Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada.

Although all plans have not yet been outlined it is intended that the ninth corps area shall have two infantry divisions, one cavalry brigade, 30 companies of coast artillery and other corps and army troops, all of which will be national guard organizations.

Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington are to have a complete infantry division to be known as the first division. For Oregon there will be one brigade of infantry less one battalion, and a considerable number of technical troops, including anti-aircraft, motorcycle, truck, field artillery, field hospital and air service units. Oregon's assignment also will include the first division headquarters.

Washington will specialize on field artillery, while Idaho and Wyoming want cavalry. The three of the first organizations to be formed in Oregon will be an anti-aircraft company at Albany, company of infantry at Corvallis and battery of field artillery in Portland.

During the conference at San Francisco there will be some discussion regarding the need of co-ordination among the several states.

YOUNG ELOPERS CAUGHT

Flight From Salem of Boy, 17, and Girl, 16, Ends at Tacoma.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special).—Ferman McAdoo, 17 years of age and Esther Planting, 16, who eloped from here recently, were arrested in Tacoma last night, according to a telegram received by the Salem police today. Sheriff Needham left here tonight for Tacoma after the prisoners.

At the time of the elopement, McAdoo was under arrest here charged with the theft of an automobile. He had been arraigned and released on \$400 bonds. Officers said the couple were planning to cross the Canadian border when arrested.

Express Embargo Removed. NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—The American Railway Express company announced today that it had removed its embargo on single pieces of express matter weighing 200 pounds or more, which had been in effect since April. Improved operating conditions are responsible for the removal of the embargo.

TRAILS CLUB MEETS

Trustees for Year Elected; Scenic Highway Wanted.

In its annual session last night the Trails club selected trustees for the year and adopted a resolution which urges the United States forestry service and the state highway commission to co-operate in construction of a scenic highway along the "backbone" of the Cascades.

Richard J. Grace, Charles E. Warner, Isaac A. Aisleben, Don P. Wells, Fred H. Kiser, H. Erren, G. A. DeGoff, E. J. Lens, Marie Eberhardt and George L. Bickel were elected trustees.

Announcement was made at the meeting, held in Library hall, that a scenic highway has been built in the "Columbia Highlands" for use of Trails club members.

CADETS TO JOIN PARADE

Oregon Agricultural College to Participate in Celebration.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 10.—(Special).—Armistice day will be celebrated by an elaborate military parade through the city. The entire cadet regiment will be turned out by the military department, which is co-operating with the local post of the American Legion in the day's programme.

The national salute of 21 guns will be fired by battery A of the field artillery unit of the Reserve officers' Training corps, immediately after the parade. Patriotic addresses, sports by firemen in the afternoon and a big free dance to all service men will be features of the celebration.

FARM BUREAUS TO MEET

Clackamas County Branches May Join State Federation.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 10.—(Special).—A meeting of the farm bureaus of Clackamas county will take place at the courthouse tomorrow. The meeting will begin at 10 A. M. and will be presided over by County Agent R. G. Scott of this city.

The object of the session is to decide whether the local branches are in favor of uniting with the state federation of farm bureaus. There will be 11 farm bureaus of Clackamas county represented at the meeting. These have been organized by Mr. Scott, who expects to have 30 in all before spring.

NEW PEOPLES SHOW TODAY

The POOR SIMP ALL STAR CAST



A COMEDY DRAMA THAT WILL SHAKE YOUR RIBS LOOSE

SCENIC, POLLARD COMEDY and MUTT & JEFF

JAMES GORDON

Hobo Caruso Novelty Attraction

Hobo Gordon, who has for the last few weeks been singing around the various apartment houses for the few coins that were occasionally dropped from the windows above and who finally picked up courage to try his ability as a singer in the downtown district, was arrested while singing in the street Tuesday evening near the Owl drug store, attracted the attention of the management of the Peoples Theater, has been engaged to sing his box car melodies for a limited engagement.

FINAL WINDUP

You Have Four More Days in Which to Take Advantage of Mitchell's Used Car Sale

The sale has been a great success and our stock has been largely reduced. We still have many fine values at cut prices that are unusually attractive. Look over the list below, then come and inspect the stock. You will be sure to find what you want and at a price that you cannot afford to pass up.

Table with 3 columns: Model, Former Price, Sale Price. Includes models like Overland Model 75, 1918 Mitchell, Willys-Knight, etc.

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To give all an opportunity to profit by our big stock-reducing sale, we will keep our salesrooms open Thursday (Armistice day) and Sunday. Shop and offices will be closed on these two days.



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