

HORSESHOE ISLE

Commissioner - General Upholds Rights of Heirs.

HOMESTEAD PLAN FAILS

Decision of Surveyor-General of Oregon Reversed After Bitter Fight.

That the state of Oregon in 1850 possessed a valid title to Horseshoe island in the Columbia river is the purport of a decision handed down by Clay Tallman, commissioner-general of the land office at Washington, D. C. which established the rights of nine heirs to the property and threw out the homestead claim to the entire island made by one of the heirs, J. L. Heeder. Word of the decision reached Oliver B. Huston, attorney for the state, yesterday.

The decision reversed the ruling of Edward G. Worth, surveyor-general of Oregon, on December 2, 1920. The late Senator S. B. Huston handled the original case for the state and heirs. His death occurred on November 20, 1920, two days before the decision was made in Portland. His son, Oliver B. Huston, who had returned to his law practice in the state, took over his father's law business and fought the case through to the successful appeal.

Following over the case has been bitter and has resulted in considerable bad blood between J. L. Heeder and the other heirs. It is said.

Homestead Applications Filed. Horseshoe island was sold as swamp and overflow land to Simon M. Reeder in 1850 by the state of Oregon. After his death the 115 acres were partitioned among nine heirs. On September 29, 1919, J. L. Heeder, a son, filed an application for a homestead on the entire acreage, ignoring the rights of the other heirs. On September 29, 1919, J. L. Heeder, a son, filed an application for a homestead on the entire acreage, ignoring the rights of the other heirs.

On August 11, 1920, F. B. Reeder, another son, representing the other eight heirs, filed an application with the surveyor-general of Oregon to contest the homestead. At a hearing before Surveyor-General Worth, September 2 and 3, 1920, the chief point at issue was the condition of the island on March 12, 1850, at which time the state of Oregon assumed title as overflow land. Among the witnesses called by the petitioner were many pioneer residents of Sauvie and adjoining islands, who had lived in the vicinity in 1850 and 1860. They included S. P. White, aged 80; John W. McQuinn, 68; Robert McIntire, 67; W. H. Morgan, 59; W. E. Hennrich, 72; Mrs. Catherine Dunn, 75, and James N. McIntire, 69.

Surveyor-General Criticized. The surveyor-general's decision on December 2, 1920, was that the plaintiff had failed to show that the property was swamp or overflow land and recommended that the title of the state of Oregon be canceled. In taking this decision on appeal, Attorney Huston said it was not supported by evidence; that the plaintiff had failed to show that it was overlaid with water three or four times a year in the '60s; that the surveyor-general had placed great weight on testimony of recent visitors to the island and to the testimony of a surveyor who visited the land in 1916 and operated with the assistance of J. L. Reeder, and that the surveyor-general had discarded a "preponderance of evidence" requirement of civil law to compel the decision in favor of the heirs.

For a beneficent government to step in and interfere in a family quarrel and by taking the part of one unscrupulous heir to assist in robbing the other heirs of the property, justly and rightfully theirs, the estate seems going to a considerable length," commented Attorney Huston in his brief to the commissioner-general.

Two Firemen Dismissed. E. R. SIEBELS AND JAMES M. MALLON ARE OUSTED.

Men's Service Held Unsatisfactory and Discharge Is Ordered by Commissioner Bigelow.

E. R. Siebels, truckman in the Portland fire department, and James M. Mallon, assistant engineer, have been discharged from the department by order of City Commissioner Bigelow, following the recommendation of Fire Chief Young.

Siebels was discharged following trial for alleged neglect of duty and contempt in becoming a member of the fire bureau, the complaint charging reporting for duty April 3 under the influence of liquor. Siebels had been a member of the Portland fire department for more than ten years.

The discharge of Mallon followed a hearing on charges of incompetency. In the complaint filed against him his service was declared below the standard of efficiency required. In addition to Fire Chief Young, several battalion chiefs testified against Mallon. He had served in the Portland fire bureau for about three years.

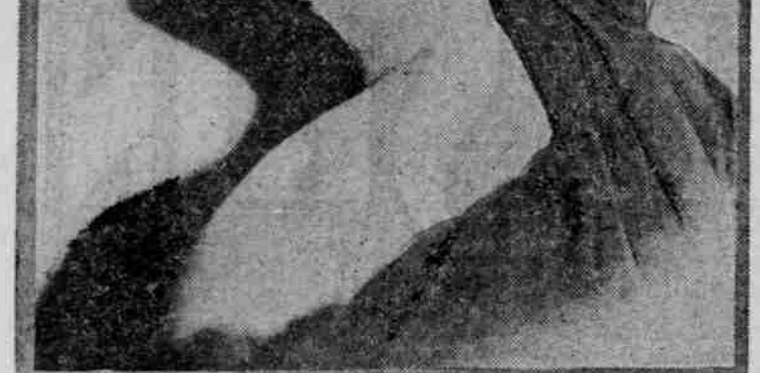
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"THE GREATEST LOVE," which opens an engagement today at the Peoples, with Vera Gordon in the stellar role, is said to possess not only human interest to an unusually high degree, but a baffling mystery which holds up the suspense of the story until the end. Mother love is the dominant feature of the picture, and the rise of the little immigrant family from poverty to power in the new land of opportunity, later followed by tragedy and humiliation, constitute an interesting cross section of life.

The University Club dinner was one of the interesting social affairs of last night. Several congenial groups of members and guests assembled and enjoyed the menu and the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Wille (Giady Crockett) are receiving messages of congratulation upon the arrival of a daughter, born Wednesday, April 7. The little miss is to be called Mary Jacqueline.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ayer, who were hostess yesterday at the party for their friends of the younger married set.

Alpha Chi Omega alumnae club will entertain with Miss Katherine Honey of Gresham.

Second in the series of Liberty theater organ concerts to be sponsored by the various civic clubs of the city will be given under the auspices of the Women's Advertising club on Sunday, April 17, between the hours of 12 and 1:30 P. M.

The P. A. club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. H. F. Falkenstein at her home, 113 1/2 Alhambra avenue. A short business meeting was held and luncheon served.

Service circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, will give a card party on Monday evening in the headquarters building. Tickets 50c and Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gauld and Miss Inez Gauld, are expected home from California today.

In compliance to Dr. Richard F. Schois, president of Reed college, a number of dinners have been planned. The University of Washington alumni association of Oregon will entertain at the University club on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cobbs have returned from a visit in southern California.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS MAKES TOTAL \$578,015.

With the house-to-house canvass gaining impetus and a final effort being made by all divisions in the field in the community chest campaign, the total contributions reached \$578,015 last night.

RETURNS NOT COMPLETE

Field Forces to be Reorganized to Carry on Until Quota of \$850,000 is Realized.

Quota Will be Completed. The board of directors of the community chest drive will meet Monday afternoon to adopt plans for completing the \$850,000 quota set for the campaign, according to announcement made by Mayor Baker, who has served as director of the drive.

Directorate Remains Intact. The original directorate remains intact, according to the mayor, and will take charge of finishing up the loose ends of the campaign.

New Force of Workers. It is expected that the first move will be to enlist a new force of volunteer field workers to take over the present personnel.

Franklin High Is Tagged. A feature of the campaign Thursday was the holding of a community chest tag day at Franklin high school, which netted more than \$1000 for the fund.

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UNIVERSITY HEROES TO GET MEMORIAL

Students and Graduates Who Died in War Honored.

COURT TO BE LAID OUT

Oregon Students, Faculty and Alumni Talk Over Plans for \$100,000 Plaza.

Plans for a memorial in honor of the University of Oregon students and graduates who gave up their lives in the great war took definite shape yesterday afternoon at a meeting held at the University club when the joint committee of students, faculty, alumni and regents adopted the memorial court idea, leaving the details to be worked out by Ed F. Lawrence, dean of the school of architecture.

Site South of Kincaid Field. The site proposed for the memorial court, it is the plan to erect ultimately a splendid auditorium, at the south end, and to have the court flanked by buildings devoted to the fine arts, the unit to represent the physical and spiritual center of the whole university.

Portland needs an adequate place for the temporary care and study of insane persons in the city and county, according to Dr. Henry Viets, specialist in mental diseases, now directing a survey of the insane and near-insane in the city and county, who spoke at the regular weekly luncheon of the City club at the Benson yesterday.

Finance Committee Authorized. At the session yesterday President Campbell was authorized to appoint a finance committee of five, three regents and two faculty members, to begin formulating a plan of campaign to raise the funds. The president will appoint this committee within a few days.

Relief Work Faces Cut. Multinam Commissioners to Consider \$5000 Limit Monthly.

Summer Home Purchased. EUGENE, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—T. A. Gilbert, retired shoe merchant of this city, has bought the summer home "Anodine," owned by L. A. LaPorte, on the upper banks of the river above Blue River, and will spend his summers there.

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