

WIDOW FILES SUIT

Mrs. Anne Doscher Says Swindle Cost Her \$350,000.

ACCUSES PROMINENT MEN

Complaint Filed in Court Alleging Councilman Rumelin, Grindstaff & Blain, E. Quackenbush and Others Cheated Her.

Anne L. Doscher, who with her husband, John C. Doscher, formerly owned a large tract of land in North Oregon, including some water frontage, and also a homestead adjoining, and also 700 acres of land in Washington County, yesterday filed suit in the State Circuit Court to recover the property which she lost through various mortgage foreclosure proceedings soon after the financial panic of 1894.

The complaint filed makes serious charges of conspiracy to defraud against Councilman Charles E. Rumelin, Ed. M. Ashley, his business partner in the advertising, broker and banking business; Guy G. Willis, attorney; J. W. Blain and W. H. Grindstaff, well-known real estate agents; and E. Quackenbush, real estate dealer.

The property includes land at the corner of Front and Sixteenth streets, 26 lots adjoining the Lewis and Clark fair grounds, a large tract between Wilson, North Nineteenth and North Twenty-first streets, 255 feet of water frontage, and other places. Mrs. Doscher values the property at \$350,000, which is probably largely a speculative value, and much more than when she began to lose it piece by piece, beginning in the year 1895. The complaint alleges that the mortgages were foreclosed, and the property sold and deficiency judgments taken, and that taxes were due and street assessments which had to be satisfied, but it is asserted through the complaint that all of the transactions were tainted with fraud, and that all the men accused used every effort to deprive Mrs. Doscher of her property for their profit.

Probable Answer of Defendants.

Their answer will, no doubt, be that the proceedings were all legally regular, and that Mrs. Doscher was merely a victim of hard times and lost her property because of her inability to pay the indebtedness against it.

The suit of Mrs. Doscher is in the form of an intervenor to a suit filed on August 29 by the Portland Union Stock Yards against Multnomah County to quiet title to certain property on the water front, and adjoining the Northern Pacific Railroad tracks, which formerly belonged to the Doschers. The county has a tax claim against it. The Portland Union Stock Yards corporation says it obtained title to the property through J. W. Blain, who secured his title through mortgage foreclosure proceedings and sale on account of a mortgage held by Louis Burke. In the cross-complaint Mrs. Doscher alleges that she was defrauded out of this property, and all of her property. It sets forth:

That on January 11, 1884, she was the owner of property described in the complaint and water-front property adjoining the same, in Doscher's Addition, and was also the owner of 200 lots in Doscher's Second Addition, a homestead and other valuable interests in the City of Portland, valued at upwards of \$300,000. Louis Burke was occupying a portion of the property, known as the Sterling tract, worth \$30,000, and paying Mrs. Doscher an annual rental of \$2,000, sufficient to support her in her declining years.

Conspirators Involved Her in Debt.

That, at the same time, a combination of men, consisting of J. W. Blain, Conrad C. Caples, M. A. Ashley, Charles E. Rumelin, Guy G. Willis, W. H. Grindstaff and Louis G. Burke, were involved secretly together with others to finance her in debt, depress the value of her property, entrap her into litigation, and determine her credit and absorb her property. She was comparatively wealthy, she says, while Blain, Willis, Rumelin, Ashley, Caples, Burke and Grindstaff were in impecunious circumstances. As a result of their conspiracy she was dispossessed by them of her property within a space of four years. It is asserted that she was represented to her by Burke and Blain, and others that her property was liable to be sold for taxes, and would be lost unless she paid the same. It is alleged upon the complaint that she was prevailed upon to negotiate a loan with Louis Burke for \$300,000, covering certain property, now claimed by the Portland Union Stock Yards.

She was at that time, it is stated, in falling health and incapable physically and mentally of attending to her business affairs, and she was made to pay excessive interest, and a large part of the transactions, it is asserted, were usurious and void, and notwithstanding she raised money to pay her taxes on account of the representations of Blain and those confederating with him, they remained uncancelled.

PERMANENT HOME FOR ELKS.

Society Will Build on Its Property at Seventh and Stark Streets.

After much discussion and some delay, the Portland Elks have decided to build their permanent home on the property owned by the lodge at the corner of Seventh and Stark streets. The committee which has been considering the matter has been instructed to prepare plans for the building which is to be three stories in height, and foundations are to be laid. It is estimated that three additional stories can be built when desired at some future time.

BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN.

Boys, are you ready for school? We've a new suit, cap, shirt, sweater, shoes and hose for every one of you. Tell Mother to come to the Lion Clothing Company at 14 and 16 Third street, and see the great \$3.00 school suits, also splendid values in everything that boys wear. We present a box of school supplies with purchase of one dollar, also choice of knife, marbles, ball, etc., with suits.

FAT FOLKS.

I have reduced my weight 55 pounds, and my measurements are 36 inches and 34 1/2 inches in a short time, and guaranteed, harmless remedy without exercise or starving. I want to tell you all about it, enclose stamp and address. Mrs. Charlotte Woodward, Oregon City, Oregon.

Trustee Was Not Informed.

The complaint recites further that on November 22, 1894, Anna Doscher appointed Rev. Edward J. O'Dea as her trustee,

and by deeds of trust delivered to him the whole of her property, and the trustee made a redemption from Quackenbush, but never was informed of the alleged deficiency judgments rendered by the trustee, Henry W. Grady. The conspirators, it is charged, promised assistance to the trustee, learned of his plans, and his intention to borrow \$50,000 from Easterners to relieve the incumbrances, but did not aid him. On the contrary, it is said, they counseled the trustee to give security for a loan of \$500 by Henry J. Doscher a blanket mortgage on 27 lots in Doscher's Second Addition, of the value of \$2000 each. The loan was made to relieve an indebtedness of \$500 for street improvements, originating in fees and Guy G. Willis induced the trustee to borrow from Lee Hoffman, a chum of Rumelin, a confederate of Ashley and a client of Guy Willis, \$7000 and give a blanket mortgage on 45 lots in Doscher's Second Addition, valued at \$2000 each, to relieve other indebtedness. It is alleged that this advice was given the trustee for the purpose of depriving Mrs. Doscher of the property and disburse foreign capitalists from lending the trustee \$50,000.

It is alleged further that Eastern capitalists, discouraged by the conspirators, and that the trustee, by means of street improvements made, so as to incumber the property; also that a deficiency judgment held by Sterling for \$500 was purchased by Blain on August 7, 1897, for \$200, and used against her for its full value. In other suits to foreclose mortgages, it is averred, deficiency judgments were recovered against Mrs. Doscher by Blain and Willis.

Evicted From Her Home.

Mrs. Doscher asserts that she was evicted from her home where she had lived upward of 40 years, and says Otto H. Ballou and Conrad C. Caples thwarted her efforts to redeem her property, and Caples botched to her the title crowd had the courts in their pocket. The complaint continues: "That at the time she was ousted from her home there were persons, known as the conspirators, Blain, Willis, Grindstaff and their confederates paid the counsel for Arms only \$100 for whatever rights they acquired, but they destroyed over \$300 worth of brick and mortar, and placed a watchman in the house and, while he occupied the same on the night of July 26, 1890, the walls thereof were saturated with kerosene, and the same destroyed by fire, and the insurance was collected by the conspirators."

The complaint then goes on to recite that another batch of lawsuits followed. The complaint alleges that the trustee, Rev. Edward J. O'Dea, and conspiracy and fraud is again alleged of various kinds. It is alleged that the defendants formed the Phoenix Land Company, and the Sterling Land Company, both founded on usury, fraud, oppression and conspiracy, and have acquired the property and tax titles to it, and that they are selling what has not already been sold.

The court is asked to restrain them from disposing of the land, and to declare the deeds fraudulent and void, and that the conveyances be set aside, that the several corporations through which the alleged conspirators effected their ends may be restrained from conveying the property, and shall be compelled to give an accounting of all rents and profits, and that the title of Mrs. Doscher be re-established by judicial decree.

Delinquent Personal Taxes.

Sheriff Word will levy on sufficient property to pay delinquent personal taxes in the amount of \$1000, which is not paid on or before September 23. No further notice will be given. The second half of the taxes are now being paid. The same becomes delinquent after the first Monday in October, and if not paid on or before that time the penalty and interest from April 5 will be added.

MAKE JUMP TO ESCAPE.

Burglars Leap From Porch to Avoid Being Shot.

Burglars who attempted to rob the grocery store and residence of M. J. McNeely, at 1200 Commercial street, last night, were received with two revolver shots and were compelled to jump from the top of a one-story porch to the ground in order to escape.

Mr. McNeely and his wife live over the grocery store which they conduct at the junction of West avenue and the Section Line road. Last night at the time mentioned the two were in the store when they heard a noise overhead. Thinking some one was walking through their rooms, McNeely took his revolver from the money-drawer and went upstairs to investigate. He heard a noise and ran through the rooms to the front part of the house. He dashed after him and reached the front window in time to see the burglar spring from the top of the porch to the ground below. The thief started to run toward some timber near by, and as he did so, Mr. McNeely fired the revolver twice. It is not believed that either shot took effect.

Five minutes afterward two men entered the store and asked for ice cream. Upon being informed that none was carried in stock they left the store and caught a car for town. McNeely thinks these men were implicated in the attempted robbery. They were young men, medium-sized, and wore tennis shoes.

VACATION DAYS END

Public Schools Will Open Tomorrow.

RUSH FOR BOOKS BEGINS

Teachers Meet City Superintendent to Make Plans for the Term—Private Schools Are Also to Begin Sessions.

The happy days of vacation end tomorrow, and at 9 o'clock the familiar peal of the school bell will call all children of school age to their desks. Tired mothers will hail it with welcome and delight, but there are well-combed many girls and boys who would willingly spend another month in idleness and enjoyment. But they know the bell will ring tomorrow without their wishes being consulted, and yesterday they were busy making preparations. In the shops school supplies were displayed in the most conspicuous places and the various merchants were doing a land-office business.

With the opening of the public schools of Portland will open on schedule time tomorrow. The few changes which have been made in the list of teachers have been published, and the scholars will see familiar faces in most grades. The new Park school, which will be known hereafter as the Ladd school, will not be ready to accommodate pupils for some time yet, so the portable schools, which were used last year, will be utilized until the large building is completed. As the building is not quite completed the pupils of the school will not report until Wednesday, September 14. The Clinton Kelly school is not ready to receive pupils either, so there will be no registering until Wednesday, September 14, when the classes will open tomorrow, Monday, September 19. Another public school which will open on until September 19 is the Portland month.

The pupils of the Atkinson school are requested to meet their teachers at 1 o'clock tomorrow at the Couch school, as their own building is not yet ready for their reception. The following public schools will open tomorrow: High school, Almsworth, Albina Central, Brooklyn, Central, Chapman, Couch, Felling, Fenwick, Fulton, Fulton Park, Harrison street, Highland, Holladay, Marquam, Midway, North Central, Oakley Green, Peninsula, Sellwood, South Portland, Stephens, Sunny-side, D. E. Thompson, Williams-Avenue and Woodlawn street, and Highland.

The Hill Military Academy will open Wednesday, September 14, with an increased enrollment over that of last year. There are five new teachers on the faculty of this academy, one of whom is an extra in chemistry. The capacity of the chemical and physical laboratories and of the manual training departments has been doubled, and everything is in readiness for the reception of the pupils who will begin to come in tomorrow. Dr. Hill has furnished his parlors during the summer with home-made Mission furniture, which would do any furniture manufacturer credit.

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Woman's Nature

Is to love children, and no home can be completely happy without them, yet the ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass usually is so full of suffering, danger and fear that she looks forward to the critical hour with apprehension and dread.

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