

PORTLAND PERSONS TO CONTEST WILL

Captain Gordon Voorhies to Go to Denver to Fight for Uncle's Estate.

HEIRS GIVE FULL POWER

Effort Is to Be Made to Break Instrument Leaving Greater Part of Fortune to Be Put Into Memorial Structure.

On Gordon Voorhies, of Portland, ex-captain in the United States Army, will fall the task of attacking and breaking, if possible, in the Colorado courts, the will of his late uncle, John H. P. Voorhies, Denver clubman, miner and capitalist.

The estate of the latter is valued at \$150,000 to \$200,000. Existing less than \$10,000 in bequests, the largest being \$10,000 to Mrs. Nancy Voorhies Nicholas, also of Portland, in trust only, all goes to the creation of a suitable memorial in honor of himself and wife who died three many years ago, in the Civic Center at Denver.

Captain Voorhies has been designated by the family to make this legal contest to recover and keep the estate in the family, rather than to allow it to be diverted to a public benefaction.

Power of Attorney Given.

The heirs of the late Denver capitalist are now sending the Portland man power of attorney, which will give him authority to proceed with the suit in his name.

If the venture proves successful the immediate heirs and next of kin share in the estate will be William Voorhies, only brother of the deceased, whose name was not mentioned in the will; Captain Gordon Voorhies, of Portland, and Dr. Charles Voorhies, of Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Nancy Voorhies Nicholas, wife of B. E. Nicholas, of Portland; Mrs. Arthur L. Draper, Charlotte, N. C.; and Mrs. James B. Haggis, of New York City; nephews and nieces of the late Colorado clubman.

The City and County of Denver is preparing to resist the action vigorously, according to advices from there, because the loss of the suit might affect the city's tenure of and right to the George W. Clayton school for boys—a \$1,500,000 benefaction that was bestowed upon Denver by provisions in the Clayton will, similar to those found in the Voorhies testament.

Attorneys Are Engaged.

This school is fashioned and conducted after the famous Girard school just out of Philadelphia, and the provisions for the contestants have been virtually retained, but their identity will not be disclosed until the suit has been prepared for filing.

It is estimated that two lines of attack will be made against the will. One will contend that the deceased for a year or more prior to his death was not mentally competent to make a will. The other will set up that the trustee, which in this case is the International Trust Company of Denver, one of whose stockholders the late Voorhies is alleged to be at one time, cannot, even where expressly directed by the will, create a trust fund and give to such fund the residue of an estate.

Park Gates Provided.

The Voorhies will was executed April, 1914. It provided for the erection of memorial gates in City Park, Denver, by the trustee, for his wife and self. The residue, after certain bequests was to be devoted to the memorial. It was about 1904 that William McClelland, an old citizen there, before his death, created a portion of his fortune in building an ornamental granite gateway at Eighteenth avenue and City Park.

Some years later the then Mayor Speer dreamed of a civic center opposite the State Capitol building, also of parkway system and mountain park, and while working out that big \$1,500,000 beauty spot and \$3,000,000 roadways and park, he campaigned quietly for another ornate entrance to City Park on the seventeenth street side.

Codici Made to Will.

It was the Mayor's suggestion that doubtless prompted Mr. Voorhies to provide in his will for a gate to the park. However, William Solria, Denver pioneer, put in the seventeenth street gateway and so Mr. Voorhies made a codicil in December, 1911, designating the Civic Center for his memorial. A second codicil was executed in April, 1914. This amplified the earlier by providing a memorial trust fund into which all the residue of the estate should be covered and then devoted to the building of the memorial, the exact location, also the character of the monument to be left to the discretion and judgment of the trustee.

Left to determine, the trustee, it is believed, had in mind the erection of a marble art museum on the southwest corner of the Civic Center as a companion piece and balance to the library on the northwest corner. It may be realized, if the will should withstand the attack.

Requests Are Revoked.

The last codicil also revoked the bequest made in the original instrument by ordering the Voorhies canvasses, in which there are some by masters, also the family bro-s-trac, china, silver, books and the like to be sold instead of divided among Mrs. D. H. Moffatt, Mrs. V. Randolph Morris and Mrs. W. H. Tabbetta, old family friends. The proceeds from these are to go into the memorial trust fund.

The only private bequests made by the will is \$500 each to Captain Gordon and Dr. Charles Voorhies, income only of \$10,000 in trust to Mrs. Nancy Voorhies Nicholas and \$1000 to the Old Ladies' Home, Denver.

The trustee has filed the will in the County Court at Denver for probate, and notice virtually has been given by the heirs at law of the forthcoming contest.

OLD SEED WINS PRIZE

Clackamas Farmer Grows Blue-Ribbon Hubbard Squash.

Hubbard squashes, some weighing as much as 40 pounds, have been grown by William Lillie on his farm between Parkplace and Carver, in Clackamas County, from seed obtained from Massachusetts many years ago. Mr. Lillie's squash took the blue ribbon at the 1915 squash festival, and a prize of \$100 is now shown in the products exhibition department of the Oregon City Commercial Club.

The seed from which these squash were grown, says Mr. Lillie, has been in his family since he was a little boy. His father, then in Illinois, secured some of the seed from a Massachusetts squash specialist, who represented it to be the genuine Hubbard squash. Squash from the same seed, says Mr. Lillie, carried away the honors at the Philadelphia Exposition in 1914.

UNITED ARTISANS WILL OBSERVE TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY HERE DECEMBER 18.



The United Artisans will pass Saturday, December 18, in an all-day celebration of the founding of the order in the city 21 years ago. Headquarters will be established at the Imperial Hotel and the morning will be devoted to registering visitors from out of town. In the afternoon and evening a complete program will be given at the Eleventh-street Theater. Madam Jo-mell, Carl Ritter, of the Orpheum Theater; Carl Grissom, H. E. Hudson, Jr., Mrs. A. Campbell Martin and the Artisans' Junior Band will appear. The speakers of the day will be Governor Withycombe, Judge Robert G. Morrow, C. C. Colt, president of the Chamber of Commerce; C. A. Bigelow, George L. Baker, Will H. Daly, City Commissioner, and H. E. Hudson, supreme master of the United Artisans. The evening festivities will close with a grand ball at the Woodmen hall, 123 Eleventh street. The committee in charge of arrangements is Mrs. M. E. Roberts, Charles Johnson, Mrs. H. E. Sellwood, Charles Johnson and Eugene Kissel.

FUNDS ARE NEEDED

Associated Charities' Purse Below Last Year's.

RELIEF WORK GOES ON

Generous Donations of Clothing and Provisions Come In—New Cases of Destitution Are Discovered and Helped.

The Associated Charities will enter the third week of its annual Christmas relief campaign tomorrow, with contributions already approximating a total of \$1250.

In the two weeks that yet remain before the close of the campaign, it is expected that this fund will be at least trebled, if the generosity of the people of Portland equals that displayed in previous years.

The fund so raised will make it possible for the charities to carry its relief work among the poor, not through the holiday season alone, but through the months of winter and spring, when the need is the greatest.

In addition to the cash contributions, supplies of clothing and provisions were sent in in large numbers yesterday. Donors of large gifts of supplies were Mrs. H. Broadner, Mrs. J. D. Abrams, Mrs. F. Jacobs, Mrs. M. Byerley, the Portland Pure Milk and Cream Company, J. J. Nealand and Dr. Byron Morris.

Here are just a few of the cases that will be helped from the Christmas relief fund to which the citizens, not only of Portland, but of many other cities in Oregon, are contributing: A family with five children, destitute. Some of the children have no shoes and the family is in need of help with food for some time.

A family of three made destitute by the illness of the father, who has not been able to work for some time. The child is only 7 years old. Food is the chief need.

A frail mother, who really should not be obliged to work, is obliged to support her husband and four children. The husband has been ill and unable to work. The mother's earnings are not sufficient to supply all the necessities of food and fuel and the family must be helped until the father is able to work.

BAZAAR OPENS FRIDAY

Ladies' Auxiliary of Sellwood Y. M. C. A. Will Be in Charge.

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sellwood Young Men's Christian Association, will be held in the building, East Fifteenth street and Spokane avenue, Friday. There will be a Christmas fancywork booth, a delicatessen, a Christmas tree with Santa Claus, and a cafeteria. The program is in charge of Mrs. E. Eleert.

Those in charge will be: Mesdames S. B. Hendes, J. W. Caldwell, V. Seranous, Sadie Dean, Alice Alexander, Roy Black, L. M. Woodside, C. D. Williams, C. T. Price, W. R. Gardner, D. Elkin, Booth Cason, J. A. Stitt, W. D. Palmer, C. G. Church, P. Meindl, J. J. Tracy, C. M. Thompson, A. A. Calhoun, E. E. Cumpston, William Strahlman, Roy Ward, B. B. Wing, H. O. Field, H. T. Capell, J. Standley, H. P. Charters, C. E. Snell, M. Snell, D. McMillen, Gilbert Charters, May Wills, O. D. Stanley, W. H. Beard, Mrs. E. R. Eleert, L. H. Morgan, J. R. Renner, H. M. Huff, Maud Coburn, W. H. Golding and E. P. Strecher.

Alligator Handbag Stolen.

The theft of a large alligator skin handbag containing \$10 in gold in a limo driven by John Shayler, 1120 Montana avenue, as she was returning from the stockyards Friday, was reported to the police yesterday by Mrs. Addie Gilbert.

Handbag has a population in excess of 50000. The island contains 27 square miles.

PORTLAND MAN AND UNCLE WHOSE ESTATE SETTLEMENT PROMISES TO PRECIPITATE FIGHT IN COLORADO COURTS.



John H. Voorhies

COURT CLERK SHORT \$2555 IN ACCOUNTS

George L. Willey Tells of Mis-use of Litigants' Fees. Bondsmen to Pay.

PROSECUTION NOT LIKELY

Official Himself Asks for Audit of Books and Tells of Taking Money for Investment and Becoming Involved.

The accounts of George L. Willey, clerk of the District Court, and a short \$2555 in litigants' fees, became known yesterday after County Auditor S. B. Martin had been auditing Willey's books for two days.

The investigation was started at the request of Mr. Willey himself. Two days ago he went to District Attorney Evans, told him he was short in his accounts about \$2555 and asked that an accounting be had at once.

Mr. Willey's bondsmen, C. F. Hendrickson, president, and Anthon Eckert, cashier of the Scandinavian-American Bank, will make the amount good. It was said authoritatively yesterday. In this event there will be no prosecution. Mr. Willey has accounted for every cent of the money which is missing, Auditor Martin said yesterday. No county funds are missing, and the turnover to the Treasurer has been made regularly. The money which is missing consists of litigants' fees deposited at the commencement of suits, judgment money held by the courts for various reasons, and fluctuating amounts of money received in the office for various purposes but not earned by the county.

District Attorney Evans and Auditor Martin Mr. Willey told the whole story of his shortage. More than a year ago, it is said, he became involved financially through an investment and needed money. Confident that he could pay it back in a short time, he used money out of the office account. His financial affairs became worse and he could not return the money.

Nobody else is involved in the shortage with Mr. Willey, and he has assumed entire responsibility. But the general belief prevails around the Courthouse that other persons who learned of Mr. Willey's shortage "borrowed" money from him on various occasions.

Mr. Willey's salary is \$100 a month. He is appointed to his office by the three Judges of the District Court. His deputies also are appointed by the Judges and the Clerk has practically no authority over him. There are five deputies in the district clerk's office. Mr. Willey is married, has three children and lives at 629 Buffalo street. Some years ago he was a deputy in the same office and the three district judges appointed him principally at the request of a large group of attorneys who had dealt with him as a deputy. Mr. Willey has borne an excellent reputation and is a member of several fraternal organizations.

Receipts of the office are checked and reported to County Auditor Martin every day, but the district clerk's receipts which are turned over to the county as earned fees. The other money is not county funds, but still is the property of litigants. This money is not checked, for the county itself has no authority over it.

Physical Giants Battle With Butcher Knife and Meat Ax.

Brothers-in-Law Fall Out, but Amicable Relations Restored When Policeman Arrives on Scene.

A knife and meat ax were used with effect in the physical settlement of a difference of opinion between Robert McAllister, weight 240 pounds, and N. Short, weight 230 pounds, which occurred at the home of the latter, 1024 Glenn avenue North, Friday, according to the report of Motorcycle Patrolman Bales, who was called to the scene by the rumor that murder was being committed.

It was a regular fight, and ended only with a knockout. In the incident report of the encounter, by Patrolman Bales, the conclusion was thus tersely summarized: "Short got a butcher knife and was going to use it when McAllister got a meat hammer, hit Short on the head, and won the fight."

"Congratulations, you're the better man," said the loser to the winner as the patrolman arrived on the scene, and in spite of the gore, things had assumed a friendly and peaceful attitude so no arrests were made.

Of course the fight was over a woman—Mrs. Short, who is McAllister's sister.

Short had made some remark to his wife that McAllister, who has been staying with them, denounced as improper, it was reported, and the conflict began.

Torrens Law Causes Mix-Up.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special).—Several years ago Parent's Addition to the town of Woodland, in Cowlitz County, was laid out and recorded under the Torrens system, but recording titles, which is permitted under the state law of Washington. The first few sales of property in this addition were made in accordance with the terms of the law, but since then no attention has been paid to the matter in making transfers. It is now said that holders of property who did not get a Torrens deed do not hold clear title, and there is a considerable legal tangle in prospect.

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