

BRONAUGH DENIES PROUTY WAS INSANE

Attorney for Estate Makes Deposition Prior to Taking Eastern Trip.

OPPOSING LAWYERS OBJECT

Accidents Relating to Will and Codicils Related—Dying Man's Hand Guided in Signing Last Bequest to Fiancee.

Denial that the late H. H. Prouty, former president of the Mazama Club, made any provisions of his will under undue influence was made by Jerry E. Bronaugh, his attorney and executor of his will, in a deposition

MEDFORD WOMAN WHO CAMPAIGNED FOR HUGHES AND THE DEMOCRATIC PIGS, NOW SO FAMOUS



Mrs. Hanley, Her Daughter Kathryn And the Democratic Pigs

taken yesterday at his own request, to preserve the record should he not return from a contemplated Eastern trip. "The only suggestion I ever made was that it would not be a bad idea if he left his son a substantial remembrance," said Mr. Bronaugh. The son is Carl Reginald Prouty of Kansas City, who was bequeathed \$10,000, to be held in trust until he reaches the age of 25. He is now attempting to break the will of his father, which had the major portion of a \$52,000 estate to the Salvation Army.

Insanity, as proof of which alleged delusions of Mr. Prouty regarding his wife and son are recited by the contestant and his death by his own hand, pointed to, is scouted by Mr. Bronaugh.

"In my opinion Mr. Prouty was a man of very strong and positive mind and will," he said. "There was never a time in my acquaintance when he did not possess perfect power of discrimination. There was never a question in my mind as to his sanity."

Mr. Prouty Termed Sensitive. Mr. Prouty was extremely sensitive, therefore easily offended and a man of very jealous disposition, both with regard to men and women friends, declared Mr. Bronaugh.

The details of the suicide were not disclosed, Mr. Bronaugh asserting that he never knew that Mr. Prouty had taken poison until so informed by the attending physician, Dr. R. S. Fisher, several days before the death. It is expected that light will be thrown on the suicide by the deposition of Miss Edith Ellis, fiancee of the late Mr. Prouty, to be made Monday. She is leaving the city Tuesday. It was at her home, reports have it, that Mr. Prouty swallowed bi-chloride of mercury tablets and it is thought she may be able to give the reason for the act.

Miss Ellis sat in the chambers of County Judge Cleaton during the taking of Mr. Bronaugh's deposition yesterday, crying quietly at the recital of Mr. Prouty's last days. She was to have married Mr. Prouty within a few days from the date of his death, September 11, last.

Son's Lawyers Object. The deposition was made at the demand of Mr. Bronaugh over the objection of attorneys James G. Wilson, George Guthrie and Geary & Boyd, who contended it was unnecessary and had no precedent in law. Earl C. Bronaugh questioned the witness.

Jerry Bronaugh, who succeeded Mr. Prouty as president of the Mazama Club, Portland, first became acquainted with the deceased in 1907. Through he testified he had met him some time before, he said that the first extended conversation he had with Mr. Prouty was on a train between Seattle and Portland, in 1905.

Mr. Bronaugh testified before Court Reporter D. A. North that Mr. Prouty became confidential on that trip and told of domestic troubles, a divorce in the East after a bitter contest in which his wife was awarded \$10,000, and an attempted reconciliation in Portland, which failed when he overheard his wife and his son discussing how best to get the most money from him. Mr. Prouty sometimes doubted that the boy was his own son, said Mr. Bronaugh.

The first will of Mr. Prouty was drawn up in 1911, when he was planning to go to the Orient. The provisions were not discussed by Mr. Bronaugh. In 1911, Mr. Prouty was visited by Ruth and Gertrude Palmer, of South Framingham, Mass., and enjoyed their stay so much that in 1913 he saw Mr. Bronaugh about a new will, in which the nieces would be left \$5000 each.

Son's Share Discussed. Mr. Bronaugh said that at that time he suggested that Carl, the son, not be forgotten in the will, and that Mr. Prouty answered that he knew nothing of the habits of the young man and would be glad to go through the money quickly. Mr. Bronaugh said that he then suggested leaving some money for the young man to draw interest until he reached a certain age. Mr. Prouty did not discuss the matter further then, but the new will he wrote included \$10,000 for the son when the young man should reach the age of 25. He is now 23. The revised will was signed January 15, 1913.

Mr. Prouty first paid court to Miss Ellis, in the notice of marriage, during the 1914 Mazama trip up Mount Rainier. His disposition was sunny and cheerful during this trip, dependent upon the treatment he was receiving from the young woman, said Mr. Bronaugh. He asserted that Mr. Prouty was much put out on this climb because a younger man, George Riddell, was

honored for expert mountaineering. Mr. Prouty expected the honors, but had been handicapped by a foot injury. The engagement of Mr. Prouty to Miss Ellis first became known last Summer, said the witness. In August the Mazamas trekked to the Three Sisters, and Mr. Prouty and Miss Ellis were in the party. "At the evening campfires they sat at the extreme rear where the light was dim," testified Mr. Bronaugh. Mr. Prouty led a climbing party, but left for Portland in a pique after a sleepless night due to a noisy crowd of climbers and possible mental perturbation. Mr. Bronaugh said he saw him in earnest conversation with Miss Ellis before he left. Miss Ellis also left the party a little later with another climber, and returned to the city.

Mr. Bronaugh said he did not see Mr. Prouty again until September 3, when he was summoned to the Good Samaritan Hospital, after having been told by Miss Pearl Ellis, sister of Edith Ellis, that Mr. Prouty had been quite ill at the Ellis home.

"I thought little of the serious illness," said Mr. Bronaugh. "I heard Mr. Prouty had fainted on the way down from the mountains."

"What do you want, chief?" Mr. Bronaugh said he asked Mr. Prouty. "I want to leave 'Sis' a little something in my will," was the reply. "Sis" was the name the Mazamas and Mr. Prouty had given Miss Ellis, explained Mr. Bronaugh. Accordingly, a codicil was drawn, bequeathing Miss Ellis a mortgage valued at \$5000.

"His hand was loose when he tried to sign the codicil, and I grasped his wrist and guided his hand as he wrote the name 'H. H. Prouty,'" testified Mr.

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BRONAUGH, Franklin F. Korell, law partner of Mr. Bronaugh, was a witness. Mr. Bronaugh said he called on Mr. Prouty the three following days. On Wednesday, September 6, he asserted Dr. Fisher said to him, "Of course you know what is wrong with Mr. Prouty."

"I said I did not," asserted Mr. Bronaugh. "The doctor then said, 'He took mercurial poison with suicidal intent.'"

The next time Mr. Bronaugh saw Mr. Prouty was Monday, September 11, when he was dying.

The witness read a carbon copy of a letter to the son, Carl, written September 16, and which never was delivered, as it was misdirected. In this letter the \$10,000 legacy as a compromise, and referred to Mr. Prouty's strange ideas about your mother and yourself that I always believed were unjustified."

Later letters were also read, in which the son was informed of the bequest. "I had absolutely nothing to do with suggesting any codicil to Mr. Prouty's will, and the only hint I made at the signing of the last codicil was that he still retain his gift to his son," concluded Mr. Bronaugh.

AGED PIONEER PASSES

MRS. ELIZABETH JANE WALDRON, 87, BURIED AT OREGON CITY.

Life in Oregon Dates to 1852 and 13 Children, 52 Grandchildren Among Descendants.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—The funeral services for the late Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Waldron, prominent Oregon pioneer and widow of Samuel Waldron, also early Oregon pioneer, were held from the home of Mrs. Waldron, November 22 and were largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. J. W. McCallum.

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MATE UPSETS MILK, LIVES

Photograph Is All That Remains of Hoggish Little Glutton Sent to Mrs. E. B. Hanley by Eastern Oregon Persons.

The two scrawny, ill-nourished porkers that were sent to Mrs. E. B. Hanley by some Eastern Oregonians were photographed immediately after the demise of the one named Wilson.

The two pigs arrived in a crate and were starving. So a big feed of rich milk from the Hanley ranch was given the pigs.

Such good treatment overtaxed poor Wilson and he immediately expired. Marshall, being a perfect lady, according to Mrs. Hanley, put both feet in the pan and proceeded to spill all the milk. In a panic of fear that Mar-

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EASTSIDE LEVY 9 MILLS. City Has \$2300 on Hand, but Council Goes Ahead on Assessment.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—The City of East Side adopted its budget for the year 1917 and set its levy at 9 mills, which will furnish the municipality about \$2300. The city now has on hand about \$2300 and several property holders made a request that no levy be made for 1917. It was claimed by some of the Council that under the new law the city might be unable to collect sufficient taxes in 1918 if they allowed one assessment to pass by.

The Council intended making the levy 10 mills, but reduced it to 9 on the showing made by property holders. The city caucus, held on the same evening, made nominations for four Councilmen and Recorder, Treasurer and Constable. The candidates were: For Councilmen, E. T. Whitty, W. L. Walker, H. Hunt and M. A. McLaughan; for Recorder, C. P. Keating; for Treasurer, W. F. Byerly; for Constable, Anna Brewster Sylvester McGuff and Roy Robertson.

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