

FORD HAS CHANCE TO AID DAUGHTER

Little Harriet Is Near Death. Appeal Is Made to Father, Who Professed Love.

FORGERY TRIAL RECALLED

Man Out on Bail Is in Canada, While Cast-Off Common-Law Wife and Child Here Are in Desperate Straits.

"My daughter means the world to me—I love her now and I have always loved her," declared Homer N. Ford, defendant in a sensational forgery trial last September, in which his common law marriage to Caroline A. Voght in Alaska figured prominently, when on the witness stand.

How much of this paternal love was slipped on as a cloak and how much was the expression of real affection may be shown when he replies to an appeal sent him yesterday by John A. Collier, Deputy District Attorney.

His child today is at death's door. Harriet Ford, aged 12, offspring of this common law wedlock and who was decreed the legitimate child of Ford by a ruling of Circuit Judge Davis, lies critically ill of scarlet fever at her home on East Thirty-fourth street, near Hawthorne avenue. She cries in her delirium sometime for her father. He was kind to her before he deserted her mother for a younger woman and entered into the marriage compact with Elizabeth G. Frary.

But the sustaining love of the girl is for her ministering mother, Caroline Ford, who is at her bedside in constant desire to do something which will abate the burning fever. Yesterday the girl's temperature was 105 degrees. Despite the impoverished condition of the family three physicians have been in attendance during the week, striving to save the life of the child.

Mother Ill, Then Daughter.

Driven from her home, after it was deemed away by her husband, with Miss Frary signing the conveyance as Mrs. Ford, the Portland woman has descended to actual destitution. She was ill at the time of the trial, and the strain of the days on the witness stand caused a complete physical breakdown. And then as she was recovering and was searching for work, her daughter became ill with scarlet fever and was taken from school. Now their home is under quarantine, the mother's every waking hour is devoted to struggling for the life of the child, for whose sake she suffered much before. On neighborhood aid and county charity their daily food depends.

Mrs. Ford is almost hysterical with grief as her daughter grows worse. Three other children of whom Ford was the father died in infancy, and Harriet was the sole comfort of her deserted mother. Ford's paternal love, though expressed freely on the witness stand for Harriet, did not enable him to "remember," it will be recalled by those who heard his testimony, whether he had lost two or three children by death.

Ford's Manhood Appealed To.

Deputy Collier wrote yesterday to appeal to the manhood and paternal affection of the man, Ford, telling him of the desperate need of his wife and child.

"Don't visit your dislike of the mother on your child," pleaded Mr. Collier. "You owe it to yourself and to the girl to help her." He asked that Ford send money, if he would, to the bank, to the court, or to anyone who would stand with the assurance that it would be used for the relief of the girl.

The girl may die before her father receives the letter, for her condition is considered serious.

Ford was found guilty of the forgery in which the rights of Mrs. Ford were

CHRISTMAS TREE FORMS CENTER OF ELECTRICAL WEEK DECORATIONS.



View of Tree at Sixth Street, Near Postoffice. Insets—(1) A. C. McMicken, General Chairman Electrical Week; (2) E. D. Timms, Chairman of Retail Merchants' Committee, and (3) W. E. Coman, Chairman Financial Committee.

CITY IS BRILLIANT

Flags on Buildings Illuminated by Searchlights.

GIANT TREE SPARKLES

Street Decorations Are Turned On and Crowds Admire Beauty of Coloring of Lights—Stations Are Open to Visitors.

Ben Franklin never dreamed of what happened in Portland last night when the lightning ran down the string of his kite and shocked his thumb, but there was just as definite a connection between that event and the opening of the celebration of American Electrical week here last night, as there was between Ben and his kite.

In a flash, when the celebration was opened, however, last night the city was given a picture of all the colossal results that have followed the entertaining kite and key experiment of Franklin, and the whole city flickered and scintillated under the colorful wand of the gem of electricity.

Giant Christmas Tree Lighted.

The big Christmas tree, a hundred feet high, which stands at Sixth street and Commercial, bloomed into jeweled fire of incandescents as the darkness fell, and the electrical gem ran up and down the streets whipping on the gemmed festoons of lights that are to line all the business section while the holiday season lasts.

Advantage over other cities that are the guests of the great electrical concerns of the city, and the electrical supply houses will have such a campaign of education in the latest electrical labor-saving devices as we have never known before.

Electric Stations to Be Viewed.

The Northwestern Electrical Company's station will be open for visitors from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M., in the Pittock block, throughout Electrical week.

Its stations at Loring and Albina avenues will also be opened for visitors.

Inclement weather held back the completion of the street decorations, and the scene in the business section will become more gorgeous as the week advances and the decoration scheme is carried to completion.

Police to List Destitute

Department Will Co-operate with Public Welfare Bureau.

Cases of reported destitution are to be investigated during the coming Winter by the police under a system of co-operation between the police and the

Public Welfare Bureau, arranged for yesterday by Mayor Albee. Cases will be reported to the police by the welfare bureau, and investigations will be made at once.

Riddle Broccoli Worth \$20,000.

RIDDLE, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The South Umpqua Association, interested in the production of broccoli, held a meeting this week and ordered two carloads of crate material which will hold in the neighborhood of 30 carloads of the crated product. The shipments of broccoli from Riddle, this season will bring \$18,000 to \$20,000 into this section.

Oakville Camp Completes Logging.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—After operating for 19 years, the Anderson & Middleton camp near Oakville has completed logging. It will require several weeks to move the outfit and tear up the logging track, which will be taken to the North River country, where the company will open a new camp.

In Norway there is being built a plant that will produce 4000 tons of aluminum annually.

PHOTO OF GIRL TAKEN 25 YEARS AGO THAT TRAINED NURSE HOPES WILL BE MEANS OF LOCATING MOTHER.



HAZEL ANDERSON.

Twenty-five years ago a young woman, giving the name "Mrs. Lou Anderson," left her tiny daughter, an infant of a few weeks of age, in the charge of the Baby Home. The child was well cared for in the home and was later adopted by an excellent family. Her foster parents died and Hazel Anderson was brought up and educated by kind friends. Today she is a trained nurse, prominent in her profession and she wants to find her mother. She has sought out every clue, but so far has met with no success.

ST. AGNES HOME IS WINNER OF \$250

Votes Cast in Greater Portland Association Contest Total 1,726,270.

SALVATION ARMY IS SECOND

Visiting Nurse Association Gets Third Award of \$100 and Tuesday's Business by Merchants Is Estimated at \$200,000.

PRIZE AWARDS IN GREATER PORTLAND ASSOCIATION VOTING CONTEST	
St. Agnes' Baby Home.....	\$250
Salvation Army.....	150
Visiting Nurse Association.....	100

One million seven hundred twenty-six thousand two hundred twenty-seven votes were cast in the charities contest for the \$500 put up in the contest of the Greater Portland Association on Tuesday. The count was completed last night and the awards announced. The St. Agnes Baby Home was first, with a total of 331,250 votes; the Salvation Army second, with 238,250, and the Visiting Nurse Association third, with 226,330.

A vote was given with each 10-cent purchase made in the Greater Portland Association stores, on Greater Portland day last Tuesday.

The total number of votes cast in the charities contest represented, therefore, purchases amounting to \$172,627 in these stores on that day.

"Allowing for the large number of ballots that were issued but were not voted and for the purchasers who declined to take the ballots," says Merrill Reed, secretary of the Greater Portland Association, "this makes it clear that we were not far wrong in our estimate of a \$200,000 business last Tuesday."

The complete count of the ballots and the total vote for each of the competing charities follows:

	No. Votes
St. Agnes' Baby Home.....	331,250
Salvation Army.....	238,250
Visiting Nurse Association.....	226,330
Meritt's Home.....	124,050
Christie Baby Home.....	94,500
St. Mary's Home.....	88,250
Neighborhood House.....	83,220
People's Institute.....	68,150
Lois Home.....	61,180
Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.....	25,900
Junior League.....	20,000
British Benevolent Society.....	1,500
Women's Exchange.....	15,250
Volunteers of America.....	9,770
Portland Commons.....	10,000
St. Joseph's Home.....	1,700
St. Ann's.....	1,100
Deaconess.....	270
Pleasant Home.....	1,100
Patton Home.....	200
Catholic Women's League.....	1,900
Portland Commons.....	10,000
Richmond Baby Home.....	650
St. Ann's Charity.....	20
St. Ann's.....	10
Good Samaritan.....	68,500
St. Ann's.....	10
German Aid Society.....	12,680
Waverly Baby Home.....	28,900

PIPE HOT, CLIMBER DROPS

Steeplejack Hangs by Hands Until Heat Forces Him to Fall.

ALLIANCE, O., Nov. 27.—Hanging to the top of a 60-foot iron smokestack, A. L. Rambo, 35, a steeplejack, was left struggling in the air at the Sebring Cooperage Company plant after his rope had fallen to the ground.

He hung with one hand clenched over the rim of the stack until the heat forced him to change to the other hand.

Rambo kept clinging hands five minutes, holding tight first with the one and then with the other in an effort to hang on until help came.

Finally the heat became so intense, the pain in his hands so great, he was forced to let go.

He dropped 40 feet to the ground and was picked up unconscious. His shoulder and arm are fractured and he is believed to be fatally injured.



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OLD COUNCIL PREFERRED

MOVEMENT STARTED TO ABOLISH COMMISSION GOVERNMENT. City Administration Considered Unbearably Extravagant and Offices Seem to Increase Steadily.

A movement for the overthrow of commission form of government has been started by a committee of South Portland, which met Friday night at the garage of W. C. Seachrest, at Fourth and Lincoln streets. Resolutions were adopted branding the commission form as "extravagant" and plans were made to interest other parts of the city in the movement.

Mark O'Neill, M. J. McMahon, Thomas Guinean and D. Winters were the speakers at the meeting. Resolutions prepared by Thomas L. Garland and J. C. Luckel were adopted, condemning the commission form and asking for the re-establishment of the council-manic form.

"Whereas, Our city government appears to be unable to carry on the administration of its affairs without creating new and useless offices, raising salaries and running our city into debt, thereby placing an almost unbearable taxation upon the industrious and frugal; and just so long as our commission form of government is tolerated, just so long will the burdens of tax and increase and fall upon those who are least able to pay and are striving to meet the ever-exacting demand of municipal expenses in upholding this form of government in its wasteful and extravagant methods and operation of public affairs.

"Resolved, That we are opposed to the present high and exorbitant salary grab system and official recruiting methods employed and now prevailing and forming the major part of our present city administration; be it further:

"Resolved, That we favor a representative, instead of a commission, form of government, with a city charter guarding against this wasteful and extravagant use of the people's money, and to that end and purpose we appeal to all good citizens, as well as taxpayers, for an immediate change of our present city government and administration."

The following committee was appointed at the meeting by Mark O'Neill: Mark O'Neill, chairman; J. C. Luckel, W. C. Seachrest, Vincent Cook, S. C. Armistage.

Riddle Defeats Manual Training.

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\$125 SADDLE IS RECOVERED

After Long Search, Court Will Decide Disputed Ownership.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 27.—Elisha Nance, of Ramsey, Ill., a stock shipper, who makes frequent visits to the National Stockyards in East St. Louis, delivered a saddle valued at \$125 to the East St. Louis police for a decision as to who held title.

Last January Nance bought the saddle for \$40 from a man who arrested Monday, George Williams, who works at the National Stockyards horse and mule market, claims the saddle was obtained from him while the sun was not shining. It is a handsome saddle, manufactured in Miles City, Mont., and Williams has been on the trail of it for 10 months.

Whenever a shipper told of a good saddle in his neighborhood, Williams

took a train and went out in the country to look at it.

His system of asking shippers if there were any good saddles out where they came from, finally won when he heard of the saddle at Ramsey, and exemplified the cowboy poet's epigram:

"I hardly need to tell you
How you often come across
A hundred-dollar saddle
On a forty-dollar horse."

Williams at once took a train for Ramsey, and Nance brought in the saddle, delivering it to the police for an adjustment. The matter will be turned over to the courts. Meanwhile the saddle, with its elaborate trimmings, rests in the police station.

Postmaster Is Killed.

IRONDALE, Mo., Nov. 22.—J. C. O'Neal, postmaster and merchant in Irondale, was killed in an automobile accident a mile east of town. E. F. Yeargain, a farmer, and O'Neal were returning from Hiramark, Mo., with a new car and Yeargain was being instructed by O'Neal when the car turned over. Yeargain was uninjured.

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