

DIVORCE FROM WIFE WHO SMOKES DENIED

Woman Said to Prefer Her Pet Collie to Husband.

COURT REBUKES HUSBAND

Judge Finds That Man Knew of Love for Dog and Smoking Habit Before He Married Her.

"I told her she would have to choose between the dog and me. She said she had raised the collie since he was a puppy 10 years ago and that if a choice was necessary she would pick the dog."

This was the complaint of Miner Swarthout in his divorce suit before Circuit Judge Tucker yesterday.

"What's more, she is an inveterate cigarette smoker," he continued. "She would smoke all the time and I couldn't break her of it."

Mrs. Mabel Swarthout denied that the collie occupied the major part of her affections, to the exclusion of her husband, simply saying that she could not bear to part with the dog because of long association and love for the pet and that she believed her husband should have some sympathy for her feeling in the matter. She declared that she did not smoke to excess and said that she did not want to lose her husband.

Dog Partis Family.
The Swarthouts were married about eight months ago, but lived together only five weeks, jealousy of the dog causing the husband to leave, it was said.

"She had the dog for years before she met you, and she not," Judge Tucker asked Swarthout. The reply was in the affirmative.

"You knew she loved the collie when you took her to Vancouver and married her, didn't you?"

"Yes."

"Did you smoke before you were married?"

"Yes."

"Didn't you offer her cigarettes before you were married?"

"Yes."

Decree is Denied.
"Did she take them and smoke them?"

"Sometimes."

"And you thought it was pretty cute and admired her for it, didn't you?"

"I guess so."

"In other words," concluded Judge Tucker, "you knew of these two things which you complain before your marriage. You saw nothing objectionable in either of them then. You thought her smoking of cigarettes was all right and you did not blame her for loving her collie pet."

"When you married her for better or for worse, the worse appears to have been the dog and cigarettes. You have utterly failed to show the extreme cruelty alleged in your complaint. You have no divorce cause that I can see. A decree is denied. The case is dismissed."

Only one divorce suit was filed yesterday in the circuit court, that of Frances Oihachid against Matthew E. Olmschid, whom she accuses of the wanderlust.

FARM BUREAU ELECTS

LINN COUNTY CONTINUES W. M. POLAND OF SHEDD PRESIDENT.

At Least 175 Members of Organization Meet at Albany to Participate in Election.

ALBANY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—W. M. Poland of Shedd was re-elected president of the Linn county farm bureau in the annual election of officers yesterday, attended by 175 members from all sections of the county.

F. L. Bayne of Peoria was named vice-president. Miss Bertha Beck of Albany refused re-election as secretary and treasurer; and L. E. Arnold of Lebanon was elected secretary and Alfred C. Schmitt, president of the First National bank of Albany, treasurer.

Members of the board of directors elected are: J. B. Cornett of Shedd, Homer Brown of Lebanon, Perry Parker of Rainier, John Green of Lebanon, A. E. McCall of Albany, Vern Taylor of Lebanon and Professor C. C. W. Goettlicher, superintendent of the Albany public schools.

Each of the directors and some of the officers are assigned to head some department of work of the bureau, and these assignments were made for the coming year as follows: President Poland, crop improvement; Secretary Arnold, poultry improvement; Mr. Brown, co-operative shipping; Mr. Parker, field demonstration; Mr. Steen, wool and mohair organization; Mr. Taylor, rodent control; Mr. Cornett, livestock improvement; Professor Goettlicher, boys and girls' clubs; Mr. McCall, drainage.

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DUAL DEBATE NOW NEAR

OREGON AGGIE ORATORS ARE WORKING HARD FOR SUCCESS.

"Resolved, That the Paris Peace Conference Should Have Awarded Shantung to China," Topic.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 24.—(Special.)—Plans for the dual debate with the University of Washington are almost completed and the two teams are putting in long hours of grilling work with the coach in preparation for the contest April 30. The question is "Resolved, That the Paris peace conference should have awarded the province of Shantung to China."

W. P. Black of Corvallis and Harold Reiden of Ontario compose the affirmative team and will meet the negative team from Washington, in Corvallis. The negative team, which will journey to Seattle for the contest with University of Washington's affirmative, is composed of Paul Emmett of Portland and Donald Morse of Seattle. All are old varsity debaters except Morse, who is college forensic manager this year.

Black and Reiden were team-mates in the contest with Reed college last January in which they won a unanimous decision. Black, college orator last year and this, was a member of the negative team which went to Seattle last year to debate with the University of Washington. Emmett was a member of the affirmative team which won over the University of Washington on the home platform last year.

CHANGE OF ROUTE SOUGHT

Citizens Want Pacific Highway to Cross River at Eugene.

SALEM, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Citizens of Linn and Lane counties will appear before the state highway commission in Portland Tuesday afternoon to discuss with the commission the feasibility of changing the proposed route of the Pacific highway from a point south of Halsey in Linn county to Eugene.

The original route of the highway, as proposed by the commission, is on the east side of the Willamette river south to a crossing at Harriaburg and a connection with the west side highway at Junction City.

A number of Lane and Linn county citizens are advocating a route due south from Halsey through Coburg and crossing the Willamette river at Eugene.

STATEHOUSE OPEN SUNDAY

Arrangement Made Because of Observance of Blossom Day.

SALEM, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Because of the observance of Blossom day here tomorrow the statehouse will be open to visitors and the elevator will be in operation for those who wish to view the city from the dome, according to announcement made by Sam A. Koster, assistant secretary of state today.

It is only on rare occasions that the statehouse is open to visitors on Sunday, but officials reached the conclusion that tomorrow's event was worthy of this consideration.

Y. W. C. A. GETS QUARTERS

Organization Gets Possession of Once Notorious Saloon.

THE DALLES, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—The Y. W. C. A. today closed a deal for the second floor of a building which 15 years ago stood as the "capitol" of the zone of revelry in this city.

The notorious White House saloon and gambling den at that time was located on the lower floor, the upper floor being used for sleeping rooms. Gambling was conducted in the back room.

The Y. W. C. A. purposes at once to remove the partitions in the upstairs and fit up an assembly room, rest room, bathroom and later a cafeteria.

Obituary.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—Funeral services for Mrs. Carolyn W. McKinlay, who died here suddenly Thursday night, will be held from First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. Rev. Charles T. Hurd, pastor of the church, will preach the funeral sermon. Members of the Aberdeen Pioneers association, the W. C. T. U., of which she was a life member, and Robert Gray chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be represented at the services.

Mrs. H. F. Lashier, pioneer resident of this state, died April 1 at Lebanon, at the home of her adopted daughter, Mrs. Roy Gardner. She was buried at Newberg, her former home, on the following Sunday. Mrs. Lashier was 89 years old and survived by two sons and two daughters. W. H. Lashier of Portland, S. J. Lashier of College Place, Wash., and Mrs. E. Lawson of Battle Ground, Wash. Her husband died in Newberg about 21 years ago.

ELKS ENGAGE ARCHITECT

Plans Being Prepared for New Temple at Cost of \$600,000.

Authorization to draw plans for the proposed Elks' temple, to be erected at Eleventh and Alder streets, has been granted by the Elks' building commission to Houghaling & Dougan, architects. The same commission has named Emil Schacht as superintendent of construction and W. W. Lucius, structural engineer. The new temple will be a four-story building, 100 by 150 feet. The ground floor will be prepared for commercial purposes and the rest of the edifice will be devoted to club and lodge uses. The cost is estimated in the neighborhood of \$600,000.

The building will be of structural steel and fully fireproof. The exterior will be of brick and terra cotta, with the Italian renaissance style of architecture predominating.

Bonds Held Valid.
SALEM, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—The proceedings of the board of supervisors and the circuit court of Malheur county in the organization of the Kingman colony drainage district were regular and the bonds issued by the district are valid, according to a legal opinion given by Attorney General Brown here today.

Highway Right of Way Obtained.
ROSEBURG, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—All rights of way for the Pacific highway from the north boundary of the county to Roseburg have been secured. Several property owners in the vicinity of Leona have been holding out, but agreements were reached with them this week by the county court.

Albany Biologists Visit Coast.
ALBANY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Eight students of Albany college who are engaged in advanced biology work went to Newport yesterday to spend two days in research work in sea life along the coast. Miss Mary Van Wert, instructor in biology, accompanied the class.

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