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AN IMPORTANT CASE.

BABCOCK VS. BABCOCK.

We see by our exchanges that the Supreme Court at Salem has dismissed the appeal in the case of Leona Babcock vs. A. D. Babcock. Whether it was dismissed for a defect in getting up the appeal or because there was no right to appeal we do not know. But the case is ended so far as trials and appeals are concerned and the decree entered by the Probate Court stands affirmed. It seems that A. D. Babcock several years ago was appointed by the Probate Court of this County guardian of Leona Babcock, then a minor, and that she had a considerable estate which he had by her father. About 1868 Leona became of age, and her guardian, A. D. Babcock obtained from her a receipt, as she claims, by fraudulent means, and sent it to Judge Cowley, who was then County Judge, and obtained his discharge from his guardianship, the receipt being in full for all demands. In 1871 on ascertaining the nature of the receipt and of the order of the Court discharging her guardian. She filed in the County Court, Ramsey, Judge, a petition alleging the receipt was obtained by fraud and that her guardian had in his hands property belonging to her amounting to several thousand dollars. Babcock was cited to appear and show why he should not file a final account. He appeared and pleaded the order of discharge granted him by Judge C. in bar of these proceedings. On trial the plea was overruled and the Court found that the receipt aforesaid was obtained by fraud and misrepresentations, and also found that the guardian had in his hands belonging to said Leona about twenty-three hundred dollars, and gave decree accordingly in her favor. Babcock appealed to the Circuit Court and the decree of the County Court was affirmed; has had the case in the Supreme Court twice and the appeal is now finally dismissed. The decree with interest and costs amounts to nearly three thousand dollars, and will have to be paid.

WAR IN CAMP.—A Dayton couple are having a slight unpleasantness. The woman charges her lord of threatening to spirit her away, and he retorts by accusing her of being a bad cook. He says "glass and apples" is a dish he is not particularly fond of, especially if the glass is pulverized. We presume after they have abused one another for a fortnight or two they will conclude they both were in error and kiss and make up. Since the above was in type the couple have abandoned the idea of a divorce, suspicious of glass in the food and threats of taking the life of each other, and are again living together.

TOO THIN.—The thing published up the way keeps digging away at us in order to get advertised gratuitously. This is entirely too thin. We are sorry, Snyder, that your subscription list is so limited, and that so few people know of your existence. If you desire people to know that you are still running a paper we will advertise—we almost said your paper—the fact at a small discount, provided you pay in advance. If you can not afford to advertise, we suppose we'll soon have to give you one free under the head of obituary.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS.—During the past year the Lafayette Money Order Office has transacted business to the amount of \$9,544 63, divided as follows: Number of orders sold, 365; amount received for same, \$5,495 20; fees for same, \$34 05; total amount received, \$5,529 25; Number of orders received, 103; amount paid on same, \$3,915 63. P. M. J. W. Walts has our thanks for the above.

CAUGHT FIRE.—The other day as Miss Alice Palmer, daughter of General Palmer, of Dayton, was standing in front of the fire her clothes came in contact with the flames, and in an instant she was enveloped in a mantle of fire. Willing hands soon had the burning garments torn off, thereby saving another victim from the burning grasp of the fire fiend.

AWNING FELL.—Last Tuesday the awning in front of the store of Hon. A. R. Burbank in consequence of an ever sufficiency of snow upon it came tumbling down, striking a man on the back, knocking him down. He was not much hurt, but awful mad. He said he didn't like to have them do—things thrown at him when he was not looking.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.—T. J. Shamley and Annie Shamley to Isophenia Wright, one acre lot in the town or Carlton; consideration, \$500. United States to James McDonald and Dorcas McDonald, patent. United States to Joel Palmer and Sarah A. Palmer; patent.

FROM AMITY.

Your correspondent is mad. Awful mad. Not so much from frozen fingers, frozen toes and ears, but as if these calamities were not enough, necessity compels some men to live in a house adjacent to a wagon shop. Sleights being in demand the proprietor is very busy during the day, so those doing their own work must do it after night, thereby keeping an incessant pounding, interrupted with an occasional d—n it; the light from the shop window glaring through ones bed room window; and to be aroused from slumber every twenty minutes by the vigorous blows of a sledge hammer, only to fall asleep again and dream the shadows from the lamp light were demons hauling you down stairs by the heels while your head drummed Hail Columbia on the steps. If this is not a sufficient cause to get wrathy then I give in. To make matters worse, the aggressors to pacify us gives us a free ride around the block, when the sleigh (?) is smashed to pieces and we are buried in a snow bank all heels up, the horses run away dragging the driver who is fast in the lines over a rough road. We reiterate we are mad.

Only one new case of fever and one relapse since my last. The cold was so intense on last Wednesday that a number of farmers lost their chickens by freezing. One man was very careful of a pair of imported fowls, housed them warmly at night. Found them all right in the morning, turned them out in the cold and in one hour found them frozen stiff.

The proprietor of our "City Laundry" stood the cold first rate until he could not draw syrup out of a two inch auger hole, and his kerosine froze up, when he exclaimed: "He too much of a d—d cold; he heep too cold; me go back China you bet-te."

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, January 15, by T. Jellison J. P. Hurt Walker and Miss Caroline Thurman.

Had the weather been more favorable in was the intention of the above named couple to be married in the C. R. C. Encampment, of which they are worthy members. At any rate they are happy, and we citizens are perfectly satisfied and wish them long life and happiness.

NOTES.

Moderating. Skating seems to be played out. The snow is rapidly disappearing. The thaw is causing the waters to rise. Sleighting has been the rage this week. The prospects are favorable for a hard winter yet. The righteous can't always stand on slippery places. Old Sol is out to-day in all his glory; but a awful weak. Sleighting and skating is not as good as it used to was. Those new boots finally succeeded in up-tripping the Judge. The cold snap snapped the life out of the chickens at this place. While out sleighting the other night we passed every sleigh we met. There will be a reading school at the Prairie Academy next Friday. The Lafayette Grange will hereafter meet in the Good Templar Hall. When the snowballs are flying fast and furious plug hats should keep low. A number of ramrods started for the mountains this morning for a big hunt. The thermometer indicated six degrees below zero at Bellevue on last Monday. Sheridan folks have been happy with the thermometer seven degrees below zero. Five degrees below cicero was the best that the jewholiker could do at this place. We don't have much Chinook wind here; the rain does the business for the snow. Tuesday night while sleighing we seen a cayote in the "rhubarbs" of this place. It always tickles a fellow to run his nose against a snowball when he is not looking. St. Joctes improve these long evenings by meeting together and indulging in spelling and reading matches. Sensible idea. A couple of our young men had a few rounds P. R. style a few evenings since, and proceeded to bruising each other's faces. Last Wednesday night it seemed as if everybody was out sleighting. It was a good night for Adolphus to spoon up to his especial sweetness. These days the pedestrian can't

sometimes most always tell when is the right time to dodge to keep from getting diffed in the south eye with a snowball.

We are informed that one of the stringers in the second bridge over the Millican gulch is broken in two places and is in a very dangerous condition. It should be attended to at an early day.

On the occasion of the reading school, at the Lafayette Academy, on next Friday, Professor Morey will read against Professor Hill, the latter gentleman having challenged him to a mortal read.

Everything which would answer the purpose of a sleigh was ornamented with all kinds of bells and brought into requisition Wednesday night. The rain which fell in the evening would not remain always.

A disciple of Blackstone came to grief the other day. He worked for about twenty hours building himself a sleigh. Finally, himself and lady started for her father's residence in Chehalis Valley. They went all right for as much as a half a mile. Ask Andrew to tell you the rest.

A crowd attempted a dastardly outrage upon the person of a little girl eleven years of age, near Junction, not long since. The father went after him with a shotgun. Pity he didn't get him.

TO PRESERVE FENCE POSTS.—A correspondent of the Western Rural gives the following receipt for preserving fence posts: Take boiled linseed oil and stir in pulverized charcoal to the consistency of paint. Put a coat of this over the timber, and there is not a man that will live to see it rotten.

DIED.

Again it is our sad duty to chronicle the death of an esteemed citizen of this county. Mr. John Helm, of Dayton, while visiting his mother in Portland was taken with the lung fever which resulted in his death last Monday. The corpse, attended by the afflicted mother of the deceased, was brought up on the train Tuesday and interred at Dayton on Wednesday. The deceased leaves a small child, an aged mother and numerous friends to mourn his death. Within the last four months the deceased has lain under the sod a young wife, an aged father, and now he has gone to render up his final account at the bar of God. The deceased was universally respected by all who knew him, was a useful citizen and an ornament to society.

"WHAT I KNOW, I KNOW," said the great surgeon Magendie. "Give me stubborn facts; I care not for theories." This is sound doctrine. Possibly a medical martinet might be able, in a plausible way, to show why Dr. WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS ought not to cure indigestion, Headache, Nervousness, Liver complaint, Muscular Diseases, and Miasmatic Fevers; but as they do in every instance effect that object, his fine theory would be a waste of words. As Magendie said, the world demands facts, not speculative opinions.

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