

UNUSUAL WILL OF ATTORNEY

A REMARKABLE DOCUMENT IS DRAFTED IN ILLINOIS ASYLUM BY YOUNG LAWYER—ATTRACTS ATTENTION OF BAR ASSOCIATION.

This strange will was left by a young lawyer, who died several years ago in the ward for the insane in the alms house of Cook county, Illinois. The will was found in his coat. On a resolution of the Chicago Bar Association the document was sent to probate, and so was spread on the records of Cook county:

I, Charles Lounsbury, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and publish this, my last will and testament, in order, as justly as may be, to distribute my interest in the world among those succeeding me:

That part of my interest which is known in law and recognized in the sheep-bound volumes as my property, being inconsiderable and of no account, I make no distribution of this in my will. My right to live, being but a life estate, is not at my disposal, but those things excepted, all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath.

Item. I give to good fathers and mothers, in trust for their children, all good little words of praise and encouragement, and all quaint pet names and endearments, and I charge said parents to use them justly, but generously, as the needs of their children shall require.

Item. I leave to children inclusively, but only for the term of their childhood, all and every flower of the field and blossoms of the woods, with the right to play among them freely, according to the customs of children, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorns. And I devise to children the banks of the brooks and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof, and the odors of the willows that dip therein, and the white clouds that float high over the giant trees.

And I leave the children the long, long days to be merry in a thousand ways, and the night and the trail of the Milky Way to wonder at but subject, nevertheless, to the rights hereinafter given to lovers.

Item. I devise to boys, jointly, all the useful, life fields, all pleasant waters where one may swim, all snowed hills where one may coast, and all streams and ponds where one may fish, or where, when grim winter comes, one may skate, to hold the game for the period of their boyhood, and all the meadows with clover blossoms and butterflies thereof; the woods with their apparitions, the squirrels and the birds, the echoes and the strange noises and all distant places which may be distant, together with the advantages there found. And I give to said boys, each his own place at the fireside at night with all pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to enjoy without let or hindrance, and without any interruption or care.

Item. To lovers I devise their imaginary world, with whatever they may need, as the stars of the sky, the red roses by the wall, the bloom of the bayberry, the sweet strains of music and ought else that they may desire to figure to each other the loveliness and beauty of their love.

Item. To young men, jointly, I devise and bequeath all holier-than and inspiring sport of rivalry, and I give to them the disdain of weakness and undoubted confidence in their own strength. Though they are rude, I leave to them the power to make lasting friendships and of possessing companions, and to them, exclusively, I give all merry songs and grave choruses to sing with lusty voices.

Item. And to those who are no longer children or youths or lovers, I leave memory and bequeath to them the volumes of the poems of Burns and Shakespeare and of other poets, if there be others, to the end that they may live the old days over again, freely and fully, without fable or diminution.

Item. To our loved ones with snowy crowns, I bequeath the happiness of all ages, the love and gratitude of their children until they fall asleep.

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STATE FOREST IS ADVOCATED

GOV. WEST HAS PLAN TO SECURE COMPACT BODY OF TIMBER FOR OREGON SCHOOL.—NEW PLAN OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

SALEM, Jan. 17.—Gov. West in his annual message to the Oregon legislature made the following recommendations about a state forest and law enforcement:

Aided by the state land board, I have been negotiating with the federal government for the exchange of all scattered school sections within the boundaries of the federal forests in the state for a compact body of timber. Should the trade now under consideration be carried through, it will result in the state securing title to some very desirable lands, and will go far in making our state school of forestry rank with the best of the nation. A plan for the administration of this state forest will be submitted for your approval.

Law Enforcement.
The governor is admonished by the constitution to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, but neither the constitution nor the statutes give him adequate authority to execute this command. It is true that he may call the militia to his aid in the execution of the laws, but this is an extraordinary power, which it should be necessary to exercise only upon grave and extraordinary occasions. The governor should not be forced to use the artillery of this state to bombard bootleggers or pursue blind pigs.

The governor should not be expected to go out and gather evidence and arrest and prosecute offenders. That is a function which should be performed by subordinate officials chosen for and charged with that particular duty. If these officials fail to perform their duty, the governor, being charged with the enforcement of the law, should have some suitable reserve powers which would enable him to call them to account. He should have power to remove them, at least temporarily. Such a power would have a wholesome effect upon delinquent officials, while in no manner embarrassing those who faithfully perform their sworn duty.

Our liquor laws should be strengthened as follows:
Shipments of liquor of any kind into dry territory, except under certain restrictions, should be prohibited.

The sale of near beer should be prohibited in dry counties.
No license for the sale of liquor should be issued to anyone doing business outside of an incorporated city or town.

Saloons should be kept closed on Sundays, and on week days between the hours of say, 11 o'clock at night and 7 o'clock in the morning.
No saloons should be permitted in or about a railroad station.

All saloons should have open or glass fronts; all chairs and card tables should be prohibited.
Saloons should not be permitted to cash checks.

Illegal sale of liquor by druggists should work a forfeiture of license to do business.
The several measures recommended by the Portland vice commission should be given state-wide application and stringent laws as to the sale of cocaine, morphine and similar drugs should be enacted; also laws which will better enable us to state nuisances through injunction proceedings.

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THE TWO MEN

—BY—
BOB STANLEY

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I saw a bad man standing near a public drinking place, and heard his voice in accents clear. They blanched each passing face. He told us how his mighty hand could throttle the best of men, and prayed that one might try to stand before him, seconds, ten. He told us all about his deeds of badness ev'rywhere, and asked us all to lay our needs before him, if we dare.

Next day I saw a sickly man with slow and weary tread approach them both and say, "Oh, can you help till I have fed my children who are now in want of food I can't supply—who face a spectre, grim and gaunt? On you I must rely." I heard the good man say to him, "Go forth and sin no more. No man with energy and vim has wolf beside his door," and then I heard the bad man say, "Old boy, here is a five. Go feed your family today. On good things let them thrive." This story's true, but what's the use? You wonder—no do I, which man would get the most abuse if both of them should die.



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