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DUTY OF A PROBATE COURT?

HE STATEMENT of Judge Webster to the effect that the probate court has nothing to do with whatever bargains an heir to an unliquidated nay make with attorneys for its collection will not who the heir or claimant is, on his capacity for protecting himself from shark lawyers. An ignorant, simple person, easily deceived and fleeced, deserves, it would m to a layman, the court's protection.

The judge is reported as saying that the contract for cent of the amount to be recovered on account the death of Jansen, to be paid to the lawyer appointed the court, was reasonable and unobjectionable. On at point there will be a difference of opinion. Perhaps nost lawyers will agree with this proposition, but we a trial in court, a codtest in which a lawyer had to cend time and display talent, 50 per cent of a claim lected might be reasonable, but we think it is not sonable in a case amicably settled after a brief conon out of court.

But in this case not only was the administrator's orney, both particular friends of the late clerk and bailiff if the court, to receive 50 per cent of Jansen's money, egardless of whether he did anything to earn it or not, ut just then Mr. Ruffin, indignant and denunciatory Mr. uffin, appears on the scene. As if there were not gh lawyers in Portland to attend to the Jansen mat-Mr. Ruffin rushes over all the way from South d. Washington, to take care of young Jansen's in-sts, and makes a bargain with him for 50 per cent of How did he smell this case so far away? It seems a Wend of his who knew the young Swede "put him on." Ruffin had a temporary office, for appearance's sake, but says he was here only for the purpose of "holding this business." That is, he came over to "work" Jansen for half of what could be got out of the railroad company, meanwhile "working" him for smaller sums But as 100 per cent fees would be rather too much, the two lawyers, Ruffin and Riddell, got together and generously agreed to allow Jansen 40 per cent, less expenses. usly agreed to allow Jansen 40 per cent, less expenses, y to divide 60 per cent, or \$1,500 of the \$2,500 between m, and Ruffin got his half of this and hied him n to the seashore to have a good time.

Both these attorneys protest that their actions have not only strictly legal but above reproach. As to the court will to some extent decide, and we prewill aim to do justice to all concerned; but whateve the outcome, what we wish to say here is that we think it is the duty of a probate court to protect such a person as Jansen in such a case from even his own foolish and Ily rulnous bargains.

In the first place it is important to have an honest inistrator, one who for the legal fees tect the person to whom the money is due. In ext place an attorney should be allowed only a hable fee, one in proportion to the service rendered, in the third place such a person as young Jansen advised and cautioned not to make bargains ark lawyers, and if he does such a bargain as this ansen's with Ruffin should be set aside as uncon and one in consequence of which money was

No duty of a probate judge is more important than in every way to grard and protect the rights and interests of minors, insane persons, and others like young James who are not, for whatever reason, capable of protecting

MANY WATERFRONT FIRES.

of waterfront fires, in mills, warehouses and docks, during the past two or three years, enough almost to justify the suspicion that they were started by malevolent design or to excuse the superstition that fate is working out some unimaginable grudge.

The fact probably is, however, that they were all the essite either of what we are apt to term "unavoidable essitent" or unpresentable casualty or more likely of

" or unpreventable casualty, or, more likely, or ss. Among so many men as are employe at such places, some one will be careless once in a le, and one little careless act, or failure to act, especially at such a time as this, when everything is as dry as tinder, is sufficient to start a blaze that cannot be stopped until it has caused great loss. only lesson is: There should be more care: there

should be no carelessness; but it is useless to repeat this caution. Owners of such properties must have learned by this time to be as careful as men can be, and yet the fires will occur, but we ought to be able reasonably to hope that the luck, if luck it be, will soon change, and give these classes of property a long rest from such

By the way, suppose either of these fires had spread or leaped to the Standard Oil tanks, as might have happened, or as might happen in future? Should not the company be required to remove them to some place remote from all buildings?

A STATE'S, NOT A CITY'S FIGHT.

OLLOWING a statement regarding the railroad situation in Oregon the Salem Statesman says: "Portland, with millions of idle capital, should done something to open up the rest of this state; ild have tried to curry the friendship of Oregon's people outside the city. Every effort on the part of the people of various parts of the state outside Portland has been met with the jibes of Portland; every cry for help to develop outside country has met with refusal. Portland has waited on the Harrimans to build for her, to make friends for her."

There is no doubt that Portland should have done more than it has done and The Journal has not hesitated blow to its huge antagonist. Ultimately the war would to say so, but of all that has been done by individual en- end from sheer exhaustion but it, is, doubtful if even then terprise how much of it is to be credited to any other section of the state? Surely we have reached a stage in our development when we should be ready to join of the peace negotiations at Portsmouth.

hands in any such movement instead of throwing bricks one at the other. Portland distinctly has not jibed or jeered at the efforts of any other part of the state to get It was responsible for the first railroad that came into Oregon from the east and it has had its vig-orous shoulder to the wheel aiding in the construction of the portage road and in securing boats for above and below Celilo. There are more things that it should have state it has depended entirely too much on the managers of the existing railroads and the result has not been entirely satisfactory.

But the real awakening has been a very recent affair, at alone for Portland but for the rest of the state. The work now to be done lies straight ahead of us and we enture to say that Portland is as fully alive to the situaion and as fully determined to get results as the other sections of the state. At the proper time Salem doubt-less will be ready to take up its share of the white man's burden. But this is no time to show the carping spirit. The work ahead calls for united effort; it is something in which the whole state is interested and it cannot be done unless the people of all the state work in harmony. In such a movement Portland is necessarily an important factor and it is unwise for such shortsighted papers as the Salem Suitesman to attempt at this critical time to provoke a breach in the ranks where community of interest should demand harmony of purpose.

LOW RATES FOR A MONTH.

THE exceptionally low rate from Chicago and points west of that city to the Pacific coast which the railroads will again put into operation for a month beginning September 15, being duly advertised previously, should bring a good many new homemakers to Oregon, besides those attracted by the expo-

ition rates, which apply to round trips.

Already reports of and from exposition visitors have reached the east, and given many a favorable view of Oregon, which should add to the number that will come,

ntending to stay, during the month of low rates.
On former occasions of similar rate-lowering the ca acity of the railroads was taxed to carry the newcomers to the Pacific northwest, and this will also be the case this fall, though good crops in the east generally may in-cline some who otherwise would have come to think their

old homes good enough. Though many came on such occasions before, they eem to make but a small showing in Oregon as yet, if he census figures of the various county assessors may be relied upon. Every county has increased in populabe relied upon. Every county has increased in population, and some of them by a gratifying percentage, but
in many of them the increase has not been up to expectations. The increase should be, and everything indicates
will be, far greater during the next half of the decade.

While the railroads are to be commended for establishing this low rate from September 15 to October 15,
and while they may be supposed to understand their business better than anybody else, it seems to The Journal
that if only a month of the radius o

hat if only a month of this reduced rate can be allowed it ought to be later, after the castern farmers have marketed their crops and been able to get everything in

shipshape for travel.

However, the earlier they get to the coast the better impression, they will, form of it and the more of its products they can see; and then perhaps the railroads intent to prolong the period in which these rates shall ob-But in that case several weeks' notice are necessary to produce the best results. We wish the railroads could see their way clear to make the period two months,

Oregon needs many more settlers, producers, surely; get to places where they can settle up new regio ind get out their produce when it is raised.

Every new farmer is worth several hundred dollars a railroad. A new railroad will induce hundreds of new farmers to settle up the contiguous territory and support the railroad. New railroads; more people, More people, profitable railroads, and more of them.

JAPAN DID VERY WELL.

T IS JUST BEGINNING to dawn on the world that perhaps the Japanese have not come out at the small end of the horn in the peace settlement. The world accepted the original terms laid down by Japan as fair and just, but it is suspected that they may have been put forward to secure by compromise, as shrewd bargainers oftentimes do, precisely what they wanted in the beginning. When one considers Sakhalin island it may seem that Japan gave in too easily. But what can Russia do with the half that is left to it? For all the purposes of commerce, for all the needs of Japan, the half of the island it has secured will be sufficient Then Korea, the big mainland so necessary to Japan, not only gives it the elbow room it requires but which builds up a bulwark against future encroachment from the Russian side, together with the whole penin-sula on which Port Arthur and Dalny are situated, give to Japan an opportunity for expansion and a means of protecting itself that makes it practically invulnerable within its own sphere. The return of Manchuria to China pushes the bear back again on its haunches and by the time it is again ready for a forward movement it vill find China confronting it and better able to take care of itself than at any time since it has come within he purview of Christian history. So that altogether the Japanese have by no means come out of the negotiations with empty hands.

If, on the contrary, the war had been continued at a cost of a million dollars a day, if Japanese success continued as it doubtless would, Japan would be moving every day farther and farther away from its base with no possible chance at any time of striking a really vital

The Fair All Right.

From the La Grande Chronicle. ith from the east and the west, may: "The fair is not so big as I seen, but still it is very nice." but poorly concealed egotism scopis talk that way. As to size, big as it ought to be, and there ing that could make it any nicer is. They may talk about their ing and elevated-siage expositions and elevated siage expositions have seen elsewhere, and all ut when it comes to making compartitly with the grounds they have Io God was the supervising archi at the Lewis and Clark fair ground

separated from his cash, but all the nice and instructive features may be seen and enjoyed at a very small cost. It is a visit that every one, especially of the northwest, should make. It is worth the cost for the plessure, the instruction and the satisfaction of being a participant and beneficiary in the world's progress.

The Doctors-How They Agree.

From the Chicago Chronicle.

Greater love hath no man than that which is displayed by the medical gentieman for his esteemed contemporary. The cheerfulness and unanimity with which the doctors have fallen upon the inventor of the latest consumption cure and dubbed him a donkey or a dreamer constitute another tribute to the unfailing solidarity which obtains among the Esculapians. They present a united front against any of their number who thinks he has discovered something and who incidentally gets into the newspapers without paying the usual adver-

A Hero to His Sons.

From the New York World. preparatory school he was questioned by a reporter on his future ambitions. by a reporter on his future ambitions.

"I have no plans for the present," he said, "except to try to become a great man like my father."

A younger brother, Kermit Roosevelt, who is now enjoying his first hunting

who is now enjoying his first hunting trip in the far west with Captain Seth Bullock, seems to have much the same ambition. "If I can only get a bear!" he exclaimed with enthusizem as he set out for the Binck Hills. "My highest ambition is to best my father's bear-hunting record—but I can scarcely expect to do that." Doubtless when to-day's papers reach his far retreat he will years to go down in a submarine boat.

The unqualified admiration of all the young Rocsavelts for their father is not

SMALL CHANGE

Ralleded building in Oregon is

It is expected that 50,000 people will stend the Philadelphia reform man seeting Monday, but this number won

more of our country friends will

Portland couldn't be alow this week

en must wear mirrors in the inside of their hats so that, the hats will be quickly worn out by being taken off and put on every minute.

All the kings and aces acknowledge

Perhaps after awhile school will be

The Salem Journal is down on jayes. What harm did she ever the colonel?

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Freewater Times: Marshal Campbell has issued invitations to any six ladies of this city to accompany him to the beach and the fair who will agree not to tell anything that happens on the trip. He's got a cinch. There hasn't yet been discovered a women in Uma-tilla county who wouldn't tell all she

Plush Correspondence Lakeview Her-aid: There is an awful good chance for a wedding in the near future.

At the Medford Exhibit build At the Medford Exhibit building are mammoth watermeions, buge casabas, fine pears, plums, prunes and apples, and humble spuds, one of which would make a meal for a family, and the succulent onion, big enough to spoil a dozen courtships if properly distributed; also sugar-beets of enormous size, carrots, and turnips, and big steelheads and rainbow trout, besides grains and grasses and other things, altogether showing that Jackson county is hard to beat.

A California man has bought four acres near Grants Pass and will raise poultry

Weston brickyard has established its

Astoria a little more than usually happy; regatta a great success.

Two gallon-houses do business just outside the limits of Jefferson, not adding to the peace and dignity of that locality.

Congressional aspirants have been throwing at two birds with one stone by attending a clambake at Newport.

Hopyards will be populous and merry

After a horserace at Corvallis last Sun After a horserace at Corvaills last Sun-day some backers of the losing horse claimed that cocaine was surreptitiously injected into his shoulder, with the ef-fect that his joints were stiffened and his speed reduced. A lump on the shoulder furnished a basis for the al-legation. But who could expect a square

Corvailis that the real estate dealers fight

SUNDAY SCHOOL LES-SON for TOMORROW

of (the desolations of Zion (Jeremiah xilv:2) rather than over the physical hardships of slavery.

In the first verse of this book chapter 1:1) "the word of the Lord" came to the prophet "in the thirtieth year." This was probably a reference to his own age. He had been practically brought up in Babylonia. Yet he speaks as an educated man, as one permitted to hold a position of no little honor and influence among his own people. To them the Lord sent him a word of hope. He does not ignore their sins, but his message after the fall of Jerusalem is distinctively a message of comfort. Enekel was married (chapter xxiv:16-18) and he lived in his own house (chapters ill:24, viii:1). The elders of the extles visited him for counsel (chapters viii, xiv, xx), and although he complains that the masses were indifferent to his spiritual teaching, he does not complain of personal treatment.

Notwithstanding the complete collapse

Notwithstanding the complete collapse of the Judean dynasty, "a remnant" shall be saved (ch. xiv:21, 22), and eventually Israel is to become the joy and light of all the earth. It is with one of the most beautiful and characteristic of his later visions that the lesson of today has to deal.

Verse 2. The temple of Solomon and the two that successed, it were built upon the heights of Mount Moriah, whose east front was precipitous, overhanging the valley of Jehoshaphat. One could not descend directly into the valley from the temple, but passing out of the temple courts to the north, he might turn to the right and walk along under the east front of the area until somewhere leading from the temple crypt he would come upon a gate "that looketh eastward." Here the prophet saw in his vision what he had never seen in the old city before its destruction, a clear and sparkling stream leaping down, a cascade formed by that beautiful rivulet he had seen rising beneath the altar in the main court.

Verse 2. But the strange thing was

Verse 3. But the strange thing was that this stream did not lose itself in the dry gorges through which it passed, but as his guide demonstrated by actual measurement, it gained in volume constantly. He and his guide walked through it close to the walls and found it rippling about their ankles.

Verse 6. A little further down the valley the stream began to be a force.

beauty.
Verse 10. This great stretch about the sea which from time immemorial has been the accepted type of desolation. Is to be thronged with prosperous fishermen who will drag their nets through its bright waters teeming with great fish, and they will spread their seines upon the rocks which heretofore even the vultures shunned.

ROOF PLAYGROUNDS

scheme that the children have hardly been in the street all the season. This is one of the features of the plan that has commended it most highly to other rich families who dread the dangers of kidnaping, accident or other mishap. The roof playground is therefore being copied by many prominent families, and on the tops of the mansions facing Cen-tral Park the little heirs and heirenses to great fortunes gambol daily with such freedom as hitherto they have enjoyed

only in the country.

Stress is no longer laid on climate.
The insistence on fresh air has taken its
place. That you can have in the city,
say the doctors, and it costs you noth-

Two Eastern Oregon Views.

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Verse 5. Another sdvance and the brook was a river impossible to ford. That which a little more than a mile above was but a spring beside the altar of the house of Jeloyah, was now a broadening sea.

Verse 6. That a proper impression might be made, the heavenly companion walks beach again to the brink of the river and calls attention to its depth and breadth and swiftness. See this, Note the reality of it. Observe the characteristics of it. Measure it by your eye and ask yourself whether any earthly brook you know increases in volume like this, or whether any river not fed from heaven could show such increases in wolume like this, or whether any river not fed from heaven could show such increases in wolume like this, or whether any river not fed from heaven could show such increases in wolume like this, or whether any river not fed from heaven could show such increases in wolume like this, or whether any river not fed from heaven could show such increases in wolume like this, or whether any river not fed from heaven could show such increases in wolume like this, or whether any river not fed from heaven could show such increases in volume like this, or whether any river not fed from heaven could show such increases in wolume like this, or whether any river not fed from heaven could show such increases in volume like this, or whether any river not fed from heaven could show such increases what he had not observed before—the river is shaded by mighty trees whose sire.

Verse 7. But now the prophet notices what is single proper not not not not not not no

London Cable Dispatch in New York Sur

MAN LIKE BEST?

She does not rebuke them for either offense, and they quickly realize that they may treat her in a very casual way without incurring her displeasure.

Every girl is the better off for a little dignified reserve.

Far better to make a man feel that he has to study your character than to let him read it like an open book.

When he thinks he knows you best a surprise will do him no harm.

And when he is most sure of you flutter a little out of his reach.

These are merely suggestions, dear girls, to be used at your own discretion.

LEWIS AND CLARK

Nearing the Columbia river.
September 2—This morning all the Indians left us, except the old guide, who now conducted us up Fish creek. At one mile and a half we passed a branch of the river coming in through low ground covered with pine on the left, and two and a half miles further is a second branch from the right. After continuing our route along the hills covered with pine, and a low ground of the same growth, we arrived, at the distance of three and a half miles, at the forks of the creek. The road which we were following now turned up the east side of these forks, and as our guide informed us led to the Missouri. We were therefore left without any track, but as no time was to be lost we began to cut dur read up the west branch of the creek. This we effected with much difficulty; the thicket of trees and brush through which we were obliged to cut our way required great labor; the road itself was over the steep and rocky sides of the hills, where the horses could not move without danger of slipping down, while their feet were bruised by rocks and stumps of trees. Accustomed as they without danger of them fell to some distance down the sides of the hills some turned over with baggage, on was crippled, and two gave out exhaust ed with fatigue. After crossing the creek several times we at last made five miles, with great fatigue and labor, and encamped on the left side of the creek in a small story low ground. It was not, however, fill after dark that the whole party was collected, and then, as it rained, and we killed nothing, we passed a very uncomfortable night. The party had been too busily occupied with the horses to make any hunting excursion, and though as we came along Fish creek we saw mone of the animals themselves.

Mr. Pokotiloff Got His Blouses.

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Ruests, is fest learning American cus-coms.

When his laundry was returned to him yesterday he missed four lines blouses, and complained to the hote:

management.

"We will pay you for the blouses."

"But I do not want money: I want
the blouses." Mr. Pokotiloff replied.

"I shall shortly go to a country when
it is still warm and I want the blouses
to wear."

The hotel manager told him he would
do his heat to recover the blouses.

Mr. Pokotiloff appeared at the hote
office this morning and told the mar
ager he had recovered the lost blouse
ager he had recovered the lost blouse