PURCELL REAL NIFTY IN ANCHORING SOFT HEARTS

Three Women Claim Former Portland Man as Husband —One Files Divorce, Another Files Threats and Third Files Retreat Into Obscurity.

Frank J. Purcell, bon vivant and clubman of Seattle, formerly of Portland, Chicago, Boston and other cities, who is said to cherish the ambition to become the vault and safe king of America, has left a trail of broken feminine hearts wherever he has lived, according to the stories that are being told since his reported marriage to the widow of former State Senator Van der Vanter of Washington and the bringing of a suit for divorce by a woman he married in Boston in 1895 under the name of Pierce J. Moss.

According to a business associate of Purcell in this city, Purcell was in Portland Friday evening, leaving Seattle that night. Purcell told this friend that he would go from Seattle to Spokane and be back in Portland next week. The story of his alleged bigamy was not mentioned by Purcell, his friend says, as they discussed business matters only, and Purcell did not manifest any worry as to the reports that are being displayed in big head lines in the newspapers from Seattle to Boston. Nor did he say anything to indicate that he is trying to dodge the process servers of Seattle, who have been looking for him for several days to serve the divorce papers on him.

Marriage No. 1 and Others.

That Purcell will have much explaining to do is becoming more evident each day. If it be true, as now seems certain, that he married the wealthy widow of Senator Van der Vanter on January 7, as shown by the Clatsop county records at Astoria, it appears that for almost a year he had three wives, and he still has a surplus.

February 8, this year, he secured the annulment of his marriage to Mary Barry, whom he had made his bride in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1895. He was wed under the name of Patrick F. Purcell, and this is also the name that was given to the marriage license clerk in Clatsop county last month.

After wedding the Irish belle, Purcell came to Boston, and later in the same year, according to the woman who is now suing for divorce, he married her under the name of Pierce J. Moss. She says the Irish wife came to Boston and accused Moss, as he was known there, of bigamy. In the end, says the Seattle wife, Purcell persuaded the Irish wife to return to her home in Denver and the case was dropped for lack of a prosecuting witness.

Purcell's dash and business ability, combined with his ready Irish wit and his qualities as a "good fellow," made him a favorite with his associates in Portland. It is said that through these qualities he persuaded some of his friends to invest heavily in some of his enterprises as "partners," but that these partnerships have invariably resulted in heavy losses to the partners, though not to Purcell.

Pinkertons Take a Look.

It is known that the Pinkertons of Seattle have been called on to look up his business standing, and the reports received are said to show a number of questionable deals in Chicago and other eastern cities, though whether Purcell has ever made himself liable to criminal prosecution is not known. That he was threatened with prosecution in Chicago and in some manner settled or compromised the matter is known, this being a case in which a man claimed that Purcell had induced him to "drop" $1,200 where Purcell could pick it up.

Purcell, or Moss, or Morse, as it seems he was sometimes known in Boston, came to Portland in 1904. He was a salesman for the Portland Safe company and grew prosperous while here. Mrs. Purcell, the one who is now suing for divorce, lived with him for a time at the Colonial, but they became estranged in some degree and during the latter part of his stay here Purcell was at the Hotel Portland.

After about one year here he and his wife went to Seattle, that city having since been his headquarters. Meantime he has become president of the Purcell Safe company, has engaged in several large deals and enjoyed prosperity. Early this year came the reports that he had been seen touring California with a woman who answered the description of Mrs. Van de Vanter.

The Seattle wife remained at home. Inquiry showed that Mrs. Van de Vanter was not at home, and then came the news that Patrick F. Purcell and Mrs. Martha Van de Vanter were married in Astoria on January 7.

Double Life Plus One.

There are said to be many who will testify to the double life led for so many years by Purcell and even now there is a woman swearing that she will have revenge upon him if there is truth in the rumor that he has wedded Mrs. Van de Vanter. If this marriage can be proved, and the story of the women be true, Purcell is under the shadow of indictment for bigamy and may have to face the consequences of the life he has led since he sailed from Ireland to make his fortune in America.

In relating the story of the last 12 years, Mrs. Purcell, at various times, broke down, and, trembling with agitation, said that she is afraid that Purcell will do her some injury for having at last made public the story of the wrong he had done her. She denies that she has any intent of injuring Mrs. Van de Vanter in making public the alleged history of Purcell's many entanglements with women and says that she only desires to save Mrs. Van de Vanter from the sorrow that is bound to come to her if she has been married to Purcell.

No Place Like Many Homes.

Reports of entanglements with women in other cities are now being heard. While living in Denver, it is said, Purcell had two places he called home, and the same reports come from Chicago and Seattle. It is asserted that while living with Mrs. Mary Doherty Moss, whom he married in Boston, at the Hotel Lincoln in Seattle he maintained another establishment in a hotel owned by the late Senator Van de Vanter.

"Pierce J. Moss" had a skyrocket rise in the safe business in New England. He jumped from a $4 per week man to the management of a large business, and he impressed the New Englanders as a sort of Napoleon in his line. He suddenly ducked out of Boston, and no one could learn where he had gone. He suddenly turned up in Chicago. After business difficulties there he came to the waiting west to continue his spectacular career.

Purcell appears to have dodged some of his old friends when he was in the city Friday. He was due here Thursday, and some of those who were anxious to see him on business matters did not even learn that he was in town during the week. But he held a long conference with Harry Eaton, a local saloon man, with whom he is in partnership in Spokane, Eaton having supplied the money and Purcell the experience. Mr. Eaton says they talked over the disposition of their business affairs, but there is no difficulty between them.

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He declared that the president's action merely disclosed to the angry eyes of the American people that some great corporations which existed by their sufferance and supposedly for their benefit were being managed upon a system of brigandage which made Jesse James and Rube Burrows look like pikers. He declared that the maligners were still at work; that their attacks were "regarding a return of confidence; that they were recruited from the ranks of stricken men whose methods cannot stand the glare of light.

"I challenge anyone," he exclaimed "to point out in any speech that the president has ever made, in any message that he has ever sent to congress, a single word or a single sentence which can be by any possibility construed as an attack upon any individual, however wealthy, or any corporation, however great, provided only that the wealth was acquired honestly, and that the corporation was managed decently.

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ENDEAVORERS ELECT OFFICERS

C. T. Hurd President—Five Portlanders Chosen—The Founder Is Honored.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Eugene, Or., Feb. 22.—The State Christian Endeavor convention elected officers this afternoon as follows: C. T. Hurd, Corvallis, president; D. A. Thompson, Portland, first vice president; Rev. Viola Charlson, Portland, secretary; Miss Margaret Lowells, Corvallis, assistant secretary; Frank A. Tripp, Eugene, treasurer.

Superintendents were elected as follows: Junior and intermediate, Miss Luella Knapp, Portland; devotional, Rev. A. A. Winter, Portland; missionary and literary, Miss T. C. Gault, Oregon City; temperance and good literature, Rev. C. A. Shaffer, Portland; press, W. A. Dill, Eugene.

Among the resolutions is the following:

"Whereas, Our beloved founder and fellow worker, the father of the Christian Endeavor society, Dr. Francis E. Clark, has by a letter to our president expressed so heartily his congratulations and good wishes to the Endeavorers of the state, and has held out before us a vision of the opportunities and possibilities which lie before us; therefore be it

"Resolved, That as a representative body of Oregon Endeavorers, we employ means to show our appreciation of his never failing interest in the progress and welfare of the work in this state; that we hereby hope God in his providence may see fit to bless our leader with a safe and pleasant journey through the lands beyond the sea to which he will soon sail; that he may use him there as a mighty power in giving new life and inspiration to the great work to which his life has been devoted, and that he may be permitted again to return to his home, and for many years to continue."

Saturday's Sessions.

Today's sessions of the state Y. P. S. C. E. convention were full of interest, and the attendance was larger than yesterday, more delegates having come in yesterday afternoon and evening. Features of the day were addresses by President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon on "The New Patriotism," and by G. E. Baker, president of the Portland union, on "Builders' Union." Rev. J. R. Knodell also spoke, his subject being "In the Shadow of the Bottle."

The group conferences this afternoon were the following subjects: Junior and intermediate, led by Miss Luella Knapp of Portland; missionary and literature, led by Miss Bessie Luckey of Portland; general society problems, led by Rev. D. A. Thompson.

This afternoon the reports of officers and reports of committees were read, and at 3 o'clock the annual election of officers was held.

At this evening's service the address was delivered by Dr. C. A. Mock, president of Dallas college, on "Christian Endeavor and Character."

The sessions will continue tomorrow, closing tomorrow night.

HILL LINES SELECT

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lor, a cloak room, a general toilet room, three card rooms and a buffet.

The culinary department of the new Commercial club quarters is probably the most modern possessed by any club in the country. It occupies the eighth floor. The kitchen is directly under the refrigerating plant on the ninth floor. It will be equipped with sanitary cases connected by cold air pipes from the refrigerating rooms.

The kitchen equipment will be the best that money can command. On this floor and facing Fifth street is the immense dining room, 40x100, with a seating capacity for 400 to 500 guests.

Equipment Complete.

The room is without a column, the beamed ceiling being trussed to make the room a perfect banqueting hall. The sides of this room to the east and south are practically all glass, there being a continuous row of windows reaching from the floor to the ceiling. The walls are paneled. The woodwork of the building throughout is slash-grained Douglas fir.

Complete exchanges for both the Home Telephone company and the Pacific States Telephone company are being installed. There is a private telephone booth on every floor.

The Commercial club alone will use 43 instruments of each company, besides the jack stations in the main dining room. The telephone service will be convenient for everyone in any part of the club. A telephone call for a guest in the dining room will be answered by a waiter, who will bring the phone to the particular table at which the guest is seated and connect the instrument for him, should he not desire to leave the table.

On the main dining room floor are also private dining rooms and a ladies' dining room, a telephone booth and a toilet.

NINE MEN RESCUED FROM DEATH AT SEA

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Feb. 22.—Nine happy men who were facing death at sea for several days upon a sinking vessel, who had abandoned all hope of ever seeing their native land again, rushed down the gang-plank of the Cunard liner Campania on her arrival here today.

They were Captain Lavey and his eight men of the American schooner J. Berwind, bound from New Orleans to Philadelphia, which was lost at sea when the British steamship Mercedes de Larrinaga hove in sight and rescued the helpless men. They were taken to Liverpool by the Mercedes and came back upon the first liner America-bound.

TEXAS REPUBLICANS FIGHT FOR SEATS IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 22—Texas Republicans will send two sets of delegations to the national convention in Chicago because of a split in the party over Taft and the convention will have to decide which delegates are entitled to seats.

The antiadministration faction met here today and named the time and place for a convention. The other faction, headed by Colonel Cecil Lyon, decided to hold a separate meeting and also to elect a delegate. An emissary is at Washington conferring with the president.

The Republicans are split over the distribution of federal patronage. President Roosevelt, Taft and Lyon were denounced in resolutions passed by the meeting today.

TEDDY AND TAFT ARE FORGOTTEN BY PARTY COMMITTEE IN TEXAS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 22.—The state executive committee of the "reorganized" Republican party in Texas, after a series of fervid resolutions, today indorsed the attitude of Senator Foraker and lauded highly Knox, Fairbanks, La Follette and Cannon. Not a word was said about William H. Taft or Theodore Roosevelt. State Chairman Lyon and his faction of the party were denounced and a resolution was passed that the state convention of the "reorganized" party in May send uninstructed delegates to the national convention at Chicago.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS IS TAFT'S SUBJECT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Before several hundred members of the Ellicott club, who crowded the main banquet-hall on the top floor of the Ellicott square tonight, Secretary of War W. H. Taft delivered an address on "Washington and His Farewell Address."

Prior to the banquet a reception lasting half an hour was held.

After reviewing General Washington's military genius, high courage and patience through deep adversity, Taft said it was his ability to manage men and get the most out of them that enabled him during his two terms as president to steer the new government between dangerous shoals which threatened the destruction of the infant republic.

"On this, Washington's one hundred and seventy-sixth birthday, it may not be inappropriate to take up the advice which he gave us in his farewell address, and consider how his precepts have been followed by those who came after him," he said. "He began with an exhortation to the people to preserve the union. He then took up the question of parties and deplored the rancor of party spirit, which he recognized as the possible cause of the rupture of the government and the destruction of the republic. He deprecated the formation of national parties. His foresight in respect to these two matters was vindicated by the history of the republic during the next 70 years.

"We have followed the advice of Washington in respect to the maintenance of the unity of the government and the preservation of the union of the states as a nation.

"Washington deprecated in the strongest a sectional party, and it is true that one of the great parties finds much of its strength today in the south, while the other is almost wholly without certain influence there.

"This condition is due, not to present living issues, but to the ghosts of the past, and to the fear of a recurrence of conditions that are utterly impossible.

"May we not, in the next decade, therefore, look to a change in this respect, so that the two great parties shall be nearly equally distributed through all the states of the union and the peaceful political battleground be spread south of Mason and Dixon's line as it is today north of that line?

"Again, Washington pointed out the necessity for maintaining the separation of the branches of the federal government into which the constitution divided it and warned the country against the danger of the usurpation of the powers of one branch by another. From time to time in political discussions, we have had much usurpation; but, under the steadying hand of John Marshall, his associates and his successors, the righteousness of the tribunal in assuming this power is now admitted, and the function which the supreme court and the federal judiciary perform in maintaining and inforcing the constitutional limitations on the actions of the legislature and the executive, is now held up by students of political science and governments as certainly the most novel and as probably the most valuable change effected by our federal constitution."

OKLAHOMANS BACK BRYAN'S CANDIDACY FOR TEDDY'S SEAT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 22.—The Democratic state convention held here today was a Bryan meeting altogether, and in addition to electing 10 delegates from the five congressional districts, all pledged and instructed to vote for the nomination of the Nebraskan for president, strong resolutions were adopted commending him for the fight he is making for the people. Eight delegates-at-large, each of whom will be entitled to one-half a vote, were named. They were instructed for Bryan.

DEMOCRATS WANT TO SEE BRYAN AT HEAD OF NATIONAL TICKET

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 22.—Arrangements have been made for the meeting of the New England Democratic Progressive league at Boston Saturday, February 29.—The vice-president and members of the executive committee of the six New England states will meet at the Quincy house. A proposition will be made to change the name to "Bryan Democratic league of New England," and measures will be taken to insure the election of delegates to the convention who favor the nomination of Bryan.

A banquet will be given at 1 p. m., at which Senator Gore of Oklahoma, Congressman Ollie James of Kentucky and others will speak on the situation and the outlook in the future.

E. J. Sullivan, Democratic candidate for mayor of Bangor, will speak for Maine and George Fred Williams will respond for Massachusetts.

The preliminary campaign looking to the election of delegates, instructed for Bryan as the presidential candidate for the Democratic party, will take formal shape in New England, and measures taken to have delegates representing the majority of the voters of the Democratic party. Alexander Troup of New Haven will preside at the banquet.

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BRYAN READY FOR JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN STATES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Lincoln, Feb. 22.—William Jennings Bryan will seek recreation at Fairview during the first two weeks of March. He will return to Lincoln Monday, address the Nebraska Press association Wednesday, then he will leave for Tennessee and Mississippi. He will return early in March and will remain on his farm until March 16.

PENNSYLVANIA VOTES WILL GO FOR KNOX IF HE LEADS BILL TAFT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 22.—Representative Focht, in the seventeeth congressional district, declared today that while Pennsylvania would stand by Knox, "while he has a chance to win," its second choice was William H. Taft.

The Taft press bureau here is sending out tonight a statement that organized labor is opposed to Hughes because he vetoed the "full crew bill."

GOVERNOR HUGHES HAS STRENUOUS DAY WITH PIG PACKERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Governor Charles Evans Hughes of New York was guest of honor tonight at the Washington's birthday banquet of the Union League club. Most of his after-dinner speech was in praise of Chicago and in a light vein of raillery at the other guests. He did not take up any of the points of his address of this morning at the Auditorium, in which he took issue with the Roosevelt policies on several points.

TAFT CONFIDENT OF WINNING NOMINATION AT PARTY ASSEMBLY

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 22.—At the general headquarters of the Taft canvass a statement was issued today in which it is claimed that out of 78 delegates chosen to date 48 are instructed for William H. Taft for president, 34 of these being outside of Ohio. It is also claimed that Secretary Taft has been indorsed as the Republican presidential candidate in 14 states, two territories and one colonial possession, with a total of 284 votes in the next Republican convention.

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