

PRISONER PLEADS THAT CHILDREN BE NOT FARMED OUT

Defendant in Divorce Suit Prepares Novel and Pathetic Defense From Confinement of Prison Cell.

Pathetically pleading that his children be not "farmed out" to relatives of his wife while he is in prison and unable to help himself, George M. Whitson, formerly a traveling salesman for a Portland firm, has sent an answer by mail from the Walla Walla penitentiary to the suit of Anna Whitson for divorce.

Whitson drew the answer himself, and while its language is somewhat quaint and unusual for a divorce case pleading, he displays considerable knowledge of the common law. Mrs. Whitson is suing for separation because he is in the penitentiary. He admits he has no defense to this, but says he did not intentionally commit the forgery for which he was convicted in Spokane last year, and he declares that as soon as he is released he intends to return to Portland and make a new name for himself. In telling of his troubles he says:

"Defendant was always loved and honored complaint and she always pretended to love defendant. These relations were congenial and life was worth living, but as every sweet has its bitter, complaint has a family of sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, to gether with three brothers-in-law, all of whom desired to have a hand in defendant's family affairs at all times.

"Many things could be said of this far from ideal family of their morals and life. But defendant will only say complaint was far above them in thought and action, and defendant does not want to say anything that will in any way reflect on the complaint. But at this time, when the defendant needs a little help to get him out of this prison he is confronted with this action. And only too well he knows the human vultures and body snatchers in whose hands she has fallen, and defendant sits by in his helplessness."

Whitson adds that when the forgery charge was made against him "a Pandora's box was opened, from which has flown my friends, money, honor and all that I held in this life to care for." He says the intention of his wife is to send two of their three children to a brother-in-law in Crook county. He objects to this and asks the court to make the children wards of the court until one parent or the other can show ability to care for them. He says as soon as he is out of prison he will pay for their support and will also contribute to the support of his wife as long as she has the children with her or remains single.

The Whitsons were married late in December, 1905. The husband was given from one to two years in the penitentiary while on a trip to Spokane. He was for a time employed at \$100 per month as a salesman and later as western manager for an eastern steel works. Because Whitson did not send the required court fees with his answer it has not been formally filed with the records in the case.

EXPLOSION BAD ON COFFEE AND ROLLS

Patrons of the Commercial club's grill and cafe were deprived of their usual breakfast rolls and coffee this morning by an explosion which occurred in the bakehouse in the basement of the club building, and from which August Bergholz, the baker, narrowly escaped with his eyesight. His face and hands were badly burned. Bergholz, filling the oven with gas, incautiously lighted a match which ignited the vapor, causing it to explode. The blasting blast blew out in his face, singeing his eyebrows and hair and burning him painfully.

BEST HORSES TO BE IN RACE FOR \$10,000

Present prospects indicate that racing at the Portland Jockey club and association this fall will be the best ever held in the northwest. At a meeting of the directors of the exposition yesterday, held for the purpose of canvassing racing entries in the early closing events, entries were accepted and the events declared filled.

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mountains, 21 horses, the best in the United States, have been entered. Notices of entry were received not only from the Pacific coast, but from British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Colorado, Texas and Illinois.

GREAT NORTHERN GETS ADVERTISING HABIT

Following the example of other railroads entering the northwest, the Great Northern is making arrangements to begin a campaign advertising the state of Oregon and especially Portland.

Within a week or so a dozen or more special writers and publicity experts will begin work in different parts of the state, grinding out booklets and folders telling of the advantages of Oregon.

"The Great Northern intends carrying on a more extensive campaign than any of the other roads," said H. A. Jackson, general agent today. Representatives are in Portland today preparing to begin the publicity work."

Word was received yesterday by officers of the Commercial club that Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, has contracted in Chicago for the posting in that city of 50 large bulletins, advertising Oregon, on principal boulevards and streets. Such slogans as "Hit the Oregon Trail" and "Back to Oregon and To Nature" will appear on the displays, which will remain in place for at least one year.

The displays will be immense oil paintings, made from photographs and will depict pastoral scene and show views of Oregon orchards and grain land.

FIRM SUES WOMAN FOR PIANO OR \$600

Edna B. Jones is defendant in a suit begun in the circuit court by the Eilers Music House for possession of a Chickering piano or for its value, \$600, and damages of \$50. It is alleged the piano was purchased in October, 1905, on installments, and no payments made after June, 1909, the purchase price being \$480.

In another piano case, Mrs. J. A. Blessing has filed an answer to the complaint of the Reed-French Piano Manufacturing company, denying that she owes anything on a note given for a Reed-French piano. She says the instrument was taken back by the plaintiff, which thereby used its option to take back the piano or recover on the note.

OFFICERS ELECTED IN NEW CLUB BUILDING

A large attendance marked the annual meeting of the Sellwood Commercial club last night in the new club building. Officers were elected, the annual report was read and refreshments were served.

The board of governors elected consisted of the following: W. H. Moorehouse, J. F. Kertchan, J. A. Miller, Rev. D. A. Thompson and Miles D. Jameson. The new officers are J. F. Kertchan and Rev. D. A. Thompson, while the others were re-elected. The board of governors will meet next Tuesday evening to elect officers.

GRANDFATHER TO CARE FOR MOTHERLESS TOTS

W. T. Allen, grandfather of the three children made motherless by the murderous revolver of Harvey M. Lambert when he shot Grace M. Lambert on July 2, has been appointed guardian of their persons and property by County Judge Cleston. The children are Russell, Gordon and Grace Lambert, 8, 6 and 3 years of age. The mother's estate consists of \$145 in cash, and an interest in a lot in Woodlawn worth about \$200. The recovery of Lambert from his self-inflicted wound is yet uncertain.

LAUNCH CAPSIZES; SEVEN FALL INTO WATER; 2 DROWN

Moonlight Picnic on Willamette River at Albany Costs Lives of Miss Inez Taylor and Wilbur E. Francis.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Ore., July 7.—Miss Inez Taylor and Wilbur E. Francis were drowned in the Willamette river when a launch capsized three miles above this city about 8:30 o'clock yesterday evening.

They were occupants of a launch containing five others, who were rescued by the heroic actions of members of another launch party. After dragging the river for some time the body of Mr. Francis was found at 11:45 last night and the body of Miss Taylor at 12:15. The bodies were about 40 feet apart in water not more than 10 feet deep.

The members of the party belonged to the "Tripple F club," an organization composed of about 20 prominent young people of this city. They had gone up the Willamette river in three launches for an evening's outing. At 8:30 the first of the launches started homeward. In it were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur E. Francis, Misses Inez Taylor, Agnes Gibbons and Velma Davis and Rollin G. Hackleman, all of Albany, and Mrs.

Ray Beeson of Portland, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Francis.

Seven Fall in Water.

The launch was not well balanced, the upper part being too heavy, and in rounding a sharp bend it turned over, throwing all seven occupants into the water. Mrs. Beeson and Misses Gibbons, Taylor and Davis caught hold of the boat and held on. Hackleman caught Mrs. Francis, who was nearest him, and swam ashore with her. The last seen of Wilbur Francis he was struggling wildly with the current. He went down before help could come.

Frank and Dave Froman, who had charge of another launch, which was still tied to the bank, loosened it as quickly as possible and pushed out to the rescue. Frank Froman succeeded in saving Misses Gibbons and Davis. Dave Froman reached Mrs. Beeson first and succeeded in getting her into the boat.

Miss Taylor Loose Grip.

Miss Taylor was still clinging to the bottom of the upturned launch, but as the bottom was round and afforded an insecure hold she lost her grip and sank before Mr. Froman had gotten Mrs. Beeson out of the water. Miss Taylor was one of Albany's most prominent young women. Her father is Council George W. Taylor.

Wilbur Francis was proprietor of a plumbing shop, a prominent business man and a former All-Northwest football star. His father is County Treasurer W. W. Francis.

The funerals will be held Saturday. Both young people were prominent socially. It will be a day of mourning for hundreds in Albany.

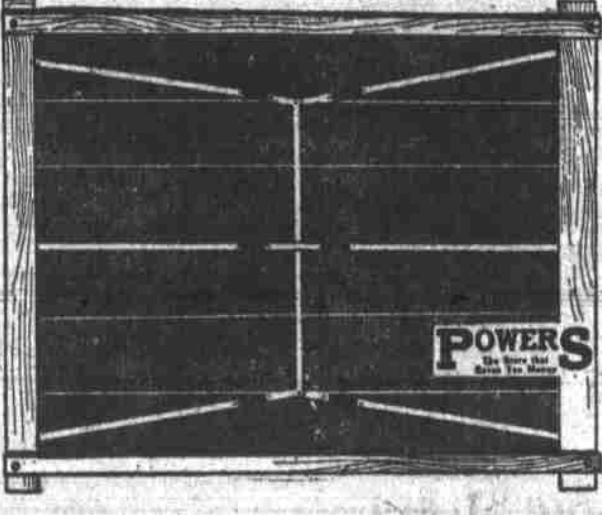
SOUTH PORTLANDERS WANT HIGH BRIDGE

The South Portland Boosters' club will hold a meeting tonight at St. Lawrence hall at 8 o'clock. The subjects of a high bridge across the river, of filling the South Portland gulches and of hard pavements for that section of the city will be given consideration.

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