

HOWARDS ARE FLAYED BY ATTORNEY WHILE ARGUING RIETER CASE

Counsel Declares Physician's Wife Was "Fiendish" in Her Treatment of Wealthy Swiss

Characterizing Mrs. Howard as "fiendish," charging she perjured herself on the stand, and excoriating her husband, Dr. Harry Howard, Attorney Veszie, representing the plaintiffs in the Rieter case, recovered \$12,000 worth of property given the Howards by Max Rieter on his death bed in 1912 began his closing arguments in the United States district court shortly before 10 o'clock.

Throughout his argument, in which he charged the Howards with being the "most grasping greedy pair of mortals who ever sat in a court of justice and practiced evasion or perjury," Howard sat apparently unconcerned immediately behind the attorney, listening composedly to the stinging arraignment of himself and wife.

The only apparent effect the words produced on the physician was to drive the color from his face and leave it a pearly white.

The closing argument followed the testimony of Chief Accountant Brookings of the Ladd & Tilton bank, which showed that a number of large checks had been transferred to the Howard account from the account of another depositor with the initial "R," the first letter of Rieter's name.

This testimony was brought in to disprove the contention of the Howards that they did not get Rieter's money, some \$4000, as well as his property.

In this connection the prosecution pointed out that Howard's large deposits ceased after Rieter's death and did not begin until Rieter came to the physician's care at Prosser, Wash., where they resided prior to taking up their residence in Portland, two years ago. Where Rieter's funds went the defense has not attempted to explain beyond an statement that Rieter was "extremely wealthy."

Brookings was preceded by Mrs. Josephine Ker, of 681 Tillamook street, an intimate friend of the Howards, who testified she knew Rieter and considered him sane.

Mysterious Relative Figures. The name of David Dunder, Mrs. Howard's so-called "mysterious brother of her brother-in-law," also figured largely in the case. On the stand yesterday, Mrs. Howard testified that she arrived at opportune times, gave her sums of money ranging from \$300 to \$1700, and dropped from sight.

She knew little of his business, could not give his address, declared he was in mid-Pacific, en route to Samania, and would produce no supporting evidence to prove he really exists.

And Dr. Howard, who followed her, could shed little additional light. He testified that he had never met the man but that he had given her the money, how or where he professed not to know. In this regard he said "I never pressed her."

In making his closing argument today, Attorney Veszie, argued that the Howards were guilty of a crime and persuaded him to give them both his money and property.

The tale told by Mrs. Howard on the stand was an insult to the intelligence of this court," he said. "Her story of a brother-in-law was preposterous. In her testimony the only persons she said had ever seen this wealthy relative, whose address is unknown, was Max Rieter, crazy, dead and buried up, by these people.

"At many times, it may seem, this mysterious stranger always showed up during the absence of Dr. Howard, gave her the money, failed to register at any hotel, disappeared as mysteriously, and his appearance usually followed the cashing of large checks against Max Rieter's account.

"There is no trace of Rieter's money, some \$16,000 save where these people added to their own bank accounts or made investments. Even on his death bed they had him working a check as the evidence proves. During the first six months of their residence in Portland, they took advantage of this insane man, and got \$2000 of his money.

Woman's Actions "Fiendish." "The actions of Mrs. Howard were fiendish in securing his signature to the deeds to his property. There, lying on his death bed, dying, she went to him, asked him to give her something, and when he refused, told him he was dying, and urged him to hurry.

"She threw him into a panic and with death staring him in the face, the property was given over to her. It was a fitting climax to her machinations, working on his delusions for her and her husband's benefit, and against his own people.

"But not content, a will was prepared which, if it had ever been signed, would have given the Howards a claim on \$8000 more of Rieter's patrimony in Switzerland. With lawyers within easy call they waited for the man to come out of his delirium just long enough to append his signature to the document.

"However, unconcerned without the opportunity presenting itself, Mrs. Howard perjured herself on the stand, she gulped poor Rieter with falsehoods and prepared to reap a rich aftermath, but it has, I believe, proved bitter instead of sweet.

Attorney W. E. Thomas will close for the defense.

MUTE IS GRANTED DIVORCE; GIVES STORY IN SIGN LANGUAGE
With nimble fingers yesterday Charles J. Lindberg related to Circuit Judge Davis a tale of cruelty to which his wife had subjected him. Constable Andy Weinberger interpreted the sign language which Lindberg, who is a mute, was compelled to use. The divorce was granted. Constable Weinberger's parents are a father and a boy he learned the sign language. Lindberg is a plumber.

ACCUSED BY WOMAN OF LARCENY BY BAILEE
John B. Ryan, candidate at the last election for secretary of state, was complained against yesterday by Mrs. E. Hock, who charged him with the larceny by bailee of \$25. He has been released on his own recognizance. He declares that the woman paid him \$25 as a retainer and that he began divorce proceedings for her. Later, he said, she dropped the proceedings and demanded the money back but that he retained it as his fee. She claims that he failed to carry out the proceedings. The receipt given by Ryan shows that the money was given over to him and that the suit was never filed.



EXPRESS COMPANIES TO SEEK EXTENSION

Find It Impossible to Put New Schedules Into Effect by October 15.

That the express companies will put into effect in intra-state business the adjustment of rates made by the interstate commerce commission which are to become effective October 15 is the personal opinion of State Railroad Commissioner Clyde B. Aitchison.

Mr. Aitchison has received a letter from I. Waring, superintendent of the Great Northern Express company, from Seattle, in which it is stated that the companies will ask for an extension of time on the ground that they cannot comply with the new ruling by October 15. Mr. Waring said that it would be physically impossible to get the schedules ready by that time, as it will require 17 carloads of paper to print the schedules alone. He said that he would submit a statement of the company's attitude regarding local shipments within the state as soon as the officials can determine what steps they desire to take.

An investigation of the rates of the companies doing business in the state was started some time ago but was continued pending the settlement of the interstate commerce commission's investigation of the interstate rates of the companies. The companies doing the greater part of the local business are the Wells-Fargo Express company, the Great Northern Express company, the Northern Pacific Express company and the American Express company.

ASSISTS IN DEDICATION OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL

John Scott Mills, special representative of President E. D. Russell of the O. W. R. & N., returned from Montezuma, Wash., this morning, after assisting in the dedication of a new high school and speaking at the celebration in honor of the coming of the Harriman line and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

The jubilation began with a dinner at the leading hotel, under the auspices of the Montezuma Commercial club, at which Mr. Mills, Superintendent W. C. Albee of the Northern Pacific, and Mr. Louck of the Milwaukee told of the dedication. Governor E. R. Lister and several other speakers addressed the meeting at the high school auditorium. The meeting was then turned over to the commercial club and J. E. Calder, its president, introduced a number of local speakers who were followed by the visiting railroad men. The new building cost \$55,000 and an inspection on the part of the visitors brought out many expressions of praise.

The O. W. R. & N. sent its first train into Montezuma Decoration day and Milwaukee also has been there only a short time. This makes, with the Northern Pacific, three transcontinental lines for the town.

"WOODROW WILSON" IS LEADING IN CONTEST FOR KINGSHIP OF ELK HERD

Rivalry for the leadership of the herd of elk in Washington Park zoo is keen but in fights so far "Woodrow Wilson" has carried off most of the honors. "Woodrow Wilson" is the largest bull elk in the herd and took it upon himself to head the herd following the death of "Roosevelt" a few days ago. "Roosevelt" had been king. A third big elk, which it is planned to name "Taft," is also ambitious for the leadership.

Firemen's Band in Capital. Washington, Sept. 6.—The Portland fire department band will be here from the convention of fire chiefs in New York Sunday evening, remaining until Monday evening.

Found Not Guilty. A jury in Circuit Judge Cleeton's court this morning found John Longhi not guilty of placing his wife in a disorderly house.

MRS. PANKHURST IS COMING



Development topics and then the Pendleton Round-Up. This, in a nutshell, is the program of the Southwest Washington Development Association's program for next Thursday, when boosters for the Northwest from Portland, Astoria and all over Washington will gather at Goldendale for a one-day session. After midnight when the grand ball has closed, a special train will pull out for Pendleton, carrying most of the developers.

CHILE PROPOSES LEVY OF HIGH DUTY ON FIR FROM OREGON FOREST

Senator Chamberlain Accompanies J. N. Teal to Secretary Bryan to Enter Protest.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Sept. 6.—Senator Chamberlain declares he regards the proposal of Chile to levy a high duty on Douglas fir, commonly known as Oregon pine, as a serious menace to the lumber interests of the northwest.

"I had a conversation yesterday," he said, "with J. N. Teal in his capacity as vice president of the Chambers of Commerce of the United States. We laid the matter before Secretary Bryan, Mr. Teal having ascertained from various sources that the proposed law is being put forward in response to a demand by people in the southern part of Chile where there are large forests on a plea that they need the duty to protect them from competition by lumber from the northwest, but should this duty be levied it must be paid for by the whole people of Chile."

"It is not in any sense regarded as a retaliatory measure directed at the people of the United States yet it will seriously affect our lumbering interests which exported Oregon pine to Chile last year to the value of \$37,131. The grant duty collected at that port is equivalent to \$6.02 per 1000 feet, while the proposed duty will be equivalent to \$2.40. The state department will lay the matter before the Chilean government through its minister to this country."

Wenme Road Offered Forester.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Sept. 6.—Senator Chamberlain and J. N. Teal called on Chief Forester Graves and placed before him the proposal of E. Henry Wenme, owner of the Mount Hood road, to turn over to the government the forest reserve to the government. Forester Graves said that he was heartily in favor of the government accepting the road, terming it a patriotic offer which should be accepted. However, he said, it was more of a question of congressional work each year than of continued maintenance than of forest policy. The chief forester said further that he believed good roads should be built throughout national forests.

Chief of Engineers Interested. (Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Sept. 6.—Chief Engineers W. H. Bixby and Colonel Taylor were interviewed by Senator Chamberlain and J. N. Teal with respect to the improvement on the Columbia river bar. The chief engineer said he was quite familiar with the project and he manifested great interest in giving his callers the impression that he hoped to see the work so much desired by Portland carried out to an early successful conclusion. "We were greatly pleased with our interview," said Senator Chamberlain afterward.

MOTORCYCLE SPEEDER SENTENCED TO FIVE DAYS ON ROCKPILE

Caught speeding his motorcycle 50 miles an hour on Third street near Jefferson this morning, Thomas H. Hopkins, a machinist, was given a five day sentence on the rockpile by Municipal Judge Stevenson. Hopkins will serve the term. He pleaded guilty.

Congressman Sends Request.

Congressman Lafferty of Oregon has requested County Clerk Coffey to send him registration blanks stating that he will let the people of Oregon know with which political party he is affiliated. In his letter he said that he expects the extra session of congress will last until the regular session.

DEVELOPMENTS TO BE CONVENTION'S TOPIC

Boosters From Washington and Oregon to Meet at Goldendale, Thursday.

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The real business of the convention will begin next Thursday, although the company can take advantage of it by paying the city for the right-of-way proposed to be acquired. The streetcar officials say that it would be too expensive to build a line along the river front at present, but with the boulevarding Commissioner Brewster thinks that such a line would be established.

Early Thursday morning the delegates will register at the Central hotel and the first general meeting will begin at 9:30, in the Star theater. Mayor N. L. Ward will deliver the address of welcome and Harry Grass of Vancouver, will respond. W. D. Lyman of Walla Walla and Dr. Alfred Kinney of Astoria, secretary of the Oregon Immigration commission; C. E. Arney of Spokane; W. S. Stone of Tacoma, and T. H. Martin of Tacoma. Professor Charles Timblin of Spokane will discuss agricultural development and C. L. Smith of Portland, agriculturist of the O. W. R. & N., will urge better farming methods. C. T. Chamberlain and S. C. Lancaster of Portland will talk of the good roads problem.

MAN PLACED WHERE HE CAN'T GET "DRINK"

One hour out of jail and Nick Hanson lost his control over his thirst for liquor yesterday, whereupon Patrolman Cameron took him to the police station. "You promised me to quit drinking," said Judge Stevenson this morning, "and you're here. It's an awful hard thing to quit drinking when a man has had it as long as I have."

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SPLENDID BOULEVARD MAY REPLACE RIVER HIGHWAY IN ALBINA

Scenic Road Would Extend to Willamette Boulevard and Be Over Mile Long.

An elaborate boulevard system, which if established will be the finest in the city, is planned to replace the road along the Willamette river from Lower Albina to Willamette boulevard, more than a mile in length.

William L. Brewster, commissioner of public affairs and head of the park department, Park Superintendent Miesie and Robert G. Dieck, commissioner of public works, have had the scheme under consideration for several weeks and men in the city engineer's department are now working out plans for the proposed system.

Tentative plans call for three highways to be established in grades. At the greatest elevation above the river it is proposed to build a highway for all heavy traffic. Below this is to be a park strip through which will wind a boulevard and below this, nearest to the river, will be another grade to be reserved for streetcar tracks.

The cost of such a system has not been estimated yet, but Commissioner Brewster said this morning that the matter would soon be taken up with property owners along the proposed boulevard to see if some of the land necessary can be donated to the city.

At present there is a narrow road from Lower Albina winding around the hills to the Willamette Boulevard which highway has just been resurfaced. The road affords a splendid view of the Willamette river for several miles of the city.

RETIRE CAPITALIST BLOWN UP; DYNAMITE

House Wrecked by Explosive Placed Directly Under Aged Man's Bed.

(United Press Special Wire.) San Diego, Cal., Sept. 6.—Peter Hansen, an aged retired capitalist, residing on the outskirts of the city, was killed by a dynamite outrage which wrecked his house at 3:10 this morning.

The dynamite was placed on a sill in the house foundation at a place supposed to be directly under Hansen's bed. Hansen was the only occupant of the house last night, so far as is known.

Chief of Police Wilson said today that he believed the explosion was of black powder instead of dynamite. He added that Peter Peterson Hansen had long had socialist affiliations, but was at a loss to imagine a motive for the supposed crime.

RAILROAD PRESIDENT PICKS HOPS "FOR FUN"

President Robert E. Strahorn and General Superintendent George D. O'Connor, of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railroad, together with their wives, returned last night on a special train from Independence, where they saw at first hand the romance of the hop picking. After watching the nimble hands of the pickers pulling the fragrant blossoms, all four turned in and did some picking, too, enjoying the experience hugely.

LEFTY PERNOLL GIVEN RELEASE BY OAKLAND

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 6.—The Oakland club of the Pacific coast league today handed Pitcher "Hub" Pernoll and outfielder Schirm their unconditional releases. Pernoll's finish came yesterday when the Portland Beavers made six runs off his delivery in the ninth inning and Schirm has failed to show the form expected of him.

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