

COURT ADMITS WILL OF PIONEER TO PROBATE; \$184,000 VALUE GIVEN

Executor Is Instructed to Sell Estate and Distribute Proceeds of Same.

HAD NO NEAR RELATIVES

All the Legates Reside in the East, Each of Whom Will Share in Proceeds.

With an estimated value of \$184,000 the last will of the late Herman C. Leonard, Oregon pioneer business man, was admitted to probate today by Judge Cleaton. Chester V. Dolph is the executor and George D. Schalk and Carl Bengtson and E. D. Sigler were named as appraisers.

The executor is instructed to dispose of the estate, which lies in Multnomah county, and distribute the proceeds among the relatives of the deceased who reside in the east. Mr. Leonard leaves no immediate relatives. Two sisters, Emily C. and Laura A. of Oswego, N. Y., receive 210 shares of the 700 shares into which the estate is divided. Lewis H. Leonard, a nephew, Esther Leonard Underhill, grandniece, and her two sons, John and Herman Underhill; William B. Leonard, grandnephew; Mrs. Rhoda B. Van Noy and niece, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Right Rev. William Leonard of Cleveland, Ohio, receive shares in various proportions.

The will was made April 12, 1907, at Portland. A codicil was added January 17, 1913, naming Chester Dolph as executor, the former executor, R. G. Whitehouse of Portland, having died after the will had been drawn.

Suit Settled Out of Court.
Circuit Judge Gantenbein yesterday dismissed the \$25,000 alienation suit of Charles Haight against Bruce A. Bates, son of the late banker, George W. Bates. The case was compromised out of court for \$2,000, according to Seneca Pouts, attorney for the plaintiff.

Southern Pacific Increases Loading

Portland Division of Southern Pacific Sends Out 1000 More Cars in November Than Same Month in 1915.

One thousand more cars were loaded out on the Southern Pacific's Portland division during November, 1916, than during the same month of 1915, according to figures given out this morning by J. H. Dyer, assistant general manager.

In forest products, alone, 3173 cars were loaded last month, with only 2544 in November, 1915. This makes an increase, despite present car shortage conditions, of 629 cars.

Mr. Dyer said the cooperation of shippers with the company in meeting the car shortage has resulted in an average increase of four tons load per car. This extra loading is equivalent to the capacity of 800 cars, and, accordingly, that number were saved from the debit side of the car shortage ledger.

"The car shortage is slightly easier at this time," explained Mr. Dyer, "but we still have many more car orders than cars."

Instructors Guests At Student Dinner

Twenty-two Men in Food Preparation Class of O. A. C. Serve Banquet They Prepare to Women Teachers.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 23.—Twenty-two men in the elementary food preparation class at the Oregon Agricultural college, cooked and served a banquet in honor of their instructors and themselves in the domestic science building this week.

Miss Johnson and Miss Kalbus, instructors in domestic science at the college and directors of this course, were the guests of honor and expressed themselves as satisfied with the results of their teaching.

The men were responsible for the whole process involved in the banquet. They prepared the foods, cooked them, served them and washed up the dishes afterward. C. G. Tanner and J. R. Crowwhite, both of them members of the senior class, acted as host and head waiter, respectively.

Boy Released for Xmas.

Baker, Or., Dec. 23.—Wanting his son home for Christmas, the father of Ralph Bryant, confessed burglar, who robbed the Halfway store, secured bonds and an order for Bryant's release was phoned to the sheriff, with orders to see that Bryant, today, the stage for home. A special deputy will accompany him and turn him over to his parents. Bail was not secured for Eldon Leap, Bryant's alleged accomplice. Both are young boys, but are believed responsible for a half dozen recent burglaries at Halfway.

Lecture on Culture.

The regular vespers service will be held in the music studio of the University of Greater Portland, seventeenth and Lovejoy streets, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rev. J. K. Berry will give the address. Subject, "True Culture." Special music. All are cordially invited.

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Food Rioting At Dresden Is Reported

Police and Military Are Forced to Quell Women's Attack, According to Dispatches Received.

London, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—Serious food riots at Dresden in which police and military forces were used by the German authorities to quell the attack of a hundred women were reported in Rotterdam dispatches today to the Exchange Telegraph company. The riots occurred on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, it was asserted. On Tuesday three policemen were seriously wounded by the rioters.

The Rotterdam dispatch asserted that the women joined in a procession which stoned shops and marched past the palace shouting for food. The sharp fighting occurred Tuesday when the authorities sought to suppress the demonstration which at that time was joined in by a hundred women.

CHRISTMAS MAIL OF THIS YEAR ALREADY FOURTH OVER MARK

Postmaster General Orders Fast Freight Trains Used to Relieve Congestion.

Washington, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—Millions of pounds of mail are inundating the postoffice department all over the United States today, a part of the biggest job by 25 per cent that has brought Christmas season ever has brought postmasters.

Every postoffice in the country has been hit by the deluge. A hundred telegrams a day to the department have told of record mails and record obstacles to their delivery in every big town between New York and San Francisco.

Postmaster-General Burleson today ordered railroads to impress fast freight trains into service in an effort to catch up with the biggest volume of mail Mr. and Mrs. America have ever trusted to Santa Claus.

At the same time, mail superintendents at all stations were ordered to employ mailhandlers wherever they can be found, and to send the bills to the railroads, bound by contract to handle the mail and unable to get labor to do it.

Postoffice officials refused to make any estimate of the volume of mail. Chicago handled 2150 tons (4,300,000 pounds) in three days this week. One Chicago mail office house used 16,000 mail sacks and paid \$26,000 postage in one day.

Last year's mail made a record. This year's already has exceeded last year by 25 per cent.

Trains west of Buffalo are delayed anywhere from 12 to 24 hours, with a prospect of being 48 hours late when they pass St. Louis, which, with Chicago, is the worst point as regards delay.

Cousins Fight; One Goes to Hospital

Morris Silverman, stock buyer, residing at 444 Park street, was taken to St. Vincent's hospital at noon today, following a fight with his cousin, Michael Silverman, at Fourth and Alder streets, in which his left ankle was broken and dislocated. Silverman was found writhing on the pavement by Patrolman Niles. The cousin had disappeared. Silverman was taken to the city emergency hospital, where he said that the cousin had run his brother out of town, and that he had upbraided him for it, when the cousin struck him. The two grappled, and Morris Silverman was injured in falling on the sidewalk. Silverman is 30 years old. His cousin resides at the Washington hotel.

Broadway Theatre Will Open Tonight

Tonight at 8 o'clock James' Broadway theatre at Stark and Broadway will open its doors to the public. The play will be Lois Weber's "Idle Wives," one of the strongest dramatic efforts this talented author and director of "Hypocrites" has ever produced.

The reopening of the biggest playhouse in Portland as a motion picture house marks the conclusion of extended negotiations between E. P. James and the Blodgett estate followed by extensive remodeling and redecoration that has progressed night and day for the past week. The principal change the public will notice will be in the foyer, which has been beautified in remarkable contrast to the cold, cheerless marble ornamentation that was there before.

Another feature will be the use of girl ushers.

Uses Rifle as Dun; Fine Is Aftermath

When Alex. Senstrom last night discovered that he had been robbed of \$37 at Third and Everett streets, he grabbed a small rifle standing nearby and, pointing it at Joseph Dougherty, his companion, ordered him to return the money. Dougherty made the refund and then complained to the police, with the result that both were arrested on charges of being drunk and disorderly. Senstrom was fined \$20, but \$10 was refunded on his statement that he remembered nothing of the event.

Woman 83 Years Old Makes Travel Record

New York, Dec. 23.—(I. N. S.)—With a record of traveling 40,000 miles around the globe in the last two years, despite her 83 years, Mrs. Sofia Howard is contemplating further journeys. Mrs. Howard stopped here today for a rest before resuming her journey to her home in Los Angeles.

"I left Los Angeles two years ago, starting west," she said, "and I have traveled on every manner of conveyance from aeroplane to submarine. Just now I'm back from Panama, but I'll be back again soon."

CRANBERRY GROWERS COMBINE TO COMBAT INVASION FROM EAST

Local Product to Be Protected by Means of Northwest Interests Exchange.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 23.—Steps by which the cranberry growers of the lower Columbia section hope to protect themselves against invasion of the Pacific slope by the eastern product, through the organization of a Pacific Cranberry exchange, were taken last evening at a meeting of representatives of the Clatsop County, the Washington and the Clatsop County associations held at the Irving club.

In the Pacific Cranberry exchange will be the Washington Cranberry Growers' association of Long Beach, the Clatsop Cranberry association of Washington and the Clatsop Cranberry association. The three associations represent a crop for 1917 of 10,000 barrels, which the Pacific Cranberry exchange will market either through an affiliation with the American Cranberry exchange or through its own efforts.

It was decided that the exchange shall be incorporated under the laws of Oregon, with three directors, one of whom is to be chosen by each of the three associations. H. S. Gane of Long Beach was selected as temporary president, and Mr. Schmitt of Astoria, as temporary secretary.

The tentative plan embraces the organization or extension of good, strong associations in Washington and Oregon until virtually all the growers are cooperating. Representatives chosen by the member associations will then organize an exchange for handling their output, upon the principles that have been found in developing the market for citrus fruits in California.

Albany Wins Both High School Debates

Lebanon and Scio Teams Are Defeated in Bout on Question of Health Insurance; Lebanon in Second Place.

Albany, Or., Dec. 23.—Albany came out of the first debate of the Oregon high school debating league last night with a clean slate, winning unanimous decisions from Lebanon and Scio high schools. The subject was health insurance.

The debate at Albany was won by a three to nothing vote of the judges by Misses Velma Kizer and Mable Anderson over Misses Lovina Bauman and Florence Smith of Scio. The judges were Dean John Straub, University of Oregon; Professor Frederick Bercholdt and Professor L. B. Baldwin of Oregon Agricultural college.

At Lebanon, the Albany negative team won, consisting of Arlin Pitman and Harold Michelson. The judges at Lebanon were Professor Ben Williams, University of Oregon; Dean Alden, Willamette, and Rev. James of Lebanon. Lebanon took a second place from Scio at the latter city.

Former Engineer of East Side Is Dead

The police are conducting a search for Miss Irene Weber, thought to be a teacher in the Portland schools, to give notification that her father, William T. Weber, former Portland civil engineer, died at Newport Beach Wednesday. Mr. Weber was city engineer of old East Portland in the '80s, and in that capacity mapped out many of the present east side streets. The daughter is supposed to be about 44 years old now, and school officials notified Detective Hawley that she had moved to the east some time ago. Mr. Weber died without funds.

Held Annual Festival

On Sunday afternoon, December 24, 1916, at 2:30 o'clock, the annual Chonuka festival will be held at Congregation Novah Zedek Talmud Torah at Sixth and Hall streets.

Principals: A. Rosenkrantz, Misses Idah Solomon, Idah Fendel and Nettie Solomon, Sunday school teachers, have prepared their pupils to perform before the ceremony of Chonuka, followed by a banquet given by the Ladies auxiliary. All are welcome.

Fire Damages Poolroom.

Fire seriously damaged a poolroom and soft-drink establishment run by E. Sobolewski at 515 Northrup street, about 11 o'clock last night. The blaze originated from an overheated stove, a stack of wood piled near by catching fire after the place had been closed for the night. The fire burned a hole in the floor and adjoining walls.

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Bond of the State Treasurer Reduced

Governor Withycombe Makes Sum \$200,000 Instead of \$250,000—Money Well Distributed Among Banks.

Salem, Or., Dec. 23.—Because it will save the state \$1000 in insurance premium in the next biennium, and because there is no great risk of default on the part of the state treasurer, Governor Withycombe this morning reduced the bond of Treasurer Kay from \$250,000 to \$200,000.

Subordinates in the treasurer's office are required to give bonds totaling \$50,000, so that the total bond for the treasurer's department is \$250,000. The reduction was optional with the governor, as the law provides for a minimum bond of \$50,000. Former Governor West raised it to \$250,000, but as the bonds are deposited in 50 different banks, each of which gives a bond, and as the treasurer deposits not more than \$150,000 in any one bank, the risk of the state is considered small.

No money can be secured from state funds without two signatures, the state treasurer and the cashier, so that no one could get away with funds without collusion. During the past two years the treasurer's office has not lost the state anything, on account of the interest received from funds deposited in the 50 banks, which amounted to \$49,000, while the biennium expense was only \$38,000.

Chiropractors Can't Operate.

Salem, Or., Dec. 23.—Chiropractors in the state of Oregon are not allowed to administer anesthetics or perform operations, according to an opinion of Attorney-General Brown this morning, in reply to a query from George Hoey, president of the chiropractic board.

Senate Door Guard For 40 Years Dies

Washington, Dec. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Frank G. Jones, for more than 40 years the police guardian at the door of the senate, dropped dead today. Heart trouble is supposed to have been the cause.

The veteran of the capitol police force has known thousands of public men, and at one time was a protégé of General Grant. His home was Rockport, Ind.

TORREON IS CAPTURED BY VILLISTA TROOPS AFTER BRIEF BATTLE

Stroke Places Bandit Chief at Height of Power Since Pershing Pursuit Was Begun.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—Villa is today in possession of Torreon, the most important railway center in northern Mexico. At 1 o'clock yesterday the bandit forces marched into the city.

In an early morning assault yesterday the Villistas met with a brief resistance from the Carranzista garrison, which then abandoned the city.

Authentic reports of the fall of Torreon were obtained by United States department agents here during the night and transmitted to Washington. Despite the silence of the Mexican consulate, United States authorities here appear sure of their ground.

This stroke places Villa at the height of his power since General Pershing's expedition chased his broken bands into Durango.

Through "underground" sources mining men here learned additional details of the Carranzista disaster. With six troop trains, the bandit chief passed through Bermejo after the government forces had hastily withdrawn into Torreon.

Led by Colonel Fernandez, the Villistas started their attacks upon the Coahuila metropolis through Gomez Palacio and Lerdo before daybreak yesterday. They met with desultory resistance from the Carranza forces, meantime the government garrison, estimated at from 1000 to 3000 men, evacuating the city.

Americans Leave City.

Several Americans in charge of three foreign owned enterprises fled to Aguas Calientes before the attack began. Perceiving preparations for evacuation, the Villistas waited until the garrison of Torreon had made good its escape. Shortly after noon Villa's followers occupied the city. All lines of communication north are now held by the bandit chief.

Advices today place General Salazar, next in command to Villa, south of Chihuahua City in a strategic position, holding General Murguia in the

Will Not Oppose the Tacoma Proposition

Chamber of Commerce Committee Convinced That American Lake Offers Vary Agreeable Site.

No opposition will be offered by the special Vancouver brigade post committee of the Chamber of Commerce to the Tacoma plan to donate 70,300 acres at American lake to the government as a mobilization and maneuver post, said Emory Olmstead, chairman of the committee, yesterday evening.

"We find that the matter is all settled, so far as the war department is concerned," said Mr. Olmstead. "We also recognize the suitability of the area for the government's purposes, and cannot help but believe that the establishment of maneuver and mobilization grounds at American lake is for the best interests of the country."

"The committee is busily engaged providing itself with information that will aid it in securing greater recognition and equipment for the Vancouver

Railroads Suffering From Lack of Coal

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—Railroad trunk lines running through Des Moines may have to curtail service seriously because of coal shortage, if miners take their annual lay-off during the holiday season, a high official of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad stated this afternoon.

Coal Supplies Are Low.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—All railroads west of Chicago face the possibility of being forced to cease, or at least curtail operations, if coal miners take their annual lay-off during the holiday season, a high official of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad stated this afternoon.

"We believe that Vancouver post should be maintained and enlarged, independent of the American Lake plans."



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