

ARNOLD MOORE SEEKS TO LEARN IF FATHER LEFT ANY PROPERTY

Administrator of Estate of Late Banker Inquires of Investment Company.

WIDOW DENIES HOLDINGS

Mrs. Walter Moore Says Husband Was Not Owner Within Three Years of Period of His Death.

Inquiry into the business affairs of the late Walter H. Moore, one of the directors of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank was made before County Judge Tazwell this morning, on behalf of the son, Arnold Moore, who believes that there may be some property left from the financial crash which, it was declared, had wrecked the Moore fortune.

Mrs. Laura Moore, widow of Walter Moore, while on the witness stand, declared as she recalled "how her husband, to meet the demands of creditors of the bank, had turned over his own private holdings in real estate, Vernon tract of land, inquiries were also made about certain loans that are said to have been made in exchange for which bonds were received. This money, it appears, was furnished by the Moore Investment company.

The witness, who said she was a stockholder in the company, denied that her husband had owned stock in the concern within a period of three years of his death. Attorney Cole sought to bring out the fact that Moore had gone ahead with certain business schemes, exercising the guiding hand, following the restitution which he had made at his own personal sacrifice.

Attorney J. Bowerman appeared for the estate. The son is administrator of the estate.

TONGUES WOULDN'T JIBE

Husband and Wife, Principals in Suit, Require Interpreter.

Unusual proceedings of a wife and husband being able to understand each other in a court hearing only through the medium of an official interpreter, featured the prosecution of George Stumpas on a non-support charge before Circuit Judge Robert Tucker this morning.

The couple have been married something over a year. The husband is a Bohemian and the wife is an Italian, by birth. They have a minor child and the wife alleged that he had failed to support it. The man and wife are now separated.

Judge Tucker sentenced Stumpas, who is a waiter by occupation, to six months in the county jail and then paroled him on condition that he would pay over to the wife a monthly allowance for the maintenance of the child. "I have no sympathy with a husband who will not support his own child," said Judge Tucker. "In this case I am willing, however, to allow the offender one more opportunity. But should he violate the agreement to care for the child I will force him to serve out his time in jail."

HELD IN SANITARIUM, SUES

Plaintiff Alleges False Imprisonment and Mistreatment.

Trial of the suit for \$20,000 damages brought by Sanford Zuckerman against the Morningside sanitarium and Dr. Henry Coe and Viola Coe occupied the session of Circuit Judge Tucker Tuesday. The plaintiff alleges false imprisonment and incarceration. She was committed July 7, 1914, and was released on September 1, 1914.

The complainant declared on the witness stand that she was mistreated

while an inmate of the sanitarium. The woman was formerly a hospital nurse and Red Cross worker, and, according to her testimony, served in Cuba during the Spanish-American war and in South Africa during the Boer war. She has made several visits to Alaska, and at the time of her commitment from there she was engaged in the undertaking of promoting a hospital, she says. During her incarceration here she made her escape at one time by climbing out of a window.

She declares that while at the institution the attendants there burned up her private letters and receipts. She claims to have had personal acquaintance with Clara Barton, Jack London, Joaquin Miller, Rex Beach and other well-known people in the realm of literature and charitable work.

Attorney Isaac Sweet, a witness for the plaintiff, said that he had visited the woman at the Morningside sanitarium and talked with her, and that at that time he believed her to be sane. On cross-examination, however, he said, in response to a question from Attorney A. E. Clark, "that, judging from the injudicious answers she gave to counsel's questions in this action, her condition now is as good as it was when she was at the sanitarium."

JAS. D. HONEYMAN EXECUTOR

Judge Tazwell Appoints Him as Executor of Estate.

Under the terms of the will of the late Jane C. Honeyman, the pioneer Portland hardware man, James D. Honeyman will act as executor of the document, his appointment having been made by County Judge George Tazwell. Mrs. Honeyman left personal property valued at \$50,000.

The bequests in the will of the late Jane C. Honeyman, chief beneficiary, \$10,000 and all of the jewelry, silverware and china; to Mildred Honeyman, Grace Honeyman, Helen Honeyman, Jane Honeyman, granddaughters, \$500 each; to Ronald Honeyman, William Honeyman and David Honeyman, grandsons, \$500 each; to the four sons, Thomas D. Honeyman, James D. Honeyman, Walter B. Honeyman and David T. Honeyman, equal shares in the remainder.

There is a provision that the daughter's share shall be held in trust for her by the sons, the deceased, Thomas D. Honeyman and James D. Honeyman, during her lifetime, and at her death the share may be disposed of by will.

Husband a "Chronic Grouch." Declaring that her husband is "selfish and that he has compelled her to get down on her knees to him and beg for clothes," Elizabeth Dickey has filed suit for divorce from Wesley Dickey.

The wife recites a long list of alleged indignities which she says she has been made to suffer. Among these charges are "that the husband is a chronic grouch, and that he has gone for weeks without noticing the wife or speaking to her; that he is a fault-finder and that it has been impossible to please him." Plaintiff asks to be awarded a one-third interest in a farm in Lane county which she says her husband has \$1000 in the bank.

Brings Suit to Annul.

Joseph Simon has filed suit against the city of Portland, asking the court to declare null and void certain street improvement assessments and restraining the sale by the city of the land declared to have become delinquent. The property in question is at East Thirty-seventh and Belmont streets. The amount of the assessment claimed by the city is \$100.27. Mr. Simon had refused to pay the assessments, claiming his property, consisting of about five acres, is not directly benefited by the Laurelhurst improvements, in which district the assessments were made.

S. P. Sues for Freight Charge.

Action for \$102.53 damages has been filed in the circuit court by the Southern Pacific Railroad company against the Pearson Page company, the suit being to collect a balance alleged to be due in freights for shipments of oranges from Fair Oaks, Cal., to Portland. The freight rate charged was 45 cents a hundred pounds.

New Divorce Suits Filed.

New divorce suits have been filed in the circuit court as follows: Edda Tichenor, L. Tichenor vs. Edda Tichenor. The couple were married in Kansas in 1906; desertion is alleged. Esther L. Davis vs. Charles Davis. The marriage took place in Oregon in 1908; de-

LEGISLATURE WILL BE ASKED TO STRENGTHEN MOTHERS' PENSION LAW

Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers Association Prepare Bills.

BLANKS BEING FIXED UP

Aid Will Be Granted Only When It Will Result in Keeping Parent at Home With Children.

Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—With a view to making the mothers' pension law a real instrument for the preservation of the home, the Oregon Congress of Mothers and the Parent-Teacher association have prepared a set of amendments to correct defects in the present law. These amendments, in the shape of a bill, are scheduled to be presented to the senate this afternoon.

To meet the situation arising from a recent decree of the supreme court, giving judges no discretionary power in the administration of the mothers' pension law, the new amendments would make the wording of the law exceedingly specific. If a judge is to be allowed no discretion, say the framers of the bill, they will make the provisions of the law such that he will need no discretionary powers.

When Relief Granted.

The most striking of the proposed changes is the provision that relief shall be granted to a mother only when in the absence of such relief she would be required to work regularly away from her home and children, and when by means of such relief she will be enabled to remain at home.

An exception is made that a mother may be absent for work a definite number of days each week, to be specified in an order of court, when such work can be done by her without the sacrifice of health or the neglect of home or children.

Other Changes Proposed.

Other proposed amendments to the laws are that income of immediate members of a family shall be taken into consideration in determining the amount of a pension, that the applicant's home shall not exceed in value \$1000, that the amount of a mother's income shall be subtracted from the amount of pension she should receive if she had no income, and that a father mentally or physically incapacitated from work must be removed from the home if he is judged a menace to the health or morals of the children.

Circuit Judge Tazwell of Portland is preparing a set of uniform application blanks for all counties of the state. These blanks are designed to be used with the pension law after it receives the proposed changes.

section is alleged. Anna Earl vs. J. B. Earl. This is a suit for annulment of the marriage bonds on the grounds that the wedding took place within one year from the date of the interlocutory decree of nullity obtained by the plaintiff in California.

Plaintiff Wins Suit.

Alan Green has been awarded \$2578 damages in his suit against C. Helm, as result of the purchase of some cattle which the plaintiff alleged were tubercular. A number of cows were condemned and killed by the state as being unfit. Green had sued for \$4500 damages.

Kunz Will Probated.

Judge Tazwell has admitted to probate the will of the late Alexander Kunz. The court had been a witness to the document. The estate is valued at \$1000.

Engineer Back From East.

Thomas Humphrey, engineer of maintenance of way for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, returned this morning from an extended trip through the east, coming by way of San Francisco. He was accompanied by members of his family and was absent for several weeks.

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Halfmasting Flag On Postoffice Is Forbidden by Rule

Because the flag above the postoffice building is not at half mast, the flag is in observance of Admiral Dewey's death, inquirers have been made to the postoffice officials in Portland concerning the seeming laxity. The flag is never half masted, it is found, except upon orders from Washington and no such orders have been received. Only upon the death of great men close in station to the president are such orders issued it was stated. The last time that federal flags were half masted was when Mrs. Woodrow Wilson died.

FIRST BILL THROUGH BOTH HOUSES CARRIES PAY FOR LEGISLATORS

Appropriation of \$25,000 Is Just "Starter" to See Session Is Provided For.

Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—The first bill to be passed by both branches of the twenty-ninth legislative assembly originated in the house and went through the senate today with a flourish.

It was the bill which appropriates \$25,000 to apply on the expenses of the legislature itself. Senator Wood, chairman of the ways and means committee, pointed out that this bill is but the starter, as he said, of the session likely will follow.

He read a statement showing the expenses of the 1915 session. This statement showed that at the last session the senate employed stenographers and clerks at a cost of \$32,389.50, and the house employed 111 clerks and stenographers at a cost of \$18,092, making a total of \$50,481.50.

Hopes for Best.

This is by far the largest item connected with the expenses of the legislature. Speaking of the total expense for the 1915 session, Senator Wood said he hoped the present session would keep within that sum.

Turned down yesterday by the house, which refused to approve a resolution providing for a joint committee on consolidation of boards and commissions, the senate today passed a resolution providing for the appointment of its own committee of five members.

Senator Eddy offered an amendment to the effect that the committee be authorized to conduct a similar committee appointed by the house, but the senate did not look with favor upon the suggestion.

Committee Is Appointed.

"The house has not passed any such resolution," said Senator Orton, "and I don't think we should beg the house to work with us."

President Moser announced the appointment of the committee on the consolidation of boards and commissions. The committee is composed of Senators Dimick, chairman; Barrett, Cusick, Hurley and Orton.

The senate passed Representative Simon's bill for uniform application blanks for use of the United States to create throughout the United States a settlement against the 45 year age limit in civil service.

Five senate bills of minor importance were passed. They were senate bill 49, providing that indebtedness prospective juror and a litigant shall be grounds for challenge; senate bill 46, relating to the filling of liens for farm labor; senate bill 45, relating to the filling of liens for harvesting crops; senate bill 41, authorizing school boards to enter into contracts with the state normal relating to the use of public schools for practice schools; senate bill 40, relating to the docking of judgments and transcripts.

Attorney Reames Leaves for Seattle

United States District Attorney Clarence L. Reames, acting upon telegraphic instructions received Tuesday, left for Seattle late this morning, to act as special prosecutor in the case of the Billingsley brothers' bootlegging ring, now before the federal authorities. Reames' appointment as special prosecutor comes as a aftermath to the controversy between United States Attorney Clay Allen and Mayor H. Gill of Seattle, both of whom requested the department of justice in Washington for a special attorney to handle the case. The indicted Billingsleys accused the city officials of accepting immunity money.

Army Posts Want Aid for Encampment

A committee of the Portland posts of the Grand Army of the Republic will go to Salem Thursday to ask the legislature for a small appropriation for the year 1918, that will enable the posts to bid actively for the 1918 grand encampment of the army. The committee believes the legislature would be better minded for such an appropriation for next year than this, because of the constitutional provision allowing a 6 per cent tax increase for each succeeding year.

Alexander Hearing Postponed.

Resumption of hearing of the charges against Mrs. Alevis Alexander, deposed principal of the Benson Polytechnic school for girls, which was to have taken place Tuesday night, has been postponed indefinitely. The members of the board of education and Superintendent Alderman, School Clerk Thomas and School Architect Naramore went to Tacoma Tuesday to attend a conference of school boards. Mrs. Alexander has gone to Idaho to visit a sister who is said to be seriously ill.

Italian Stabber Bound Over. Giacomo Brusco, Italian laborer, who fatally stabbed Garnet Stark, a friend and neighbor, in a quarrel at Milwaukie and South avenues on Sunday night, was bound over to the grand jury by Municipal Judge Languth this morning on a charge of manslaughter. Brusco's attorney waived preliminary examination.

TANNER CREEK BIDS MAY BE INVESTIGATED BY CITY COMMISSION

Alleged Peculiarities in Prices Offered in Three Successive Calls Are Noted.

ONE INCREASES HIS PRICE

Gieslich & Joplin Made Reduction on Second Proposal Only to Jump It Again on Third Bid.

An investigation of the bidding by contractors on the Tanner Creek sewer project may come as result of alleged peculiarities noted in prices offered in three successive bidings. New proposals were opened today after bids were opened and rejected twice previously.

In the case of one contractor his prices have varied strangely with each bidding, his first bid being considered excessive, his second bid a few thousands dollars less and his bid opened today higher than either of his first two bids.

It is probable, however, that the contract will be awarded to J. F. Shei and William Lin, who previously had not bid on the work. They submitted the lowest price among the three submitted today. Their price for reconstructing the sewer is \$303,300.80 and is the lowest figure submitted in the three biddings.

Jacobson-Jensen offered to do the work when bids were first opened at a figure of more than \$380,000. They did not bid when bids were opened for the second time, but they came back today with an offer of \$303,321, which is nearly \$80,000 less than the figure originally submitted.

Gieslich & Joplin bid originally \$309,000. They also bid in the second bidding, and the price was about \$600 less. The bid submitted today was for \$309,173.90.

The variety of prices offered was the subject of comment at the city hall this morning, and it was intimated that an investigation might be held to determine whether or not there was anything in the rumors of a combination among contractors to keep the prices up.

Vacant Lots to Be Listed.

All members of the council today agreed to the plan suggested by Commissioner Baker and City Auditor Barber for the use of vacant lots for raising garden produce. A list of vacant lots is to be prepared by Auditor Barber and those desiring to secure the use of the lots will be put in touch with the property owners. City proposes to have the property owners allow tenants the use of the vacant lots without charge.

Relics to Be Photographed.

Indian relics in the city museum are to be photographed for cataloging by the Smithsonian Institution, according to a decision reached by the council today, when it took up the city proposal that it be done under the direction of Dr. Leo J. Frachtenberg of the institution.

Election of Directors Is Held by Y. M. C. A.

Seven of the 21 directors were elected at the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. at noon today to serve for three years. Rising votes of thanks were given to H. W. Stone, general secretary; A. M. Grille, physical director, who has a call to the Detroit association; and Stanley Baker, employment secretary, who goes to Los Angeles, for their excellent work of the past year.

The following are the new directors with the number of years each has served: Robert Linn, 25; A. L. Veszie, 25; W. Lawrence, 25; C. A. Morden, 4; Fletcher Linn, 15; E. B. MacNaughton, 7. A. J. Bale, manager of the Pacific Coast Biscuit company, was elected to succeed R. F. Barnes, resigned.

Autographed Invitations Received.

Souvenir invitations to the St. Paul Outdoor Carnival, opened last night, today bear the autographed signatures of officials of the Great Northern railway well known in Portland—George H. Smith, now assistant traffic manager of the road at St. Paul, formerly as assistant general freight agent here; Cal E. Stone, formerly general traffic manager of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship company and now passenger traffic manager of the Great Northern; W. P. Kenney, vice president, and Louis W. Hill, president and chairman of the board of directors. The carnival will be held at St. Paul from January 27 to February 3.

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Portland Can Accept Rose Test Gardens

Organization of Local Association of National Society Perfected at Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

Organization of the Portland Association of the National Rose Society was completed yesterday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce by the election of former United States Senator F. W. Mulkey as president. Other officers selected are: First vice-president, Mrs. Harriet Hendee; second vice-president, Dr. L. B. Andrews; secretary, William S. Nash; treasurer, Mrs. T. G. Greene.

The association is now in position to accept from the National Rose society the honor of being the western rose garden city. Copies of the constitution of the local chapter, of the minutes of the organization, meeting and the complete roster to date of some 500 names, representing 100 different civic societies, will be sent to the national society for its action in establishing the western test gardens.

Officers of the association announce that others interested in the movement may enroll in the association during the next few days and have their names on the charter roll that is to be sent east.

MESSAGE IS SENT BY WILSON TO CONGRESS ON DEATH OF DEWEY

President Pays High Tribute to Memory of Admiral, Telling of Service.

Washington, Jan. 17.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson sent the following special message on the death of Admiral George Dewey to congress this afternoon:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives: "It is with the deepest regret that I announce to the congress the death of Admiral George Dewey at 5:56 o'clock on the afternoon of yesterday, the sixteenth of January, at his residence in this city.

"Admiral Dewey entered the naval service of the country as acting midshipman from the First Congressional district of Vermont, September 23, 1854; was graduated from the naval academy as midshipman, June 1, 1858; served with distinction throughout the war of 1861 to 1865, and 30 years later had risen to the rank of commodore.

It was as commodore that he rendered the service in the action at Manila bay, which has given him a place forever memorable in the naval annals of the country. At the time of his death he held the exceptional rank of admiral of the navy by special act of congress.

During the later years of his life he was honored president of the general board of the navy to which duties he gave the most assiduous attention and in which office he rendered a service to the navy quite invaluable in its certainty and quality of practical capacity.

"It is pleasant to recall what qualities gave him his well-deserved fame. His practical directness, his courage without self-consciousness, his efficient capacity in matters of administration, his readiness to fight without asking any questions or hesitating about any details. It was by such qualities that he continued and added luster to the best traditions of the navy. He had the stuff in him which all true men admire and upon which all statesmen must depend in hours of peril. The people and the government of the United States will always rejoice to perpetuate his name in all honor and affection. (Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

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LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT SECRETARY TO MEET PORTLAND CLERGYMEN

Plans for Conference and Dinner Feb. 14 and 15 Will Be Discussed.

E. Guy Talbott, of Los Angeles, Pacific coast secretary of the laymen's missionary movement and executive secretary of the California State Church federation, will meet with Portland clergymen and laymen at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow noon to discuss plans for a laymen's missionary conference and dinner to be held in this city February 14 and 15.

Mr. Talbott, who arrived in Portland this morning, is in charge of the work of organization for the entire Pacific coast, the series of conference and decennial dinners planned coming as a follow-up campaign to the conventions held all over the country last year.

Conferences and dinners will be held in ten Pacific coast cities, beginning in Spokane February 8, and winding up in San Diego March 3.

Prominent Men to Speak.

This is the tenth year since the organization of the laymen's movement and the decennial dinners are in the nature of celebrations as well as campaigns.

Speakers for the coast conferences and dinners include Herbert S. Johnson of Boston, William E. Doughty of New York and Frederick A. Agar, "The Missionary Review of the World."

Herbert S. Johnson was for 16 years pastor of the great Warren Avenue Baptist church. He is a special secretary of the Baptist board of foreign missions.

Frederick A. Agar is a former medical missionary to Africa who is now field secretary of the United States missionary campaign of the Northern Baptist convention.

Dr. Ernest Hall of the Presbyterian mission board, and Dr. Henry H. Kelley, Pacific coast secretary of the Congregational Missionary society, both of San Francisco, are associated in the Pacific coast campaign.

When the laymen's missionary movement was inaugurated the churches of the United States and Canada were giving \$8,120,725 for foreign missions. In 1915 they gave \$18,793,000, a gain of more than \$10,000,000.

Railway Men Promoted.

George R. Webster, city passenger agent of the Milwaukee railroad, has been promoted to contracting freight agent, succeeding P. J. Peckens, transferred to the Seattle office. George West, formerly chief clerk in the local office, is made passenger agent.

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