

WESTON MAN HAS TWO LEGAL WIVES DUE TO COURT ACT

Pendleton, Dec. 21.—Either the statutes of the state of Oregon have been cheated or George E. Carmichael of Weston is legally in possession of two wives. One or the other is true and either way it turns out Carmichael stands to lose.

These facts were brought to light here Tuesday when the case of Mabel Carmichael, the initial spouse, against George Carmichael was heard before Judge Gilbert W. Phelps. She is asking that a divorce decree granted her husband be set aside so that she may institute proceedings and herself obtain a decree.

Carmichael, according to the evidence in the case, some six months ago told his wife that he no longer loved her and would not object should she go to Seattle and stay there six months. He then filed suit for divorce in the circuit court there, and was given a decree, the records show. The first wife then appealed the case to the supreme court and the decree was set aside as having been obtained by duress. Mrs. Carmichael alleging that she had been prevented from coming to Pendleton to contest the case, because her husband threatened her with death if she did. After the six months period was up Carmichael married, it was brought out in court. If the original decree granted Carmichael is not sustained he will be guilty of bigamy, it is said.

Apoplexy Fatal to The Dalles Woman

The Dalles, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Carrie Eldridge Rorick, whose husband, J. T. Rorick, is president of the local water commission, vice president of the state chamber of commerce and vice president of the association formed to bridge the Columbia river here, died suddenly Tuesday, following an attack of apoplexy.

Pretty Girl Gives Man Smack for His Place in Long Line

Denver, Colo., Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—A pretty girl walked into the postoffice here today and gaped at the prospect of waiting an hour to mail a package when she saw the long line before the window.

"What will Ralph think when I can't meet him," she exclaimed. "Well, what will you give me for my place?" asked a man near the head of the line.

"One big kiss," the girl said. The kiss was given, the girl took her place near the head of the line and the smiling man took the last position.

She was 63 years old. Her son, Estell Rorick, who won a commission in the air service during the war, is president of the freshman class at Oregon Agricultural college. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Schools Closed by Diphtheria Epidemic

Pendleton, Dec. 21.—Due to the number of cases of diphtheria in Echo, 24 miles west of here, the schools have been closed and the teachers are leaving for their homes. It may be that the community Christmas tree program will not be held and that all public gatherings will be prohibited. The George J. Mitchell residence has been quarantined, as are the Templeton, Bloom and Wimer homes. No one is reported seriously ill as yet and steps are being taken to stamp out the epidemic, reports from Echo indicate.

CHRISTMAS ADDRESS GIVEN

Freewater, Dec. 21.—Rev. H. C. Stover, pastor of the Federated church, gave a Christmas address Sunday night. Next Sunday morning will be given over to the children of the Sunday school and at the evening service a sacred concert will be given by the choir.

While sitting in his home at Spokane reading a magazine last Friday, George S. Brooke, founder of the Fidelity National bank, was stricken with apoplexy, dying soon after without regaining consciousness.

TWO NOTES REVEAL TRAGEDY PLANNED

Astoria, Dec. 21.—"If I die cremate my body and deposit the ashes with those of my mother in Portland." These words, dated Sunday, were written in the handwriting of Mrs. Ed Kuhnert across her marriage certificate. Scrawled below them was, "I don't give a damn what you do with mine," signed by Ed Kuhnert. This developed at the coroner's inquest Tuesday night over the bodies of the couple.

Within 26 hours of the time Mrs. Kuhnert wrote she was lying dead on the porch of her home, her throat cut by a razor in the hands of her husband, who afterward killed himself with the razor and a revolver bullet.

Mrs. Kuhnert evidently wrote the message shortly before she left her home at 4 o'clock Sunday morning for a hotel. Her husband slew her when she returned to their home Monday afternoon. The couple were married in the spring of 1916 at Portland by Dr. John H. Boyd. The crime was apparently premeditated, as two notes were found in Kuhnert's pockets directing the disposition of his property, which he ordered should go to Ed Kuhnert Jr. of Baton Rouge, La. It has become apparent that Mrs. Kuhnert had determined to separate from her husband because it devolved upon her largely to support the family. Brooding over the impending breakup of his home is thought to have driven Kuhnert to murder and suicide.

At one time Mrs. Kuhnert left the revolver with which Kuhnert shot himself with a neighbor, saying that her husband had threatened her life.

Representative of Vets Says Disabled Men Well Treated

Seattle, Dec. 21.—Treatment and conditions affecting 710 disabled veterans in Pacific Northwest hospitals at the present time are very good, according to Norman W. Engle, American Legion representative in the United States Veterans' bureau here, upon his return from a hospital investigation trip in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Mr. Engle stated that the government is to be urged to bring about rapid completion of the Walla Walla hospital which is planned on the Fort Walla Walla site. The purpose of this action is to eliminate the need of putting former service men and women in contract hospitals, where 240 of the total number are now being treated.

Mr. Engle announced that the three "clean-up squads" in Washington, Oregon and Idaho have brought to the veterans' bureau a total of 2200 active claims for disability compensation or vocational training.

Found Dead in Snow; Was Hunting Stock

Roseburg, Dec. 21.—William Gross of Yoncalla was found dead in the snow about eight miles from that place Tuesday morning. He was out hunting stock at the time and it is not known how he met his death. He was 65 years old and a pioneer resident of Yoncalla.

Mental Breakdown Among Veterans of Northwest Gaining

Seattle, Dec. 21.—A substantial increase in the number of mental breakdowns among war veterans of the Pacific Northwest during the last few weeks was shown in a report made today by medical officers of the United States veterans' bureau in Seattle.

There are 107 former service men now confined in the Stellanco hospital, an increase of 25 within the last 10 weeks. Aside from this, there are approximately 50 more mentally unbalanced who are watched by parents or guardians. The Sweet bill recently passed by congress calls for the hospitalization of veterans who show signs of weakened mentality within two years after separation from the service. Medical officials in this district stated that they expect a steady increase in the number of mental breakdowns. A small percentage of the number hospitalized are ever released as cured, it was stated.

BOY SCOUTS GIVE PROGRAM

Cove, Dec. 21.—The Boy Scouts gave a short program Thursday. The guests of the evening were the troop committee, scout masters and parents of the boys.

TODD, BYRON FACE ANOTHER CHARGE

A secret federal grand jury indictment returned last Friday against John W. Todd, former superintendent of public instruction at Salem, and Carlos L. Byron, ex-convict and fugitive from justice, became known Tuesday when Todd appeared before United States Commissioner Kenneth Frazer and posted \$5000 bond for his release.

The new indictment charges Todd with an offense similar to that charged in his former indictment—use of the mails to defraud. Todd and Byron are alleged to have agreed to furnish about 131 residents of Marion county with information that would put them into possession of valuable timber claims in return for \$1000. A deposit of \$500 was taken when the contract was signed. During Todd's recent trial in the federal court, when the jury acquitted him on three counts and disagreed on a fourth count, it was shown that but one person had secured a claim.

Todd denied having any part in a fraudulent scheme, contending that he acted in good faith, and had himself been victimized by Byron. All responsibility for the transaction was laid upon

Robber Cleans Out Till of Druggist

Wearing a gaudy artificial mustache, a lone robber entered the T. W. Scott drug store, 915 East Gilliam street, early Tuesday evening, and brandished a revolver in the face of P. A. Hunt, clerk in charge. The latter was forced to stand by while the robber scooped \$50.25 from the cash till. Police have no clues to the robber other than Hunt's description.

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