

WINS \$450,000 HEART BALM FOR PROMISE BREACH

Detroit, (AP)—Unless a new trial is granted by Judge Homer Ferguson a judgment against John H. Castle for \$450,000 will be entered after 20 days in favor of Miss Bertha Cleavenger, in accordance with the jury's verdict in her \$750,000 breach of promise suit.

The verdict against Castle, who is 37 years old and is a wealthy real estate operator, is believed to have established a new high figure in a breach of promise case. Judge Ferguson expressed the opinion that the award doubles the largest previous one. He referred to the \$225,000 verdict in the O'Brien-Manning case in New York, which was subsequently reduced by the court to \$125,000.

Eight women and four men comprised the jury which made the award to the 43-year-old woman who met Castle when she operated a rooming house and he was a worker in the Ford Motor company factory. The six weeks of testimony in the trial revealed a long association which began one fall day in 1927, when Castle, coming from Evansville, Ind., sought a room at the woman's house.

Miss Cleavenger said the two became engaged within six weeks and that she loaned Castle \$1000 which he used in climbing the ladder of success. He admitted receiving \$1,000 which he said he repaid.

Castle, who had been taking a correspondence course in Salesmanship, began selling automobiles and real estate "on the side" and in the course of a few years was a big operator, a partner of the late John Ford, brother of the automobile magnate.

Independence—Someone entered the premises of the sand and gravel company Wednesday night and destroyed a large 24-inch belt costing several hundred dollars to replace, by cutting out a strip about four inches wide and two feet long from its side. It entailed quite a loss to the company as it required two men to remove it from the donkey, and prepare it for shipment to Portland where the necessary repairs will be made.

McMANAMY CHAIRMAN—Washington (AP)—Frank McManamy, was elected chairman of the interstate commerce commission for 1930 succeeding Commissioner Ernest I. Lewis. The chairmanship rotates from year to year.

INCORPORATION PLANNED—Scio—George C. Miller, president, and Earl Phillips, secretary of the Scio Mutual Telephone company have begun the formality of having the company incorporated.

HIGH WATER TAKES WHITE FIR SUPPLY

Jefferson—Kenneth Ford of the Ford Lumber company was transacting business in town Thursday. He reports the loss of 50 or 60 thousand white fir logs, that broke loose from their lines in the Willamette river near Sidney, during the recent high water.

Just before noon Thursday the Santiam river reached the highest water mark of the season, that of 14 feet, and then started to fall. Friday morning the river stood a little above the 8-foot mark and was still falling.

ARTICHOKES DO BEST IN OREGON TESTS REVEAL

Corvallis—Oregon Artichoke growers this year have produced more tonnage from their 30 acres of scattered test plantings than the entire yield of the 241 acres grown near the California plant, is the word just brought here by E. H. Wiegand, head of the horticultural products division, who has just returned from Santa Rosa where he spent a month as plant superintendent for the Pabst Dietary Products, Inc.

Superiority of the Oregon product was not confined to yield alone, says Professor Wiegand, as the tubers are larger and apparently more mature than those grown in the south, making possible striking savings in plant operation.

"It took 175 workers a full eight-hour day to prepare enough of the California artichokes to run the plant 23 hours," said Wiegand, "while the same crew in four hours prepared enough Oregon tubers to run the plant 28 hours. With the southern tubers there was 14.7 per cent trimming waste and 50 per cent of the product went into soup stock, the cheapest form, while with the Oregon product the trimming waste was but 6.2 per cent and only 1 per cent went into soup stock."

The California yields were so much lower than expected that practically all the Oregon tonnage is being shipped to the Santa Rosa plant for processing. Drouth doubtless curtailed the yields there to some extent, believes Professor Wiegand, but the natural conditions are evidently far less favorable than here in the north.

Naturally the Pabst company is pleased with the Oregon showing, Professor Wiegand found, but there will be no wholesale contracting for acreage for the next year, as the industry cannot expand faster than the markets for these specialized food products are established. Some expansion is assured, however, and there is strong possibility of establishing a processing plant in this state.

EXTEND BRIDGE TIME—Washington, (AP)—A bill extending for four months the term allowed for construction of a bridge connecting Longview, Wash., and Rainier, Oregon, was passed Friday by the house. It now goes to the president.

PRISON WELFARE LEAGUE BLAMED FOR AUBURN RIOT

Albany, N. Y. (AP)—Colonel George E. Chandler's recommendation for the abolition of the Auburn prisoners' mutual welfare league was before Governor Roosevelt Friday, backed by the colonel's assertion that the league was "controlled" by plotting criminals and created a reign of terror which caused two riots at that institution.

Colonel Chandler acted as Mr. Roosevelt's personal investigator in an intensive study of the December 13 riot.

"Desperate characters have obtained control of the welfare league and have held responsible positions in the league," said Chandler. "This has given them freedom and they have gone about the yard, throughout the corridors and have used their league room at any and all times, even well into the night."

"In fact we have a statement from a guard at the gate that night after night he has looked through the window of this room at gambling going on with money on the table and drinks of what character he did not know but surmised.

"Prisoners have cat-called at the guards and have used vile and abusive language to them, defied their authority and when put in the cells by the guards have been let out through the league officials immediately to laugh at the guards."

"League members have taken prisoners out of the line as they were marching and have ordered them into the league room and here the league members themselves have, behind closed doors, beaten up prisoners so that they had to be taken to the hospital. In fact a veritable reign of terror had obtained in this prison through the machinations of the criminals in control of the league."

DUVALL IS BACK—Independence—D. M. Duvall has returned from The Dalles, where he was recovering from a serious operation. He is very much improved in health and expects to spend Christmas with a daughter in Spokane, Wash., and will return

here to live in the early spring. His physician ordered a complete rest for several weeks yet.

EGGLESTONS RETURNING—Silverton—Mrs. H. J. Eggleston arrived from Paradise, Mont., Friday noon and will visit with her daughter, Mrs. William DeLangh, until Eggleston arrives, which will be some time next week. The Egglestons left here about a year ago for Montana where Eggleston has been employed by the Portland Bridge company.

PHONE WORK PUSHED—Scio—Mountain States crews have made notable improvements on lines in this vicinity during the last week. Much of the work was done in the Jordan region.

RAMPS HAVE SON—Brooks—Mr. and Mrs. Rollie

Stamp are receiving congratulations from their friends upon the arrival of an 8 1/2 pound baby boy on December 18 at the Bungalow hospital in Salem, and has been named Virgil Derwood Ramp. Mrs. Ramp Epley before her marriage.

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