



VIOLATING THEIR AGREEMENT.

General Geo. H. Williams, who has been requested to give his views as to whether or not Elwood V. Minchin is guilty of plagiarism in his oration upon Wendell Phillips, the agitator, said in part:

"The charge of literary theft is a serious one, and ought not to be made unless there are good and substantial grounds upon which to base the accusation. Mr. Minchin could not possibly know anything about Wendell Phillips except what he learned from books, and he cannot justly be charged with plagiarism because he used what he so learned for the purposes of his oration. I am quite sure that if all orations upon Washington and Lincoln were compared they would not only be found to resemble each other in their ideas, but also in their forms of expression, because one current of thought is common to all those who write of those great men. I make this further remark, that if the discomfited parties, or those interested for them in these intercollegiate oratorical contests, are to make a fuss and row over their defeats and go into the newspapers to attack the successful orator, or discuss the integrity and capacity of the judges, such contests become ridiculous and no self-respecting gentleman will have anything to do with them."

General Williams is right. Minchin had nothing to do with the selection of the judges, and as the reflection is really upon these gentlemen, the parties who secured them seem to have been the ones at fault. If the authorities who selected the judges did a poor job, let's turn the rascals out and replace them with parties capable of choosing competent judges. It was the agreement that the decision of the six men who sat in judgment at the recent contest was to be final. An institution or individual who violates an agreement is dangerous to society, and is capable of more mischief than a plagiarist.

SOUR GRAPES.

For the sake of decency and the success of future intercollegiate oratorical contests in this state, it is to be hoped that we shall soon see the end of these childish, jealous accusations now being made against young Minchin, winner of the late contest. McMinnville College seems to be the head and front of the attack, and Minchin is not the only mark to receive dyspeptic shafts from this little school. A representative of that institution, writing to a McMinnville paper, says of the Agricultural College delegates:

"Eugene has sometimes been accused of hogghishness in her work in the association, but Corvallis can grant louder and show longer bristles than Eugene can ever hope to do." We are glad that the Agricultural College is taking no part in this discussion, and is not permitting itself to be used as a cats-paw to secure chestnuts for McMinnville.

The tax law passed by the last legislature contains a few unimportant changes which will not take effect until next year. We have not yet examined the law, but from what we learn the more important matters, which will accrue more largely to the benefit of the people in general, met with no change. The old tax laws were framed according to tradition of early days which had for their object a cumbersome, expensive system which resulted in large fees for officers. These old practices, which the average legislator realizes have been in vogue among his county officers all of his brief career, he passes by, letting them remain because of the long continued practice, and never attempts to discover a further reason for not expunging them from the statute book.

Numerous changes were made in the road laws by a bill passed by the last legislature; whether the work will be better or more complete under the new road law remains to be demonstrated by time and experience. Heretofore, much complaint has been made of the road laws. The road laws have been at all times much better than the disposition of many people to work the roads according to the law. The complaint was generally made by people who did not wish to work the roads, but instead endeavored to make believe that there was no road law to compel the work, when, in fact there was always plenty of law but little observation thereof.

A Maine newspaper observes:

"The most of our laws are not written by the best trained and most expert lawyers, and when a badly worded law is amended, this work is usually done with more carelessness than marked the original job. Every subsequent amendment makes matters worse, until, as we have remarked before, our laws upon certain subjects are simply unintelligible. As a result, thousands of dollars are wasted every year in litigation that would have been entirely unnecessary had the language of the law disclosed its real and unquestionable meaning."

Judge Bunnell of the third circuit court of Wisconsin, granted a married woman an absolute divorce on the ground that her husband was a cigarette fiend, and had become morally and physically depraved from excessive cigarette smoking.

A bill has been introduced in the Indiana senate authorizing any number of citizens, not exceeding twelve, to smash joints where liquor is illegally sold, gambling houses and policy shops.

James Graves.

Death overtook James Graves in Astoria, Sunday, at 3 p. m., and the remains arrived in this city on the West Side train Tuesday, and were taken direct to Odd Fellows' cemetery and interred. The services were conducted by Rev. G. S. O. Hubbard.

James Graves was 48 years of age and was born in Knox county, Ill. He came here in the early '60s with his parents and lived in Corvallis for about two years. Then they moved to Salem, from which city he went to Astoria to reside. In the latter place he lived for twenty years and followed the profession of cooking for a long time. Later he went into the liquor business. He was sick for about a year prior to his death and his demise was the result of tumor and heart trouble.

Mrs. J. M. Cameron and Mrs. T. J. Creighton, his sisters, who reside in this city, were informed of his condition and went to Astoria to see him, arriving there Saturday evening. Mr. Graves was up when they arrived and on Sunday morning got up and went about the house. Although he had been informed by his physician that death was only a few hours distant, he appeared quite cheerful. He only took his bed a few minutes before his death.

Funeral services were held in Astoria before the remains left that place and the funeral was very largely attended. Many of his friends accompanied the remains to this city. As a man, he held the esteem of all classes. He was survived by his wife and the two sisters of this city.

Real Estate Transfers.

F J Oberer et al to Russell & Co, chattel mortgage on sawmill; \$1,080. F R Dickson to J M Porter, chattel mortgage on crop; \$400. John McGhee to Thos Casey, deed to 1 acre of land in Wren; \$500. J L Hill to Annie Hawkins, deed to 10 acres near Albany; \$75. Annie Hawkins to C C Hogue, deed to 10 acres near Albany; \$75. E A Frink to H A Brown, deed to lot 3, block 17, Job's Add Corvallis; \$150. Clayton Thomas to S B Bane, power of attorney. J P Chesher to Robert Chesher et al, will. J E Henkle to First National



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Bids for Wood.

Sealed proposals for furnishing wood for the State Agricultural College at Corvallis, Oregon, will be received by the undersigned up to 3 o'clock p. m. Saturday, April 6, 1901. SPECIFICATIONS:—Six hundred (600) cords of body fir wood, cut from live trees, well seasoned. No wood cut from dead timber will be accepted. Proposals for lots of not less than fifty (50) cords will be received. Wood to be delivered on or before September 15, 1901, at the option of the bidder. Wood to be ricked on the College grounds as directed by the Purchasing Agent of the College. Wood to be measured after ricking. No payments will be made before September 10, 1901. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Bids sealed and endorsed "Bid for wood."

JOHN D. DALY, Sec'y Board of Regents, Corvallis, Or., March 15, 1901.

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Notice for Publication.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Oregon City, Oregon, March 4, 1901. Notice is hereby given that the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the State of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

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Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Thomas Wyatt, deceased, by the county court of Benton county, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, together with the proper vouchers, to me at the law office of Bryson & Woodson in Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Notice for Publication.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Oregon City, Oregon, Nov. 19, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the State of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

Notice for Publication.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Oregon City, Oregon, Dec. 10, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of an act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the State of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

Notice for Publication.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Oregon City, Oregon, Dec. 10, 1900. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of an act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the State of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

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Notice of Administrator's Sale of Real Property.

In the matter of the Estate of James Abraham, deceased. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the county court of the State of Oregon for McMinnville county made and entered on the 20th day of November, 1900, I will from and after the 7th day of March, 1901, proceed to sell at private sale the following described real property of said estate, and all the right, title and interest which the said James Abraham had thereto at the time of his decease, to-wit: Beginning at the quarter section corner between fractional sections 2 and 3, township 11 north, range 4 west, Williams River Meridian, running thence south 65 degrees east 14.50 chains, thence south 55 degrees 50 minutes west 5.62 chains, thence south 10 degrees 10 minutes east 17.80 chains to the north bank of the Williams River, thence following said north bank of the Williams River with the meander thereof 1 1/2 miles to the southeast corner of lot 1 in fractional section 3 in said township, thence north 27 minutes east 75.40 chains, also the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and lot number 1 of fractional section 2, township 11 north, range 4 west, of the Williams River Meridian, containing 68.45 acres, save and excepting the right of way heretofore devoted to the Williams Valley & Coast Railroad containing about 5 acres, all situated in Benton county, Oregon; also, the east half of the following described real property: The north half of the southwest quarter, and lots 3 and 4 in section 2, township 11 north, range 4 west, containing 78.00 acres in Benton county, Oregon.

The terms of said sale are as follows: The entire purchase price to be paid in cash.

W. E. BURKE, Administrator of said Estate.