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BATTLE OVER CHILDREN

CALIFORNIA PARTIES IN LEGAL BATTLE IN POLK AND YAMHILL

Mrs. Griffin Seeks to Prevent Husband From Enforcing Order of Court. Would Be Divorced Here.

Details of what promises to be a most interesting legal battle came to light last Friday, when Sheriff Orr sought to make service of summons in a divorce suit pending in Yamhill county upon the defendant, Bertram S. Griffin, who recently came to Dallas from California. The plaintiff is Emma A. Griffin, and the parties were formerly residents of Crescent City, California. Mr. Griffin still being in business there. The complaint recites the fact that there are two children involved, and out of this has come a series of legal contests that are starting in their nature.

It appears that in 1902 the parties were married in California. In 1913, Mrs. Griffin filed an action for divorce in the Superior court for Del Norte county, California, Crescent City being the county seat. The property interests of the parties were evidently settled out of court, and Mrs. Griffin was permitted to take a decree without contest. She was awarded the custody of the two children, both girls, one aged about eight years and the other about five years. It appears further that the order of the court in granting the interlocutory decree of divorce provided that the mother was not to remove the children from the jurisdiction of that court without the court's permission, and that the father was to have the right at stated times to take the children out with him, and to visit and be with them. In California, under the statutes there, a final decree of divorce is not granted at the time of the trial, but only an interlocutory decree. The decree remains interlocutory until the expiration of a year's time, when upon application of either of the parties the decree may be made final.

It also further appears that in June, 1914, Mrs. Griffin came before the judge of the California court and asked permission to take the children out of the state on a vacation. Permission was granted her, but the order specified that she was to return them to Crescent City in time for the opening of the fall term of school in 1914. Mrs. Griffin went to McMinnville and since that time has remained in Yamhill county. Failing to comply with the order the California court issued a second order directing the mother to return the children immediately. This order was ignored by Mrs. Griffin. Later, steps were taken to compel the return of the children, and notice served upon Mrs. Griffin. An order was made by the court, but to no avail. The court then made another order taking the custody of the children from the mother and giving them to the custody of the father. The mother, as well as her parents, were cited to appear for contempt of court.

It appears that, armed with this later order, Mr. Griffin came to McMinnville, interviewed the district attorney there, and sought to take the proper steps to return the children to their home. The district attorney did not take any side in the matter. Other attorneys were interviewed, but all had been in a way retained by the other side, and Griffin came to Dallas and employed Oscar Hayter and Walter L. Toose, Jr., to look out for his interests. As soon as Mrs. Griffin heard that her husband was on his way to Oregon, she appeared in the county court of Yamhill county, filed her petition, and got an order appointing herself guardian of the persons of the children. Griffin's attorneys filed a petition in the Yamhill county court asking to set the guardianship appointment aside on the ground that it had been obtained by fraud, and set up the proceedings in the California court.

At this time Mrs. Griffin dropped out of sight. Efforts to find her and the children proved futile. A citation placed in the hands of the sheriff of Yamhill county for service was returned unanswered. An effort was then made to get service by publication of the citation, the county court granting an order to this effect. Upon the date set for the hearing, Mrs. Griffin appeared by McCain, Vinton, and Burdett, McMinnville attorneys, and objected to this mode of service, and were sustained by the county judge, the court holding that personal service was necessary. An effort was made to place attorneys for Mrs. Griffin under oath in order to learn her whereabouts failed, the court sustaining objections to the procedure. The sheriff was again handed a citation and instructed to make service. In this he failed. It appears that private parties were placed on the trail in Yamhill county, and that they located the children in McMinnville at the home of one T. W. Henderson, but the mother was not seen. At the time the children were at the Henderson home the sheriff was seen to drive to the home. Attorneys for Mrs. Griffin stated that when they got ready to appear in court, their client would show up.

On June 17 last, Mrs. Griffin appeared in court in Yamhill county by filing a complaint for divorce against her husband, setting forth a number of allegations of cruel and inhuman treatment, and alleging that her husband had attempted to kidnap the McMinnville children, and that she was seeking to kidnap the children, and asking a restraining order preventing him from taking them, and granting the custody to her pending the suit. Receiving information that Griffin had been in Dallas continuously ever since the petition to revoke the guardianship appointment was filed in the county court of

HAS PRECIOUS FREIGHT

SOUTHERN PACIFIC WILL BRING LIBERTY BELL TO COAST.

Relic of Our National Independence Will Be on Exhibition at Salem July 15.

The Southern Pacific company has handed many shipments of extraordinary value since the last spike was driven in its transcontinental line in 1869, but none quite so valuable as the Liberty Bell, which it will bring into California and to the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco next month, and which historic relic of our national independence will be exhibited at Salem on July 15. Consequently the most elaborate precautions are being taken to insure the safe transportation of the priceless relic.

The bell will be handled on a special train. It will be under guard every moment from the time it leaves Philadelphia until it is returned there. It will be carried on a special gondola freight car, equipped with all the safety appliances necessary to enable it to be moved in a passenger train. The gondola will occupy the same position as an observation car, at the end of the train, that the residents of the cities and towns through which it passes may view the bell. There are six other cars—sleepers, diner, etc.—these to be occupied by the escort committee of sixty or seventy persons.

The bell will leave Philadelphia on July 7. Safety of transportation and the population of the country traversed by the railroads determined the route. It will pass through Chicago and Kansas City and thence be transported to Omaha, where it will be taken in charge by the Union Pacific. The latter road will carry it through Denver and Salt Lake City to Ogden, where the Oregon Short line will assume charge and take it to Boise. From Boise, it will go to Portland; and after being on exhibition six hours, the Southern Pacific will become its guardian. This will be on July 15. On that day, the Southern Pacific will begin its transportation to San Francisco via the Shasta route, the residents along which will be given an opportunity to view the historic reminder of the war of independence. The bell will leave Portland at noon, July 15. It will reach Salem at 2 p. m. of the same day, be on exhibition until 2:30, and will then be moved to Eugene, arriving there at 8 p. m. On Friday, July 16, the bell will be in California.

Every precaution will be taken by the Southern Pacific in transferring the bell across the bay from Oakland to San Francisco. A special barge will deliver it to the San Francisco freight slip, where a special freight car and switch engine will be waiting to take it to Third and Townsend streets. Here it will be placed on a truck and carried through the city to the fair grounds. The total mileage covered by the Liberty Bell's westward journey is 5,224. The average speed per hour will be 28 miles, the railroads handling the movement have decided that to haul it faster might endanger its safety. The bell already has one crack in it. The itinerary for the return movement has not yet been decided upon.

HOP DIRECTOR ELECTED

OREGON GROWERS REPORT CAPITAL STOCK AS \$100,000.

Association Announces Control of 50,000 Bales—Form of Contract Found Not Irregular.

At a meeting of the directors of the Oregon Hopgrowers' association, held in Salem on Saturday, John M. Grant of this city was elected to membership on the board. The executive committee reported that the organization had a membership of 664; that the capital stock of \$100,000 had been subscribed and a part of it paid, and that the association now controls more than 50,000 bales of hops.

M. L. Jones, president, denounced reports that the form of contract under which the association was doing business was irregular. He said that John H. McNary, lawyer for the organization, had made an investigation and had found the contract to be the best in existence.

"We are getting along nicely," continued Mr. Jones, "and all our members are encouraged over prospects. There is no question that the association will be the greatest boon to the growers in the history of the industry. Through it prices will not fluctuate as they have in the past and growers will get a fair return for their investment."

NORMAL SCHOOL IS GUEST

Students, Teachers and Alumni Are Entertained by President.

President and Mrs. J. H. Ackerman Saturday night entertained the faculty, alumni and student body of the Oregon Normal school in the new gymnasium on the campus. Four hundred summer-school girls were greeted and, with the faculty and members of alumni present, the guests numbered 500. Addresses of welcome were given the students and responses made.

Library Closes Sundays

Following a custom of former years, the library will be closed on Sundays, during July, August and September.

RACES PROVE SPIRITED

WILD GIRL WINS 2:15 TROT AT INDEPENDENCE.

Ada Takes Handicap Event and King Zolock Takes First Money in 2:15 Race; Runners on Card.

The races at Independence on Friday opened with the 2:15 trot, best two in three, for a purse of \$10. Wild Girl got off in the lead in the first heat and finished with Prince Seattle close up all the way and Sarge third. Veima Z. was beaten for third money on the last quarter. The second heat was more interesting, with Veima Z. hanging on to Wild Girl until near the finish. Prince Seattle picked up on the second quarter and all finished as in the first heat.

In the three-quarter mile handicap there were five horses. Ada won with a good lead. There was a general admiration for second, Sterling nosing Rustman on the last quarter.

The third event was the 2:15 pace. It took four heats to decide it. In the first heat Sunny Jim led to a splendid finish, followed closely by King Zolock, Hal Edo and St. Elmo tying for third. There were eight entries. Sally H. was taken out of the race in the first heat but returned in the second with a new driver. In the second heat Sunny Jim got away first but was picked up at the quarter by St. Elmo, who led under the wire. This was a spirited race. Zolock finished second and Sunny Jim third.

In the trouts for the money King Zolock called at the stand for two straights and St. Elmo two seconds. Sunny Jim finished third. Time 2:23.

The result of Saturday's races follows:

Four and one half furlongs run—Ducal Crown first, Alcheming second, and Pampa third. Time, 58 seconds.

Free for all pace—Allard won in two straight heats, St. Elmo second, and Hal Edo third. Time, first heat, 2:21 1/4; second heat, 2:18.

Five-eighths mile consolation run—Boas first, Sorrowful second, and Sally Mint third. Time, 1:03 1/2.

Women's pony race, half mile—Mrs. Edith Ray first, Laura Laliberty second, and Grace Laliberty third.

Boys' pony race, half mile—Foster first, Buckner second.

ITS CHAUTAUQUA TICKET DAY

Committee Now Endeavoring to Close Up Sales for Coming Event.

This is ticket day for the chautauqua, and the committees are making an aggressive canvass, and expect the support of practically every leading citizen of the community in its undertaking. The admission for the season is \$2.50, and the long list of attractions warrants a charge of double that sum. The talent this year is unusually good, and there is plenty of it, as has heretofore been shown by The Observer in its illustrated articles on the forthcoming chautauqua. More than 300 season tickets must be disposed of in order to make the seven days of entertainment a financial success, and this the committee in charge hopes to do today. Meet the members of the committee with a smile—and dig up your coin.

PETITION FOR COUNTY BRIDGE

Commissioners Will Probably Receive One at July Meeting.

The Marion county court has been petitioned to take steps toward the construction of a new bridge across the Willamette river between that and Polk county, and the Polk county court will probably receive a similar document at its July session. In the neighboring county two petitions were presented, one headed by Frank M. Brown and the other by E. W. Hazard, and contain a total of more than one hundred names. It is necessary that the courts be petitioned before action can be taken. Marion has taken the initiative, and in all probability Polk will come across when the proper time arrives.

Yeomen Homestead Resuscitated

Twenty-two candidates for membership in the Brotherhood of American Yeomen were admitted at a meeting of the local homestead Friday night, when the Dallas branch was resuscitated after having been dormant for many moons. Forty-five new members had made application for mem-

BOY SCOUTS ON HIKE

YOUNGSTERS SPEND NIGHT ON BANKS OF LA CREOLE RIVER.

First Outing of Season Proves Interesting and Profitable—Something of the Organization.

Last Friday the Boy Scouts of Dallas went on a hike to the mouth of Canyon Creek. They left Dallas about 10 o'clock a. m., each about carrying his roll of blankets. Some also carried their mess kits and "eats," but most of the "eats" and the tents were stowed in a buggy. They got to Canyon creek in about two hours and after eating a lunch and choosing their camping place, they proceeded to cleaning up and setting the places ready for the tents. On the way up they found the road partially obstructed by a slide of earth and rocks on a narrow grade along the bank of the La Creole. They cleared away the slide so that it is again reasonably safe to drive over this grade. This they did as one of their daily "good turns." Several of the boys were fishing, but caught only a few fish.

After the camps were ready, beds made, etc., all went to work getting their supper. The different varieties of the culinary art displayed here wasn't a few, they all had something to eat. A fire in front of each of the five tents, and something cooking or frying over each fire was a sight worth seeing. Several of the boys, with a little more practice, will make pretty good cooks. After supper a number of games were played until bedtime, then all turned in except a few who acted as guards. Some of these remained up until 2:30, but finding nothing more to "guard" they, too, went to bed and to sleep. In the morning all were out by 5:30 getting their breakfasts. After breakfast the beds were rolled up, tents razed and all were ready for the hike home by 8:00, most of them getting back to Dallas by 10 o'clock. Several of the boys did their daily good turn by throwing sticks and stones out of the road; at one place they even cleared out some stumps and brush so as to make a good road around a bad mud-hole.

Two of the boys had slight accidents, one cutting his finger with an axe; the other cut his thumb on a tin can. They also had the misfortune to meet some larger boys while out there who were not scouts. Three of the scouts had good fishing poles along and two of these were missing in the morning, but one has been returned and word has been received that the other will be returned.

Those making the hike were Hershey Fidler, George Smith, Edwin Serr, Ernest McCallon, Donald Hayes, Lewis Hosh, Carvel Campbell, Raymond Gohrke, Wilbert Hamilton, Victor Williams, Frank Dornhecker, Dale Richardson, Donald Ballantyne, Jack Brock and Scoutmaster Rempel.

The object of these hikes is to give the boys a better chance to observe nature, to train them to take care of themselves and to help others. This organization, the Boy Scouts of America, is very decidedly for peace and against war. It instills such virtues as honor, loyalty, obedience and patriotism. It is also non-sectarian, but it recognizes the religious element in the training of a boy and its policy is that the religious organization or institution with which the boy scout is connected shall give definite attention to his religious life. Before he becomes a scout a boy must promise: On my honor I will do my best. To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the scout law. To help other people at all times. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The scout law consists of twelve points: A scout is trustworthy; loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, reverent.

JERSEY HERD IS TESTED

RUMOR OF TUBERCULAR CATTLE PROVES UNFOUNDED.

State Veterinarian Lytle Passes Every Animal on Ranch. They Showing Health and Vigor.

The valuable herd of registered Jersey cattle, owned by Congressman C. N. McArthur of Portland, and kept on his farm near Rickreall, underwent a tuberculin test at the hands of Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, last Thursday and Friday, with the result that every animal in the herd passed the test satisfactorily, and made such a showing for health and vigor that Dr. Lytle complimented the owner in the highest terms. Congressman McArthur was very much gratified at the result of the test, particularly because of the false reports that were circulated a few months ago relative to the health of his herd.

Congressman McArthur's Jerseys are all high-class animals and rank well with the many herds of which Polk county is justly proud. Many of the cows in this herd have qualified for register of merit, some of them having made records as high as 675 pounds of butter a year. There are fourteen cows on test for register of merit at the present time, and by the end of the year the owner expects every matured female animal to qualify. The average production of butter per year in this herd is 500 pounds, and the owner hopes to increase this average to 600 pounds before the end of another year. It is quite likely that he will succeed in doing this, for the reason that many of the official records were made when the cows were 2-year-olds. These same cows are now being re-tested and will show much larger yields when their present official tests are completed.

Congressman McArthur is also extensively engaged in breeding Duroc Jersey hogs, and announces that he will hold a sale of brood sows, gilts and boars in September.

Death of Mrs. David Peters

Mrs. Lena Peters, wife of David Peters of Smithfield, passed away on Saturday last at the age of 23 years, paralysis being the immediate cause of death. Deceased leaves a husband and seven children, six daughters and one son, all of whom except Mrs. Brown, reside in this county. The funeral will be held today at one o'clock, Rev. Bartel officiating, and the interment will be in the Salt Creek cemetery.

Improvement Is Slow

The latest work concerning the condition of Mrs. S. Taylor Jones, who underwent a surgical operation at Portland a short time ago for tuberculosis of the knee bone, is to the effect that she is improving very slowly with little hope of her ultimate recovery. Because of a change in the dispatcher's office from this city to Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Jones will not return to Dallas to make it their home.

Receives Sad News

While enroute to this city from her home in British Columbia yesterday, Mrs. B. A. Rempel, who was coming hither to attend the funeral of Mrs. David Peters, received the sad intelligence that her husband had died after she had left him. Upon arriving in Dallas the sorrowing wife returned to Canada as promptly as possible. Mrs. Rempel resides about one hundred miles from Nelson.

Concert at Monmouth

The band and forty-eight automobiles filled with Dallas people went to Monmouth last night in the interest of the chautauqua. The band gave a concert on the Normal campus, some 600 or 700 persons being present.



Photo by American Press Association. Most of our battleships in the recent naval maneuvers have been sent to their respective ports to be put into readiness for any eventuality. The flagship Wyoming is seen here being towed into the New York navy yard.