

HEIRS OF LATE J. S. AMES CONTEST WILL

Case Came Up Before Judge McKnight in County Court This Morning.

WAS OF UNSOUND MIND WHEN HE MADE THE WILL

Carrie and Roy Hanchett Named as Legatees, Are Contestants in Case.

Continued from Tuesday, April 22.

Claiming that the late Joseph S. Ames was an incompetent person and that he was easily influenced to do the bidding of others, the alleged heirs of the deceased started a suit this morning at 10 o'clock before Judge Bruce McKnight against the legatees named by the defendant in his will in an effort to get an order from the court for the proper probate of the estate.

The late Joseph S. Ames, formerly a resident of Lebanon, died December 10, 1912, at the age of 73 years and at the time of his death it is claimed that he left personal property of the probable value of \$11,000 and real property of the estimated value of \$3000. It is alleged that three years prior to his death, he was of unsound mind and was easily influenced to do the bidding of others. The deceased was never married and left no father, mother, brother or sister alive.

As a reason for his unsound state of mind, the county court as presided over by Judge J. N. Duncan, had granted a petition for the appointment of an administrator. This was done nearly three years ago and J. R. Green was appointed. On December 12, 1912, a petition was filed in the county court for the appointment of an administrator of the estate and J. R. Green was appointed.

Later a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the deceased was brought to light. It bore date of December 7, 1912, and in it were named Carrie Hanchett, the wife of John Hanchett, from Los Angeles, and Roy Hanchett, of Sweet Home, Ore., as the legatees.

An objection to the probate of the will was later filed by David, James and A. B. Ames, Orville, Lyle, Murrell, Cecil and Hazel Hennessee, Ada Roselle, Edna Ames, Zenis Keeney, Archie Boggs and J. R. Green, all of whom allege that they are cousins, nephews and nieces of the deceased and that the legal heirs, asking for an order of the court declaring that the alleged will is not the last testament of the deceased and that the same is fraudulent and the result of undue influence by the above named legatees and that it become void and be dismissed.

Through their attorneys, Weatherford & Weatherford of this city, the Hanchetts filed an objection to this document asking that the will be admitted to probate.

Accordingly the case is being fought out in the county court today. Attorneys Hewitt & Sox of this city and Attorney Sam Garland, of Lebanon will represent the heirs and Attorneys Weatherford and Weatherford will appear for the Hanchetts.

RETAIL MERCHANTS TO MEET AT ARCEZ TONIGHT

Meeting Will Convene Promptly at 6:30 o'clock; Interesting Program.

One hundred plates will be laid tonight for the regular monthly meeting of the Albany Retail Merchants Association which will be held at the Arcez commencing at 6:30 to which all of the members of the association are expected to attend.

The committee on arrangements consisting of G. A. Flood, W. C. Barker and C. O. Anderson deserve much credit for arranging this meeting and a most interesting program will be given.

During the meeting Charles Scott, of Scott and Conn, grocers of Albany, will make an address on the subject "Relation of the Grower and Seller." A. M. Hammer, of the Bain Selling Co., will speak on the subject of "Net Profits." The subject of "Newspaper Advertising" has been assigned to W. H. Hornbrook, editor of the Democrat, and Waldo Anderson, of Waldo Anderson & Son, the Broadalbin street implement concern, will talk upon the subject of "Telephones."

ENGINEERS FOR PACIFIC PHONE COMPANY ARE HERE

Engineers for the Pacific Telephone Company have been in the city looking up matters in connection with some needed additional cable and as a result of their investigation approximately \$5000 will be added during the summer for additional facilities.

PORTLAND AND MICHIGAN CAPITALISTS ARE HERE

Arrived This Morning in a Six Passenger Touring Car from Rose City.

Arriving this morning from Portland in a six passenger car, a party of Portland and Michigan capitalists are this afternoon seeing the sights of Albany and making an investigation of local conditions with a view of making some investments. Included in the party is G. L. Rauch of Portland who was in Albany several weeks ago gathering data for his clients, J. D. Welch, of Portland, T. V. Williams, of Detroit, Michigan, Osmond Royal, of Portland, and J. Justice, of Portland, are the other members of the party. These men represent over \$100,000 of capital which is said to be available for immediate investment in the Hub City provided conditions appear to be favorable.

With respect to his plans, Mr. Rauch declined to disclose the nature of investments being sought by the members of the party but stated that himself and associates were well satisfied with the investigations thus far made.

GEN. FINZER AND COL. ELLIS ATTENDED INSPECTION

Prominent National Guard Officers Attend Annual Inspection of Aggie Cadets.

Adjutant General W. E. Finzer, of the Oregon National Guard, of Portland, and Colonel M. H. Ellis, of the Governor's staff, of this city, drove over to Corvallis this morning in the colonel's automobile to attend the annual inspection of the Oregon Agricultural College cadets.

General Finzer arrived in this city from Portland on an early morning train and while here will be the guest of Colonel Ellis.

The annual inspection of the O. A. C. cadets is one of the auspicious events of the season at the college and large crowds from all over the valley are attracted there to witness this ceremony. Many army officers attend the event. A large number of local people went over this morning to witness the pageant.

Misses Eulah Wright, Winnifred Austin and Mae Tillman were Colonel Ellis' guests to Corvallis.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS AND WORKERS MEET AT CORVALLIS

Twenty Local Electricians Will Go to That City This Evening.

About twenty members of the local electrical union composed of the employees of the Oregon Power Company and the Ralston Electric Supply Co., will go to Corvallis this evening where they will hold a conference with the members of the engineering department of the O. A. C. at the engineering building.

Mr. Stanley, chief electrical engineer of the H. M. Byllesby Co., will address the assembly on the subject of recent engineering projects of the company and will illustrate his lecture by the use of lantern slides.

After the meeting a banquet will be served.

BIDS WANTED FOR EXCAVATION WORK FOR K. P. BUILDING

As evidence that the magnificent new Knights of Pythias building will soon be under the course of construction, bids are now being advertised for the excavation of the southeast quarter block at the corner of Third and Lyon streets, where the foundation of the building will rest.

L. M. Curl, chairman of the building committee, is fully equipped to furnish full specifications with regard to the work and contractors wishing to bid on the work may get any information they may desire by calling at the office of Mr. Curl, on Broadalbin street. All of the bids for this work must be submitted on or before April 28.

All three of the houses now located on the lot are offered for sale by the lodge, and their immediate disposal and removal from the lot is imperative as it is the desire to proceed with the excavation work as soon after April 28 as possible. All bids for these houses must be submitted at Mr. Curl's office at the earliest possible date.

L. E. and H. J. Hamilton went to Eugene this forenoon to see things at the railroad center of Lane county.

News Beginning With This Head Is From Daily Issue of WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

HEIRS STILL FIGHT HANCHETT CLAIMS

Controversy Will Determine Whether \$14,000 Estate Will Go to Heirs or Legatees.

UNDUE INFLUENCE IS THE CLAIM MADE

On Petition of Ames, Hanchett Failed to Qualify as Guardian.

The hearing of the contest over the will of the late Joseph S. Ames, was again resumed this morning before County Judge McKnight. The hearing will probably be completed late this afternoon. The case came up before the county court yesterday afternoon. The controversy will determine whether or not the \$14,000 estate of the old man left will be divided between Carrie Hanchett, of Los Angeles, and Roy Hanchett, of Portland, or whether it will go to Ames' legal heirs.

Five days after Ames died a petition was filed in the county court here by some of his heirs, asking for the appointment of J. R. Green, of Lebanon, as administrator of the estate. The petition was granted and the appointment made. On January 23, last, a will which Ames left was presented for probate. The administrators and the heirs filed objections.

This will was signed December 27, 1911. By it Ames divided his property equally between Carrie Hanchett and her son, Roy Hanchett, both of whom were then residing at Sweet Home. The old man was never married and left no descendants and the heirs, who assert that when Ames made his will he was brought to Albany in a closed carriage for the purpose; that he was 74 years of age at the time and was suffering from paralysis and other illness to an extent that his sight was impaired and that he was not capable of transacting any business.

WILLIAM A. SHEWMAN DIED AT A PORTLAND HOSPITAL

Well Known Newspaper Man Succumbs After Month of Intense Suffering.

William A. Shewman died at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland Monday afternoon as the result of an operation for stomach and liver trouble, following several months of suffering.

Mr. Shewman was the editor of the Western Stock Journal, of Oregon City, and made several trips to this city in the interest of that paper. He is well known here, being at one time the owner of the Herald, and his untimely death will no doubt be a severe shock to his many friends in this city.

Mr. Shewman was born in Randolph, N. Y., in 1872, and was in the lumber business in Pennsylvania before moving to Oregon. His widow is the daughter of J. F. Watson of Pennsylvania. Mr. Shewman came to Oregon in 1908 and formerly owned and published the Oregon City Courier, later selling out to Forest &

CAPITALISTS CONFER WITH CITY COUNCIL

To Ascertain Attitude of City Dads with Reference to Gas Plant.

COUNCIL IS FAVORABLE TO SUCH A PROPOSITION

Nothing Definite Is Done in Regard to Matter; Indications Are Bright.

For the purpose of ascertaining the attitude of the city council with reference to the installation of a gas plant here, the Portland and Michigan capitalists, who arrived in the city yesterday, met informally this morning with members of the council and the matter was thoroughly discussed.

The attitude of the council was found to be in favor of such a proposition, but no definite plans were decided upon. When interviewed this morning Mayor Gilbert declined to disclose the result of the meeting but stated that the matter laid before the council with reference to the proposed gas plant was a very feasible one and that some action may result.

The capitalists arrived in the city yesterday morning from Portland by automobile and spent the day seeing the sights of the city and making an investigation of the local conditions, with a view of making investments. The party is composed of G. L. Rauch an attorney of Portland who was here in the interest of his clients, J. D. Welch, of Portland, T. V. Williams, of Detroit, Michigan, Oscar Royal, and J. Justice, both of Portland.

It was given out that these gentlemen represent a capital of approximately \$100,000 which is said to be available for immediate investments in this city provided the conditions prove to be favorable to the expectations of the capitalists.

Members of the party declined to discuss the outcome of their investigations but it was intimated that they were well satisfied with the conditions thus far found.

When asked if there was a probability of a franchise for a gas plant being prepared Mr. Rauch stated that he was not at liberty to discuss the matter.

"There is nothing definite to be said at the present time," said Mr. Rauch, "but there will probably be something done soon."

From this it is inferred that a franchise may be framed and in this event it appears very evident that substantial results may be the outcome of the investigations conducted by the capitalists.

The Democrat predicts that the present local agitation is a part of a new development scheme which is under consideration in this section of the valley.

Mr. Walter E. Turrell and daughter, Miss Bee, arrived this noon from Tacoma, to look after Cloverdale matters. Brown and operating the Western Stock Journal. Mr. Shewman was an active member of the Elks, was also a Mason and a member of the Episcopal church, giving freely of his time and money to maintain St. Paul's congregation of Oregon City. Funeral arrangements have not been announced, but probably will be conducted by Rev. W. C. Robinson from the Episcopal church there Sunday afternoon. He is survived by his widow and one son, Alton, age 12 years.

RALPH HENRY HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM ASYLUM

He Was Found to Be of Normal State of Mind by Alienists.

It was learned today that Ralph Henry, the acquitted murderer of George Dodd, on the grounds of insanity, was released last week from the state insane hospital, after it has been ascertained by alienists that he was of normal state of mind.

Henry was tried before Judge Kelly in the circuit court of Linn county in the fore part of March and according to the verdict of the jury, he could not be released until the state of his sanity had been determined. Accordingly Henry was remanded to the state insane asylum, where an investigation as to his sanity was conducted by the asylum doctors.

Prof. A. W. Moses, of Corvallis, was in the city today. Geo. Blatchford, of Tanbent, went to Shelburn, a merchant of that town. Mrs. Frank Kitchen and daughter, Miss Rose Tapper, arrived this noon from Jefferson.

THERE WILL BE MEETING OF FARMERS UNION SATURDAY

Every Farmer and His Wife Are Cordially Invited to Attend.

There will be an open meeting of the Farmers Union Saturday afternoon at Bussards Hall, at the foot of Broadalbin street. The meeting will convene promptly at 1:30 o'clock and every farmer and his wife is cordially invited to be present.

The Farmers' Union was recently organized at an enthusiastic meeting held here several weeks ago and this is the first meeting since the organization. The purpose of the association is for the commercial interests of the farmer and similar organizations have been perfected throughout the Pacific Northwest and have resulted in much good.

It rests entirely with the local farmers whether this union is a success and everyone should lend their help by attending the meetings.

Father Lane made his regular weekly trip to Portland this morning.



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