

### COURT CLOSES TO HONOR LITTLE LAD

Bar Pays Respect to Judge of Ford Republic—How One Little Lad Made Good Despite His Early Environments.

DETROIT, Oct. 28.—The news several weeks ago that Judge Frederick Bloman had died fell upon an ignorant and at first unresponsive public. Who was Judge Frederick Bloman? Three days later thousands knew his life story.

Frederick Bloman, 13 years old, illiterate, red-headed and undersized, a rescued waif and an ex-incorrigible, was judge of the citizens' court of the Ford Republic for boys at Detroit. Four years ago he was consorting with hoboes and begging food for them. He was a dirty, swearing, tobacco-chewing imp, with no recollection of a home, or a mother, and with no respect for any living thing. Yet at his death a judge of Michigan's supreme court traveled 190 miles to attend the funeral, the probate court of Wayne county adjourned over two days in his honor, leaders of bar and bench held a meeting to pronounce his eulogies, and men and women of distinction gathered round his bier in the nave of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Ford Republic, the superintendent of which is Homer T. Lane, is a home for wayward boys. It is greatly similar in its principles of reformation to the better-known George Junior Republic. For a time after Fred Bloman was brought there the habits of his former life made him one of the most unmanageable boys in the republic. He had been taken by the police from a band of gypsies, and is said to have been one of the most foul-mouthed youngsters whom the authorities had ever discovered.

To cause self-respect, a proper regard for others, to grow in such a soul seemed a hopeless task. Yet young Bloman's reformation, after he came to the republic, though gradual, was sure. He was slow to show the qualities that were in him. A strong, almost grotesque sense of humor, which strangely enough, smacked of none of the vulgarity of his former habits of mind, won him ultimate popularity. After three years' residence the boys elected him judge of their Citizens' Court for a term of six months. At the end of that period he was re-elected. No one had ever administered justice in the little republic with such firmness, fairness and good-will. When Fred's second term was drawing to a close his fellow citizens had no thought but to re-elect him. But Fred lay in the hospital with a fatal illness. Realizing that he could not serve them again, yet unwilling that another should wear his title, the citizens created the position of associate judge, and to that office elected one of their number.

On the bench young Bloman displayed leniency, tact, and ability in handling his fellow-citizens.

While trying an alleged thief, Fred once asked the accused: "Then you're willing to be known as a crook?" The defendant made no objection, and Fred ruled: "Well, you are a crook." Later he was brought before the supreme court for applying the word "crook" to the accused. In defending himself Fred evolved a definition that has since become classic in the republic: "A crook is a fellow who is willing to be called a crook."

Heart disease caused his death. In a eulogy in the probate court one of the attorneys said: "The life of this lad called again to my mind a sentence by Booker T. Washington: 'It is not the height to which a man attains that measures his greatness, but the distance which he travels in getting there.' Judged by this standard, who can estimate the greatness of 13-year-old Fred Bloman? He was one of the most efficient aides the court ever had in its juvenile work."

His fellow-citizens attended his funeral. As the throng which had gathered round his bier moved out into the open air an awed archin was heard to whisper: "Gee! A lot of folks came to see Fred buried, didn't they?"

### SOUTHERNERS DO NOT CARE TO HANG WOMAN

OPELOUSAS, La., Oct. 28.—Couples of the southerners against the hanging of a woman is militating seriously against securing a jury to try Mrs. James P. McCree, charged with the murder of Allen Garland, a prominent clubman.

Mrs. McCree, the wife of a prominent official of the Frisco railroad, shot and killed Garland in her home, claiming that he insulted her. The prosecution claims that relations existed between Garland and Mrs. McCree which makes the insult theory impossible.

### FANS CAN SEE FANS IN ACTION

Scene in Bright Eyes Shows Section of Bleachers With Fans Wildly Rooting—Cecil Leon Has Splendid Song to Sing.

Medford fans will have an opportunity to see how they really look when rooting in the bleachers when "Bright Eyes" comes to the Medford Theatre for an engagement one night, Tuesday, October 31st.

In this new play, which is by the author of "Three Twins," Cecil Leon who with Florence Holbrook, is especially featured in the cast, interpolates his famous base ball song, "He's a Fan, Fan, Fan," one of the cleverest satires on the base ball "rooter" ever given on the stage. The words and business of the song are Mr. Leon's own and the music was written by Miss Holbrook. Mr. Leon is a base ball "fan" of the first water and admits that he learned to imitate the "rooter" by the simple method of being one himself. In his boyhood days in Detroit Mr. Leon was a sand lot ball player and he still at times regrets that his earliest ambition, that of becoming one of the stars of the diamond, was doomed to disappointment. But he never misses a game that he can possibly see. He numbers many of the great players as his personal friends and in the song which he has introduced in "Bright Eyes" he has immortalized the faithful, but humble "rooter" who is to a real base ball game what the character of the melancholy Dane is to the tragedy of "Hamlet."

### COURT HOUSE NEWS

- Real Estate Transfers.
- N. A. Niskern to Morten Olsen NE 1/4 of NW 1/4, W 1/4 NW 1/4 of NE 1/4. Sec. 27, Tp. 35, 2W ..... \$ 10
  - Granite City Savings Bank to Niels Esperson, containing 5 acres in R. R. V. Orchards Co. tract ..... 650
  - I. B. McDonald to Verne Van Dyke, containing two acres in Sec. 25, Tp. 37, 2W ..... 10
  - Oliver Adams to J. Frank Carson, property in Butte Falls ..... 10
  - J. A. Bothwell et al. to John R. Tomlin, assignment of contract for 24 acres in Bothwell, Glasgow and English tract ..... 10
  - G. W. Priddy to Medford Brick Co., land in Sec. 25, Tp. 37, 2W ..... 20
  - Annie Cash to C. B. Lamkin, power of attorney ..... 10
  - Louis C. Cordes et al. to C. M. Boynton, land in Sec. 5, Tp. 36, 1W; contract ..... 10
  - Claud Miles to C. M. Boynton, same as above ..... 10
  - J. T. C. Nash to Hotel Nash Co., lease to building on Seventh and D'Anjou streets, \$250 per month until Feb. 1, 1922 ..... 10
  - Chas. Pruett to I. R. Kline, 62.88 acres in D. L. C. No. 51, Tp. 36, 1W; agreement ..... 10
  - I. R. Kline to Arthur R. Touville; transfer of agreement above mentioned ..... 10
  - Jacksonville Reduction Co. to The Bank of Jacksonville, certain missing machinery and buildings ..... 10
  - P. E. Bybee to H. W. Goodale, lease to J. F. White building, West Main street, Medford ..... 10
  - O. V. Meyers et al. to E. F. Guthrie, lots in Highland Park add. to Medford ..... 1
  - Chas. A. Beardsley to C. S. Calef et ux, property in Ashland precinct ..... 1000
  - U. S. A. to D. B. Reame et ux, patent to mineral land in Coleman Creek mining district ..... 10
  - L. Hatfield to J. O. Isaacson, lot 10, blk. 6, Central Point ..... 10
  - W. H. Hurley to Wm. Glenn, 10 acres in D. L. C. 42, Tp. 38, 1E ..... 10
  - Rebecca A. Smith to Clara Conroy, 2 acres in Enoch P. Walker subdivision; bond for deed ..... 1350
  - J. T. Kearns to J. A. Walker et ux, NW 1/4 Sec. 8, Tp. 36, 4W ..... 1
  - Jackson Co. Building & Loan Association to Nano Matney, lot 6, blk. 9, Medford ..... 10
  - Chas. Schaffer et al. to Archie B. Cropp, power of attorney ..... 10
  - W. E. Cox to Elmer S. Shank, 88 acres in Sec. 20, Tp. 38, 1W ..... 10
  - Heien N. Yockey to Muggie P. Drumhill, lot 5, blk. 4, Walnut Park add. to Medford ..... 350

### 35,900 MILES AUTO'S RECORD

Bull Dog Abbott-Detroit Here After Trip to Alaska—Passed Through Medford Last August on His Way Farthest North.

With a total mileage of 39,000 miles covered since July 31, 1910, and 48 states travelled in the globe-girdling Abbott-Detroit "Bull Dog" arrived in this city yesterday in charge of Dr. Charles G. Percival, editor of Health Magazine of New York City, under whose auspices a trip of 1000,000 miles is being attempted. The Abbott car has been travelling since July, 1910 on the longest trip ever known to the automobile industry—100,000 miles—and judging from its performance up to date it bids fair to accomplish the feat.

The car has already been completely around the borders of the United States for the first time in the history of automobiling and has pathfinded the Pacific highway from Tia Juana, Mexico to Vancouver, British Columbia, and has travelled under its own power from Skagway, Alaska over the dreaded White Pass to the headwaters of the Yukon river and been to a point 30 miles beyond 62 degrees north in the Arctic Circle and a thousand miles farther north than ever before made by an automobile.

For this feat Dr. Percival and his companion George Brown won the valuable silver trophy offered by the Daily Alaskan of Skagway, in addition the Arctic Brotherhood the famous organization of the Arctic Circle composed only of men who have "mashed" over the trail and lived north of 54 degrees, made both men members of the order while Dr. Percival shares with the Lord Governor of Canada, Earl Grey, of being a Grand Arctic Chief of the order. The two men have crossed the continent twice and are now making their way east over the historic Oregon trail.

At the completion of the 100,000 miles, the car is to be torn down and subjected to an exhaustive examination by a technical committee composed of prominent automobile authorities, and it is conceded that both the industry and the Abbott Motor Car Co. will benefit greatly by what has been accomplished by this \$1500 American automobile.

- J. C. Hannah to John Hall, 20.13 acres in Sec. 21, Tp. 34, 2W ..... 600
- Fred H. Thompson to Farmers and Fruitgrowers' Bank, assignment of deed to 10 acres on Newtown street, Medford ..... 10
- R. S. McDowell to N. D. McDowell, 200 acres in Sec. 12, and 13, Tp. 35, 2W ..... 12,000
- C. F. Carter to Isaac T. Gallger, W 1/2 of lot 4 and lot 5, blk. 25, Gold Hill ..... 1
- H. J. Helmroth to Sarah T. Wolverson, lots in Edmeades add. to Medford ..... 1325.60
- Grant Harrison to R. K. Thing, one-half interest in Lost Fortune quartz claim, Gold Hill district ..... 125
- H. W. Jackson to Annie Jackson, property in Galloway's add. to Medford ..... 10
- Elmer Shank to Hugo Sonnerschein, land in Sec. 20, Tp. 38, 1W ..... 1
- H. E. Marsh to Samuel I. Wilson et ux, lot 9, blk. 2, Bungalow add. to Medford ..... 1

### CONVICT'S RETURN SAVES FATHER

In Warden's Automobile Convict Has Exciting Race Against Death—Joy of Meeting Will Save Father From Death.

RENO, Nev., Oct. 28.—Racing against death 34 miles over the hot sands of the deserts and skidding at lightning speed over a long brink of mountain precipices, in his warden's automobile, Herbert Christie, a convict in the penitentiary at Carson, reached this city in time yesterday to clasp his dying father in his arms and the joy of meeting has probably saved the father's life.

The father is Constable John Christie, who was stricken ill with erysipelas and lung congestion and hourly expected to die. All his family gathered about the bedside, expecting that the end was near, except Herbert, who is serving a term in the penitentiary at Carson for embezzlement, committed during his term of office as city clerk of Reno. In his lucid moments the dying man called incessantly for his absent son and the mother telephoned to Warden Ray Baker, asking that the son be permitted to come to Reno and see his father before he died.

Baker immediately put his automobile at the disposal of the convict, and the exciting race with death followed. As soon as Constable Christie saw his son he recognized him, and rallied to such an extent that the doctors now hold out hopes for his recovery.

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