

DIVORCE CASE NO. 44 SHOWS HARD LIFE FOR BRIDE

Wilmet Neathammer filed suit in circuit court Monday against Ebb Neathammer, charging "cruel and inhuman treatment." It was the forty-fourth divorce suit to be filed in Jackson county this year, to date.

The couple were married December 11, 1924, at Jacksonville when the wife, formerly Wilmet Howell ofogue River, was 15 years of age.

Before the honeymoon had started, the complaint alleges, "the plaintiff and the defendant were playfully scuffling and playing together with a flashlight, when it accidentally fell into the mouth of the defendant, and he cursed the plaintiff and called her a damn fool, and told her to go to H—L."

A further listed ground of cruelty is that the defendant took the plaintiff to live with his parents and two sisters, and it is charged "that the steps made life miserable, and called the plaintiff unmentionable names, and harassed and worried the plaintiff."

It is also alleged that the sisters accused the plaintiff "of stealing 50 cents," and that when the plaintiff reconstituted to this to the defendant, he struck and bruised her across the neck and shoulders, until black and blue," and "slapped the plaintiff in the face, till the face was swollen out of place."

The plaintiff further sets forth that she was but 15 years of age when married, and she told the defendant she had better wait until older," and that she was required to help build all fences and perform other heavy labor beyond her strength."

That she was "made sick at heart and ill" by reason of the defendant arising her "when she was talking to her sister Nutt, and saying, 'If she was going to live with Archie Nutt, to go to H—L.'"

That the defendant "hit the plaintiff's father in the head with a club, in the presence of the plaintiff, rendering him unconscious," and "causing nervousness and fright."

After these alleged incidents, the complaint recites, plaintiff left the defendant, "but was prevailed upon to return by promises of kindness, and filled with love and affection."

The plaintiff asserts that the defendant "has a new Star car, a team of horses, and crops to be harvested that will net \$2500, and is able to pay \$35 per month permanent alimony, \$50 maintenance money pending settlement of the suit of \$75 attorney's fee, and \$25 court costs."

Program Vaudeville Craterian Tonight

The team of Farnell & Florence are the outstanding attraction on the Association vaudeville bill at Hunt's Craterian tonight. They utilize all sorts of timely topics an drecent local happenings.

The skit of Billy Gross & Co., "Oh, Boy, Fire!" will strike a chord of sympathy with the young man who hesitates to ask the hand of the young lady of his choice. An abundance of elaborate stage settings furnishes the proper atmosphere for the plot.

One of the most unusual musical offerings in Salem & Chung, two Chinese boys who have voices that harmonize exceptionally well and who know how and what to sing. Their beautiful colored and gold embroidered costumes lend a decided touch of Oriental atmosphere.

Peters and LeTuff have an exclusive sensational forward somersault of a high horizontal bar to a hand and catch which produces a thrill and demonstrates their ability as heavy weight athletes.

Miss Lottie Rule provides a musical treat on saxophone and accordion that proves the popularity of these two instruments with modern day audiences.

Pictures and Raymond Ballard at the organ.

Richard Barthelmess At Rialto Theatre

Richard Barthelmess comes to the Rialto today in his latest picture, "Soul Fire." It is a picture of Martin Brown's play, "Great Star." "Soul Fire" has for its theme the search of a brilliant young musician for a woman who will inspire him to write a great symphony. He seeks for this great love everywhere—in the medieval castles of Italy, the studios of the Quarter Latin in Paris, the brothers of Port Said, Egypt, and then he finds the woman he can love in a little eastaway girl on an island in the South Seas. She has been deserted by her English parents, and used for as one of themselves. And there, amid the primitive life of the simple, natural people, his inspiration comes to him.

In the cast are Bessie Love as the girl of the tropics; Charlotta Monrovy as the highborn lady and Helen Vane as the keeper of a dance hall in Port Said. Walter Long, Richard Herlan, Harriet Sterling and Effie Hannon are others in the story.

Bicyclists Warned to Obey Traffic Laws

Chief of Police Adams issued a warning today to all bicycle riders who have been in the habit of cutting corners, cutting in front of cars and loitering at night without a proper light. He states this sort of thing must be stopped at once. If not, more drastic steps will be taken. The chief has received many complaints concerning the extreme recklessness of some riders and lack of caution of others. He expects all cyclists to take note of his warning and govern themselves accordingly.

FIRST BAPTISTS FILE DEMURRER IN CHURCH CASE

A demurrer to the suit of the Ashland Baptist church against the First Baptist church of Ashland, was filed in the circuit court Monday afternoon, by the defendants, on three grounds, viz:

(1) "That the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of suit";

(2) "That the court has no jurisdiction over the subject of this action";

(3) "That the defendants have no legal capacity to sue."

The suit is for the possession of the church property, and is the outgrowth of a schism that arose, when the congregation became divided between the teachings of the established Baptist church, and the doctrines of the "Almeo McPherson Four-Square Gospel."

The followers of the "Four-Square Gospel" took possession of the church property last December, and the complaint alleges, refused admission to the "regulars," who held their meetings in a hall. Two weeks ago the "regulars" seized the church, and the "Four-Square Gospel" branch have been holding their meetings on a lawn.

Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas last week decided against the defendants in their motions to "strike" certain portions of the complaint, and to set forth in particularity the tenets of faith of the Baptist church.

The Ashland Baptist church, which was established in 1884, has been upheld in its stand by the high state councils of the Baptist church and by Ministerial associations of the state, and Rogue River valley.

A decision on the demurrer will not be handed down until Circuit Judge Charles M. Thomas returns from his vacation about September 1.

Crater L. Stage Driver Fined \$50 ON SPEEDING CHG.

Another batch of state traffic law violators, 12 in number, appeared before Judge Taylor yesterday and were fined according to their offenses. Of the 12 defendants, one pleaded not guilty, he was convicted and heavily fined.

Eight of the cases were for speeding, seven of which pleaded guilty, O. G. Wronam, Crater Lake stage driver, pleaded not guilty to the charge placed against him by State Traffic Officer J. J. McMahon for speeding on the Pacific Highway. After all evidence was heard he was convicted and fined \$50 and costs.

The seven who pleaded guilty include the following: E. S. Kiehl, fine \$15; H. A. Erskine, Medford, fine \$15; H. U. Bolin, fine, \$10; T. C. Doremus, \$10; John G. Greb, Butte Falls, \$10; J. S. Greenlaw, \$10; W. M. O'Hara, \$10.

The first two were arrested by State Traffic Officer C. P. Talent, and the remaining five by J. J. McMahon.

Others fined for various offenses include W. M. O'Hara, Medford, \$10, no headlights; W. M. Coleman, \$10, no license tags; M. F. Foster, \$10, no taillight; B. T. Sims, \$10, failure to keep right side of road and Henry Munson, \$10, improper license tags. All the above arrests were made by McMahon, except the last one, which was by Talent.

ALIENIST QUILTS JAZZ GIRL CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—Dr. Jau Don Ball, noted psychiatrist on whose testimony the attorneys for Dorothy Ellingson relied to establish that she was temporarily insane at the time she killed her mother, announced today that he would take no further part in the case. The second trial of Dorothy, on a charge of murder is set for today.

Defense attorneys, surprised at Dr. Ball's announcement, declared they will demand a continuance when the case is called.

The alienist stated his belief that "no public good can be served" by further examinations and pointed out a lack of appreciation some forty days his findings of her mental condition already are a matter of court record.

Cook with gas.

Hunt Co. Entertains Telephone Employees

The employees of the Home Telephone and Telegraph company were the guests of George Hunt of Hunt's Craterian last night, when they enjoyed the "Paths to Paradise," with Raymond Griffith as the star.

The Home company in their reconstruction program have removed the company poles from that part of South Central where the Craterian is located and thus removed all obstacles from that side of the street which obstructed the view of this very attractive play house. And as a mark of appreciation some forty Home company people enjoyed Mr. Hunt's hospitality, said they saw one of the best movies that ever came to Medford.

DEFENDANTS IN PICKFORD KIDNAP CASE TAKE STAND

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11.—(A. P.)—Cross-examination of Adrian Wood, defendant in the Mary Pickford kidnaping case, was expected to occupy much of today's session of the trial of Wood and two others on charges of plotting to carry off and hold for ransom the diminutive screen celebrity.


Wood was called to the stand late yesterday and contributed testimony previously offered by his co-defendants, Charles Stephens and Claude Holcomb, to the effect that a police informer, Louis Geck, had supplied liquor and kidnaping conversation whenever the four got together, and was in fact the only one of the four who appeared eager for a kidnaping adventure.

Earlier in the session, a policeman, brother-in-law of Holcomb, testified that Holcomb was in bed at his house at the time alleged he was conferring in a hotel room with Geck and his alleged fellow plotters concerning ways and means of making away with Miss Pickford.

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that Geck engineered the "plot" and the arrest of the defendants as a publicity move calculated to shed glory on two detectives as the saviors of Mary Pickford.



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