SUIT TO BREAK WIFE'S WILL

A. J. Williams of Benson Sues to Get In on Heritage.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IS BLAMED

Charges that it Procured Signature of His Wife in Her Dotage by Using Undue Influence Over Her.

Fighting wills is all the fashion. Whether the much talked of litigation over the last testament of Joseph A. Connor is responsible or not is beside the point, the fact remaining that three other wills have been attacked since the Connor case started.

Andrew J. Williams of Benson is the last disallowed heir to attempt to break a will. He makes a serious charge against a religious house in his formal protest against the probating of the testament of his wife, the late Mrs. Josie Williams, who left about $10,000. It is charged by him that his wife was in her dotage and "that her signature was procured by fraud and undue influence on the part of the officers, agents and servants of the institution named in the alleged will, namely, God's Bible school and Missionary Training school."

Mrs. Williams' will bequeaths all her property to an adopted daughter, Ruth Esther, on condition that the child, who is now 8 years old, be placed in the school named, which is located in Cincinnati, O., "and that the said estate be used for her maintenance therein until she becomes of age (18 years old); that of what remains of my estate and property she is then to receive one-half in cash and the other half to go to the said school. Should she decide at that time to devote her life to missionary work, all the estate is to go to pay her salary therefor."

James A. Howard Executor.

James A. Howard is named as the executor. The terms of the will are vague with regard to the disposition of the property if the daughter decides to "devote her life to missionary work." The will says the estate is to go to pay her salary therefor. It would seem that the Bible school is thus left the money in trust for this purpose, but the stipulation is not clear. Williams, the husband, beside the charge of fraud referred to, swears that his wife was not of sound mind, but in her dotage, and that the will was not signed in the presence of the witnesses.

Mr. Howard named in the will as executor is a banker at Benson and he himself drew up the will for Mrs. Williams. He stated Friday that Mrs. Williams settled upon the Cincinnati school from reading an advertisement of it in a paper sent her from Ohio.

The other wills which have been fought are those of Mrs. Frederick Lessentine of Florence and Edward Elster of South Omaha. The latter's instrument was disallowed as not having been properly drawn. He left his estate to his widow except $3,000 to go to his mother if alive; if not to his father.

The will of Mrs. Elise Heimrod, wife of George Heimrod, consul at Berne, has been forwarded from Switzerland. Mrs. Heimrod leaves her estate to her husband in trust for their children and he is to have half the income, the other moiety to be spent on them. The children are given sums outright for their education as follows: Clara, $1,500; Albert, $1,500; Dora, $500.

BUSY DAYS WITH THE GIRLIES

One Fair Lady Makes Skirt Company Man Buy Diamonds, Another Lawyers.

While wedding bells are ringing for J. David Rosenberg, superintendent of the Novelty Skirt company, Joseph Engleman, president of the same concern, is hiring a lawyer to defend himself against a $5,000 damage suit brought Friday by one of the girls who went on strike recently. Rosenberg is buying a diamond for Miss Lena Marquesse of Syracuse, N. Y., and Edgleman is perchance saving his money in the event of an unfavorable verdict.

According to the petition filed in the office of the district clerk, Dora Orloff, a comely young woman, who formerly worked for the company on Harney street, was publicly denounced by Engleman on the street in front of the company's building, Engleman, it being alleged, uttering a serious reflection on her character.

FIGHT ENACTED IN THE COURT

Encounter on Street is Reproduced for the Benefit of the Police Judge.

Recounting the thrilling clashes which they had with one another over the debated question, "To strike or not to strike, that is the question," half a dozen strikers and strike breakers of the Novelty Skirt company, entertained Judge Crawford and a roomful of spectators in police court Friday morning. After the reproduction of the street fight that occurred between the two factors Wednesday evening on Fourteenth street had been fully staged the judge discharged Max and Louis Abraham and Philip Salousky, who had been arrested on the charge of fighting.

TAX TO MAKE GIRLS MARRY

Law Proposed by Dahlman to Relieve Poet Clark.

LATTER PLEADS FOR LITTLE WIFE

"In God's Name it Puzzles Me, a Population of Two Hundred Thousand Claiming to Be Christians and Me Single!"

"Suppose a woman marries a poet, does that make her a poetess?"

That one came in over The Bee's telephone Friday morning.

Strange as it may seem, but a little while before that Mayor Dahlman had received a letter from his old college chum, Poet Clark of South Omaha, in which the poet eloquently pleaded for a wife.

Passing up the inquiry for the moment, let attention be directed to what the mayor had to say:

"In Oklahoma they have a law taxing bachelors as a means of compelling them to get married. Now, in Nebraska, I propose that we have a law taxing spinsters for the same purpose. Of course, I have just been turned down by the legislature, but I believe I still have influence enough to have such a law enacted. It is a shame to let all the pretty girls and women of this state remain single when there are such men as my friend, the poet, going around looking for wives.

"It might be well to issue a proclamation calling upon all the old maids to take husbands unto themselves at once under penalty, or it might be better to address a communication to the council and ask that body to draft an ordinance providing for a tax against all the girls above a certain age who remain in single blessedness. Something must be done."

Plea of the Poet.

Accompanying his communication to the mayor was this poem:

Mayor Dahlman, Honored and respected sir—It is now with the greatest of pleasure I will kindly write you these few and tender lines, as you are the head one here in Omaha, hoping that you will kindly answer me this question through the public papers: "In God's name, it puzzles me, even if I am gifted to know what kind of women and girls we have got in our city, now a population of 200,000, and claims to have Christianity and loves God with all their heart and soul, and full of so many old maids working against God and nature and so many good and true honest working men around them that wants wives and can't get any. So in God's name I will ask again what kind of women and girls are they or what kind of men do they want here in Omaha. Are they born like animals, without a spirit, or what seems to be the matter that a man can't find a woman that wants to marry among so many old maids of Christianity who claim they love God with all their heart and soul and here they are caring no more about God than a hog or a dog cares about his father, and for proof here is what God says Himself in the holy scripture: "It is sweet and better to marry than to suffer and live alone, for it is not good for man to be alone." From your most sincere and humble servant,

POET CLARK, SOUTH OMAHA.

COLD WATER FOR SWINDLERS

Police and Police Judge Unfeelingly Active in Discouraging Petty Thieving in Third Ward.

Following the reports of five cases of larceny, amounting in all to almost $700, during the last three days, about a dozen colored men and women of the Third ward have been arrested by the police and sent to jail for short terms. In no one of the five cases has either money or thief been secured, but to discourage the practice of Third ward men and women fleecing strangers, short jail sentences have been given persons who are thought to be connected with the business, but cannot be proved guilty in any particular case.

YES, PITY THE POOR RICH

High Finance Gets Severe Jolt Before the People's Bar, Where Three Industrial Captains Are.

Pity the poor rich!

Didst ever yearn to be a captain of industry, a leader of haut finance, a John W. Gates, a W. H. Moore, or other magic manipulators of stocks and bonds. Perchance it is not so easy as it seems. There are more "Get-Rick-Quick Wallingfords" in the magazines than in real life and even the way of the sharper is sometimes hard.

Take the case of Carl F. Huston, president of the American Investment company, Remember Earle E. Edwards, president of the American Gum Vending Machine company. Consider the plight of J. T. McNully, a fellow capitalist and in the same hard way.

These three who are well equipped with mining stock shares, gum machine shares, bank drafts—unfilled—or whatever one might wish in this line—were sentenced to the county jail Friday morning by the police judge.

High finance was discouraged in the case of McNully to the extent of twenty-five days; the president of the American Investment company was given ten days to plan a raid on Erie or Missouri Pacific, and the head of the Gum Vending Machine company will deliberate for the next fifteen days "the immitagability of our moral predicament," as Henry James is wont to say.

Also in court was John Woods of North Platte, who thought to dally with the investment of quick return and the golden scheme into which one is let on the ground floor. He testified against the capitulated capitalists.

"Go home and let your wife take care of you," said an unfeeling judge, and one more man decided to stick to farming hereafter.

High Wind at Muskogee.

MUSKOGEE, Okl., Feb. 5.—A terrible wind storm swept over Muskogee early today doing much minor damage. As far as known no one was hurt. Four huge smokestacks were blown down at the Muskogee Gas and Electric company's plant. They crashed through the roof disabling the engine and machinery, leaving the city in darkness. The storm passed to the southwest.

WELL KNOWN QUARTET TAKEN

Four Professional Thieves Said to Have Records in United States and Europe.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 5.—Samuel Kaufman of New York, Edward Johnson of Salt Lake City, John Ryne of St. Louis and Abraham Kline of St. Petersburg, Russia, were held for court trial today by a police magistrate on charges of larceny and being professional thieves.

The four men were arrested late yesterday in a hotel and it is said they are well known throughout the country and Europe.