

STEPDAUGHTER BRINGS SUIT FOR SHARE OF ESTATE

Question of Common-Law Marriage Involved; Family Skeletons Bared During Hearing in District Court.

The family skeletons of the late Ralph H. Hall of Ralston are being placed on review in Judge Leslie's court where an estate case is being contested by Mrs. Elizabeth Malmstrom, stepdaughter.

The principal issue involved in the case is whether the domestic relations of Hall and the late Mrs. Nancy J. Pollock, during a period of nearly 25 years, constituted a common-law marriage.

Burt Hutchinson lived for many years with Hall and Mrs. Pollock and he was introduced as a witness who had intimate knowledge of their affairs. The witness testified that when he mentioned the subject of formal marriage to Hall, the latter replied that it was nobody's business how he lived.

Called Her "His Woman."

"He called her his woman on some occasions, and sometimes he referred to her as Mrs. Pollock, but I do not recall that he called her his wife," the witness testified. "They went together frequently to Omaha and attended old settlers' picnic together and sometimes they went to Omaha on Sundays where she attended church and he went to other places."

Hutchinson added that Hall was in six runaways, but that those affairs did not deter him from driving his favorite buckskin pony to within a year before his death during March, 1916.

Farm Involved.

The property in litigation includes 300 acres of farm land near Ralston. Mrs. Malmstrom was an adopted daughter of Mrs. Nancy J. Pollock before the latter's common-law marriage to Hall. The defendants are contending that Mrs. Pollock was only a housekeeper in the Hall household.

Colonel Pratt Estate is Settled, Ending a Long Drawn Out Court Case

The Colonel Pratt estate case, which has been in litigation for years in district court, has been amicably settled, according to a stipulation which has been filed by lawyers representing the various interests.

The feature of the settlement is the disposition of Sumner Hill farm of 1,600 acres near Bennington, said to be one of the most desirable farm tracts in Douglas county. Henry W. Magee, father of Jerome, Wayland and Helen Magee, and of Louise Field Magee Augustus, is to receive 800 acres of the farm without any incumbrance. Jerome Magee will accept 400 acres and will assume half of a mortgage of \$60,000. The remaining 400 acres and the other half of the mortgage lien will be divided between Wayland Magee and his sisters, Helen Dorcas Magee and Louise Field Magee Augustus.

It is stated by real estate authorities that Sumner Hill farm is worth more than \$350,000. In connection with the Magee estate settlement there are other properties in Omaha and Wyoming.

Ex-News Writers for the Transmississippi Congress Wanted

The reportorial committee of the Transmississippi Readjustment congress has called for volunteers from among the former newspaper reporters, both men and women, of Omaha.

The volunteers will be asked to report at headquarters Tuesday morning, February 18, and receive assignments covering the period they can devote to the work.

Volunteers are asked to report, write or phone Arthur Thomas, director of publicity, at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

Local War Community

Work Highly Commended

Omaha War Camp Community Service activity in industrial work and the re-employment of soldiers has attracted the notice and commendation of national headquarters. "In no other city in the entire field except Chester, Pa., has so full a program been outlined," states a letter from the national office.

Miss Jessie B. Payne of New York, on the national publicity staff, arrived in Omaha Monday to obtain material on the local work to pass on to other centers.

Raymond E. Van Cise of Kansas City, district director for the War Camp Community Service, came today to pass a few days reviewing the activities of the local organization.

The Best Cough Medicine

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for the past seven years and have found it to be the best cough medicine I have ever known," writes J. B. Jones, Druggist, Cubrun, Ky.

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He Often Preaches in Little Church in the Wildwood

Rev. H. D. Green of Nashua, Ia., Delegate to Methodist Conference, Tells of Historic Spot.

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood. No lovely place in the dale, No spot so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.

And as the delegates to the Methodist convention daily sang this song in Omaha, there was one man to whom the "little church in the wildwood" heralded by song and sentiment to international fame, was more than a church of song.

That man was Rev. H. D. Green of Nashua, Ia., the town where the same brown church now stands and from where the song has sung its way round the world, in church and out, finding its demand equally insistent in the trenches "Somewhere in France," according to returned singers, as in conventions; in little country churches of music more heartfelt than harmonious; in the famous "Church Just 'Round the Corner," as well as the cosmopolitan song fests of Billy Sunday. Mr. Green often preaches in the church.

Church of Song.

"The reality is only the church of song," said Rev. Mr. Green. "Just an ordinary little brown church, kept brown by tradition, in the sequestered vale of two twisted streams—Missouri and the Cedar. It was built back in '61 and gradually as the railroads brought business and commercialism to Bancroft, Nashua was deserted and the little brown church left high and dry."

The song was first written by Dr. William Pitts, then "singing master" of the country church, for Friday night choir rehearsal.

There was no effort of publication—it sung its way like the folk songs of old, and as time went on came into song books until without doubt there is no equal in popularity for one comparatively modern hymn.

"Oh, come to the church in the vale," the song goes.

Oh, come to the church in the vale, And the challenge of the chorus was answered until the tourists form actual congregations themselves. Oftentimes they bring their own minister and have services of their own; sometimes in summer, the church will hold special meetings in the afternoons for the visitors who have "come to the church in the vale." The grove of evergreens on either side is often the place of services for the quaint, country church can hold scarcely a hundred on the old fashioned benches that are divided into "the middle and either side" rows by three narrow aisles.

Tourists Invade Spot.

"There are signs of American tourists, too," added Rev. Mr. Green, "for the church hymnal 'Joy to the World' has no page with the score."

MANNING FEARS RETURN OF "FLU" EPIDEMIC HERE

While Omaha is in Better Condition Than Most Cities, There Still is Danger, Says Official.

City Health Commissioner Manning is "very much afraid" that Omaha will have another visitation of the Spanish influenza.

He has received reports of recurrences of the epidemic recently in other American cities. For instance, in New York City there were 175 deaths from "flu" in the week ending November 30, 1918. In the week ending January 11 they had doubled, there being 351 deaths; in the week ending January 18 there were 423 deaths and in the week ending January 25 there were 540 deaths from "flu."

In Chicago the deaths in the week ending November 30 numbered 148, and in the week ending January 25 they numbered 183. In San Francisco there were 42 deaths in the week ending November 30 and 132 in the week ending January 25.

Omaha shows a big decrease. There were 34 deaths from "flu" in the week ending November 30 and only six in the week ending January 25. Last week there were only four deaths here from "flu."

"It means that we must not relax our care," said Dr. Manning. "Eternal vigilance, avoidance of crowds, plenty of fresh air, activity of the bodily functions, these are the things that keep the influenza away."

There are 42 Omaha homes now quarantined because of "flu."

Omaha Nurse Stationed Now at Paris Hospital

Miss Esther Compton, Omaha nurse, who has been stationed in a surgical base hospital near Verdun since her arrival in France, has recently been transferred to a military hospital in Paris. Part of the unit to which Miss Compton was attached, has been sent to Germany with the army of occupation.

South Side B. E. WILCOX'S FOUND DEAD IN BED IN HOTEL

Wealthy Real Estate Broker Has Lived in South Omaha for Past Twenty-Five Years.

B. E. Wilcox, wealthy and prominent real estate broker on the South Side, was found lying over the bed in his room dead, about 10 o'clock Thursday morning. He lives at the Commercial hotel and responded when called by O. W. Verley, the proprietor, at 7 a. m.

About 10 a. m. employees in his office called for him and Mr. Verley again went to the room and found him dead. He has been subject to epileptic fits for several years and a fit is thought to have caused his death. He had started to dress when stricken.

Mr. Wilcox was 51 years old and came to the South Side from Ida Grove, Ia., about 25 years ago. He was employed as a clerk in a real estate office which he later purchased. He went to Fremont nine years ago and engaged in the alfalfa and milling business for three years after which he returned to his real estate business. He has been instrumental in making many of the largest real estate sales on the South Side.

He is survived by his divorced wife and two daughters living in Gardy, Neb. He is a past master of the Bee Hive lodge No. 184, A. F. & A. M.

Commercial Course Proves Popular With South High Students

The commercial course is the most popular at the South High school. There are 221 pupils taking this course. Five teachers devote their time exclusively to teaching commercial subjects, and other teachers devote a part of their time to teaching subjects pertaining to the commercial branch.

The commercial department has made the boast that not one of their graduates has failed in the business world, and business men state that South High commercial students are very efficient. Few South Side people attend other Omaha commercial schools.

Next in popularity is the Normal training course with 58 students. Following the Normal training course are the foreign language with 49 registrants, the scientific with 29; the history with 29 and household arts with 16.

The registration in these courses is not a fair estimate of the demand for the course, however, according to Principal Marrs, as the foregoing figures apply only to those who have specified their intentions of meeting the requirements of the particular course, and excludes many students doing work in classes of the course mentioned.

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The Phil Kearney Woman's Relief corps will meet at the home of J. J. Eastman, Twenty-third and C streets, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Phil Kearney, Post number 2, G. A. R. will meet at the home of J. W. Cream, 1427 Twenty-third street, Saturday afternoon, February 13, at 2 o'clock.

Walter Flomen, 1706 I street, aged 7 years, sustained bruises on the head and body when he was struck by an auto late Wednesday. The accident occurred at Thirty-eighth and I streets. The injured boy was attended by Dr. Hugo Cholopiatka at his home. The driver of the auto, a man named Dave Callaghan, fire chief at the Cudahy Packing company. Police say an unknown boy was driving the car.

Shotwell Says He Sees No Reason for Prosecuting Moyers

County Attorney Shotwell states that he has not received any information which would warrant him taking official cognizance of the death of Miss Mary Alice Kennedy, South Side girl, who shot herself after receiving a letter from Walter Moyers.

The parents of the dead girl have not referred the matter in any way to the county attorney's office.

Paul Steinwender, chief clerk in the county attorney's office, called at the Kennedy home, 2518 G street, Wednesday night, but the bereaved parents declined to allow the caller to take the letter to the county attorney's office for perusal.

Governor Explains Civil Code Bill to Rotarians

Governor S. R. McKelvie explained the benefits of the civil code bill, which he had introduced in the legislature, at a luncheon of the Rotary club in the Fontenelle hotel Wednesday. "The civil administration code is a business administration of public business," he said.

"It is a business form of government with six different departments. A man is appointed by the governor as head of each department and he is responsible to the governor for that department. So it is in civil business. What would happen to a business if there were not men who were responsible to one head?"

"When America first entered the war it appeared as though they had a task before them that could not be accomplished. Men were needed, munitions and many other things. America accomplished a thing that has never been done before.

"How was this done?—men were appointed as heads of various things and they had men who were responsible to them and themselves were responsible to one head. Now the same method must be applied in the time of peace. The many lessons of health and sanitation must also be applied."

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Surprising results from this famous old home-made syrup. Easily prepared and costs little.

If you have a severe cough or chest cold accompanied with soreness, throat tickle, hoarseness, or difficulty breathing, or if your child wakes up during the night with cough and you want quick help, try this reliable old home-made cough remedy. Any druggist can supply you with 2½ ounces of Beecham's Cough Syrup. Put this into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with granulated sugar syrup. Or you can use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup. If desired, this makes a pint of really remarkable cough remedy. It tastes good, and in spite of its low cost, it can be depended upon to give quick and lasting relief.

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Patriotic League Girls Requested to Repeat Performance

Repeat Performance



A. H. Johnson directed the Patriotic League club's presentation of "David Garrick" Saturday night at the Brandeis theater, incomplete returns for which are \$500, according to Miss Frances Range. The net proceeds will go to the Near East relief fund.

Mr. Johnson and the girls who participated in the entertainment received persistent requests to repeat the performance. It is possible this will be done next month.

Valentine parties are being given each night this week at the Girl's Community house, 1716 Dodge street.

Flying Squadron of Women to Complete the Triangle Drive

Siren whistles this morning at 9:30 will announce the cleanup drive for the \$12,000 yet to be subscribed in the double triangle campaign for funds. A flying squadron of 35 women will canvass the office buildings for the last subscriptions for the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Joint men and women's committee have already raised \$28,000.

Captained by Mrs. C. J. Hubbard, the flying squadron includes: Mesdames George F. Gilmore, Charles Offutt, J. M. Aikin, Palmer Findley, Edward Johnson, Charles Rich, A. K. Smith, W. E. Rhoades, S. S. Caldwell, W. W. Head, George Wickersham, Allen Koch, Frank Field, J. T. Stewart, Ed. George Payne, J. A. Tancock, Harry Tukey, B. F. Peterson, C. H. Ashton, G. A. Brown, E. A. Beardsley, D. N. Doward, Utterback, Arthur Cooley, Rawson, Brock, Willis Todd and Charles Gyger; Misses Edna Pickering, Dora Alexander, Swartzlander and Hall.

Weirich's Car Stolen and Recovered Some Time Later

The automobile of T. H. Weirich, superintendent of the Omaha Well-labor, was stolen from in front of his residence Wednesday about 8 o'clock. At 11 he was notified that the police had found the car at Twenty-eighth and Dodge streets. It had apparently been used by "joy riders."

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INCOME TAX LAW IS EXPLAINED TO CLOTHIERS

Convention at Fontenelle Closed Yesterday; Guy L. Reed of Lincoln Addressed Meeting.

The Nebraska Retail Clothiers' association convention unanimously conceded the most successful ever held, closed its three-day session at the Fontenelle hotel yesterday afternoon. The Men's Apparel club of Nebraska, meeting in conjunction with the retailers, also adjourned until next year.

The clothiers were addressed yesterday morning by Guy L. Reed of Lincoln, in charge of the income tax bureau of the First National bank of that city. He explained the income tax law to the clothiers. Following him was E. W. Nelson of the same city. He discussed improvements in business methods and handling of credits.

"Buying and the Reconstruction," was the subject of an address by Sidney A. Linnekin of Wellesley Hills, Mass. He advocated a hand-to-mouth policy in purchasing so that a decline in prices would not catch the retail merchant overstocked with merchandise for which he had paid a high price. No great decline in prices was predicted by Mr. Linnekin.

To Accommodate Wives.

Percy Cogswell of Alliance, Neb., and A. Zlotky of Fremont, Neb., were unable to be present on account of injuries and ill health.

The convention was adjourned with recommendations which were unanimously accepted, that accommodations be made for the wives of the members.

The Apparel club closed its session with the election of officers. Officers elected were: M. J. Kelley of Chicago, president; John F. Denvir of New York, vice president; D. J. Dorsey of St. Louis, secretary-treasurer and Lester Drishaus, chairman of the board of directors. The following directors were chosen: Arthur Prentiss, New York; Henry Pollok, Milwaukee; R. R. Kiese, St. Louis; E. Schloss, St. Louis; Harry Robinson, Chicago; Dave Collick, Oshkosh, Wis.; Al Green, Cleveland; and C. I. Ashlock, Jacksonville, Ill.

Towl Asks South Dakota Governor to Omaha Congress

City Commissioner Towl has returned from Pierre, S. D., where he stayed just 50 minutes. He went with Charles McClure, Edward Gloyer and M. A. Curran to invite Governor Peter Norbeck of South Dakota to be present at the Transmississippi Readjustment congress in Omaha next week. Governor Norbeck promised to send word Sunday whether he is able to be present.

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Parcel Post Dip New Tango at Postmen's Ball This Saturday

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New dances with "postoffice originated" names, make their first appearance when Archer Kay, formerly a sailor on the seas, first appears in the "Circular Twist." Emil Bandhauer introduces the "Parcel Post Dip," John Tracy the "Round Case Step," Nick Ruppert the "Station Guide," Lee Nitt the "Cyclonic Swing," and Robert Jensen, of the distribution department, will give an exhibition dance of the "Distribution Movement."

Central Labor Union Sends Delegates to Ministerial Union

President John J. Kerrigan of the Omaha Central Labor union announces the appointment of Robert Muir, I. J. Copenhaver and Ray A. Wilson as fraternal delegates to the Omaha Ministerial union.

A Simple Way to Remove Dandruff

There is one sure way that has never failed to remove dandruff at once, and that is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain, common liquid arvon from any drug store (this is all you will need), apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most if not all of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

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So often you have people say "I am so nervous I think I'll try to poison," or "I seem to never get a good night's sleep any more, my nerves are all on edge." Little do they dream that acid stomach is the direct cause of their troubles because very often there are no pains in the stomach at all. So you see, you can't always judge an acid-stomach condition by the way your stomach, itself, feels.

If you are weak, nervous, unfit—if you are not up to your old time form—if you lack your accustomed enthusiasm, energy and pep—make this test, and see if it isn't acid-stomach that is holding you back—robbing you of your health, strength and vigor. Get a big box of EATONIC—the wonderful modern medicine that so quickly puts an acid stomach to rights. It is in the form of pleasant tasting tablets that you eat like a bit of candy. EATONIC rides the stomach of excess

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