

Douglas County Loses Big Tax; Wealthy Widow's Life Is Bared

Three will cases, all involving large estates, reached dramatic stages in probate court yesterday.

Omaha gambler, involving \$100,000, was claimed by seven alleged nephews and nieces. The \$500,000 estate of the late Happy Theodora Van Wyck Benner, which has held public attention for more than a year, was further involved by a deposition filed by Norman Harsell, Milford, Pa., which includes a letter from Harsell to Mrs. Benner written soon after she had left her husband.

Boy's Suit Brings To Light Habits Of Rich Mother

Deposition Tells of Unsuccessful Attempts to Reconcile Happy Van Wyck Benner And Husband.

A deposition by Norman Harsell, president of the Milford Field club, Milford, Pa., was filed in county court yesterday as part of the fight on the \$500,000 estate of the late Happy Theodora Van Wyck Benner which is to come up in court soon in the effort of her 17-year-old son, Van Wyck, to get immediate possession of the estate.

Seven Claim Estate Of Old-Time Gambler

Alleged Nephews and Nieces Seek to Collect \$100,000.

Seven alleged nephews and nieces of the late H. C. Haley, Omaha gambler, filed a claim in county court yesterday, declaring themselves to be the legal heirs of Mr. Haley's estate, valued at \$100,000.

They are Justin C. Cassidy of McComb, Mo., and his brothers and sisters, as follows: Mrs. M. F. Stanley, Mrs. John Morrow, Mrs. George Anderson, Elizabeth Cassidy, Lucy Cassidy and Ada Cassidy. They are children of Mrs. Bridget Haley Cassidy, a sister of Haley, according to their claim. She is dead. Tom Dennison, close friend and business partner of Haley, declared yesterday that he doubted very much whether the applicants are really relatives of Haley.

Carolina Court Admits Tobacco Man's Document

Bombshell of Surprise Is Thrown Into Omaha Court As In Neal Will Case New Move Is Made.

A bombshell of surprise was thrown into the local county court yesterday when the will of the late John Neal was withdrawn from probate here and notice was served by Franklin A. Shotwell, an executor and beneficiary of the will, that it has been admitted by the probate court of Forsyth county, North Carolina, at Winston-Salem, N. C., Neal's alleged home.

If the will is allowed to go to probate there Douglas county will lose approximately \$50,000 in inheritance taxes. Three weeks ago a woman in Oklahoma, Okl., filed notice here that she is the widow of Neal and has a son 13 years old, who, she said, is also Neal's. She engaged Albert S. Ritchie as her local attorney and her claim was to be heard next Monday, when the will was to have come up in the county court here.

year-old daughter, Margaret, receives 300 shares of this stock. County Attorney Shotwell said yesterday that he knows nothing about the action taken by the probate court in North Carolina.

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Cox Reiterates Demand For Retraction By Root

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Refered upon a long dissertation upon what was the subject of article 10 in which again by inference, you are endeavoring to show that the building of roads; second, for the university and normal school; third, for the support of the state institutions; fourth, for a new capitol building.

stitution of the United States having the power to declare war. Asks Plain Question. "Now, Mr. Root, I have asked you a plain question. We are both assumed to understand the meaning of words. The American people likewise understand the meaning of words. You have been given the opportunity to correct your misstatement and this correction you have failed to make."

Politicians Amazed At Baker's Tour of West

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mistake. Congress then passed a law ending the camp after it had cost \$7,159,000. The administration paid the Curtiss company \$20,000,000 for 4,608 airplane motors and 2,716 airplanes and sold the same back to the company for only \$2,720,000.

Boy Bandits Loot Stores, Captured When Autos Break. Two Garages, One Pool Hall and Grocery Yield Total Swag of \$10—Held In Bluffs.

After looting two garages, one pool hall and one grocery store in Walnut, Ia., after midnight, Thursday night, and cracking two safes in their frenzy to obtain money, two lads, who gave their names as Dewey Conrad, 17, and John Curtis, 23, were captured yesterday six miles east of Council Bluffs by the marshal of Walnut after the two automobiles they had stolen in Walnut had broken down.

Young Woman Smothered To Death in Los Angeles Fire

Los Angeles, Oct. 22.—One young woman was smothered to death and 50 girls and women were carried to safety from the roof of a five-story building in the wholesale district here which was wrecked by fire. Several firemen suffered minor injuries. The damage was estimated at \$300,000.

Other portions of the deposition read as follows: Q. During that time did you observe her use intoxicating liquors? A. Yes. Q. Not drugs, No. Q. Liked Whisky, Too. Q. What intoxicating liquors did she drink to your knowledge? A. She was very fond of champagne—she liked whisky and cocktails.

Went to Kansas City. Shortly before Mr. Haley died he came to Omaha and took \$40,000 in cash from a safety deposit box here and took it to Kansas City where he placed it in a safety deposit box to which his partner there, J. C. Mabray, also had a key. Mr. Dennison said this money was not in the box when the public administrator of Missouri opened the box. Mr. Haley died suddenly in Kansas City, November 25, 1919, at the age of 55. He lived in Omaha 10 years, leaving here in 1917.

On Bank's Initiative. Mr. Shotwell said the probate of the will in North Carolina was done on the initiative of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company, Winston-Salem, N. C., on the ground that that city was Neal's legal residence. In his application for probate of the will here, September 3, Shotwell declared Omaha to be Neal's legal residence. Neal had lived here six years as western district manager of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company.

State Tax Law. "It should be further borne in mind," Governor McKelvie continued, "that only 19 1/2 cents of the taxpayer's dollar goes to the state. The balance remains in the county for schools, local improvements and the support of the city and county government. Consequently, if taxes were reduced \$1,000,000 a year, or approximately 10 per cent, that would result in a saving of only \$195 to the one whose taxes amount to \$100. I am sure that the people of the state will not jeopardize the good roads program, the extension of the activities of the university and the normal schools, the proper support of the state institutions or the construction of the new capitol for so trivial a saving."

Neckwear Distinguished by A Stylish Newness. The vests of organdie and net with their attractive lace trimmings add much to new costumes. Vesting with tucks and small ruffles by the yard for those who choose to fashion their own vests. Also narrow edges for collars and cuffs.

New Napkins from the Madeira Islands. A large selection of beautifully hand-embroidered corner designs which will be sold at a reduced price Saturday. \$17.50 quality, \$15.00 Doz. \$20.00 quality, \$17.50 Doz. \$25.00 quality, \$22.50 Doz.

Apparel Sections—Third Floor. From the Art Department. Applique bed spreads in interesting new designs. Besides being very artistic and practical, the applique patterns are easily made.

Warning Against Drink. A. She said that the doctor told her if she ever drank again, if remember, she would go crazy, or it would kill her, but she did take dubonnet cocktail, which she said was harmless. Q. Was there any other kind of drugs that she took at that time? A. It was Christmas night; we had a Christmas tree and she became very terribly excited and very erratic in her talk. I did not see her take any drugs, but I understand that she had taken something. Q. What effects, if any, did you notice? A. Well, she was very excited and kind of talking aloud and one thing or other. She was irrational. Q. Prior to Mrs. Benner going west in 1909 or the fall of 1908 did you ever observe her taking intoxicants? A. Yes. Q. Not drugs, No. Q. Liked Whisky, Too. Q. What intoxicating liquors did she drink to your knowledge? A. She was very fond of champagne—she liked whisky and cocktails. Q. Did you see her drink champagne, whisky and cocktails. Yes, I did. Q. How frequent a user of these liquors was she as far as your knowledge of it went. A. Well, she usually had a cocktail before dinner and frequently champagne at dinner or wine or claret. She was very fond of beer and Welsh rarebit and at that time she drank for sociability—she would go from one restaurant to another and then she would order champagne.

Insurance on SMcroe Tactics of Companies. Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 22.—Insurance companies which contract with banking concerns to represent them as agents were condemned in resolutions adopted today at the annual convention of the National Association of Insurance Agents. Fred J. Fox of Perth Amboy, N. J., was elected president. A number of indications were Los Angeles would be the next convention city.

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