

Charity Bequest Made by Seaman To Be Contested

Relatives Attack Will Leaving Entire Estate to Child Saving Institute of Omaha.

Officials of the Child Saving Institute prepared yesterday to make a fight for a valuable bequest left by the will of the late William T. Seaman, former Omaha merchant, who died November 11 at Eureka Springs, Ark.

The will is on file at Springfield, Mo.

A son, William Seaman, Jr., nearly 30 years old, an inmate of the insane asylum at Clarinda, Ia., and two sisters of the late merchant are contesting the validity of the will.

The will named the Child Saving Institute sole beneficiary of Mr. Seaman's personal property, including \$40,000 in cash, a farm of 417 acres in Taney county, Mo., and \$6,000 in life insurance.

Charge Will Invalid.

Attorneys for William Seaman, Jr., state that because his name was not mentioned in the will the instrument is invalid under the Missouri probate law.

W. W. Slabaugh, Howard Sexton and J. J. Sullivan, officials of the Child Saving Institute, did not learn that the institute was named in Mr. Seaman's will until yesterday when informed by a reported of The Bee.

They began an immediate investigation.

Rev. A. A. De Larme, pastor of the First Baptist church, declared yesterday that he was asked to mention that Mr. Seaman had left some of his property to the Child Saving Institute when he preached at the funeral services held for the wealthy man in Omaha on November 15.

Friend of Founder.

Mr. Seaman's reasons for cutting off his son and sisters in his will has not been learned.

His desire to leave his entire fortune to the Child Savings Institute is attributed to his intimate friendship with Dr. W. A. Clark, founder of the institute.

Records kept by the institute show that Mr. Seaman donated \$150 to a debt fund.

According to C. E. Givitts, field superintendent of the institute, Mr. Seaman and Dr. Clark were close friends.

"I remember that Mr. Seaman told Dr. Clark that he would remember the institute in his will," Mr. Givitts said yesterday. "But that was the last we heard of it."

To Fight in Court.

Mrs. A. A. McGraw said yesterday she will fight the case in court.

"When a bequest is left to such a worthy cause as homeless children it's a disgrace that it should be contested," she stated.

"Right now we are trying our best to wipe out a debt and carry on for 30 tiny tots, and we need all the material help we can get," she added.

"If the money would do the feeble-minded son any good it would be different—but no one needs it worse than the institute. It would be a Godsend."

Pioneer of Omaha.

Mr. Seaman left Omaha 10 years ago and settled in Springfield, Mo. He was a pioneer of this city and built up an extensive news and notions business, from which he branched into the implement business on lower Dodge street.

Since the error of failing to name a relative in the will was discovered, Martin L. Howard, attorney in Springfield, was named as guardian for the surviving son.

A. Sunderland, a friend of the Seaman family, declared yesterday that "the will has already been declared invalid." He was in Springfield last week.

Oklahoma Leader of G. O. P. Dies of Wounds Received in Accident

Ardmore, Okla., Nov. 26.—Jake L. Hamon, republican national committeeman from Oklahoma, who was wounded here last Sunday night in a hotel room, died this morning at 8:15 o'clock.

According to Frank L. Ketch, Hamon's business manager, the wound resulted from the "accidental discharge" of a revolver which Mr. Hamon was cleaning.

"Mr. Hamon's physicians last night, in a bulletin, said he had 'slept a great deal Thursday and that it was possible his unfavorable condition was because of this."

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Wife Shoots Husband Following Separation

Former Police Officer Reported in Serious Condition as Result of Gunshot Wounds.

The condition of J. W. Freeman, former police officer, 2820 Blondo street, who was shot by his wife, Lottie, during a quarrel Thursday night, was reported serious yesterday at St. Joseph hospital, where he was taken after walking to the police station for surgical treatment.

Freeman was shot in the left breast. His wife was arrested for shooting with intent to kill. Police say she shot him 10 years ago at Eighteenth and Cumings streets.

Freeman told police he left home Wednesday after deciding he could not live peacefully with his wife. He returned to his home yesterday to get his trunk full of clothes. As he entered the backyard, she greeted him by firing at him.

When arrested, Mrs. Freeman told police her husband had not worked since leaving the police force a year ago.

"I heard a commotion in my chicken coop last night," said Mrs. Freeman. "And as several of my chickens have been stolen recently, I took my revolver and went to see what I thought to be chicken thieves."

"When I reached the pened-off space I kept the chickens in, I found my husband.

"He raised his arm and pointed his finger at me. I thought he had a revolver.

"I fired. He has made so many threats against my life I was afraid he was going to carry one of them out."

"I shot because I thought he had a gun when he pointed his finger at me."

Freeman was discharged from the police department June 16, records at headquarters show, after but a short term on the force and after he had been convicted of stealing 48 sacks of sugar from a box car.

Victims of Dublin Murders Honored

Londoners Pay Tribute to British Officers' Slain By Assassins.

London, Nov. 26.—Final military honors were paid here today to the victims of Sunday's assassinations in Dublin. Londoners by thousands filled the streets as the funeral procession passed, to pay silent tribute to the slain British officers.

The coffins of 10 men were borne on gun carriages from Euston Station over a route two and a half miles long to Westminster Abbey and the Westminster Catholic cathedral, where the religious ceremonies were attended by representatives of King George, by Sir Hamar Greenwood, secretary for Ireland, as chief mourner, and Premier Lloyd George and distinguished personages.

The cortege, escorted by two squadrons of household cavalry, four battalions of the guards, with massed bands, passed through the crowded streets amid an impressive silence, broken only by the rattle of the gun carriage wheels, the clatter of the cavalry and the measured tread of the infantrymen. The bodies of the seven protestants were taken to Westminster Abbey, where the services were conducted by the dean of Westminster, and the three others to the Catholic cathedral, where Cardinal Bourne officiated at the ceremonies.

Man Kills Step-Father for Alleged Attack on Mother

Sioux City, Nov. 26.—William Haneline, 29, shot and killed his stepfather, Rodney J. McGookin, 54, after he alleged his stepfather had attempted to kill his mother, sister, brother-in-law and two brothers. Haneline escaped in an automobile after the shooting, but was captured later by the police.

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Breeders Plan Practical Work At Convention

Speakers of National Repute On Program of Organized Agriculture Week at Lincoln, January 4-7.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 26.—Nebraska live stock men, who will meet here during the week of Organized Agriculture, are planning a practical and interesting program, according to Secretary M. B. Fosson of the Nebraska Improved Live Stock Breeders' association, under whose auspices the meetings will be staged.

One day each will be devoted to cattle, hogs, horses and sheep. The first day, Tuesday, January 4, will be sheep day, the program being in charge of the Nebraska Sheep Breeders' and Wool Growers' association. Prof. Andy Patterson of the Kansas state agricultural college, a sheep authority of national repute; A. F. Magdanz, sheep feeder of Pierce, Neb., and John Naylor, Central City sheep breeder, are on the program. Demonstrations in judging and fitting for show will be a part of this day's program. C. E. Atkinson of Pawnee City, is president and W. H. Savin of Lincoln, is secretary of the sheep men.

Horse Breeders Meet.

The horse breeders will meet Wednesday, January 5. F. H. Sweet, W. W. Derrick and other authorities on horses are on the program. Mr. Derrick will present valuable information relative to the cost of producing drafters. H. J. McLaughlin of Doniphan, is president, and H. J. Gramlich of Lincoln, is secretary of the Nebraska Horse Breeders' association.

Thursday is hog day. Prof. L. A. Weaver of the University of Missouri, a national authority on swine, is one of the big drawing cards on this program. C. Y. Thompson, West Point; Dwight Putnam, Tecumseh; E. M. Little, state secretary of the Hampshire breeders, and other prominent swine breeders, will be present to discuss the problems confronting the hog men.

The annual live stock breeders' banquet will be held Thursday evening at the Lincoln hotel. E. P. Brown, prominent Lancaster county farmer and regent of the university, will be toastmaster. Governor McKelvie and other notables are scheduled to speak.

On the program of the cattle men, Friday, January 7, are such men as former Governor and Congressman W. C. Shallenberger, Alma; W. C. Whitmore, Valley; Col. Ed Schnell,

Cambridge; Frank Tomson, Lincoln, president of the National Shorthorn Breeders' association and editor of The Shorthorn in America; Arthur Gaudreault, Brady Island, Hereford breeder, and C. C. Junkin, Smithfield.

Two stock-judging contests will be staged during the week, open to all attending the live stock breeder meetings. One hundred dollars in prizes will be distributed. Various other interesting features are on the program, including demonstrations by boys' and girls' clubs.

Brunettes Decreasing; Blondes Are Increasing

London, Nov. 26.—City life leads to an increase in blondes and the gradual extinction of brunettes, according to London doctors.

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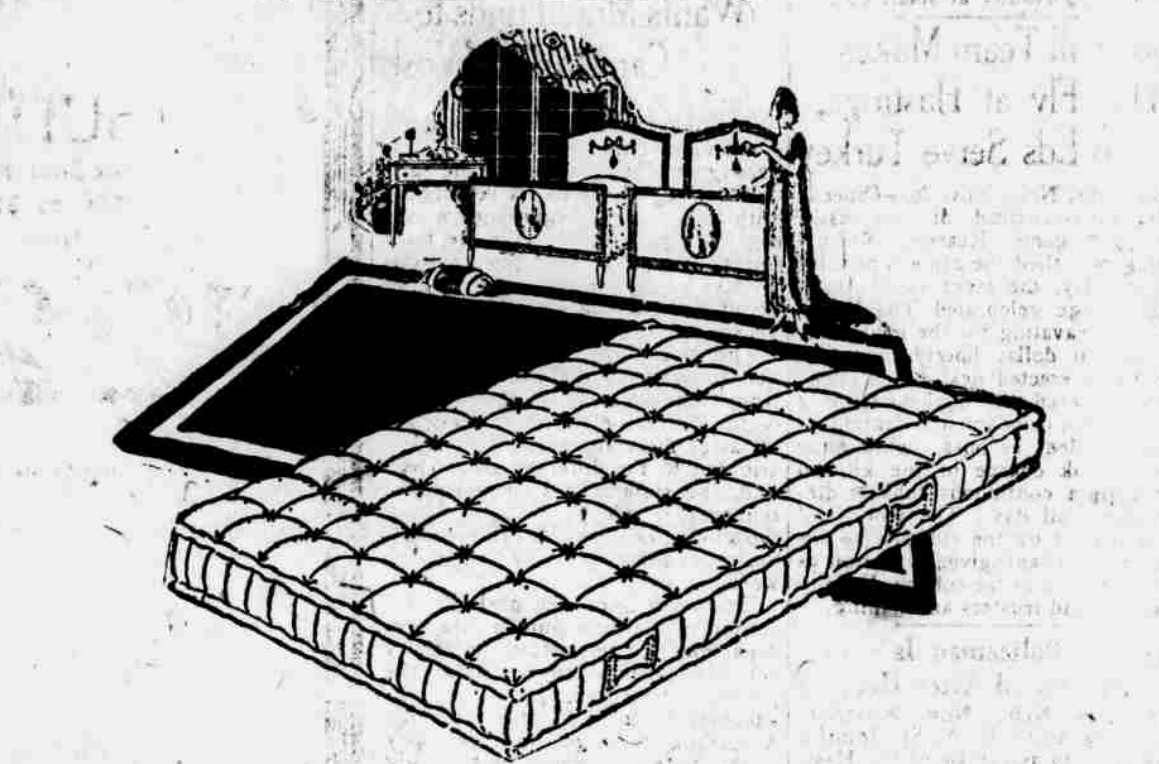
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