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THE COURTS.

DISTRICT COURT.

M. E. Williams vs. L. G. Deam et al.; judgment for plaintiff for $600.

L. O. Hamilton vs. J. O. Coulter et al.; judgment for plaintiff for $55.

Julia Chapman vs. J. M. Bechel et al.; judgment for plaintiff for $969.

W. A. Plumber vs. B. M. Daniels et al.; judgment for plaintiff for costs.

Wm. Kinkaid vs. E. R. Kennedy et al.; judgment for plaintiff for $1,370.

W. L. Windsor vs. Wm. Quinnell et al.; judgment for plaintig for $800.

Thomas A. Graham vs. N. D. Thurman, et al.; judgment for plaintiff for $805.

W. P. Cranston vs. Englehart & Co.; jury out

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

G. W. Marquart vs. J. F. Powell and Samuel Scott; judgment against Scott for $850; dismissed as to Powell.

State vs. Ida Mayes; jury out.

Court cases will be set this morning. Attorneys will take due notice.

PROBATE COURT.

Petition of Rose Garney, guardian, for order to sell real estate of John Garney, a minor; order to sell issued.

Inventory of the estate of William Becker, deceased, filed.

Hearing of petition for sale of property of R. E. Garney, a minor.

Jessie A. Shearman's claim vs. M. W. Coulter's estate; also claim of C. M. Coudon vs. M. W. Coulter, as surety.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The officers of Garfield Post will not be installed on Wednesday night as stated in Sunday's EAGLE, but on that accasion every committee will be appointed to make all arrangements for installation, and also selecting an installing officer. Let there be a large attendance.

The ladies of the First Baptist church hold their monthly missionary at the church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Subject: "Africa." A good program is prepared. Let there be a full attendance.

The oyster supper which was to be given at the Friends' church Tuesday evening, December 16, has been posponed on account of sickness. SECRETARY.

The entertainment given by the S and B. club of College Hill, will take place tonight in their hall corner of Douglas and Hillside. Admission free.

Don't forget that the time for holding the concert at the Emporia Avenue M. E. church has been changed from Wednesday evening to Thursday evening, Dec. 18.

Election of officers of Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 75, O. E. S., Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, at 7:30. Let every member be present. By order W. M. MAY PEARSE, Sec.

Rebecca Degree Lodge No. 79 meets in I. O. O. F. hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, at 7:30 o'clock.

MRS. DELLA CLARK, N. G.
MRS. EMMA A. SCOTT, Sec.

Rev. Mr. Winters will lecture people of this city next Tuesday evening on the subject of "The Better Half and Other Half," at the First Presbyterian church. The peculiar topic and well known ability of Mr. Winters will insure a full house. Tickets are selling rapidly as people dare not refuse to buy, lest peradventure they be classed among "crusty old bachelors," "maids with no thoughts of marrying," or poorly mated people, a class that is scarce in Wichita.

They Were So Bright.

"Kitty," said the lover, as they sat in the dark corner of the piazza, "Kitty, close your eyes."

"Why so, George?"

"If you don't everybody will be able to see us."—Harper's Bazar.

Accommodating.

"Rastus," said the judge, "this is a serious charge you bring against Mr. Smithers. Will you swear to it?"

"Sw'ar to it? Sutt'nly, jedge. I'd sw'ar to anything to oblige you, jedge."—Harper's Bazar.

Two Hours Wasted.

Amy—Mr. Goslin is such a procrastinator.

Mabel—Is that so?

Amy—Yes; he staid last night until 12, when he might have left at 10.—Puck.

A Friend in Need.

"Well, Mabel, how did you manage this morning without your tooth brush. I see nurse forgot to pack it."

"All right, mother; Ethel lent me her second best."—London Judy.

Pi.

"John," said the journalist's wife, as he came home with a black eye, a cut nose and a bandaged jaw, "where on earth did you get that display head?"—Washington Post.

Death Blow to Love.

Father—So you think our daughter has fallen in love with that young man?

Mother—She is perfectly infatuated with him.

Father—What do you propose to do?

Mother—That feeling of undying love which she has must be turned to aversion or she may elope with him in spite of us. We must do it at once.

Father—But how?

Mother—We must try to give her the impression that none of the other girls wants him.—New York Weekly.

A Precocious Youngster.

A Michigan mother, who by great effort had procured a pair of the new French gloves—thirty-two buttons—was surprised and somewhat disgusted the other day to find them upon her little son's legs. The shaver had put them on for leather leggings, and they made him a good pair, coming well above his knees.—Philadelphia Ledger.

At the extremity of South America is a curious sea fowl which flies only when young. As it attains maturity it loses the power of flight and can only swim, and thus, though a bird, is no better off than a fish. As a partial compensation for its loss, however, it swims marvelously well, and because of its swiftness is known as the "Steamer Duck."

Experiments by an Italian physician indicate that tuberculosis of fowl is different from that of man, and is not transmitted to the latter.

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PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

The Skin a Medium of Sight—Perception of Light Through the Sense of Touch.

A Russian physician is credited with the invention of an instrument by which persons totally blind are able to perceive light through the sense of touch. The instrument consists of an apparatus which converts light rays into a thermo-electric current, which is perceived by the nerves of the skin covering the forehead when the instrument is placed upon this part of the body. Good Health says that the sensations produced by the instrument are thus described by the inventor: "The presence of a light giving or of an illuminated object is manifested in the perceptive field as a sensation of warmth. A light object on a dark background is perceived as a peripherally warm sensation, with a sensationless center. The degree of the sensation of warmth increases with the approach of the illuminating object and vice versa. A movement of the feeling of warmth toward the right shows that the light has moved to the left and vice versa. If the warm area moves downward the illuminating object is moving upward, and vice versa."

False Sensations of Cold.

The "Transactions of the Association of the American Physicians" contains a report, by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of a number of curious cases of false sensations of cold. In some instances the feeling of cold was accompanied by an actual rise of temperature in the part affected. This peculiar sensation of cold in one case followed an injury, but in others the causation was obscure. One rather remarkable case was that of a lawyer, 57 years of age. During the last few years he has been annoyed by subjective sensations of cold, which are increased by mental application. To relieve these sensations he wears three suits of the heaviest kind of woolen underwear, three pairs of the heaviest woolen socks, felt boots of the heaviest material over his ordinary boots and shoes, and a flannel bandage around his body. At night he wears two of the above mentioned suits, a flannel bandage, woolen socks, and sleeps under five woolen blankets on a feather mattress, with a hair one under it. He always keeps the night temperature of his room at 80, and after a hard day at court from 90 to 95. The sensation of cold is positively painful, though his surface temperature is normal.

Changes in Color of Hair.

It has been doubted by good authority (Hebra and Kaposi) if the hair, after being once developed, can change except by a very gradual process. This doubt is based upon the theory that the hair has no vascular or nerve connection with the general system, and must therefore be independent of nervous or systemic influence. This position is, however, not tenable, writes a correspondent of Science. The clinical evidence is positive that the hair does change color under systemic influences, sometimes gradually and sometimes suddenly. Cases on record are sufficient to prove beyond all reasonable doubt that the hair does suddenly change color under certain circumstances, and that the change takes place in existing hairs.

Remedy for Hives.

About fifteen drops of aromatic spirits of ammonia in a little sugar and water is said to be a good remedy for hives. Salt water is recommended as a good external application. As hives are caused sometimes by indigestion, particularly after eating certain kinds of fruit, attention should be paid to this matter, and articles of food avoided that are supposed to induce it.

To Stop Palpitation of the Heart.

It is not generally known that excessive palpitation of the heart can be promptly stopped by bending double, with the head downward and the arms pendent, so that a temporary congestion of the upper part of the body is produced. This is, however, asserted to be the case by a writer who adds that if the breath be held at the same time the effect of this action is hastened.

One Way of Looking at It.

The British soldiers invaded Connecticut in 1779, and during their march through Fairfield village amused themselves by setting fire to all the public and many private buildings, all of which were totally destroyed. Among the former was the Congregational church, at that time even a landmark by reason of its age. The good people were incensed at the proceeding, as they felt that the application of the match to churches was uncalled for; but they were powerless to prevent it. They could simply look on while the structure was consuming. In due time another church was built on the same site, and it was used down through the decades till early in June, 1890, when in some mysterious way it took fire and was destroyed.

This circumstance, while it is a perplexing one, proves to have had one fortunate phase, i. e., it gave the society an opportunity, if there was any consolation in it, to make things even in part as regarded the old score, and in this way: Some years ago the church committee were instructed to insure the church property. They did so, placing a portion of the amount with American companies, but the larger share with a British company. In the insurance adjustment the latter company was called on to pay, which it did promptly, the sum of $15,000. One hundred and ten years was a long time, but the church, realizing the truth of an old saying, "Everything comes to them who wait," have as their reward the consciousness of having made—in part at least—old accounts square.—New York Tribune.

Aluminum the Rarest Metal.

Aluminum is now the rarest metal in the world, although it is the most useful, and the earth from which it can be reduced is found all over the globe—in Ohio as well as far off India. The largest piece of aluminum in the world is the cap of the Washington monument. This weighs 100 ounces. A larger piece of the metal has never been produced. Not many years ago a Washington chemist discovered a process for the production of the metal.

He thought it was perfect, and found no difficulty in getting $500,000 to back him up. A huge plant was erected in Tennessee and work was commenced, but no aluminum was produced. The professor's theory and experiments were all good enough, but they did not work upon a large scale. There have been dozens of like experiences, and thousands of men are today trying to discover the perfect method that will be commercially practicable.—New York Telegram.

A Misapprehension Removed.

Lord Runnymede—Aw—Miss Twumbull, I fawney now you weject my suit because you live no wank. That is verwy incousistent for an Amerwican, you know. I fawncied an Amerwican girl would fawncy herself my equal, and tell everybody my birth was a mere accident, you know.

Miss Trumbull—Oh, no, Lord Runnymede. I wouldn't disparage your birth in the least. I don't think it was a mere accident—it was a regular catastrophe.—Life.

MY LADDIE! NO.

Was it up or down our boat shot out?
You who are oarsmen maybe know;
There seemed no need that I should heed
Aught save to watch my laddie row.
The floating tresses of the trees
Bent low to kiss the river's edge;
A pipe of bird, whose nest was stirred,
Rose sleepily from out the sedge.

The swift turns of the curving course,
The tranquil nook where lilies slept;
A human flute, now sharp, now hoarse,
As low beneath the bank we crept.
The wet tips of the tiller ropes
Dripped silver in that magic air;
The river's edge, like giant hedge,
Grew dense with shadows black and bare.

A sudden flash of gleaming lamps,
Where sweet, shrill laughter pierced the night;
A glint and glow on us below,
Then—stillness, and the rare moonlight.
A tawny head in crimson cap,
Eyes, honest eyes, moss darkly blue;
Bare arms of snow that come and go
Athwart a statue's rosy hue.

O moon! what strange dementia breeds?
What stirs this quiet pulse of mine?
What vision sweet and incomplete
Illumes the world with light divine?
No answer! But the moon shines on,
Smiling, mayhaps, with gentle glee.
Why should I wish with her to kiss
The rower, who is not for me?

Some day the statue will arouse,
The marble arms with warmth will glow;
Then in his boat another'll float,
And she will watch my laddie row.
"And why," you ask, "to other loves
Do I resign my gondolier?"
"Because (ah, me! the cruelty!)
I am his maiden aunt, my dear."

—Cora Stuart Wheeler in Louisville Courier-Journal.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.

"Debt—debt—nothing but debt," grumbled Maj. Monthill, as he tore open one after another the numerous letters which lay upon his 11 o'clock breakfast table. "If I was Midas himself I couldn't pay 'em all—and I wouldn't either. There's only one alternative left open to me that I know of—and that is marrying an heiress."

The major eyed himself critically in the opposite mirror. He was a tall, handsome Apollo of a military gentleman, with well preserved teeth, hair and whiskers, bright hazel eyes, and a general air of stylishness.

"Yes," quoth the major, "I must marry rich—and Letty Price is the woman. She's as ugly as a Gorgon—what very unpleasant looking females those Gorgons must have been, by the way, to get themselves such a reputation for homliness; but a man must overlook minor defects when his settlement in life is at stake. I've been a gay young bachelor long enough; I must really turn my attention seriously to Letty Price. But there are several preliminaries to be considered, and one is that she has a lover for every day in the week, and every lover I believe a more genuine fortune hunter than myself. It takes policy to outgeneral so many suitors, and I've got to look sharp if I expect to win the prize."

Miss Letty Price was rather after the Gorgon style of womankind. Maj. Monthill was right in his criticism of her style. She was fat and stout and ungraceful, with a dumpy figure, a short neck, greenish gray eyes, reddish brown hair, a turned up noose and teeth broken and decayed. Her complexion was muddy and her chin retreated, and altogether she was a picture that sorely needed the glitter of a golden frame to set it off. But then Miss Letty's grandfather was worth $200,000, and she was consequently what the newspapers call a "society favorite." People listened when she spoke, and laughed obsequiously at her jokes and admired her taste in dress, and Miss Letty, naturally of a confiding and credulous disposition, believed it all.

With Maj. Monthill to will was to do, and no sooner did he make up his mind that he must marry an heiress, and that heiress Miss Letitia Price, than he set vigorously about consummating the affair. Bouquets, drives in the Central park, books and photographs, soft glances and poetically flavored quotations were all alike the engines of his warfare; and when at length the time had arrived in his estimation to strike the final blow, he dressed himself in the guise of a Nineteenth century exquisite, and went to call on Miss Price.

"It seems to me," said the heiress, who had contrived to make her blowsy cheeks a shade blowsier than ever by a hideous ruby silk dress, with a scarlet cashmere scarf looped over it, "that you are unusually dull this evening, Maj. Monthill."

The major affected to start from a deep and absorbing reverie.

"Ah, Miss Price, you of all others should not reproach me with my lack of spirits," he said sentimentally.

"And why not?" demanded Miss Letty, with elephantine playfulness.

"Need you ask me when you know so well that my heart is racked by contending emotions."

"I'm sure," quoth the heiress, looking down at the point of her Marie Antoinette slippers, "I don't know why it should be racked."

"Because I love you, and I dare not speak my love!"

Miss Price colored and essayed a faint little giggle.

"I'm sure, major, I don't see any necessity for such timorousness."

"Because," impressively went on the major, looking unutterable things into the greenish gray orbs—his own eyes were an exquisite wine brown, and well he was aware of his advantages in this respect—"because you are rich and I am poor, and I have registered a solemn vow upon the tablets of my own soul never to wed an heiress!"

"La!" said Miss Price.

"Of all men," said Maj. Monthill, "I am the least mercenary. A roof to shelter me from the driving storm, a crust, a glass of clear cold water from the spring—that's all I want. Money I spurn, gold is my bugbear. And yet, dear Letitia—nay, let me call you thus for once—fate has decreed that I should hopelessly lose my heart to one who is unfortunately rich."

Miss Price burst into tears and impulsively put her fat hand into the major's slender palm.

"Don't talk that way, Marmaduke," she sobbed, "and don't look at me with those mournful eyes, or you'll break my heart."

"Letitia, do you then love me?"

"Yes, yes, I do," wailed the heiress. "I love you with all my soul."

"Alas!" groaned the major, "that two such hearts as ours should be parted by a wall of gold!"

"But they sha'n't be!" asserted Letty, her nose growing red and her eyes twinkling in the enthusiasm of the moment. "No, Marmaduke, no! Not if grandpapa was ten times as obstinate and pig headed as he is."

"My Letitia!" signed the major, in a voice honey sweet, and as low as summer winds breathing o'er the twilight sea.

And when he left the Price mansion he had the satisfaction of knowing that he was Miss Letty's accepted lover.

He plunged ruthlessly into more debt the very next morning to the amount of $200, to buy a solitaire diamond ring to deck the fat forefinger of his affianced.

"It will be a mere drop in the bucket," he said to himself, "when I come to handle her cash. I hope the old gentleman means to place it entirely at her disposal, and I'll see to the rest."

And Maj. Monthill contracted for a pair of cream colored horses, a yacht and a cottage at Newport for the summer season, on the strength of his known engagement to old Zadoc Price's granddaughter.

Just at this time—life, we all know, is proverbially uncertain—Mr. Zadoc Price took it into his venerable head to have a stroke of apoplexy, and depart this existence without the ceremonial of more than two days' illness.

"The most sensible thing the old fudge could possibly have done," thought his dutiful grandson-in-law elect. "Letty'll come into her fortune now without any difficulty, and I shall be a made individual!"

He stopped at a hat store to get his hat draped in a suitable mourning weed, and thought it very becoming. The third day after the funeral he called on Letitia.

Miss Price received him in her new black suit, her nose swelled with much weeping, and her eyelids as pink as if they had been painted all round with a red lead pencil.

"Dear Letty," murmured the major, his voice attuned to the tenderest sympathy, "do not mourn too deeply! We must all die—and our departed friend had lived out the threescore and ten years allotted to man's life here below."

"I know it!" sniffed Letty, taking out her black bordered pocket handkerchief.

"You are not bearing your grief all alone?" he asked.

"No; Cousin Bethuah Jenkins and her husband have been here for a week," Letty lugubriously answered.

Maj. Monthill pricked up his ears. Cousin Bethuah Jenkins? He had not hitherto been aware that his Letitia had any relatives save her grandsire. However, the $200,000 would well bear a few reversionary legacies, and this Cousin Bethuah was doubtless an attached relative whom it would be scarcely creditable for the old gentleman to omit entirely from his will.

"The only thing that I regret in this sudden and unlooked for dispensation of Providence, dearest Letty," went on our smooth tongued major, "is that it makes an heiress of you—and I believed that I have before expressed to you my horror of the imputation of wedding a rich wife."

"Don't let that trouble you, Marmy, dear!" cried Letty hysterically. "I—I meant to have told you all about it before, but somehow there never was a real good opportunity."

"Told me all about what, Letitia?" asked the major, in some surprise.

"About my quarrel with grandpapa last month. He said you were a fortune hunting miscreant—you dear Marmaduke!—and I never should have a cent from him if I married you. And then I repeated to him the noble words you had spoken, and he said—grandpapa always had an inelegant way of expressing himself—'that he'd settle your hash for you!' And he called me a fool, and we had an awful quarrel, and he made a new will, and left all his money to Cousin Bethuah Jenkins; but I don't care, Marmy, darling, for I knew," cried the disinherited damsel, with a fresh burst of tears, "that you loved me for myself alone, and not for mere filthy lucre!"

And so speaking, Letty Price flung her 167 solid pounds of dumpy humanity fondly into the major's arms.

Marmaduke Monthill felt like the man in the old tale who has sold his soul for forty pieces of gold, and finds the treasure changed into dead leaves. He had got Letty Price, but not Letty Price's fortune.

He went home, promising to call early the next morning. The next morning came, but not Maj. Monthill.

Miss Letty Price is living, a disappointed damsel, with her Cousin Bethuah, who is a good natured soul, and does not grudge the "bite and the sup" to the poor girl whom she really thinks has been used very ill both by her grandfather and the major. As for the gallant Marmaduke, nobody knows what has become of him, not even his Jewish creditors, who would certainly be the ones to find out, if any one could. The diamond solitaire is not yet paid for, and somebody else is living in the cottage at Newport this season.

But, after all, it is only one more illustration of the daily lesson we all read—the mutability of human affairs.—Helen Forrest Graves in New York Weekly.

Photographing Clouds.

A good suggestion has been thrown out for the benefit of those who have not had much experience in making cloud negatives: If the sun is to be included in the picture films or ground glass backed plates should be used. Any lens which will take a good landscape can be used, and its smallest stop should be employed. As a rule the exposure will be about one second on a slow plate, but in the case of red sunrises and sunsets this may often be increased to as much as eight or ten seconds unless isochromatic plates are available. The development must be very carefully watched, and not carried too far.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

In Time of Need.

"Hey, Jimmy, tie de dog loose, an' let him go in de water after a man wot's tumbled overboard!"—Life.

A Road to Fortune.

Hollow Hankins (the tramp)—Can't you help me a little, boss? I hain't had nothin' to eat for three days.

Mr. Knox—Why don't you get an engagement to fast in a dime museum?—Puck.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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SOCIAL ETIQUETTE.

Fashionable Customs and Pretty Fancies of the Wedding Season.

Apropos of the "wedding season," Mary Gay Humphreys describes in Harper's Bazar the following as present fashionable usages.

A wedding at home usually takes place in the evening. The invitation in this case is restricted to a single sheet of note paper, and it is "the pleasure of your company" that is craved. The groom and his attendants in this case wear evening dress, while that of the bride is the same as at a church wedding, allowing perhaps a little amelioration in the severity of throat covering and sleeves. A decollete gown would be bad form. The bridemaids have more liberty, and of course dispense with head coverings.

The drawing room is lavishly adorned with flowers. The conventional marriage bell is no longer rung. A bower of smilax wreathed with roses is a graceful substitute. At a wedding of some prominence one end of the room was transformed into a floral chancel and altar.

It is a pretty fancy to give some flower especial honor at a wedding. In the spring, lilies of the valley, narcissus, or apple blossoms; in the summer, roses; in the autumn, the royal chrysanthemums, the many hued asters and autumn leaves. Bridal bouquets of white Japanese chrysanthemums are in vogue this season. The usher has by no means lost his occupation at a home wedding. It is his place and that of his fellows to form an aisle with long satin ribbons from the door to the consecrated spot through which the bridal party is to pass.

The supper at an evening wedding is of the same character as the wedding breakfast, but lighter in respect to game and the heavier dishes. Croquettes are served, but here, as at the breakfast, without any accompaniments. The supper room is opened immediately after the ceremony. Dancing is not a feature of a wedding, but it may be a charming adjunct, in which case the bride opens the first quadrille.

Where a wedding is private guests are often asked to a wedding breakfast. It is an innovation to have such invitations engraved on note paper in the form of a paragraph, and inclosing the cards of the young people. But the effect of the paragraph is too nearly that of a dressmaker's circular to be approved. The same form has been observed in wedding invitations. The announcements of a marriage are sent after the wedded pair have departed on their honeymoon. The formality of an announcement is observed in the prefix to the bride's name, thus:

Mr. and Mrs. John Smythe
announce the marriage of their daughter,
Miss Marie Smythe,
to
Mr. Thomas Browne,
on Thursday, October the Twenty-fifth,
Eighteen hundred and ninety.

A Thousand Years Ago.

In the year 900 after Christ what was the state of Europe? The Goths, the Vandals, the Franks, the Huns, the Normans, the Turks and other barbaric hordes had invaded and overthrown the Roman empire, and had established various kingdoms upon its ruins. Reading, writing and ciphering were separate and distinct trades. The masses of the poor and rich alike were wholly unacquainted with the mysteries of the alphabet and the pen. A few men known as "clerks," who belonged to the priesthood, monopolized all learning and set themselves up as special artists. Kings did not know how to even sign their names. When they wanted to sign a written contract, law or treaty, which some "clerk" had drawn up for them, they would smear the right hand with ink, and slap it down on the parchment, saying, "Witness my hand."

At a later date some genius devised the substitute of the seal, which was impressed instead of the hand, but oftener beside the hand; hence the law phrase, "Witness my hand and seal." At the date of which we write every gentleman had a seal with a peculiar device thereon. There were no chimneys in use; the fire was built in the center of the house, smoke escaping through a hole in the roof. Chairs were unknown, knives and forks were unknown. Even the nobility sat on boxes and blocks and ate meat with their fingers.—St. Louis Republic.

Money Invested in Electricity.

Some recent authentic statistics show the extent to which the electric lighting industry has grown in this country. The returns from about 1,400 central stations aggregate a capital stock of $119,000,000, and this may be taken to be very near the amount actually invested, as the plants, owing to increases and reconstructions, frequently represent much more than the nominal share capital. These stations have a capacity of 187,000 arc lights and 1,500,000 incandescents of 16 candle power, and the dynamos which supply current for these lights are operated by engines of 336,755 horse power.—New York Post.

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