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ESTATES INVOLVED IN LEGAL TANGLE.

Proceedings Instituted to Clear a Question of Administratorship.

An order made yesterday by Probate Judge Henderson to require Frank A. Hobein to file a settlement of the estate of William Renshaw will involve an inquiry into the administration of the estate of Joseph S. Morrison, a banker, who died in 1849, leaving a large estate, which is now the subject of a somewhat tagled legal controversy. Joseph S. Morrison willed his estate to his two daughters, one of whom was the wife of William Renshaw, who became administrator of the estate. Renshaw's letters of administration were revoked in 1861 by reason of his becoming a nonresident.

Renshaw, who resided in the East after leaving St. Louis, died last May. He owned property in St. Louis valued at about $60,000, and property in Maryland of about the same value. Mr. Hobein was appointed administrator of the St. Louis property, William C. Richardson, who was Public Administrator, was appointed administrator of the Morrison estate some months ago.

Renshaw willed the bulk of his estate to Vera Renshaw, his daughter by a second marriage, his first wife, the daughter of Joseph S. Morrison, having died in the East. Renshaw had two sons by his first marriage, both of whom are dead. Administrator Richardson is claiming whatever amount may be found to have been in Renshaw's hands, belonging to Morrison's estate, when Renshaw's letters of administration were revoked. The legal representative of Vera Renshaw claims that Renshaw's first wife and her sister, who is now dead, assigned their interest in their father's estate to Renshaw. Emily Imboden, a daughter of Morrison Renshaw, one of William Renshaw's sons, has filed suit, claiming one-sixth of William Renshaw's estate, on the ground that she was not mentioned in her grandfather's will.

Attorney Alexander Garesche, who represents Mr. Hobein, said yesterday that the purpose of the proceeding by Administrator Richardson was to get a judgment against William Renshaw's estate for $196,476, with which Renshaw charged himself in his last settlement of Morrison's estate. He said if the assignments alleged to have been made by Renshaw's wife and her sister to Renshaw were sustained, the $196,467 would belong to the estate of William Renshaw, and the amount recovered on a judgment that might be rendered against William Renshaw's estate would go to the heirs of Joseph S. Morrison's daughters.

NOT JOT GUNTER'S DAUGHTER.

Bride Who Followed Husband to El Paso Is Unknown to Him.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 15.—Colonel Jot Gunter of Dallas was seen to-day in this city by a Republic reporter, to whom he made the following statement:

"The dispatches sent out from El Paso to many papers in the country, giving an account of the elopement of a young woman said to be my daughter with a young man named Walter Knighton, whom she afterwards followed to El Paso, there to find him in the company of a variety actress, were very annoying to me, inasmuch as the young woman referred to is not my daughter or any other relation.

"Neither of the parties referred to in the story is related to me or known to me. I have no idea how the El Paso correspondent got his erroneous information. I trust general corrections will be made by the papers which printed the El Paso dispatches."

BOTH TERRITORIES WANT STATEHOOD.

But, Shall Oklahoma and Indian Territory Be One State or Two?

ARGUMENTS ON BOTH SIDES.

Population of the Two Territories Is Nearly Equal—Statehood Convention to Be Held Next Month.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 15.—Everybody in Oklahoma and the Indian Territory is discussing Statehood and the possibility that the two Territories will be merged as one State instead of two. The consolidation idea is causing an animated discussion, but the idea does not seem to be very popular. Both Territories are clamoring for Statehood, and each seemingly would prefer to be independent of the other in entering the Union.

The new census gives to Oklahoma a population of 398,000 and to the Indian Territory 391,000. Oklahoma thus shows a gain of 544 per cent in population since 1890, an increase without parallel in the census figures.

Oklahoma proper was opened to settlement twelve years ago, and the Cherokee strip, bordering on Kansas, seven years ago. There will be added another section of Indian land as large as the original Oklahoma next spring or fall, the Comanche and Kiowa Reservation, which will then be opened to settlement. The territory has an area of about 39,000 square miles, and a diversity of crops and climate insuring a permanence of population and conditions.

As One State, or as Two?

The Indian Territory has nearly as large an area as Oklahoma, and the enterprise and character of the white population are not surpassed by the Oklahoma settlers. The two are united in the desire to enter the Union. Only one question confronts them, an outcome of the rivalry that has grown up between the section of the Indian Territory opened to settlement and that which has remained in the title of the Government. This question is, Shall the Territories come into the Union hand in hand as one State, or separately

The Indian Territory has a large Southern settlement. Texans have made their homes there, and they have been joined by people from Arkansas and Missouri in large numbers. As a consequence the political status is Democratic. It is estimated that on a full vote there would be at least a majority of 15,000 on that side.

Oklahoma, on the other hand, was settled by a somewhat different class of people, drawn from the States of Kansas and Nebraska, and from the East. The result is that the Territory is Republican. Flynn, the delegate to Congress, was elected by the Republicans by a majority of about 2,000 in November. The Republicans may hesitate to admit the two Territories jointly as one State for the reason that the Democrats would control and elect the two Senators and a State Legislature. They are more likely to favor the admission of Oklahoma by itself and to deny statehood to the Indian Territory. This matter will be discussed at a convention to be held here next month.

Some Favor a Combination.

In the Indian Territory, notwithstanding the apparent advantages politically of single statehood, there is a large party working against it. Members of this party point to the fact that Oklahoma has its public buildings, such as normal schools, universities and some other institutions, well under way. They have been building them while the other Territory waited, and now, if the two came in as one State, there would be little chance for the Indian Territory ever to get any public buildings.

Then, too, it is argued that the men who have been running the politics of Oklahoma would get all the Federal offices and gain such headway under the protection of the national administration as to seriously impair the prospects of the Democratic settlers in the Indian Territory, politically and otherwise.

The matter of the Indians in the eastern end of the Indian Territory is also a source of worry to the Oklahomans. There are about 50,000 of them, and they are in decided contrast to the 15,000 "blanket Indians" in Oklahoma. They are advanced in civilization, live well and are sending their children to good schools, where they are being equipped for citizenship. Naturally in politics they would be likely to side with their white neighbors, who are Democrats.

Flynn Favors Separate Statehood.

Dennis Flynn, whose word goes far in Oklahoma, says:

"I am for separate statehood, for these reasons:

"Congress has entered into an agreement under treaty with the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes, whereby it is agreed that their tribal relations shall not be disturbed for eight years from the date of the treaty, which would be 1906. We Oklahomans do not want to wait that long. We are for immediate statehood, and if the Indian Territory wants to come in later, provision can be made for it.

"It is a business proposition pure and simple, and we have the area, population, intelligence and permanency. We have a school fund of $6,000,000. It is in land and is constantly increasing in value. Instead of paying out money in taxes to keep it up, we draw over $200,000 annually from it in leaseholds."

The bill now before Congress has a provision for the admission of Oklahoma at once, and Mr. Flynn is working hard for the measure.

The conditions of the Indian Territory property rights make it advisable that something be done to encourage settlement upon and development of the land. The country is in a condition similar to that of the dissolution of a great copartnership—the invoice is being taken, the assets listed, and, meanwhile, business is to a degree at a standstill.

Whites Have Few Property Rights.

It is impossible for the white man to acquire property rights, except in towns that have been incorporated. Whites pay no taxes except an occupation tax levied by the tribal governments, which the Federal courts have declared void. Merchants, for instance, are required to pay 1 per cent annually on the appraised value of their stock. They have no voice in the government, except in the incorporated towns.

In these circumstances the whites demand statehood as the only remedy for existing evils. The are opposed on general principles to union with Oklahoma on the question of Statehood, but if it should become apparent that statehood is to be obtained in no other way, business reasons may induce the residents of the Territory to waive their personal preferences and accept union.

Some sort of an agreement may be reached at the statehood convention to be held next month, but the probabilities rather tend the other way. In any case, however, the convention cannot but result in good, for if it fails to achieve anything definite at once it will possibly pave the way for an agreement later on.

State Board of Health.

The annual meeting of the State Board of Health will be held January 3 at Jefferson City, at which time officers will be elected. The board will petition the Legislature for an appropriation of $25,000, to be used for establishing emergency quarantines in the event of smallpox becoming epidemic. "Should smallpox become epidemic at this time the State Board of Health would be unable to quarantine the cases," said Doctor L. O. McElwee, secretary of the board, "until the County Courts made the necessary appropriation. If the appropriation is made and the money is not used it will be returned to the State treasury."

To Postpone Old Age.

The latest theory is to apply electricity to the base of the brain. The hardening of the arteries—the first symptom of old age—is followed by a crumbling away of the brain cells, which gradually invades the whole organ. This process produces the mental characteristics of old age. Not alone does this treatment restore the feelings of youth, but produces the appearance of it. While hundreds of experiments of this sort have been presented, there is still but one sure way of prolonging youth, and that is by the preservation of health. For this purpose, and for the cure of constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, liver and kidney disorders, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters was placed before the public over fifty years ago. Every day of those years it has been the only one perfectly reliable cure. Money cannot buy a better remedy. Try it, and you will be convinced.

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GOMPERS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF A. F. L.

Henry Blackmore of St. Louis Declined Office of Sixth Vice President—Closing Incidents.

Louisville, Dec. 15.—The twentieth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor adjourned sine die to-night, after selecting the city of Scranton, Pa., for next year's convention. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Samuel Gompers, New York, cigarmaker, re-elected; secretary, Frank Morrison, Washington, printer, re-elected; treasurer, John B. Lennon, Bloomington, Ill., tailor, re-elected; first vice president, James Duncan, Boston, granite-cutter; second vice president, John Mitchell, Indianapolis, miner; third vice president, James O'Connell, Washington, machinist; fourth vice president, Max Morris, Denver, retail clerk; fifth vice president, Thomas F. Kidd, Chicago, woodworker; sixth vice president, Dennis A. Hayes, Philadelphia, glass bottle-blower.

These officers will compose the new executive council of the organization. Mr. Duncan, who was second vice president, succeeds First Vice President P. J. Maguire of Philadelphia, who voluntarily retired on account of ill-health. The remaining vice presidents were all elevated one degree, except Dennis A. Hayes, who is a new man.

The selections were all by acclamation, except for the place of sixth vice president. For this office there were nominated William D. Mahon of Detroit, of the street railway employes; Henry Blackmore of St. Louis, of the carpenters; Frederick Kneeland of Boston, of the painter and decorators; James O'Connor of Chicago, of the musicians, and Miss Alma Esther King of Petersburg, Ind. Mr. Blackmore declined and Mr. Hayes won easily on the first ballot.

For fraternal delegates to the British Trades Council the convention selected Daniel J. Keefe of Chicago, and Joseph Valentine of San Francisco. John R. O'Brien of Boston was chosen fraternal delegate to Canada.

During the day the convention transacted a large amount of business, but most of the resolutions passed upon were of a technical character and uninteresting to the laity.

Another proposition for direct trade autonomy was disposed of by reference to the incoming Executive Council, and a vast number of resolutions providing for boycotts on various institutions throughout the country, which, it was claimed, employed nonunion labor, were similarly acted upon in spite of the vigorous protests of delegates who charged that such action amounted to an evasion of the issue.

The delegates accorded to President Gompers an enthusiastic demonstration in honor of his unanimous re-election. Felicitous addresses were made by John Weir, fraternal delegate from Scotland, and by David Carey, fraternal delegate from Canada, to which Mr. Gompers fittingly responded.

The convention closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," led by the Scotch delegate.

Deprez-Steinkuehler Wedding.

Albert W. Deprez of No. 400 Olive street and Mrs. Irene Steinkuehler of No. 285 Locust street were married yesterday by Justice of the Peace Robert Walker. Mrs. Steinkuehler was the widow of William Steinkuehler, a well-known musician.

SMUGGLING DETECTED BY ROENTGEN RAYS

Contraband Articles Discovered in Postal Packages Without Breaking the Seals.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, via Galveston, Tex., Dec. 15.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)—A curious experiment was made at the local post office the other day with Roentgen Rays. About eighty parcels had been addressed to importers of jewels. They were supposed to contain watches and other trinkets. The parcels were exposed to Roentgen Rays for the purpose of ascertaining whether they contained contraband articles.

The examination showed that all of the parcels, the seals of which were not even disturbed, contained diamonds, jeweled watches and other articles of value not mentioned in the schedules. This discovery convinces the Government that smuggling has been attempted and an investigation is in progress.

The Argentine Minister at Washington has been appointed the representative of Argentina at the sanitary congress in Havana.

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Snider's Catsup, pint bottle	15c
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Fancy Table Raisins, in large bunches, per pound	20c
Fancy Large Jersey Cranberries, per quart	10c
Sweet Pickles, per dozen	7c
Faust Oyster Crackers, 2 pounds for	15c
Leaf Sage, per package	5c
Poultry Seasoning or Turkey Dressing, per can	10c
G. & S. Finest California Lemon Cling Peaches, per can	27c
Fancy White California Asparagus, large No. 2½ can	22c
Reynold's French Style Petit Pois, American Peas, per can	15c
Orange, Lemon and Citron, assorted, per pound	15c

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