

DENIED ALL THE CHARGES

MRS. RIDGEWAY'S TESTIMONY IN DIVORCE CASE

Witness for the Libellant, She Says, Testified to a Series of Occurrences That Were Purely Imaginary. Claude Newton Went on the Stand and Denied Specifically All of the Instances of Intimacy with Mrs. Ridgeway Which Were Recited. Goes to Jury Today.

All of the evidence in the divorce case of E. H. Ridgeway against Mary Ridgeway has been heard and this morning the attorneys will make their arguments to the court. The feature of yesterday's session was the testimony of Mrs. Ridgeway who denied specifically all the charges of intimacy with Claude Newton, who was employed by her husband during the summer of 1900.

When court opened in the morning Attorney Joseph O'Brien resumed his cross-examination of Mrs. Mary Lamoreaux, who was employed as a servant by the Ridgeways during the year 1900. She stuck resolutely to the story she told the preceding afternoon during her examination in chief.

Lafayette Brownell was the next witness sworn. He lives at Dundaff and during the summer of 1900 was employed by Ridgeway to construct a new house about 100 feet from the then Ridgeway residence. The understanding was that he should be driven to his home early Saturday night.

CAME THROUGH WINDOW. On one occasion there was no one to drive him home and he looked around the place for Claude Newton but could not find him. He went back to his work on the house and soon afterwards saw Newton jump out of a window of the Ridgeway residence. It was shown that this was a window in the room occupied by the servant and that the only way to reach it was by going through Mrs. Ridgeway's room.

Ridgeway was called to prove that he resides in Benton township and has resided there ever since November, 1900. Before his wife left him they resided just across the line in Lenox, Susquehanna county. Thomas Williams testified that he was a farm hand on Ridgeway's place and frequently at meal times, when Ridgeway was away from home, he discovered Mrs. Ridgeway and Newton exchanging winks and slyly kicking each other beneath the table.

He thought this most extraordinary. One day while he and Newton were planting corn, Mrs. Ridgeway came out to them with a drink of water and then she sat down alongside of Newton and they chatted for some time, while the witness went on with the corn planting.

SKINNARD'S TESTIMONY. William Skinnard, another of the hired men, who was Newton's companion when they went to Pratt's grove near Hopbottle on July 4, 1900, testified to seeing Mrs. Ridgeway and Newton in a carriage in the grove about 10:30 that night and also described the homeward journey in much the same way as Mrs. Lamoreaux did. Several times he was looking for Newton during the succeeding summer to get his assistance in looking for his horse and on these occasions found him in Mrs. Ridgeway's bed chamber. She was lightly clad. Skinnard also described the scene in the sitting room told of by Mrs. Lamoreaux when Mrs. Ridgeway and Newton were on the porch, the former sitting in a chair and the latter standing in the room and went in to ascertain the cause. With this evidence the libellant rested his case and Attorney R. H. Holgate opened for the defense.

Mrs. Ridgeway was the first witness called and her examination was conducted by Attorney Joseph O'Brien. He led her carefully over all of the events testified to by the witnesses for the libellant. She was not with Newton in a carriage in Pratt's grove on the night of July 4, but he drove her and her nephew home because the night was stormy and the horse apt to be "skittish." In a most emphatic way she denied ever having had any unlawful relations with Newton. She said he was never in her bed chamber, that she was not in the dark with him, as testified to by Mrs. Lamoreaux and that the story told by the servant and Skinnard about her being on the couch in the sitting room with Newton was fiction. The couch, she said, was in the form of a settee. The head and foot rose to a height of about two feet and there was about four feet of space between them. The back was straight. The couch was less than two feet wide.

WHY SHE LEFT RIDGEWAY. She said she left her husband because of his unkindness to her. He would not speak to her, take her anywhere or treat her as a husband should. She left his home about 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Nov. 1. Newton left on the previous day, this term of services with her husband having expired. On cross-examination Major Warren tried to show that in the desertion proceedings she instituted some time ago she testified that she thought she left her husband's house toward evening on October 31.

The effort of Major Warren yesterday to get her to admit that she left about the same time as Newton was fruitless. She insisted that it was the afternoon of the following day. She went to her parent's house, she said, and Newton was at the home of his parents a mile away. She saw him occasionally and visited at his home and he at hers. They talked several times recently about the divorce case, she admitted. Since she left her husband's house she has never been back but once and then her husband was not at home. She had carted off the articles in the house she believed to be her own. Among the articles taken was the sitting room couch. It is now at the home of the parents and both her father and mother testified that it is not such an article of furniture as a person could lie on. They also testified that it is very narrow.

There was a stir in the audience when the name "Claude Newton" was called and a tall young man came forward.

Readily Convinced. If some one should tell you fifty times that Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieves rheumatic pains and that many have been permanently cured by it, you might still be only half convinced. Give that liniment a trial, however, and experience the quick relief from pain which it affords, and you would be fully satisfied of its great value. 25 and 50-cent bottles for sale by all druggists.

WARD AND WAS SWORN. He is a young man of 23, bright and intelligent and not bad looking. He gave his testimony in a very straightforward manner.

KNEW HIM SINCE BOYHOOD.

His folks now live at East Rush, Susquehanna county, and he is employed at the Blakely poor farm. In 1900 his folks lived at Benton not far from the Lewis place. He has known Mrs. Ridgeway since he was a little boy. He corroborated Mrs. Ridgeway about the occurrences of July 4 and denied that then or at any other time had he improper relations with her. He denied being in her bed room, in the dark room and on the couch in the sitting room with her and also denied that Brownell saw him emerge from the window of the servant's room. His relations with his employer's wife had always been of the most proper character and there had never been anything even in the way of great familiarity between them. Why Mrs. Lamoreaux, Skinnard, Lafayette, Brownell, and Thomas Williams should have testified as they did he could not understand. None of them were unfriendly to him. Far as he knew they were Hamilton Gaumaer was called to prove that Ridgeway's residence is in Susquehanna county because he was sick at Gaumaer's place last summer but the court would not permit the evidence. On motion of the attorneys for Mrs. Ridgeway the testimony as to cruel treatment will be taken from the jury, that charge not having been made out. Unfaithfulness is now the only charge for the jurors to consider.

The closing address for the defense will be made today by Attorney Joseph O'Brien. Major Warren will make the argument for the libellant. The case will probably get to the jury about noon.

Verdicts for the Company.

Yesterday morning the jury in the cases of Miss Alice Dunn and her mother, Mrs. Alice Barron, against the Scranton Railway company for damages, returned verdicts in favor of the defendant company.

The trial of the case of Emerson & Fisher company against William Bright was resumed yesterday morning. It was shown that an agreement was reached by the parties and in accordance with it a verdict of \$76.70 was directed from the bench.

Hans Taskiesen said he went to board with Mary and Henry Biglow and left a bicycle as security. After boarding for three days he left, but the Biglows would not give up the bicycle. They did not appear yesterday to defend the suit against them, and a verdict of \$21.37 in favor of the plaintiff was returned.

John J. Murphy sued Patrick Finnelly to collect \$400, and the case went to the jury in the afternoon. All of the jurors not engaged in that or the Ridgeway case were discharged from further attendance at court.

Divorce Matters.

Mrs. Cloe A. Schriver sued yesterday for a divorce from George H. Schriver, to whom she was married Nov. 20, 1907. She says her husband offered such indignities to her that her condition was intolerable and she had to withdraw from his home.

Margaret Reese asks the court to declare null and void her marriage to John O. Reese. They were wedded April 15, 1901, in Avoca, and for some time afterwards lived in Moosic, where Mrs. Reese says, she discovered that her husband had another wife living, whom he wedded prior to his marriage to her and from whom he had not been divorced. She thereupon left him, and now asks the court to declare her marriage to him null and void.

In Orphans' Court.

In the Orphans' court, yesterday, Judge A. A. Vosburg handed down adjudication and reports as auditing Judge in the estate of James M. Everhart, deceased, in which the fund for distribution as awarded to the original heirs, being the five children of his brother, John Everhart, the four children of his brother, William Everhart, one child of his brother, Samuel Everhart, three children of his sister, Evelyn, and to Dr. I. F. Everhart. J. H. Burns appeared for the accountant.

In the estate of Martha Moore, a minor, adjudication was handed down, awarding the fund for distribution to the ward, Martha Moore, who is now of age, after deducting certain preferred claims. P. W. Stokes appeared as attorney for the accountant.

In the estate of Andrew Watts, deceased, adjudication was handed down in which the fund for distribution is awarded to the payment of certain claims, to the devisees under the will of the testator. C. H. Welles appeared for the accountant.

Tomorrow there will be a session of the Orphans' court in the Orphans' court room at 10 o'clock, at which time all accounts of executors, administrators and guardians which were confirmed nisi, at the beginning of the term, will come up for examination and final confirmation.

Sheriff's Deeds Acknowledged.

In open court yesterday Sheriff Sheadt acknowledged the following deeds:

Property of R. E. Leonard, in Scranton, to W. W. and B. M. Winton, for \$14,100.

Property of Bridget and P. J. McAndrew, in Scranton, to John P. Cunningham, for \$24.82.

Property of Sarah Ann and John Bowen, in Scranton, to German Building association, for \$99.81.

Property of William M. Gates, in Scranton, to Helen D. Gates, for \$75.50.

Property of Patrick J. Newsome, in Dunmore, to Thomas J. Duggan, for \$50.

Property of Michael Greucia, in Old Forge, to German Building association, for \$45.

Property of Michael Zywicki, in Pricburg, to Frances Zywicki, for \$67.74.

Property of James White and Peter Van Noy, in Pricburg, to German Building association, for \$64.16.

Property of Andrew Harwin, in Pricburg, to M. Lange, for \$67.

Property of Mary Ellen and James P. Jordan, in Scranton, to State Capitol Savings and Loan association, for \$1,965.

Property of James B. and Chloe Wood, in Carbondale, to Emily G. Morse, for \$27.41.

Property of Frank J. Dings, administrator, in Scranton, to Emma J. Dings, for \$43.85.

Property of Caroline Cammer, executrix, in Scranton, to A. D. Dean, for \$108.57.

Property of Charles Knowles, et al., in Scranton, to David G. McConnell, for \$55.84.

Property of Harry M. Brewer, in Scranton, to David G. McConnell, for \$118. Property of Lauried Sons Silk company, in Taylor, to William T. Davis, trustee, for \$4,225.

NEW OFFICERS FOR THE UNION

CLOSING SESSION OF DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

Rev. P. J. McManus Chosen President—Secretary Timothy Burke Had No Opposition for Re-election. Report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution Was Adopted—Resolutions Recommend Some Radical Departures in the Temperance Movement.

The second day's session of the C. T. A. U. convention of the Scranton diocese opened at 9 o'clock yesterday morning in Olyphant, with a high mass at St. Patrick's Catholic church, celebrated by the spiritual director, Rev. J. J. McCabe, of Auburn Centre, for the repose of the souls of the departed members.

The convention proper resumed its session at 9:40 o'clock, with prayer by Rev. J. J. Curran, the president. The first order of business was the consideration of the constitutional amendments, and in order to expediate matters, the president suggested the selection of a special committee to take charge of the amendments, and report back to the convention within an hour.

The committee included the original committee on constitutional amendments, and two representatives from each of the two districts. They were as follows:

First District—John A. Riley, Archibald; John McDonnell, Forest City; Bernard Kelly, Carbondale.

Second District—James C. Gallagher and Walter McNichols, West Scranton; William Daniels, South Scranton.

Third District—Charles Lavin, Wilkes-Barre; S. J. Connors, Wilkes-Barre; J. F. McGroarty, Kingston.

Fourth District—Alexander Mulhern and George McLoughlin, Freeland; James Duggan, Hazleton.

After the committee retired, Rev. T. F. Coffey, of Carbondale, vicar general of the Scranton diocese, was called upon to address the convention. He said he was thankful for the opportunity to say a few words to the delegates on the occasion of the annual gathering. "There is a great deal to do," he said, "and in your deliberations try to please God and carry out his work."

COMMITTEE NAMED.

After signing "Come Back to Erin" and "Nearer My God to Thee," the suggestions embodied in the president's report of Wednesday, regarding the advisability of reclaiming the Dunmore and Pittston societies, and have delegates attend the annual state convention and endeavor to enlist them in the union, were taken up. A committee of five was selected to take up these suggestions, the members named being M. J. O'Toole, Scranton; James Marley, Wilkes-Barre; William Daniels, South Scranton; Charles Kelly, Kingston; C. W. Baxter, North Scranton.

Solos were then rendered by Miss Lillie Gallagher, Margaret Gaughan, and Annie Gallagher, of Wilkes-Barre. President Curran then called for suggestions from the delegates for the promotion of the cause of total abstinence.

Morris Duggan, of South Scranton, started the fireworks by suggesting the advisability of adding an insurance feature to the union. President Curran introduced the idea of inaugurating a voluntary contribution of ten cents by each member in the diocese for the creation of the death benefit fund. After a lengthy discussion the project was defeated.

The special committee on constitutional amendments made a majority report through their chairman, B. A. Kelly, of Carbondale. It favored the adoption of all the proposed amendments, with the exception of the one favoring the selection of delegates at large by the board of government, and the holding of the convention bi-annually. They also favored an optional amendment to the effect that hereafter no person shall hold membership in more than one society in the union.

MINORITY REPORT.

Delegate Connors, of Wilkes-Barre, submitted a minority report in which objections were made to a number of the proposed amendments. Both reports created much discussion from the delegates, and a motion was finally made that the convention adopt the majority report. While the discussion on this motion was at its height, the convention adjourned for dinner.

When the convention resumed business the consideration of the report of the committee on constitutional amendments was again taken up. The motion for adoption of the majority report finally prevailed.

The committee on resolutions then made its report, and they were adopted as read, and recommendations accepted. The committee consists of Rev. J. V. Moylan, chairman; J. C. Gallagher, B. A. Kelly and James Duggan.

The total abstinence movement being essentially well clothed allied to the advancement of religion, public morals and good citizenship, those interested in securing for the human race the things noble and good in life will find in its practice and promulgation a powerful ally. While we deplore many of the distressing conditions that surround us which tend to fasten the grip of sin upon our people, we rejoice that so many good agencies are at work which bid fair to eventually uproot and forever banish the evil.

It is therefore with pride and pleasure that we, the delegates assembled at the twentieth annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence societies of the diocese of Scranton, at Olyphant, call attention to the great work for God, mankind and country being performed by our societies. That in the propagation of this

THE BREAKFAST CUP.

Can Bring Joy or Trouble.

Change in food and drink will sometimes make over even elderly people and restore them to natural health.

A man of 70 writes that at the age of 60 he began to break down and was a partial invalid until, when he concluded that coffee was one of the prime causes of his sickness, and began using Postum Food Coffee in its place with Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food and some fruit at his meals.

He says, "Now at the age of 70 I am as strong and hearty as I was at 50. I would not go back to my old mode of living for a hundred thousand dollars."

This man was a pioneer in Illinois in 1837, later on was an early settler in North Dakota. He requests that his name shall not appear in print. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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