

NAVY PLACE ALLEY MAY SET PRECEDENT

Property Owners Assessed Thirty-three Thousand Dollars.

Get Damages Amounting to Thirty-five Thousand.

Open Alleys and Streets to Detriment, Sometimes.

District property holders are much interested in the litigation soon to be instituted to set aside the assessment of benefits levied on adjoining property by reason of the opening of a new alley, Navy place.

In the proceedings instituted in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia some time since, under certain provisions of the District Code, for the widening and extension of the alley in Square 878, for the purpose of creating a minor street to be known as Navy place, the jury, consisting of Frederick W. Pilling, James Carroll Mattingly, John C. Prescott, Thomas Gordon, and Charles G. Scott, on March 5 filed the award in which the damages to owners whose land is to be taken for this purpose amounts to about \$35,000, and the amount of assessments against property holders in the said square, as well as in the squares whose properties are assessed on the said Square 878, were assessed to the amount of about \$33,000.

Deny Being Benefited. A great deal of dissatisfaction has been manifested by the parties who have been assessed for the alleged benefits, as they claim that their properties have in no wise been benefited, and in many instances regard the opening of the said street as a material detriment, and that the alleged benefit amounts to an unjust taxation.

A large number of the parties at interest have retained the law firm of Wolf & Rosenberg for the purpose, if possible, of having the assessments vacated, and it is learned that within the next few days the firm will file exceptions to the verdict in behalf of the dissatisfied owners of property in the locality mentioned.

Has Been Much Litigation. During recent years there has been a large amount of litigation of an appellate nature contesting the right of juries to assess benefits, as they have been assessed in the District, dividing the whole cost among landowners not in proportion to the value of each piece of property, but averaging the entire improvement benefits up and laying the assessments generally, whether the benefits were equal to their share of the assessment or not.

Two notable cases have recently been reviewed by the United States Supreme Court in *Martin vs. the District of Columbia* and *Brandenburg vs. the District of Columbia*, in which that court, Justice Holmes delivering the opinion, Justices Harlan, White, and McKeen concurring, the assessments reported as benefits by the juries of award were quashed. The case in *Martin* was the District of Columbia vs. the District of Columbia, in which that court, Justice Holmes delivering the opinion, Justices Harlan, White, and McKeen concurring, the assessments reported as benefits by the juries of award were quashed.

Those who own property on Navy place will go into court, through their attorneys, and endeavor to show that the benefits assessed are in error to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. The cases are Nos. 190 and 191, October term, 1906. The decision was made March 17.

When Russell Didn't Insist. Edward Russell, one of the vice presidents of the Mobile and Ohio road, asked Private John Allen of Tupelo, Mississippi, who was then with and story-teller of Congress for years, to go on a trip in Russell's private car. Allen consented. The car stopped at Tupelo, and Allen got aboard.

After they had been riding for a time, Russell took a box of cigars and handed them out to Allen. "John," he said, "will you have a cigar?"

"No," Allen replied. "I am never going to smoke another cigar as long as I live. I quit last night forever." On the table. They rode for a few miles and then Allen said:

"See Ed, you are falling mighty fast, ain't you?"

"Why, no, John," replied the startled Russell. "What makes you think that?"

"Oh, I've noticed it for quite a time, and today especially. You are falling fast. You used to be persistent about things, and go ahead, and have your own way, and stick until you had accomplished something; but now you are sort of plodding and don't hang on any more. You are in a bad way, Ed."

"Good Heavens!" exclaimed Russell. "I hadn't noticed it. What do you base all this on?"

"Why," said Allen, "fifteen minutes ago you asked me to have a cigar and you haven't smoked any since."

"Saturday Evening Post."

Easter Morning



SPECIALY POSED PORTRAIT OF MISS DELLA CARSON, CHICAGO'S CANDIDATE FOR WORLD'S BEAUTY.

MRS. NORMAN WINS TIMES BEAUTY PRIZE

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charming as to add to the fascination of her features. She is a beauty in that larger sense of the word, which carries with it the idea of intellectual and wit. She is of medium height, with well proportioned figure.

An invitation which The Sunday Times extends to each weekly winner to occupy a box at the theater with a party of her friends has been accepted by Mrs. Norman. She will set the date for the party later. The party will see the performance of "George Washington, Jr." at the National Theater.

When a representative of The Sunday Times was received by her last night, her modest surprise that the award had come to her was so genuine as to be unusual.

"The judges have awarded you the prize in the second weekly contest inaugurated by The Sunday Times," she was told.

"Why, that is a surprise!" she exclaimed, and added, "But a nice one, isn't it?"

"It is a decided compliment to be judged the most beautiful out of a total of 400 photographs submitted in a beauty contest," suggested the reporter.

Husband Gets the Prize. "Yes, it is," she replied simply. "And it never occurred to me that I would be selected, especially when I thought of all the pretty girls in Washington. You see, Mr. Norman sent in my photograph, but I regarded it more as a joke than anything else."

Mr. Norman, as the sender of the photograph of the winner, will receive the \$25 offered as the prize for the person sending in the picture of the winner in a weekly contest. Mrs. Norman, as well as all others in the beauty contest, will be eligible for the final award, which will declare who is the most beautiful woman in Washington, and who is to go before the country as the supreme beauty of the National Capital. The weekly awards have no effect whatever on the final award, as the judges making the final decision will not be the same as those making the weekly awards.

Those who judged the 400 photographs which were submitted in the contest that closed last Friday midnight, and who gave Mrs. Norman the winning verdict were E. H. Miller, etcher and water color artist; Shelby Clarke, manager Veerhoff's galleries; Miss Lella Mechlin, art connoisseur and art critic.

FOUR CLOSE COMPETITORS

Among the 400 photographs that were passed on, there were four in addition to Mrs. Norman's that received long and careful consideration before the judgment went to Mrs. Norman. These four will be published in The Times this week. Between these five the competition was of the closest kind.

Mrs. Norman is not a native of Washington. She was born in Baltimore, where she lived until she was married. Miss Buckler, the winner of the first weekly contest, is a native Washingtonian.

As an evidence of the interest taken by the people in this quest by The Sunday Times for the beauties of the city, the story of the photograph of Mrs. Charles Woodin is in point. Yesterday afternoon it was announced in The Times that some person had written the Beauty Editor that Mrs. Woodin's photograph should be entered in the beauty contest. Within an hour after the paper was issued, a friend of Mrs. Woodin brought to the Beauty Editor the desired photograph.

It is such a co-operation on the part of the public that will insure the loveliest woman being found. If there are any more beautiful than Miss Buckler and Mrs. Norman, The Sunday Times wants their photographs.

THE NEWSY'S TREAT

P. T. Powers, president of the National Association of Baseball Leagues, was talking in New York about the business management of baseball. "Baseball," he said, "must be managed liberally. There must be no rigidity. Otherwise, a deadening unpopularity and a great kick ensue. He who tries to conduct baseball business on pawnshop lines gets honky such reports as fell to a tobaccoist the other day. A new-lyer walked into the tobaccoist's shop and asked for a light for his cigarette."

"We sell light here, sonny," said the tobaccoist.

"The boy took out a cent. 'All right, boss,' he said, 'let's have a box of matches, then.' He paid for the matches, extracted one, lighted his cigarette, and, closing the box handed it back to the tobaccoist. 'Put this on the shelf,' he said, 'and the next cent what asks for a light give him one on me.'"

CORINNE ROBINSON MAY MARRY DRAPER

President's Favorite Niece Reported Engaged Again.

Although no formal announcement has yet been made, intimate friends in New York of Miss Corinne Robinson, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson, and favorite niece of President Roosevelt, are spreading the report that she is engaged to George Draper, youngest son of the late Dr. William Henry Draper, and grandson of Charles A. Dana.

Miss Robinson is at present in Italy with her father and mother. She is one of the most popular girls in society, both here and in New York. She came out about two years ago at a cotillion given by her mother at Sherry's.

Mr. Draper was graduated from Harvard in 1906. His brother Charles was graduated from the same university in 1900, and Miss Robinson has two brothers there. Miss Robinson's mother was Corinne Roosevelt, sister of the President Roosevelt, and of Mrs. William Sheffield Roosevelt. Her eldest son, Theodore Douglas Robinson, married Miss Helen Roosevelt Roosevelt, a distant cousin and granddaughter of Mr. Astor.

FELL FROM CAR; BROKE LEG

Suffering from a fracture of the right leg below the knee, William Neilligan, fifty years old, of 129 Twelfth street northwest, was taken to Emergency Hospital yesterday afternoon. Mr. Neilligan said he was injured by falling from a street car at Eleventh street and New York avenue.

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Atlanta	50 "	60 "
New Orleans	50 "	60 "

Sweeping revision of the telegraph rates affecting Washington will be enforced tomorrow by both the Postal and Western Union Telegraph Companies.

The changes are in accordance with the new schedule issued to the offices of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company from headquarters. No official statement that similar changes would be adopted by the Western Union could be had from the Western Union office last night, but it is understood that the same schedule of rates will apply to both companies.

Reports from New York yesterday afternoon that a general increase of telegraph rates throughout the country would be made on Monday were verified here last night. In these reports it was claimed that the recent increase in wages to employees of the telegraph companies was directly responsible for the increase of rates.

It is understood, however, that officials of both companies disclaim that this is the sole cause, but base their action largely on adverse legislation in the several States similar to that completed by the railroad companies. They say that they have been subjected to such increased taxation and so many additional regulations that the increase in rates has been forced upon them in self-protection.

The increase in cost of messages attaches almost entirely to the initial ten words. Additional words are about the same as under the old schedule. This will be only unimportant changes in night rates.

WHY HE VOTED FOR GROVER

At the time Grover Cleveland was running for President my brother and I had a heated quarrel over politics, says a writer in the Saturday Evening Post. Being a few years my senior, he thought he could make me come in his way of thinking. He was a Republican and I was a Democrat, and he vowed of by never speak to me again if I voted for Grover Cleveland. The argument ended, however, and we shook hands, after I had told him why I must vote for me.

Being left orphans, we had been brought up apart, by relatives, and my brother did not know until that day why I felt such a deep-seated regard for Grover Cleveland.

When I was only five years old, a lady, who was a personal friend of Cleveland, came from Buffalo to visit my aunt, with whom I lived, and during her stay she mentioned the fact that Grover Cleveland's closet was just filled of trousers which had hardly been worn. I had not known until that day she wished she had some to make over into pants for me.

Being said in a jest, it was not thought of again until nearly a month after this lady had returned to Buffalo, when one day a large express package came to my aunt. On opening to she found a pair of trousers of excellent material which Grover Cleveland himself had sent me. Each pair made three fine pairs of pants for me.

I would have been ungrateful, indeed, had I not voted for the generous man whose pants had yielded threefold under the scissors for me.

TROOPS INNOCENT, OFFICER THINKS

Adjutant at Brownsville Says Citizens Had High Power Rifles.

Lieut. Harry Grier, quartermaster and adjutant of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, on the night the town of Brownsville was shot-up, told the Senate Committee on Military Affairs yesterday that he at first believed the colored troops guilty, but since the investigation was started he had changed his mind. Lieutenant Grier said he knew ammunition and high-power rifles were in the possession of the citizens of Brownsville, and it was just as probable that they did the shooting as the soldiers. Witness declared it was beyond the power of anyone to tell the report of a Springfield rifle from a Krag-Jorgensen. Before leaving the stand, however, he said that his mind was still open on the question as to who really did the shooting.

Capt. C. C. Kinney, of C Company, Twenty-fifth Infantry, was placed on the stand to testify regarding the return of rifles issued to men at Fort Reno.

Sergeant William Blaney, of B Company, said that he was on furlough at the time the shooting occurred. He said his rifle, which the Hawkins report says was used in shooting up the town, was locked in the arm chest when he last saw it.

The last witness called yesterday was Isiah Raynor, of B Company. He was questioned by Senator Foraker regarding his conduct and movements on the night of August 13.

Motion to adjourn until Monday morning at 11 o'clock was made before Raynor got very far with his story. He will be the first witness called on Monday.

THE INDIANS AND THE EARTH.

The almost universal reverence of the Indians for the earth is interesting in connection with their feeling about the ownership of land. The earth is regarded as sacred, often it is called the "mother" and it appears to rank second among the gods. A sacrifice of food is held up first to the sky and then is deposited on the earth, and perhaps rubbed into the soil. The first smoke is directed to the sky, the second to the earth and then those to the four directions in order. Other sacrifices are commonly held up first to the sky and then are held toward the earth. Before beginning to perform any sacred office the priest or doctor holds his hands first toward the sky and then rubs them on the ground. "It is by the earth," they say, "that we live. Without it we could not exist. It nourishes and supports us. From it grows the fruits that we eat and the grass that sustains the animals whose flesh we live on; from it comes forth and over its surface run the waters which we drink."

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