

NEWS OF THE COURTS

DESERTION CHARGED IN 5 DIVORCE SUITS

FOUR DECREES ARE GRANTED AND ONE DENIED

Three Husbands Leave Their Help-mets and Do Not Return, While Two Women Ignore Their Marriage Ties

Five divorce suits, all of which were based on desertion charges, were heard in the superior court yesterday. Four decrees were granted and one denied. Mrs. Hattie Wadsworth said her husband deserted her more than a year ago, after telling her he was not the kind of a man who should have a wife. "He telephoned me one evening," said Mrs. Wadsworth, "asking me to meet him in town and said we would go to the beach. I found him in a drunken condition and took him home. While I was entertaining company he packed his clothing and went quietly out the back door."

Mrs. Wadsworth said she saw her husband in the city jail after his arrest in April, on a charge of indecent conduct. A few days later he forfeited bail and disappeared. A decree was granted.

Mrs. Gertrude Blake said her husband, Raymond Blake, deserted her three weeks after he lost a position in 1906, that he went to Calaveras county looking for work and after a desultory correspondence, continuing a few months, nothing further was heard from him. She was granted a decree. Thomas R. Bishop lived with his wife, Helen I. Bishop, only five days after their marriage in April, 1907. Mrs. Bishop said her husband told her he was in love with another woman. She was relieved of her matrimonial ties.

Four years ago Guy C. Chase and his wife, Mary Chase, came to Los Angeles from Cleveland, Ohio, and two years later Mrs. Chase returned to her eastern home to make a visit. He said his wife wrote she could not be happy in California and refused to return. Chase was given a decree.

A decree was denied to Mrs. Adelaide M. Walter, who charged Ed. Walter, her husband, with desertion. Mrs. Walter came to Los Angeles two and one-half years ago by order of her physician. The fact that she had corresponded with her husband as late as March last was sufficient, according to the court's ruling, to prove she had not lived in California the length of time required by law before a divorce action may be filed.

One divorce suit was filed—Elizabeth Clark against John W. Clark.

UNDUE INFLUENCE IS BASIS FOR CONTEST

SUIT TO BREAK MRS. MITCHELL'S WILL IS FILED

Case is Brought in Favor of Lucille Bedford, the 4-Year-Old Grandchild of Decedent, Who Was Cut Off with \$5

Undue influence exercised on the mind of a dying woman is the allegation on which the contest of the will of Mrs. Susan Glasswell Mitchell will be based when the trial begins in Judge Wilbur's department of the superior court tomorrow morning.

Judge Cyrus F. McNutt, at one time an attorney for Mrs. Mitchell and now guardian ad litem for Lucille Bedford, Mrs. Mitchell's granddaughter, is the contestant. He charges Mrs. Lucy Lambourn, the child's aunt and guardian, exercised undue influence on Mrs. Mitchell, secluded her from friends and took advantage of her feeble condition.

Mrs. Mitchell died December 28, 1907. She had inherited from her husband a large estate, which increased in value to nearly \$250,000. For a long time before her death she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Lambourn, and together they worked for the welfare of the little girl, Lucille, 4 years old.

Mrs. Mitchell's daughter, Mrs. Eileen Bedford, Mrs. Mitchell's youngest daughter, Mrs. Bedford, just after her divorce from Charles A. Bedford in 1906, committed suicide in a Phoenix hotel, and, according to Mrs. Lambourn, it was to prevent Bedford from securing any share in her mother's estate that Mrs. Mitchell bequeathed to her surviving daughter all her property with the exception of \$5, which was left to the child.

After a bitter contest between Bedford and Mrs. Lambourn concerning the guardianship of the girl, in July she was given into the custody of her aunt, the evidence showing Bedford was a gambler, was dissipated and unfit to have charge of his daughter.

According to Mr. McNutt, he was called to the Mitchell home in May to make a will for the old woman. He declares he refused to write the instrument at that time, owing to the mental condition of Mrs. Mitchell, and later was informed by Mrs. Lambourn he need not return, as his client had changed her mind.

The will, which is contested, was executed in October, a month prior to Mrs. Mitchell's death, and is the third instrument of its character which was made by the woman. The second will, by the terms of which the property was to have been divided equally between Mrs. Lambourn and Lucille Bedford, is the one which the contestant claims should be admitted to probate.

SAVANNAH SCHOOL BOARD MUST BUY BUILDING SITE

Court Grants Writ of Mandamus to Compel Trustees to Purchase Land for Added Educational Facilities

The petition for a writ of mandamus to compel the board of trustees of the Savannah school district to acquire additional ground on which to erect a new school building was granted by Judge Wilbur yesterday.

The petition was filed by C. G. Steele after a number of meetings, at which Sherman citizens had voted down the proposition to move the old building to a new site. Bonds to the amount of \$10,000 had been issued for the new site and building, and when the trustees, after the proposal to use the old building was rejected again by the citizens, tried to continue the work. The controversy was taken into the courts.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR IS TRYING TO DISCOVER HEIR

Daughter of Woman Who Died, Leaving Valuable Property, Cannot Be Traced—Husband's Name Unknown to Official

Information regarding the whereabouts of the daughter of Mrs. Inez Lee Thurber, who died November 8, is wanted by Frank Bryson, public administrator.

Mrs. Thurber came to Los Angeles from New Orleans several years ago. She was in receipt of an annuity averaging about \$150 a month, and when she died at the home of Mrs. A. Mocker, 917 South Broadway, she left property consisting of diamonds and personal effects, the value of which has not been appraised.

Mrs. Thurber's daughter, Polly, married a man many years her senior a few years ago, and the couple is thought to be living near Bakersfield. Mr. Bryson has been unable to find any record of the marriage or to learn the name of the husband.

WOMAN WHO WAS EJECTED IS ALLOWED TO KEEP HER HOME

Mrs. Belle Robinson, by a decision of Judge Conroy yesterday, will be allowed to remain in her little home at San Pedro, from which she was ejected in September by agents of the Salt Lake railroad. The company contested the case vigorously, but Mrs. Robinson proved she had paid \$200 for the building, which is known as the "Jack Taylor" house, and claimed the land on which it stood is government property. She also asked for \$300 damages, but this was denied by the court.

Will Have Second Trial The jury in the case of Benjamin Wyatt, charged with robbing W. L. Sibley, a veteran, in Santa Monica canyon, August 21, reported a disagreement late Friday night and was discharged by Judge Jamison. The date for Wyatt's second trial will be set Tuesday.

Gypsy Girl Released OAKLAND, Nov. 14.—Rebekah Butler, the gypsy arrested here two days ago on a charge of having fleeced a farmer of Yakima, Washington, out of \$2000, was released today. The police, after telegraphing the authorities at North Yakima, learned that no warrant had been issued there for the woman, and that her arrest in this city was the result of spite work.

ASKS COURT TO DISMISS MONEY EXTORTION CHARGE

Arguments on Question Are Concluded and Police Justice Will Render Decision on Motion Next Week

Argument on a motion to dismiss the complaint charging A. A. Talmage, manager of the Pittsburg-Salt Lake Oil company, with attempting to extort money from Ray D. Robinson, dentist, was concluded at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Police Justice Selph, who has the matter under advisement, promises to render his decision on the motion Monday. If his finding is adverse to the contentions of Talmage's attorneys the latter, it is expected, will begin the introduction of evidence in behalf of their client.

With the exception of two questions propounded to Dr. Robinson, no testimony has been taken in Talmage's defense. In reply to these questions the dentist said he never had committed a crime and feared no exposure of his past acts.

On these replies Attorney Jud Rush based his argument for dismissal. In substance, that as the dentist could not be injured by any publication of the charge was not well founded. Deputy District Attorney John Korth argued against this view of the case, quoting from a long list of authorities covering similar cases.

MAYOR HARPER BEGINS TO MAKE LIBEL DEPOSITION

Hearing, Which Was Behind Closed Doors, Is Not Concluded and Is Continued to Next Wednesday

Taking Mayor A. C. Harper's deposition to be used in the trial of his libel suit for \$100,000 against the Evening Express March 15 was begun before Arthur E. Bagley, notary, in the International Bank building, at 9:30 o'clock yesterday.

The mayor's statements were made behind closed doors and nothing was given out regarding them, attorneys for both sides complying with the stipulation made before Judge Monroe. The deposition was not completed yesterday and the hearing will be resumed Wednesday.

STOCK BROKER SENTENCED TO SAN QUENTIN FIVE YEARS

J. E. Woolsey, mining stock broker, who pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, was sentenced to San Quentin penitentiary for five years by Judge Jamison yesterday. The prosecuting witness against Woolsey was Mrs. B. F. Stone, who bought some stock in a mine, to which the promoter did not have a title. Woolsey claimed to be acting as agent and said he had been misinformed as to the status of the property.

Tries to Secure Liberty James Boyd, sentenced to ninety days in the county jail by Police Justice Selph September 23, made an effort to secure his release on habeas corpus proceedings in Judge James' court yesterday. Argument was continued until Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

Boyd was found guilty of wearing the insignia of the Scottish Rite for the purpose of obtaining assistance. Will Preside for Judge Monroe Department six of the superior court will be presided over next week by Judge Crow of Santa Barbara county, and Judge Monroe will go to Santa Barbara for his contemporary. The reason for the change is the disqualification of Judge Crow in a case pending in his court.

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Protests Against Paving Proposition Must Be Heard and New Ordinance Passed Repealing the Former Measure

Because the council overlooked a technicality the paving of Temple street between Belmont avenue and Burtz street must go back almost to the point of beginning.

The contract for this work was awarded recently to the Barber Asphalt company, but as soon as the company's attorney looked over the proceedings he found a defect and the Barber company was released from its obligation.

The city attorney says the council failed to secure jurisdiction to order the work done. The statute requires that protests against the size of the assessment district be set for hearing and notice given by the clerk to all protestants. In this case the council fixed the time for hearing at 3 o'clock, September 8. There was no quorum present at that time and consequently no council meeting. The matter was not again taken up by the council.

In order to cure this defect the city clerk next Monday will advise the council that the protests against the assessment district have been filed and will lay the objections before that body. It will then be the duty of the council later than one week from the time of fixing the date. When the ordinance ordering the work is passed it will include a clause repealing the former ordinance ordering the work and when all this is done the board again will have to advertise for bids.

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