

News of the Courts

DR. PRICE'S FINANCIAL DEALS PROBED IN COURT

Effort Is Made to Collect Judgment from Wife of Long Beach Psychologist

The trial of the case of J. M. Sewell against Mrs. Mary L. Price, in which the plaintiff is trying to learn why he cannot collect a judgment for \$7726.18 against the defendant's husband, Dr. W. R. Price, psychologist and stock promoter of Long Beach, was begun yesterday before Judge Hervey of the superior court.

Sewell purchased from Dr. Price a large block of stock in the National Gold Dredging company and later, on the ground that the stock had been sold to him under misrepresentations, obtained a judgment for \$7726.18 against the psychologist.

Obtaining the judgment was far different from obtaining the money, according to Sewell, who declares that all he has been able to collect is \$536 and that only with the aid of officers.

He declares that Dr. Price has transferred all of his property, including a valuable home at Long Beach, deposits in the Citizens Savings bank of Long Beach and 245 shares of stock in the Building Association of the Society of New or Practical Psychology, valued at \$2500, to Mrs. Price.

He asks the court to set aside all of the alleged assignments of possessions to Mrs. Price by Dr. Price and to order her not to dispose of the property.

WOMAN TELLS OF LOANS Sewell makes the further allegations that Dr. Price has given Mrs. Hannah Cushing a mortgage on the Long Beach home for \$7000 to secure her against loss because of a loan made to her.

She says that Mrs. Cushing never has been in a position to make such loans. On the witness stand, however, Mrs. Cushing said that about many of the alleged transactions, declaring that through Dr. Price she had loaned \$2000 on property in San Francisco owned by Mrs. Price, obtaining 5 per cent interest on her money.

"Did you not know that you could obtain 8 per cent?" queried an attorney. "In some cases," answered Mrs. Cushing, "but I prefer a safe 5 per cent to a doubtful 8 per cent."

In response to more questions, Mrs. Cushing admitted that another loan she had made through Dr. Price was for \$4000 to Mrs. William E. Smith, a friend, Clinton Johnson, in March, 1910, with interest at 8 per cent, payable in advance.

It is to the Clinton Johnson named by Mrs. Cushing that Sewell asserts Dr. Price, to avoid an attachment, transferred 1400 shares of stock in the Building Association of the Society of New or Practical Psychology.

Among the witnesses on the stand yesterday was Mrs. Price, who asserted that the property given to her husband was in payment of a debt which she was 18 years old, she obtained from the estate of her father and which she soon turned over to her husband.

WOMAN WHO DRESSED AS MAN ARRAIGNED IN COURT Julia La Fayette Roberts, the young woman accused of committing forgeries in various parts of the country, using the names of Philip Roberts and Phyllis Roberts and appearing part of the time in both masculine and feminine garb, was arraigned yesterday before Judge Willis of the criminal department of the superior court.

The young woman is accused of forging a check for \$25, drawing it on the Citizens National bank, signing the name of Grayson Lewis, assistant treasurer of the Los Angeles Telegraph company, to it, and cashing it at the All Night and Day bank. The instrument was dated August 27, 1910. She will enter her plea tomorrow.

Miss Roberts is alleged to have been a confederate of E. P. Lambert, formerly a hotel clerk in this city, who recently was acquitted of a similar charge in the east and who will be returned here for trial.

COUNTY TREASURER PAYS OUT \$300,000 IN 3 DAYS More than \$300,000 has been paid out by John L. Hunt, county treasurer, in the last few days. The unusual amount being disbursed because of several pay days falling on last Friday, which was the time for the payment of salaries to the city school teachers and the highway employees, and also the fortnightly demands of the board of supervisors.

The day following the pay day \$102,000 was paid out. Monday the total disbursements amounted to \$31,000, and Tuesday the amount dropped to \$80,000, while that disbursed yesterday was in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

WOMAN ASKS COURT TO NAME HER SON'S GUARDIAN Mrs. Mary D. Woollocot, widow of H. J. Woollocot, who died November 7 and whose will, by which he devised one-half of his \$500,000 estate to his widow, yesterday requested the superior court to appoint her the guardian of James Stapleton Woollocot, her son, 10 years old, whose one-sixth share in his father's estate is valued at \$75,000.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED Divorce actions filed yesterday with the county clerk were those of Frances E. Monnette against Jay Monnette; Pearl Gibson against Chaucey Gibson; Vespera P. McClintock against Harvey James McClintock; Sallie Rogers Wright against Joseph Wiley Wright; Alys H. Young against William P. Young; Mae Lane against Earl Lane; Darius Edgar Snow against Sarah Snow and Oliver O. Boyd against Theresa Boyd.

TAKES CHOICE OF PENALTIES Harold Dorles, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon upon Jaka Oja July 16, yesterday was permitted to plead guilty to a simple assault and was given his choice between paying a fine of \$50 or going to the county jail for thirty days. He chose the former penalty. His case was heard by Judge Willis, of the superior court.

UNABLE TO SUPPORT HER CHILD Mrs. Frederica Suman, who recently was denied a divorce from Edwin C. Suman, whom she charged with cruelty yesterday told Judge Hutton, of the superior court, that she was unable to care for their small child, who was given into her custody. The judge will see what can be done for the child, having taken the matter under advisement.

ACTION OVER OIL LAND LEASE GOES TO TRIAL

Plaintiff Alleges Terms of Contract Were Violated

Trial of the action of H. C. Hullinger to obtain damages of \$59,850 from the Big Seep Oil company was begun yesterday before Judge Cole of Imperial, sitting for Judge Moss in department ten of the superior court.

Hullinger asserts he arranged for a lease of 100 acres of alleged oil proven land in Ventura county from the defendant in the action, agreeing to pay \$15,000 and a one-eighth royalty for it. He entered into the lease, he said, with the belief that there were on the property an oil well producing fifty barrels daily, a pipeline to transportation facilities and machinery needed for his successful operation.

The plaintiff avers that after he had paid \$2000 on the lease he learned that the defendant could not give him a legal lease of the ground because it has no clear title, possessing only a mining claim location. He also avers that there was no oil well on the property and that the machinery which he expected to use was also lacking.

Another allegation is that he contracted with the defendant for 10,000 barrels of oil if his operation of the lease did not prove successful and that the other party to the contract did not keep up to its terms. Because he was unable to supply oil to fill orders for which he has arranged and because of his consequent loss, he wants damages of \$59,850.

GUARDIAN IS NAMED TO SETTLE LONG WILL FIGHT

Smith Estate, of Which a Part Goes to Spiritualists, Is to Be Distributed

In preparation for a final settlement of the estate of Robert Crawford Smith, a contest over whose will was in the courts for several months more than a year ago, Judge Rives of the probate department yesterday appointed Tom Thornton, attorney, guardian of Martha C. Smith, a mentally incompetent sister of the dead man.

Smith left an estate valued at \$30,000, the most valuable part of which was property at Sixth and Hill streets worth \$60,000. He devised his estate equally to William E. Smith and Dennison Smith, his brothers, then living in Cincinnati, but now dead, and his sister, Martha, who is an inmate of a sanitarium in Pennsylvania.

Martha, however, he gave \$10,000 to Mrs. Dora Bennett, a spiritualist medium; \$5000 to Mrs. Lola Swilag, a believer in the same cult, and \$2000 to Miss Lettie Livingston, a school teacher, then residing in Pasadena.

To execute Smith's wishes, then, the three bequests would have had to be satisfied before the distribution of the major part of his estate to his brothers and sister. The latter, however, brought a contest, alleging that Smith was under the influence of the split-suit when he made his will. The case caused unusual excitement at the time and ended by Judge Rives admitting the will to probate.

To grant the bequests to Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Swilag and Miss Livingston, it is planned to sell the property at Sixth and Hill streets, and then effect a final settlement of the estate.

COURT SETS DATES FOR CRIMINAL CASE HEARINGS Several alleged criminals were arraigned yesterday before Judge Willis of the criminal department of the superior court. E. J. Joselyn, charged with grand larceny, will plead November 18. The same date was set for the trial of Antonio Rozales, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, the sentencing of Peter Smith, who pleaded guilty to burglary; the pleading of Charles McEwen, charged with forgery, and the entering of the plea of Domingo Lopez to an accusation of burglary.

RESTITUTION OF TAXES ON FRANCHISES IS SOUGHT Judge Wilbur, of the superior court, yesterday took under advisement the case of the Los Angeles Electric corporation and the Pasadena Consolidated Gas company against the county of Los Angeles for the recovery of taxes paid in 1908. The former paid \$24,572.28 and the latter \$732.43. They allege that the amount was demanded for their use of streets, which they aver they had paid in other claims.

FRUIT GROWERS' CASE ON TRIAL After hearing some evidence in the case of Henry G. Dent and N. A. Ransome for an accounting of money they allege they invested with the California Fruit Growers' association and alleged partners, Judge Hutton, of the superior court, yesterday continued the matter until next Tuesday.

CARPET CLEANING CO. SUED L. Amuller and his wife, F. E. Amuller, yesterday filed in the superior court a suit for damages of \$3025 against the Abetta Carpet Cleaning company. They allege that an automobile of the defendant struck Mrs. Amuller while she was trying to board a street car and severely injured her.

STEVENS IS CONVICTED After being out for about four hours, a jury in Judge Davis' department of the superior court yesterday returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Charles F. Stevens, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon upon Edward C. Hoffman. Sentence will be imposed tomorrow morning.

WIFE CHARGES DESERTION Zetta Snodgrass yesterday filed in the superior court a suit against W. B. Snodgrass, asking separate maintenance. She wants \$200 a year. She alleges that while she was ill her husband left her and shows no disposition to return her to care for her.

FATHER NAMED AS GUARDIAN Charles Daly was yesterday appointed guardian of his two daughters, Hazel and Ruth Daly, who recently were devised money by an uncle, Louis Boucher of Quebec, Canada. The action was taken by Judge Rives of the probate court.

MAN IS GRANTED DIVORCE John J. Brown, who accused his wife, Ellena Brown, of deserting him, yesterday was given a decree of divorce by Judge Hutton, of the superior court.

Municipal Affairs

LIBRARIAN SENDS LISTS OF BOOKS ON CITY PLAN

Mayor Will Receive Volumes Describing New Municipal System

Purd B. Wright, city librarian, yesterday sent to Mayor Alexander two lists of works and references contained in the city library bearing upon the activities of the city planning commission and on municipal affairs generally. The lists, while not complete, seem to be comprehensive. The one bearing upon city planning is subdivided under the following heads: Baths, depots, fountains, garden cities, housing problems, municipal art, municipal art parks, playgrounds, statues, streets, subways, terminals, tunnels, undeveloped city areas, water fronts, water supply and electric.

The list of references on municipal affairs, which does not include magazine articles, is presented under the following heads: General works on municipal government, city charters, reports and council proceedings, commission form of government, direct primary, initiative and referendum, franchises, gas and electricity, street lighting, valuations and rates, harbors and docks, municipal finance, municipal improvements, including bill posting, municipal markets, public comfort stations and smoke abatement; municipal ownership, public utilities, public works, sanitary engineering, including refuse disposal and sewerage; street railways and valuation of railroad property, street cleaning and paving, telephones, tunnels and subways, water supply and water purification, magazines.

It is thought that these lists, which are really topic catalogues, will greatly expedite the use of material in the library bearing upon the subjects indicated.

COLISEUM NEIGHBORS ASK THAT TRACK BE CLOSED

Property owners and residents in the vicinity of the Coliseum motorcycle racing track in the block bounded by Sixty-fourth, Main and Sixty-sixth streets and Alameda avenue yesterday petitioned the city council to have the track closed on the grounds that it is a public nuisance. The petition relates that races are frequently held there and that when this occurs the entire neighborhood has to vacate because of the noise which, it is said, can be heard for a mile and which, near at hand, sounds like a continual volley of musketry.

"Besides being a public nuisance," says the petition, "the track also is a menace to the property surrounding it and spectators are hurt and maimed frequently."

Signatures to the petition occupy nine pages of legal cap size paper.

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Falling from a scaffold fourteen feet above the ground, G. W. Quinn, a plasterer, working at East Twelfth street, was injured yesterday afternoon, suffering from a fractured left forearm and three broken ribs on the left side.

Quinn was taken to the hospital, where he is recovering. The accident occurred while he was engaged in the construction of the house on which he was working.

MOTHER OF ONE CRIES WHEN 4 CHILDREN ARE ADOPTED

Four children were officially adopted yesterday in Judge Rives' department of the superior court.

Lorna Marlan Hull, whose mother, Mrs. Ida Hull, carried by her husband and of her departing to place her son in a home for orphans while she was forced, for the good of the tiny daughter, to leave her to be adopted, was the legal child of Marcel and Amelia Liberty.

Rufus and Missouri Williams were permitted to adopt Albert Turner, Alfred E. and Lulu M. Wright adopted Mary Moore and J. D. and Annie Anway adopted August Clifford Kelly.

LAWYER ATTEMPTS RECALL OF JURY BRIBING CHARGES

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Attorney Chas. Epstein, counsel for Lee O'Neill Browne, attempted unsuccessfully before the grievance committee of the Chicago Bar association today to withdraw the charges of jury bribing which he made recently against State's Attorney Wayman. Counsel for Mr. Wayman then asked that showing alone be dismissed on that showing alone the attempt to withdraw them.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL TAKES NO ACTION TO NAME HEAD

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The old officers of the Illinois Central railroad, with the exception of President J. T. Harahan, who is to retire next Saturday when he reaches the age limit, were re-elected today by the directors of the railroad.

No action was taken by the directors with respect to choosing a successor to Mr. Harahan, who retires from office January 12. The intimation was forthcoming that Mr. Harahan might resign between now and the time for the December meeting of the directors.

NEW CORPORATIONS

Co-operative Home Makers—E. B. Elder, Ernest Ingold, A. P. Scudder, W. E. Pinney, R. G. Esberger, J. H. Taylor and R. W. Snell, directors. Capital stock, \$10,000; subscribed, \$7,000. Sun Oil and Grease company—Harry J. Smith, Margaret Smith, and Frank L. Kernan, directors. Capital stock, \$10,000; subscribed, \$2,000.

W. G. Brown, Adolph Lenzinger, W. H. Kelso, John Aeric and F. A. Zillig, directors. Capital stock, \$25,000; subscribed, \$25,000.

Rinehart Investment company—Annie L. Hawkins, Alice J. Randall, Ella R. Allen, Maude E. Randall, Lillie E. Brown and Mr. Vick have mining interests.

Dr. Lyon's PERFECT Tooth Powder

not only cleanses, preserves and beautifies the teeth without injury, but imparts purity and fragrance to the breath, removing instantly the odor of tobacco.

REMOVAL OF GRAVEL IS MENACING CITY BRIDGES

City Must Expend \$30,000 for Repairs Unless Practice Ends, Official Reports

According to City Engineer Homer Hamlin, the city soon will be called upon to expend something like \$30,000 to reconstruct the underpinning and piers of bridges across the Los Angeles river, and all because from 700 to 1000 cubic yards of sand and gravel are being taken from the river bed every working day in the year for use in building operations.

The city charges nothing for this removal of sand and gravel, only as a temporary expedient. He explains that so much material is being taken from the river bed that the level is materially lowered and each flood, he says, will wash more and more of the protecting sand and gravel from the pier foundations into the excavations lower down stream.

Ultimately, Mr. Hamlin says, this will lead to serious trouble.

The matter came before the board of public works yesterday in the shape of a suggestion from Commissioner Humphreys that the city council be asked to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of the sand and gravel for any but building purposes.

The objection to the plan, Mr. Humphreys confessed, was that a stretch of five miles of river bed would have to be covered by inspection and suggested meeting this expense by charging a nominal fee for the material removed. He said that comparatively little money is being expended for the pier foundations other than building operations at the present time, but thought it would do no harm to safeguard the future.

He frequently it developed that the ordinance was desired to prevent the use of river bed sand and gravel to construct the approaches of the Panama Vista street bridge, as a compromise it was decided to change the specifications for that work so that other materials will be required for this purpose.

ARTHUR LETTS Broadway Department Store HOME 10571, BOWY 4944 BROADWAY COR. 4TH, LOS ANGELES

Room-Making Prices Effect Women's Suits and Dresses In Important Sale at . . . \$10 & \$19.50



Important department changes are responsible for these two sale prices. The suits, coats and skirts are to be crowded into smaller space to make room for other departments during the holiday season. Therefore you may buy

Tailored Suits and Dresses at \$10

Tailored Suits \$19.50 to 54 Bust. . .

A great assortment of tailored suits, cloth dresses and some silk dresses. Different ideas represented. Different colors and fabrics, including chevrons, fancy mixtures and fronts, water supply and electric.

Supreme in value giving. Ultra fashionable models. Made of fine serges in black, blue and cream. Mannish cloths in the new grays and browns. Broadcloths worth many dollars more, and pretty novelties. Choice of black and all the desired shades. Sizes ranging up to 54 bust measure, \$19.50.

36 Discontinued \$5.00 Models of Nemo Corsets . . . \$2.50

Cashmere Stockings Have Just Arrived—25c, 35c, 50c

Right for slender and medium figures. Made of white coutil with four heavy hose supporters. \$5 models to close. 36 of them while they last \$2.50 each.

There's been such a shortage on cashmere stockings, and now they're here in full and complete assortments at 25c, 35c and 50c pair for women. Regular and outsize. Also infants' silk and wool hose at 35c, 3 for \$1. The Hosiery Section is important now.

Wash Goods & Domestic Are Affected by Department Moves

These departments are now somewhat cramped for space in the Third Floor Annex, and are offering special inducements.

Black and White Checked Suiting . . . 1.22c

Huron Percals 500 Yards Only . . . 34c

Haviland China Platters at Half

How's that for a sale just six days previous to Thanksgiving? These fine Haviland platters will help the big turkey in its appearance. Also chop dishes, both priced as follows: \$5.00 Values. . . \$2.50 \$4.50 Values. . . \$2.25 \$3.00 Values. . . \$1.50 \$2.00 Values. . . \$1.00

Cranberry or Berry Sets . . \$1.25

Gas Heaters \$1.48

Vegetable Dishes Plain white, 11-inch size; 40c values for 30c.

Knife Sharpener 7c

New Vases To help decorate your Thanksgiving table, these with metal tops, like we have been featuring so strongly. Priced 39c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50.

Coffee Pots Celebrated Marlon Harlands, priced \$1.45, \$1.75, \$1.95.

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