

JOS. SPERL LOSES WILL CASE

Property of Anton Sperl Will be Divided.

After Three Trials Disinherited Heirs Win.

Estate is Valued at Nearly Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Hoidale & Somsen attorneys for the children of Anton Sperl who were practically disinherited by their father, Anton Sperl, have succeeded in having the will set aside and a more even distribution of the property made.

The case is an interesting one and one that has occupied the time of three courts. First it was tried in the district court in this county and practically taken out of the hands of the jury by a verdict directed by the judge, and was then appealed to the Supreme court on errors, the claim being that the judge erred in directing the verdict as he did. That court sent the case back for retrial and it was the first case on the calendar at the present term of district court.

The trial occupied the entire time of the court up to Saturday evening when the case went to the jury. A sealed verdict was returned which was read in court Monday morning and the finding of the jury was for the appellants, Otto Sperl and Anna Fischer, this action dissolving the will of Anton Sperl.

The case was a hard fought one on both sides. Jos. A. Eckstein and Somerville & Olsen appearing for the defendant, Jos. Sperl. It was claimed and apparently proven by the appellants that undue influence was used to induce the father to will all of his property to Joseph, the claim being made that he devoted his time and means to caring for the old man during the declining years of his life.

It was set up by the appellants that the actions of the father drove the children from the home and after he was left alone he was unable to get proper care and sought to have some of his children return applying to all of them before he made terms with Joseph who was finally induced to return. It was during the years of his residence at the farm after this that it was claimed Joseph induced his father to alter his will so that none of the other children would share in it.

The sympathy appears to have been largely with Joseph in the matter on the ground that he was entitled to the property from the fact that he sacrificed his business in St. James to go

to the farm and care for his father, but the introduction of the history of the family evidently satisfied the jury that there was more justice in the equal distribution of the property under the conditions that grew out of the action of the father.

No doubt the verdict in this will case had some influence in the matter of the settlement of the Kuehn will case as negotiations for a settlement were opened almost immediately and were finally closed by the payment to the heirs named in the will \$200 each and the assignment of the residue of the property to the son.

These two cases are without a doubt the most important civil cases that have ever been tried before a court in this county, and the firm of Hoidale & Somsen is entitled to much credit for able manner in which they have handled the cases.

GEORGE HAUNENSTEIN SELLS OUT

Wm. F. Backer and William Bierbaum New Proprietors.

Last week the Red Front Grocery store was sold by Geo. Hauenstein to Wm. F. Backer and Wm. Bierbaum, who will take possession sometime before the first of the coming month. At present the young men are employed in different places. Mr. Backer is bookkeeper for Cuddy & Cavanaugh and Mr. Bierbaum is clerking for F. H. Behnke.

Ever since it was started the Red Front store has been a paying venture and has at the present time a reputation among the business enterprises of the city that is equal to the best. The store was originally started by Wm. Fenske who sold the place to Mr. Hauenstein, the business being conducted in the corner room of the Ottomeyer building and during the past year moved to its present location in the Reinhart building.

The young men who succeed to the business are both well known in the city, especially Wm. Bierbaum who for the past fourteen years has been clerking for F. H. Behnke and is a very pleasant and accommodating young man. His partner Mr. Backer is younger and has not been in business except as bookkeeper for the firm he is now with but has the ability to make friends and it is confidently predicted that they will make a good pair to draw to.

When he leaves the Red Front store Mr. Hauenstein intends to take a vacation that will make up for all the vacations he has missed for the past ten years or more and after that will probably go on the road for some large wholesale house. He has been a strong factor in the business circles of the city and prominent in all the undertakings of its affairs, and will be missed if he should conclude to move from the city.

HAS HAD ENOUGH OF CALIFORNIA

John Schubert Returns to His Native Country.

Last week John Schubert and wife returned to this city from San Francisco where they have lived for several years and where they were expecting to make their home. The tale they bring of the great disaster is not different from that of many others that have been told since the earthquake.

They are thankful to have escaped with their lives and property and to be able to get back to Brown county. Mr. Schubert is of the opinion that he will not return to that country when he has concluded the business which called him here; but will remain where the certainties of life are greater than in the place from which he came.

He is of the opinion that it will require a natural lifetime for the people of the destroyed city to regain the prestige that they had before the earthquake and restore the city to its former beauty and usefulness. The people of that city, he says will require help for a long time and for years he believes there will be those who will have the plea that they lost all they had in the fire as a story for soliciting alms.

He is apparently firm in the belief that he has had all of the country he wants and one has only to talk with him to be assured that he is in earnest in what he says, though we believe that time will soften the feelings he so forcibly expresses and he will be surprised at the recuperating abilities of the American people on the Pacific coast.

Prof. J. Schaller received a dispatch informing him of the sudden demise of his sister, Mrs. H. Brohm, Addison, Ill. He will leave for that place today to attend the funeral.

MAENNERCHOR MAKES GOOD

First Effort of Organization is Appreciated.

Both Band and Singers Show Marked Improvement.

Audience is Small But Does Not Lack Appreciation.

Many compliments have been heard for the excellence of the concert that was given by the New Ulm Maennerchor last Wednesday evening. Their appearance at this time showed a marked improvement over their work in the band concert, and the band, which assisted the Maennerchor also showed that with each public appearance it was growing better. Both of these organizations, the Maennerchor and the Union Concert band, are new and show a wonderful amount of skill and natural attainment in the production of music.

The difficult task of harmonizing this large body of singers falls to the lot of Prof. Endres, and the work of Wednesday evening showed that he had the mastery of the situation. If he is able to show as marked improvement in the time that is to come before the meeting of the Saengerfest in St. Paul as was shown in the two concerts there will be little doubt but that some of the honors of the event will fall to the Maennerchor.

Other features on the program aside from the work of the band and the Maennerchor was the baritone solo by Prof. Amundson, "The Two Grenadiers." This is the first time Mr. Amundson has been heard in public in this city and he pleased the audience wonderfully. He has an excellent voice and has it well in hand.

A selection by the string quartet "Marionets" was a pleasing close to the work of the first part of the program. This quartet was composed of Messrs. J. C. Hoffmeister, H. Huevelmann, J. G. Hoffmeister and W. T. Eckstein, and they make excellent music.

A part of the program that was as pleasing as any of the other numbers was the song, "Saengermarsch" an orchestration for which was written by W. T. Eckstein and the song was accompanied by the orchestra. The work of Mr. Eckstein in this line is something that has attracted attention at different times and shows a wonderful amount of talent in the musical line.

The Cello solo by W. T. Eckstein, accompanied by his wife, and the male quartet were both features of the evening. The male quartet in particular, which is composed of Messrs. Endres, Armand Petry, W. G. Alwin and Arthur Dengler, struck the fancy of the audience and called for many compliments from individuals. The four voices harmonized excellently and the volume of music that they make is very pleasing.

It is too bad that there were not more people out to hear the concert. With the vast amount of work and time that is necessary to get a feature of this kind in shape for the public it is disappointing to the originators to feel that the people are not appreciative enough to come out. There is some excuse on account of the large number of attractions that have demanded the attention of the people of the city for the past month, and there is some pleasure for those who took part in the concert to know that those who were there appreciated the work and many of the traveling men who went up from the Dakota house spoke of it as something of more than ordinary excellence.

A Mountain of Gold
could not bring as much happiness to Mrs. Lucia Wilke, of Caroline, Wis., as did one 25c box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, when it completely cured a running sore on her leg, which had tortured her 23 long years. Greatest antiseptic healer of Piles, Wounds, and Sores. 25c at O. M. Olsen's Drug store.

LAST PLAY DID NOT DISAPPOINT

When Knighthood Was in Flower Pleases All.

By far the most enjoyable and for that matter the most elaborately costumed production that has been seen on the stage in this city for several seasons, was the production of "When Knighthood Was in Flower" which was given at Turner theatre Friday evening. It was a success in every sense of the word.

There is no question but that Virginia Drew Trescott has wonderfully succeeded in grasping the character of Mary Tudor as delineated in Chas. Major's novel from which the play

derives its name, and the human interest she brings out of the scenes is captivatingly perfect.

The investiture of the entire caste and the sumptuousness of the costumes used by Miss Trescott are superb in all their apartments and in every instance befitting the scenes in which they are introduced. As queen of France she is pretty but in the last scene where she is the wife of Charles Brandon she is strikingly handsome.

In the line of patronage the management of the theatre can have no complaint. While there was a good attendance from this city there was also a large number from other places. Sleepy Eye sent a large number, quite a party drove up from Hanska and several came up from Courtland, and all appeared to be well pleased with the play and the entertainment it afforded.

STORY OF HIDDEN TREASURE TRUE

Mr. Green's Explanation of Find of Money Corroborated.

Some weeks ago the New Ulm News advanced the theory that the money that was found in a tree cut near Le Sueur Center, was placed there by a man by the name of Reinhart who was lynched for the murder of a man for the money that he hid in the tree. Mr. Green's memory seems to have served him right for the story appears to be confirmed by the account given by a La Crosse man, part of which is as follows:

"In the spring of 1858 a young German came to our cabin. His name I have forgotten. He remained with us several days. He had a yoke of oxen, a covered wagon, farm implements, one or two cows and a small amount of household goods. My father showed him over considerable government land. It appeared to be too heavily timbered to suit him, so he went on to the edge of the prairie, to Reinhart's place. This young German had about \$600 in gold with him at that time.

"Reinhart showed the young man some of the government land. Suddenly the German stranger dropped out of existence. Reinhart stated that he had gone back east, and that he (Reinhart) had bought the oxen, wagon cows and other possessions.

"In the fall of 1858 one of the settlers was out hunting and in crossing the Reinhart clearing he found part of the remains of the young German. It afterward appeared that Reinhart had murdered him and covered his body with a pile of brush, with the intention of burning the remains. But the hogs of one of the settlers had rooted the body out and partly eaten it.

CORNER STONE OF CHURCH IS LAID

Methodists of Lafayette Have Ceremonious Gathering.

Last Thursday in the village of Lafayette the members of the Methodist church met with the friends of the denomination and amid the ceremonies incident to such affairs laid the corner stone of the new structure which is to be the place of worship of the congregation in the future.

The stone was put in place by Bishop Farrel of St. Paul who delivered a short address in commemoration of the event and who was the drawing card of the occasion. The Lafayette Ledger in speaking of the event has the following:

Thursday afternoon will always be a memorable day for the M. E. congregation of this place for on that day the corner stone of their new church was laid with ceremonies in harmony with the occasion. The afternoon's program opened with a song by Rev. A. G. Hultgren, pastor of the church. After this came a very able sermon by Presiding Elder Farrel, of St. Paul which was followed by a song by the audience. Rev. Wm. Lundeen of Winthrop delivered a masterly talk after which a collection was taken up. Rev. Farrel then performed the ceremonies of laying the stone and also said a few words of farewell.

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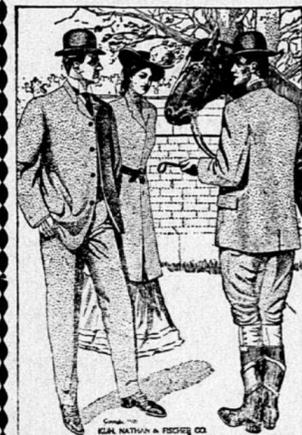
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Spring Sack Suits of every new single and double cut—same as the well custom tailors will cut this season—in gray toned worsteds in stripes, plaids and mixtures; also chevrons, tweeds and cassimeres in exclusive patterns at \$12 to \$30.

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