

SAINT PAUL. CULLINGS OF THE COURTS.

Decisions Handed Down by Wearers of the Ermine. TAXING PERSONAL EFFECTS. Three Efforts Necessary for a Verdict in a Damage Suit--Husbands Must Secure Wives' Signatures.

Six decisions were filed yesterday in the supreme court. An important point of law was decided in the appeal, State of Minnesota, respondent, vs. A. T. Rand et al., Rufus B. Rand and Kate Rand, appellants. The question involved in this appeal was the liability to taxation of notes and mortgages. Citation issued by the district court, Judge J. K. Peterson, addressed to A. T. Rand, L. S. Rand, Rufus B. Rand and Kate Rand, requiring them to show cause why they should not pay certain taxes assessed against them for the year 1888, but remaining wholly unpaid. The citation was not served upon A. T. and L. S. Rand, Rufus B. and Kate Rand, and the court, alleging, first, that each had duly returned for assessment a list of personal property, that each had been duly taxed thereon, and that the taxes claimed by law; second, that the taxes claimed in the citation had been unlawfully assessed against defendants. The returns set forth are fully given in the syllabus filed by Judge Collins, which is as follows:

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Under General Statutes 1878, chapter 66 section 24, a statute under which the wife's signature is void; following former decisions. The fact that the husband and wife subsequently divorced would render the mortgage void. The covenants of title in such a mortgage will not operate as an estoppel, in order that covenants in a deed may work an estoppel, it must itself be a valid instrument. Judgment affirmed.

Says It's a Hoax. Boston, Dec. 18.--A. S. Bigelow, who represents some of the largest corporate interests in the city, who is treasurer of the Boston Gas and Electric and other utility companies, states that the report of the failure of Mr. Bex, a Copper merchant, cabled from Paris yesterday is a hoax, correspondents of Mr. Bigelow having received positive notice to that effect.

FACTS AND FANCIES. Interesting Gossip on Town Topics and Things in General. With proper provision of warmth and shelter, and a good store of ensilage and hay, winter dairying can frequently be made more profitable than summer dairying, and is cheaper and better higher.

An Elegant Variety of Upholstered Goods. Settees, Chairs, Ottomans, Foot Rests, etc. at the sale of the contents of Peter Eisworth & Son, 82 West Seventh street.

Through Pullman Buffet Sleepers, Chicago to Los Angeles, Cal. On Wednesday, November 28, and every Wednesday thereafter during December, January and February, the Illinois Central railroad will run through Pullman Buffet Sleepers, Chicago to Los Angeles, California, via New Orleans and the Southern Pacific Company. Rate per double berth in these sleepers, only \$15.50 Chicago to Los Angeles. Price round trip ticket, Chicago to Los Angeles and San Francisco (on sale every day), \$100. Tickets good to return within six months, and by any direct northern route, if desired, without extra charge.

Better Than Oriental Rugs Auction Sale. In order to compete with strangers and their goods, I am selling my Rugs at less than cost prices. The sale yesterday was a great success, and so will be today, and until Thursday. Prices of Rugs \$1-\$20. My best Rugs, nine feet long, thick, only \$20. Instead of \$80. These latter are sold at a great loss. The Constantinople, 378 Jackson street.

Imported Swiss Cheese. Fromage de Brie, Roquefort and others, at E. Bever's, Jackson, corner Eighth street, St. Paul.

A Present Worth Having. A good pair of Shoes. Get them at the Cincinnati, 173 East Seventh.

Easy Chairs for Christmas Presents. All styles of Patent Rockers and Upholstered Chairs made to order at Peter Eisworth & Son's, 82 West Seventh street.

United States Court. In the case of George Knowlton against the Milwaukee road to recover \$15,000 for injuries sustained in a collision at Norwood Junction seven years ago, the jury are still out. Knowlton obtained a verdict for \$5,000 against the St. Louis road, but that road going into the hands of the receiver was unable to collect anything. This is the third time the case has been tried. Twice before the jury was discharged. In the present trial the jury have been out a day and two nights.

Otto J. Nelson, administrator, vs. D. J. Heunessy, to recover \$5,000 for the death of a laborer employed in the

erection of a house on Broadway, three years ago, on trial before Judge Nelson yesterday.

District Court Doings. Nippold & Bro. against James Benedict, to recover \$1,224 for labor and material furnished, was on trial before Judge Kelly yesterday.

No cases were tried in Judge Wilkins' room yesterday, the judge being a member of the board of canvassers, now counting the vote cast at the late election.

Judge Brill was occupied yesterday hearing the case of Henry J. Peters against Killior Hanson.

In the case of James E. Acklin against James E. Brady, to recover on mechanic's lien, Judge Simons discharged the order to show cause.

DISPLEASED OFFICIALS. Abolition of Quarters in the New Court House. City officials are much exercised with the manner in which officers have been allotted them in the new court building.

There was a meeting last evening of the city council and county commissioners, when Ald. Yoerg brought forward the unsatisfactory apportionment, and asked if nothing could be done in the matter? Mayor Smith, who presided, said in the original plan of the court house all the offices were designated. This was afterwards changed at the suggestion of some of the county commissioners.

Ald. Yoerg--It seems to me they assumed a good deal of authority. Mayor Smith--It was a great mistake. I was not a member of the commission at the time. Ald. Yoerg--It seems queer that nothing can be done to secure satisfactory quarters for the city officials, especially when the city pays the cost of the building. The best thing we can do is to stop allowing any more estimates.

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