

MAUD'S FORTUNE

Where Is It and What Is Its Amount?

CHANCE FOR A SPECULATOR

One "Risdon" Talked in Oswego Concerning a Mythical Estate and Lawyer Terry Is Chasing the Will of the Wife.

Maud Wilson, a woman of reputation, living at Centerville, hopes she has a fortune coming. She isn't very confident about it, not is her lawyer, S. W. Terry, but still she has hope, which all centers around "John J. Risdon of Chicago."

The story started August 11th, 1898, when "John J. Risdon of Chicago" came to Oswego and registered at the Doolittle House. He said that he was looking for the heirs of Sarah Ward Metcalf of Newburgh.

Risdon left Oswego without telling whether he had found the heirs, but before he left the fortune had grown so big that Harvey Wood's share was a quarter of a million.

Mrs. Susan Jeannette Wood Ostrander King—otherwise Maud Wilson—heard a few weeks ago that someone was looking for her, to give her money, and she started in to make it easy for the diligent searcher to find her.

When Risdon was in Oswego, talking smartly about the half million he had found in Newburgh, and later of the \$180,000 that was left in an Oswego bank for the heirs of Harvey Wood, who died in 1868, the Oswego people thought he was joking.

Maud Wilson claims to be the only daughter of Harvey Wood. If Metcalf died leaving a fortune, as stated, if for these thirty years this fortune has been kept intact, waiting for heirs, somewhere in Newburgh; if Metcalf had no relatives himself, so that all his property went to his wife absolutely; if upon her death it was provided that it should be divided among her brothers and sisters, and the executors of the estate waited thirty years before attempting to locate these heirs, these conditions being assumed, Maud Wilson has a share in the division of the estate.

Maud is ready for offers. Maud hopes it may be true, but she hasn't great confidence and the investigations of her attorney will be confined to letters to the unplaced Risdon. Meantime any bank or private corporation wanting to gamble on her chances will do well to communicate with Maud, who will sell her interest in the Metcalf estate for a comparatively small cash amount, and who promises as soon as she gets the price to put the money into circulation as fast as she knows how, and people say she knows how.

In response to a request for an investigation to The Journal at Newburgh last night, this dispatch was re-

ceived by The Herald today: "After diligent inquiry among bankers and lawyers, we are unable to find any evidence of any estate awaiting Metcalf heirs."

WILLIAMS'S FORTUNE.

Large Estate in Chicago—May Be Bank of Maud Wilson's Story.

In a special dispatch to The Herald from Oswego this afternoon an explanation of the Metcalf story is given. From this new story, based upon new evidence found in Oswego, it appears that the Wood for whom search was made in Oswego was so distantly connected with the holder of the fortune that she has no chance at the property.

"In 1840 Joshua Williams was discharged from the army in this city and opened a grocery. In 1845 he failed in business and removed to Coburg, Canada, with his wife, who was Tracy Wood, sister of Harvey Wood. From Coburg they went to Quebec, where Williams died. There were two daughters and a son. The son went to Detroit, one daughter went to Chicago and the whereabouts of the other daughter is not known.

"The holders of the property were not idle. They declared that Miss Williams was survived by an illegitimate son, and that she left the child with Daniel Metcalf, in the town of Hannibal, this county. The child, it was claimed, took the name of Metcalf. Lawyer Powell learned that the Metcalf child was not that of Miss Williams, but that his real name was Wood. He died at the age of 20 years in Louisville, Ky.

"Mr. Harlan instituted proceedings to set aside the will on the ground that it is a forgery, and is confident the property will come into the possession of Ellen Williams's brother in Detroit, one of the Wood family into which Joshua Williams married. Last summer a lawyer named Risdon of Chicago came here looking up the Woods claiming that a large estate awaited the heirs at Newburgh. Lawyer Powell says that the alleged Wood fortune, to which Mrs. Ostrander claims to be heir, can have no connection with the larger fortune of Ellen Williams."

GOVERNMENT MEASURE.

New York Liquor Dealers Want Legislation on "Growler" Trade.

The current number of Wine and Spirits Gazette has this to say under the head of "Beer by Government Measure":

"It is no secret that the brewers are feeling severely the effects of the additional war tax on beer of \$1 per barrel. In reality the retailers are paying this tax, despite all the talk of a few months ago about combinations of capital to operate independent and consumers' breweries. In most of the large beer-drinking saloons the owners have been compelled to shut down partially on the 'pint' and 'growler' trade, or have increased the price for beer not drunk on the premises. It was in this direction that the saloonkeepers saw much of their profits vanish, and they have been very glad of an excuse to curtail the trade.

"For the purpose of regulating the 'growler' or pint trade, the State Liquor Dealers' association, at the instance of the Central Association of New York of retail liquor dealers, has prepared a bill, which is to be introduced in the Legislature at Albany, compelling the sale of beer which is not to be drunk upon the premises by government wine gallon measure. The Central Association of Retail Liquor Dealers, at its last monthly meeting, adopted a resolution recommending such a bill, which has since been approved by the executive committee of the State Liquor Dealers' association. The bill makes it a misdemeanor to sell beer in bulk otherwise than by government wine gallon measure. It will be introduced in the Legislature as a temperance measure in the interest of morality, good order and sobriety."

ROCHESTER GETS "BARONS."

Wilkes-Barre Players Will Go to Flower City's New Syndicate.

This morning's Rochester Democrat and Chronicle says: "The Eastern league franchise for this city was awarded to the syndicate which is composed of George W. Sweet, proprietor of the Livingston hotel; John H. Callahan, P. E. Youngs, John Nash and Edward Higgins, the liveryman, at the meeting of the Eastern league in New York yesterday. G. W. Boyce is out and Callahan is in. It is a change of conditions certain unparalleled in baseball annals in this city. Furthermore, a deal has practically been completed whereby 'Dan' Shannon and his Wilkes-Barre men of last year will probably represent the 'Flower City.'"

BILLINGTON IN LUCK.

Professor Mendis Adjourns Case Against Him Till "the 30th."

Sullivan J. Billington, dispenser of law, as his sign in the Clinton block still announces, has new ground for congratulation from his friends over the present state of the action for ejectment under way against him at the instance of Prof. C. P. Mendis, the lessee of the block. The case was to come up today in Municipal court, but the plaintiff telephoned the clerk of the court at the opening that he consented to an adjournment of the case until "the 30th," meaning thereby the 30th of this month. It is intended and purposes, however, to be held for adjournment rests upon the uncontroverted fact that this month is February and will not get within two days of having a 30th this year. Billington expects to be able to get another adjournment and a possible dismissal of the case on

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Heavy Cotton Hose, seamless, in gray and brown mixed. 5c
Complete Collar Button Set, gold plated. 5c
Suspenders, elastic webbing, mohair ends. 6c
Cuffs, all styles, for. 7c
Men's Double Wool Mittens. 15c
Boys' Domet and Heavy Twill Working Shirt. 20c
Men's Black and Black and White Working Shirts. 23c
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Bronner's \$22 and \$25 Overcoats, Imported Kerseys, Beavers and Meltons. Finely made and tailored. \$14.75

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Bronner's 75c Alpines, in black, brown and pearl, to go at. 35c
Bronner's Men's \$1.00 and \$1.50 Caps, Brighton, yacht and golf styles, in Scotchies and plushes, to go at. 45c
Bronner's \$2.00 and \$2.50 Derbys and Alpines. This was Bronner's special, to go at. 79c
Bronner's \$2.00 Hats, all styles and colors. 98c

SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE. THE SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE WILL RECOGNIZE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY BY A REVIEW OF THE LIFE OF THE MARTYR PRESIDENT. SYRACUSANS WILL TELL THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH MR. LINCOLN, AND THE ILLUSTRATIONS WILL BE VALUABLE AND TIMELY. NO STORY IS MORE FASCINATING OR MORE VITALLY CONNECTED WITH THE NATION'S LIFE THAN THE TALE OF THE RISE OF THE RAIL-SPLITTER. THE LINCOLN PAGE IN THE SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE IS LIKELY TO BE PRESERVED IN MANY SCRAP-BOOKS.

the ground that the 30th day of February does not lie within the jurisdiction of the Municipal court.

Prosperous Mutual Benefit Society. At the ninth annual meeting of the Merrim Mutual Benefit association at the factory of Thomas Merrim, the following employees were elected trustees for the ensuing year: George W. Englehart, James H. Dunham, John Massett, Russell D. James, Charles S. Clark, Charles Korb and Charles Berkley. A subsequent meeting was held of the trustees and the following members were elected officers: President, John Massett; vice president, Charles Berkley; secretary and treasurer, Charles S. Clark. This association was organized for the mutual benefit of employees of Thomas Merrim and helps members in case of sickness or accident. Each member is assessed 40 cents a month and Mr. Merrim contributes \$6 a month. This fund is put into the treasurer's hands to help those entitled to a benefit from the association. In case of death of any member, his family receives \$50. In case of sickness or accident, the member receives \$4 a week. The financial standing of the association is good, having \$600 in the treasury. Since the organization of this association no member has been obliged to ask for charity.

Murphy's Case Held Open. The case of Kyrin Murphy, who is under arrest charged with forgery, was to have come up in Police court this morning. Attorney John McLennan was there in the interests of his client, Simon S. Shinnberg, Graham K. Betts, cashier of the American Exchange bank of Syracuse, represented the institution; D. B. Keeler represented James P. Doyle of Rochester, and Martha E. Dillon of Skaneateles appeared for Mr. Murphy. No action was taken in the matter, the case being held open for an indefinite period.

No Business Was Done. The entertainment committee of the Chamber of Commerce held two meetings yesterday and finally took adjournment subject to the call of Charles T. Brockway, chairman pro tem. The first meeting was held at 11:30 yesterday morning and the second at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There were present Charles T. Brockway, Charles F. O'Donnell, Benjamin A. Shove, John Marsellus and S. H. Chapman, president and secretary of the chamber.

Children to See "Passion Play." The matinee on next Saturday of the "Passion Play" presentation at The Alhambra will be for the benefit of the school children. They will be admitted at a low figure. This is a custom that is carried out in all large cities by the manager of the play, as the children seem to enjoy the presentation even more than their elders. The matinee will start at 3 o'clock. Among the prominent citizens present last night were the Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman, H. P. and the Rev. James O'Shea, both of whom expressed their wishes as delighted with the exhibition.

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