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WIDOWED, MARRIED MAN SUES NOVEL BREACH OF PROMISE

**James A. Learn Needed a Wife Badly
and Asks Damages for
Loss of Time.**

St. Thomas, April 8.—A novel breach of promise case, made all the more novel from the fact that it was brought by a man against a woman and that both plaintiff and defendant are now married, was commenced at the spring assize court, Thursday, before Chief Justice Falconbridge. It was the case of James A. Learn of Mapleton against Mrs. Edward Biddle, formerly Miss Seraphine White of Port Rowan, South Walsingham Township, for \$2000 damages.

The jury, after an hour's consideration, decided in Mrs. Biddle's favor. Mr. Maxwell, in presenting the case to the jury, told how Learn, being a widower, had felt that he needed a partner to look after his house, his aged mother and his young son. He had become acquainted with Miss White, and an engagement followed, but while the plaintiff wanted matters hurried, Miss White lingered till Biddle appeared on the scene and then, without any looks or warning to Learn, went and married his rival. Mr. Maxwell said that Mr. Learn, being a farmer, required someone to help him on the farm by getting his meals and keeping house, and he had therefore remarried. This latter fact would be made a great deal of, but Mr. Maxwell said Learn was forced to it and, besides, he had married a woman ten years his senior and was again placed at a great disadvantage.

Plaintiff on Stand.
The plaintiff was then called to the stand. He said he was 50 years of age. In 1888 he lived on his farm with his mother, aged 70 years, and his son, aged 20 years. His mother had been sick for ten years, and died in July, 1892. In January, 1898, he advertised in Heart and Hand a matrimonial paper, published in Chicago, for a wife, and on Feb. 18, 1898, received a reply from Seraphine White of Port Rowan. The letter was read in court and was as follows:

"Dear Sir,—I saw your charming advertisement in The Heart and Hand and it is with great pleasure that I reply, as I like your description, I suppose you will receive great numbers of letters, but I truly hope you will not forget to answer mine. I am a farmer's daughter, aged 30 years, 5 feet 5 inches high, brown eyes, auburn hair, fair complexion and a well-to-do young lady, and highly respected. I am your unknown friend, 'Seraphine White.'"
The witness said he had answered this letter asking that she correspond, and this was done and continued. Another letter, written on March 28, was read, the following being extracts: "Got your best love, but did not have the end of the letter to find it out, as I got it all thru. I was glad to get your love letter. . . I want to know all about yourself. Have you been a good man since your wife died? Tell me the truth and it will be all right. . . I like your picture. You do not look cross. . . I am a good woman. Them gets ahead of me has to get up in the morning. I like to milk cows. I hope we get along all right. . . You say you are pious, but you do not look like it in your picture."

Suited Each Other.
On May 4 the witness said he met the defendant at the Norfolk House, Simcoe, by appointment, and talked the matter over. They thought they suited each other nicely, and decided to continue the correspondence. On Oct. 13 following he again met her at the Melbourne Hotel, Simcoe, by appointment, and on that visit had purchased an en-

agement ring at a jewelry store and placed it on her finger, and she promised to become his wife. She had sent the measure of her finger to him by mail.

A letter dated May 15, 1898, was identified and put in. It spoke mostly of the intended marriage and gave the recipient the assurance that she would make a good wife, and that he would not get the worst of the bargain. It also mentioned another fellow, whom "Jim" scared at the station.

Four other letters, the tenor of which was similar to the foregoing ones, was also put in. In all, the main topic appeared to be the intended marriage. They were written between 1898 and 1903.

Witness said that he had visited his intended at her father's home, staying two or three days at a time, and these visits had been returned by Miss White and her sister after the death of his mother.

How Sickness Starts In the Inside Nerves

Most forms of sickness start with the inside nerves. Indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn, dyspepsia—weak kidneys, diabetes, Bright's disease—Liver irregularities—Heart irregularities—Bowel irregularities—all of these ailments, and the ailments which they, in turn, bring on, are due directly to derangements of certain nerve centres.

Understand first that we have two entirely separate nerve systems. When we walk, or talk, or act, we call into play a certain set of nerves—nerves which obey our mental commands. That is why the arm can be raised, or the mouth opened or the eye shut, at the slightest desire. That is why your fingers can delicately pick up a pin one moment and hold a heavy hammer the next.

But these are not the nerves we are to consider here.

There is another set of nerves, which control and govern and actuate the heart and the stomach, the kidneys and the liver, and all of the vital functions. You cannot control these nerves. By no supreme effort of mind can you make your heart stop or start—nor can you even make it vary by a single beat a minute. And so with the stomach and the liver and the kidneys and the bowels—they are automatic—they do their work at a certain set speed, whether you are awake or asleep—whether you will it or not.

It is on these inside nerves that life and health depend. So long as these nerves perform their proper duties we are well and strong. When they fail we know it by the inevitable symptoms—stomach, heart, liver, kidney troubles. And these troubles have no other origin, ever, than in these same nerves. For the stomach, the heart, the liver, the kidneys, have no power of their own, no self-control. They owe their every impulse to the inside nerves. The nerves are the masters, the organs their slaves.

But the most interesting part about the inside nerves is the bond of sympathy which exists between all centres and branches of this great automatic system.

The centre, which for instance, controls the stomach, is known to science as the "solar plexus." The heart centre is called the "cardiac plexus." The kidney centre, the "renal plexus." Yet it is a well known fact that in prize-fights a solar plexus blow instantly stops the heart, although its usual operations concern only the stomach. Why?

On April 20, 1903, the defendant, after a visit to Learn, wrote to the latter, telling him that her trip had almost killed her—who had got kind of it, and he did not come back to see her. It also bore to Learn the startling intelligence that the old mare had got a little colic, one day old.

Witness explained that the "Tel" mentioned in the letter was Ed. Biddle, who is now married to the defendant.

Defendant, in a letter dated June 5, 1903, said she did not want to get married just then, as she expected to make something out of the stuff on the farm. She said she knew he needed a woman to help him. The writer told of a "camp meeting" being held at that time was not worth going to.

THREE RAILWAYS ARE NAMED FOR GOVERNMENT ACQUISITION

New Brunswick Legislature Passes Resolutions for Extension of I.C.R. Connections.

St. John, N.B., April 8.—In the New Brunswick Legislature at Fredericton yesterday afternoon, resolutions urging the Dominion government to take over three lines of railway in this province were passed.

The first dealt with the New Brunswick Southern Railway, which runs 82 miles from St. John to St. Stephen. Russell Sage has had financial interests in the line for some years. There have been many protests because of the wretched service during the past winters.

The resolution urges the federal government to acquire the road at a reasonable price and operate it as part of the I.C.R., connecting with the Intercolonial at the St. John end and with the Washington counties road in the State of Maine at St. Stephen, thus giving thru connections to Boston for the I.C.R.

The other roads which the federal government was urged to acquire are the Caraquet and Gulf Shore Railways, in the Bay of Chaleur district, covering about 85 miles. It is asked that they be operated as feeders to the Intercolonial.

The minister of railways was quoted in the house as favorable to acquiring the New Brunswick Southern.

KING EDWARD TO MAKE A VISIT AT TANGIER.

Marseilles, April 8.—It is expected that the British royal yacht Victoria and Albert, with King Edward and Queen Alexandra on board, will sail this afternoon, altho a violent storm in the Mediterranean may delay her departure. The first stop of the yacht will be Port Mahon, Island of Minorca, which is on the direct route to Tangier, Morocco, and gives rise to reports that King Edward may stop at that port.

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MISS LEWIS GETS \$10,000 VERDICT AGAINST ST. RY.

Jury Considers Her Injuries, Pecuniarily Received, Deserve Compensation to That Amount.

The sum of \$10,000 damages for injuries sustained by the explosion of the motor of a Broadview car was Saturday awarded to Miss Ida Sarah Lewis, the colored portrait artist, against the Toronto Railway Company.

T. C. Robinette appeared for her. James Bain, counsel for the company, says that notice of appeal will be entered and the case will be fought to a finish in the higher courts.

The accident happened between Seaton and Ontario-streets last June. Since then Miss Lewis has been totally blind and paralyzed, so that she is unable to move the left side of her body. She is suffering from traumatic hysteria. Eight physicians who gave evidence during the trial concurred in the opinion that her ultimate recovery was doubtful.

Mrs. Page Got Married.

When Mrs. Nellie Page of Detroit, the woman who laid the complaint against William Fitzsimmons, of stealing her ring, was in Toronto, she met a man named Moorhead of Montreal. The acquaintance ripened into love and they were married.

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CARNEGIE PLEDGES MILLION MAN WHO GETS IT IS FIRED

Sensational Incident at M. E. New England Conference—Mention of Helen Gould Causes Stir.

Melrose, Mass., April 8.—At the cabinet of the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church today a conditional pledge by Andrew Carnegie to give \$1,000,000 to the fund for superannuated preachers was announced by Rev. Dr. James Boyd Brady, field agent of the Preachers' Aid Society, who was appointed last year to raise a fund for this purpose. Dr. Brady stated that Mr. Carnegie had promised to give the last million dollars of a fund of \$25,000,000 to be raised by the society.

There was an unexpected interruption to Dr. Brady's report.

"I am engaged to Miss Helen Gould," said the secretary, and then he paused. There was a stir at the press table. Several men arose quickly, and one started to leave, when he was stopped by Dr. Brady's next words, "to meet her and discuss the needs of our work." Before the sentence was completed, Dr. John Galbraith of Boston, a member of the conference, addressed the chair, saying that he hoped that no reporter would mention the name of the woman to whom Dr. Brady had referred.

There were evidences of suppressed excitement in the room. Dr. Brady turned to Dr. Galbraith and said with some heat, "I consider that a personal insult."

The last word was drowned in an uproar, in which cries of "Stop! Stop!" were heard from different parts of the room. A moment later, the moderator's efforts brought quiet, and Dr. Brady completed his report.

Immediately after the conference the board of stewards presented a report, which, in effect, was the legislation of Dr. Brady out of office. The report contained a recommendation that no field agent be hired by the conference next year. The report was promptly accepted.

Won't Stop Collecting.

When Dr. Brady was interviewed after the incident, he said: "It was an ignoble, unbrotherly, unnecessary and impertinent insult, and it was directed at myself and at the reporters. Notwithstanding the action of the conference I shall continue my work of raising money, and expect to secure the fund of \$25,000,000."

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Not the Same.

From The Philadelphian Press. "Oh, yes, he's tender-hearted. I really believe if a beggar approached him and he had no money about him he'd actually take off his coat and give it to him."
"Well, I'm not tender-hearted. I'm some of these nerry beggars make me feel like taking off my coat and giving it to them—good and proper."



It is characteristic of that, when troubles come never come singly. A government very strong up to a certain then it rapidly begins to waver. The turning point may come subtly and without apparent much the same way that university follows national pro the case of the Laurier govern high-water mark of its power. It seems to have been real last general elections. From it had a run of luck such as crimonis in any country has. It came in on the ebb of a era of good times. Circumst ed with it unceasingly, in th of trade returns, in the in velopment of the country, in tunities for overcoming the disloyalty which had been t the existence of its party. successful elusion of questi with political embarrass strong ministers handed in nations under somewhat d circumstances without impari slightest degree the prestige eriment. The sweep in the elections was the climax of a of circumstantial success, it was the magnitude of t that was the beginning of ment's undoing.

Scarcely one important s taken by the Laurier gover the elections of last Novemb not-raised unforeseen diffic introduction of the aut brought trouble which Sir V rier in his gloomiest mon dreamed of. The bolt of H sifton came as a terrific bow frid Laurier. The compro was arranged seemed to sub moment the public clamor, had the effects of the compr themselves when the Sharr came into prominence to re ferest the public indigna followed Sir Wilfrid Laurie tion of the autonomy bill.

Now that the tide of ill- in against the government, telling where it will stop, discipline has been impair of Mr. Sifton, the threate Mr. Fielding and his Neva lowing, the unbusiness amon ern Liberals, and the surly s Ontario supporters of the all tend to create a situa peril to the government. Th of real weakness and alarm Laurier government has since 1896 have occurred du two months. Weakness, weakness, in a government followers and exalted ide a pendence and makes them difficult to control. The ma Sir Wilfrid Laurier has in t day, the the largest which bad, is by no means the mo There have been sown in it discord and discontent, a which reaches this stage proves to be near the break

Many Liberals are of the the Laurier government wil long as good times endure, been banking on this the total disregard of the pow opinion as a force in time prosperity. There is perha nection between the chang times to hard times, and of governments. In fat year is tolerant of political wro years it is critical. While sign of the approach of Canada to-day the publi seized with an intense in issue that is being fough tawa. The question is w penal to sentiment as col lect, and is therefore the a cus of all questions that s has to deal with. With su to the fore no reliance can the general disposition of judge governments lenient of good times. The Laurie has outraged not only the the personal convictions majority of the people of has wantonly invited the six of the seven provinces great territory which has giv issue that is making all th troubles in parliament a formidable, and when it has these troubles its real trou only begun.

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ordinary medical treatments are wrong—why medicine so frequently fails. More than thirty years ago this thought came to me: "If life and health depend upon perfect heart action, upon proper stomach digestion, upon correct kidney filtering, why does not life itself depend upon these life-