

PRAYER BOOK 50 YEARS OLD WILL FIGURE IN LOWRY ESTATE TRIAL

(By Associated Press)

ELKHART, Ind., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Berna B. Whitt-Osborn of Bridgeport, Ind., will attempt to establish the legality of her claim that she is the niece and only heir of Alfred Lowry, late mayor of Goshen, Ind. Opposing her claim will be Ele Stansbury, attorney-general of Indiana, who has instituted quiet title proceedings to the \$60,000 Lowry estate. If the state is successful, the money will go to the school fund.

In behalf of her claim, Mrs. Whitt-Osborn is expected to present a prayer book which she contends is fifty years old and contains a record of her birth.

The state will contend that the plaintiff is not a daughter of the late Ross Lowry-Whitt, who was a sister of Alfred Lowry, but that she is the daughter of Anna Combs-Whitt-Gross, of Jackson, Ky., and that her name is Polly Ann and not Berna B.

Stitching Is Questioned.

The state also has been making efforts to offset the prayer-book exhibit and experts employed by the attorney-general are said to have discovered that it is machine stitched, and was manufactured in St. Louis in 1896. In answer to the state's alleged discovery the plaintiff's attorneys are expected to reply that the original book was damaged by rain and that the leaf containing the birth record was inserted in the newer book.

The Lowry estate consists of farm land north of Goshen, city property in Goshen, bank stock and other investments.

Numerous depositions have been taken from witnesses in Kentucky where Mrs. Whitt-Osborn formerly resided. She was separated from her husband, Clark Osborn, of Dizney, Ky., several months ago, claiming that he was abusive to her and became intoxicated on the prospect of her inheriting the Lowry estate. Following the separation from her husband, she moved to Bridgeport.

ANECDOCE OF '65 TOLD FOR FIRST TIME

(By Associated Press)

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24.—An interesting bit of the country's financial history, showing difficulties during the civil war was revealed at the annual meeting here of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical society, when John G. Deshler presented a cane made from the wood of the noted Merrimac, the Confederate ironclad, a gift to his father, William G. Deshler, by Salmon P. Chase. Mr. Deshler is of Columbus.

A long historical sketch of the cane recites a conversation between Mr. Chase, who was secretary of the treasury, and Mr. Deshler, in which the former told of the United States being confronted with an attempt by a large number of men "professedly loyal to break down the credit of this country by speculating in stocks and gold."

The men accused of what was referred to by the secretary as "the greatest treason" were said to be operating from New York to Richmond by way of Louisville and thwarted by negotiations with a syndicate of German bankers for a loan of \$200,000,000," as stated by Secretary Chase and quoted in the history.

Deshler was called to New York by Chase and entrusted with the task of crushing the alleged traitors. He was given full authority to make his own plans. Deshler accepted the task and successfully solved the problem.

The historical sketch shows that Deshler refused to accept any pay for his services, but did accept a draft on

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Bearing the inscription: "Salmon P. Chase to William G. Dehster, Merrimac, April, 1864," the can is listed as one of the most valuable of the relics in the historical society's collection. Its handle and ferrule are of metal, taken from the Merrimac's guns. Only four of the canes were made.

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HAGERSTOWN, Ind.—Mrs. Carrie Stonebraker left Wednesday for Florida, where she will spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Otto and Mr. and Mrs. William Parsons of Nitro, W. Va., arrived Sunday to spend the holidays here. Miss Esther Pitts went to Richmond Saturday and from there to Cambridge City, where she was the guest of Miss Helen Drischel. Mrs. Belle Koons, of Indianapolis, will spend the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hutchison. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison entertained at dinner Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Rice Miller, Miss Freda Benbow and John Fox, of Greensfork; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Repligole, Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Hartley and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Suckow. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fouts are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Fouts, northeast of town. Mrs. Anthony Hower was hostess to the Progressive club Wednesday afternoon. May Teeter, who is a student at the University of Pennsylvania, is at home for a vacation. Mrs. Jacob Hutchison spent last week at Richmond with her daughter, Mrs. Claude Yoke, who has been sick. Mrs. Lorinda Bohrer returned to her home at Brookville Monday after spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fritz. Robert Bland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bland, injured his eye with a stick Saturday. Miss Macy Belle Furnish, who has been staying with her brother at Frankfort, came home Wednesday to spend a few days. Glen Bavender and four children, of Greensfork, spent Sunday afternoon at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fritz. The Pocahontas Lodge held a social Wednesday afternoon. The Social Circle met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ada Thurston and Mrs. Laura Gebhart. The Woman's History club met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. N. Teeter.

MILTON, Ind.—Mrs. Denny has arrived from Scotland. She will spend the winter with her children, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Denny. Mrs. Margaret Robbins had as recent guests Mrs. May Russell, Miss Effie Rihm and Arthur Shurman of Newcastle. Miss Alice Ward is home from Indianapolis for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wissler left last week to spend the winter at St. Petersburg, Fla. Prof. and Mrs. Park Lantz and Miss Maud Ball arrived Saturday from Peotone, Ill., to spend the holidays with their folks. Mrs. Mary Benninger has gone to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Jerry Dorgan and family west of town. The church was crowded Sunday night when the Christian Sunday school gave "White Gloves for the King." The church was very beautiful in its decorations of white and the splendid program was enjoyed by all. The offering was \$73. To this was added a gift from Miss Anna Gingrich in honor of her sister, Miss Emma. Several bushel baskets full of groceries and fruit were given for use in the community. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bragg accompanied Mrs. Lydia Bragg to Chicago

last week on her way to Lincoln, Neb.

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and Mrs. Sam Thompson and family will spend Christmas with Mrs. William Otto at Brookville. Mrs. Anna Hall from Connersville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clingman. Mrs. Elizabeth Kummell left Sunday morning for an extended visit with her daughter at Lima, O. The Christian church Sunday school will have a penitentiary supper New Year's eve to which the public is invited.

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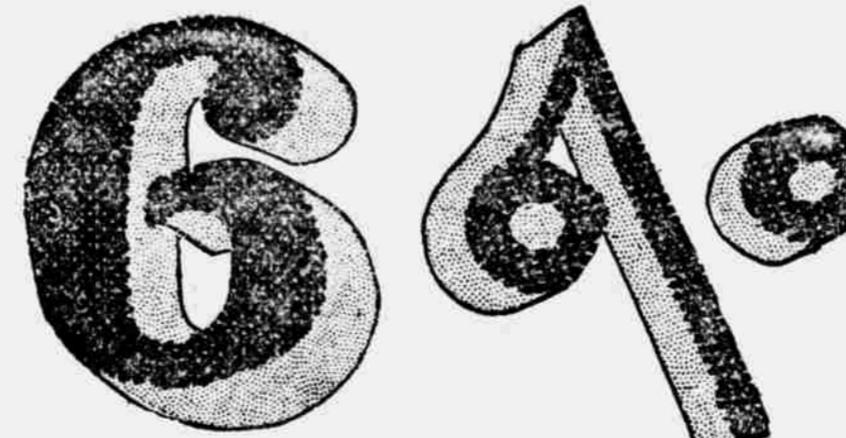
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