

Fred Seelye Enters Suit Against His Father-in-Law, Dr. E. W. Grove

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Although E. W. Grove, president of the Paris Medicine Company, is still alive, a will suit, involving property valued at between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 has been filed in circuit court here by his son-in-law, F. L. Seelye, of Asheville, N. C., it became known today.

Seelye stated that because of legal limitations which might affect his right to testify on certain matters after his father-in-law's death, he considers it his "duty in good conscience" to institute the proceedings during Grove's lifetime.

Seelye asks the court to affirm an agreement, which, he declares, was entered into twenty years ago under which Grove agreed to transfer, at his death, a controlling interest in the company to Seelye, or if Seelye so elect, to transfer to him all other property owned by Grove.

Recently, Seelye alleges, he discovered that his father-in-law had destroyed or revoked the will made in accordance with the agreement and had made another will containing no provision for the compensation which Seelye was to receive after Grove's death.

Grove's Manager Says Seelye Has No Chance.

Asheville, Dec. 30.—E. W. Grove and his son-in-law, F. L. Seelye, defendant and plaintiff respectively, in a \$5,000,000 suit made public today in St. Louis, both are in Florida. Mr. Grove, who recently was ill, is at his winter home in St. Petersburg, and Mr. Seelye is at Miami.

"Mr. Seelye has not the ghost of a chance of winning his suit against Mr. Grove," Harry L. Parker, manager of E. W. Grove investments, said today when he learned of the filing of the suit. "Mr. Grove has no fear of the outcome of the action," Mr. Parker said, "but regrets the publicity involved in the filing of it."

During his most recent visit to Asheville Mr. Grove discussed the action Mr. Seelye had threatened to take against him, saying that there were no grounds for suit, according to Mr. Parker. Mr. Grove pointed out that the Paris Medicine Company was prosperous and well operated long before Mr. Seelye became connected with it, and that Mr. Seelye's services were not responsible for the growth of the successful medicine manufacturing industry, Mr. Parker added.

"Mr. Seelye flatters himself when he cites himself as being responsible for Mr. Grove's success. Mr. Grove is alone responsible for his success and it cannot be said that Mr. Seelye contributed to it," said Mr. Parker.

Answering charges that the New Battery Park Hotel was built in competition with the Grove Park Inn, Mr. Parker asserted that the new hotel has even fewer rooms than the old hotel, and that the original Battery Park entered to the highest class

Jan. 28



Feb. 28



April 4

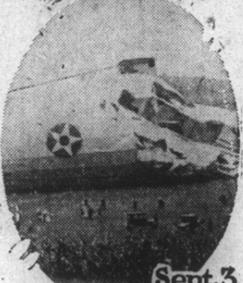


Memories of 1925

Aug. 4



- January**
 - 2—Prof J. Bergonio, developer of roentgenology dies in Bordeaux a victim of the X-ray.
 - 26—Supply of anti-toxin leaves Nome, Alaska, for Nome by dog-sled. Leonard Sepala, famous dog-musher, starts from Nome to meet team to relay anti-toxin to town stricken with diphtheria epidemic.
- February**
 - 15—Floyd Collins, imprisoned in cave near Cave City, Ky., found dead after 17 days.
 - 25—Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois dies.
 - 28—President Frederick Ebert of Germany dies.
- March**
 - 4—Calvin Coolidge inaugurated thirtieth president.
 - 15—Twenty thousand homeless when fire destroys 3000 Tokyo buildings.
 - Tornado sweeps Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee. Over 800 killed, 3749 injured. Property loss is \$18,000,000. Breakers and Palm Beach hotels, Palm Beach, Fla., destroyed by fire. Loss is over \$5,000,000.
- April**
 - 4—Gerald Chapman, notorious bandit, convicted of murder of Policeman Skelly at Hartford, Conn. Sentenced to hang.
- May**
 - 15—Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles dies.
 - 16—Senator Selden Palmer of Missouri, dies.
 - 27—Fifty-nine miners killed in explosion in mine near Coal Glen, N. C.
- June**
 - 18—Senator Robert La Follette, Wisconsin, dies.
 - 22—Senator Edwin F. Ladd, North Dakota, dies.
 - 29—Earthquake destroys part of Santa Barbara, Calif., killing 12.
- July**
 - 21—John T. Scopes found guilty of violating Tennessee's anti-evolution law and fined \$100.
 - 26—William Jennings Bryan dies.
- August**
 - 4—Shipping Board accepts Henry Ford's offer of \$1,756,000 for 200 scrapped ships.
 - 18—Steamer Mackinac boiler explodes near Newport, R. I. Thirty passengers killed.
- September**
 - 8—Dirigible Shenandoah destroyed and 14 of crew killed, in storm at Cambridge, O.
 - 25—All but three of crew of 36 die when submarine S-51 is rammed and sunk.
- October**
 - 6—United States Shipping Board ousts Rear Admiral Leigh C. Palmer (retired) as president of the Fleet Corporation. Capt. Elmer E. Crowley, Boston and New York, takes his place.
 - 10—Dead body of Charles Ames, U. S. airmail pilot, Cleveland, O., who disappeared 10 days before, is found in wrecked plane in mountains near Bellefonte, Pa.
- November**
 - 10—House Ways and Means Committee completes work on tax reduction and sets final reduction total at \$308,368,709.
 - 12—Court-martial trial of William T. Mitchell starts.
- December**
 - 1—Governor Miriam "Ma" Ferguson refuses to "throw herself to wolves" by calling special session of Texas legislature.
 - 5—White Plains, N. Y., jury returns verdict in favor of Alice Jones Rhinelander in annulment suit of Leonard "Tip" Rhinelander.



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THE 8-MONTHS SCHOOL TERM

Mecklenburg's County Chairman Is Outspoken Opponent of Extended School Term.

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—Transylvania's determination not to wait on the state for an eight-months school term has an example which several other counties are planning to follow.

According to reports to Superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen, no less than a dozen counties, generally classified as "rural," have signified their purpose to call an election within the next year for vote on the proposal to extend the county-wide school term from a minimum of six months to a minimum of eight. And once the ball gets to rolling, Mr. Allen believes, the eight-months term will be well on its way toward state-wide adoption before the legislature gets a chance to act on it.

Transylvania Leads.

Transylvania pleased the state educational forces mightily when it rolled in a majority in the election held the other week for a longer term. It voted a tax sufficient to run the schools for nine months in several districts. While the minimum term for every district in the county will be eight months.

Just eight of the hundred counties of the state fit into the class which Transylvania has placed itself. The other seven are New Hanover, Edgecombe, Currituck, Pamlico, Wilson, Vance and Gates. All but New Hanover and possibly Wilson are classed as "rural" counties. Guilford missed a place in the list by one township, High Point, which has a few schools just outside the corporate limits of the furniture city that will run for less than eight months.

Other large counties of the state fell considerably down the line. According to the latest figures available at the department of public instruction, Mecklenburg had for last year's term 2,461 children in schools that ran less than eight months, while the average length of the county-wide term was 152 days. Buncombe had 3,373 children in short-term schools, with an average term for the whole county of 141 days; Forsyth had 3,734 children in shorter-term schools and an average of 126 days, while Wake, with an average term of the county of 142 days, had 4,087 children in schools that ran less than eight months.

Mecklenburg's Position.

Mecklenburg's position is notable by reason of the fact that its county board of education is chairmanned by Plummer Stewart, who has come forth as one of the outspoken opponents of the proposed state-wide eight-months term.

Among the dozen or more counties which are expected to hold elections within the next year, Mr. Allen mentioned Jones, Jackson, Stanly and Montgomery, all purely rural counties with their principal towns small. The state department hopes to see the list of prospects grow appreciably as interest in the longer term becomes more pronounced.

Even in counties which haven't as yet caught the fever, many of their districts have. Frequent reports to the Department announces that the votes in districts have lengthened the school term. Every time a district falls into line and the chances of eventually carrying the whole county grows brighter.

And the more counties the school people can get lined up before the next legislative meets, the better will be the chance of the proposal to make eight months the minimum term for the whole State.

Starting the Year With Important Enlargement.

The Uplift.

The public has come into a knowledge of a further enlargement of the immense manufacturing plant at Kannapolis. Another mill of large proportions is planning, the same to have 50,000 spindles and to give employment to 1,000 operatives.

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This \$2,000,000 addition to Kannapolis will make it the most populous unincorporated city in the wide world. That sounds like a lot of territory, but it is a fact.

Rising Temperatures.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 29.—Rising temperatures were in evidence in Florida with a continued rise promised tomorrow, the weather bureau here reported.

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