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Shooting at Amarillo

Friday afternoon at Amarillo a chapter was enacted of the most deplorable crimes that ever disgraced the Texas courts when John Beal Sneed shot and killed Al G. Boyce, Jr., in front of the Polk street Methodist church.

Testimony so far deduced the effect that Sneed had on Amarillo disguised as a doctor and rented a house opposite the Methodist church, he kept close, evidently waiting for his victim to appear. Saturday afternoon he was enroute to town, coming down Polk street towards the business section, when he stepped out onto the sidewalk with an automatic shot a box. Taking the gun from the box he immediately upon Boyce, who fell to his knees. Sneed then advanced to the center of the street, while holding the gun, and fired two shots, all of which took effect in the body of the victim, one of the buck shot passing through the body.

Sneed then reloaded the gun and started down Polk street, directly to the county jail, where he gave himself up with the remark, "I am Beal Sneed." Rather than to ask if Boyce was dead he would not at that time make any statement or allude to the killing. Enroute to the jail, he met several acquaintances and spoke to them, giving them by given names, but no one recognized him as Sneed, who was usually dressed and clean shaven. This tragedy grows out of the action of Mrs. Sneed from a Worth Sanitarium about a month ago, and their flight to Canada, followed by Sneed and taken by him at Winnipeg, where he induced his wife to re-

turn to Texas with him. Mrs. Sneed was tried for lunacy and pronounced by the court as being perfectly sane. Failure to prove her insane left the charges against young Boyce void and in his desperation Sneed went to a hotel in Fort Worth where A. G. Boyce, Sr., was stopping, and shot the elder Boyce to death. He was later tried for this offense but the jury failed to agree and another trial was set for the coming November.

While it is said that Mrs. Sneed and her husband are reconciled to each other they are not living together, the former having taken up her residence in Dallas, or near that place.

The Daily Panhandle of Monday published the following:

There is little doubt in the minds of people who have been investigating circumstances surrounding the killing of Al Boyce last Saturday afternoon by John Beal Sneed, that the latter had come to Amarillo for that express purpose, and that the killing of Boyce was the result of a carefully laid plan, which not only gave the victim no chance for escape, but at the same time made it practically impossible for him to have a chance to turn upon his would-be slayer. While it is probable, from circumstances developed in investigation, that Sneed had been in Amarillo for several days, and doubtlessly had an accomplice, that the first time that he saw Al Boyce after coming to the city was on Saturday afternoon when the tragedy occurred.

On last Monday evening shortly after 6 o'clock a stranger came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McKibben, at 107 East Eighth street, to rent a room. They were absent at the time. The man sat on the steps for a while and then went away.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock and after their return another stranger, who, they are now quite sure was Beal Sneed, came and asked for the room. Mr.

Black Diamonds

Coal has been dubbed "black diamonds" and the significance of the phrase has not been made perfectly clear, but if the car famine we have mentioned heretofore becomes a reality, and there is little doubt but that it will, there may be more truth than fiction in the appellation. It is well known that in times of coal famine the price soars to unreasonable heights and to avoid such a possibility affecting your our advice to you is to

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McKibben invited him to come to the back of the house where there was a light. The stranger did so with explanation and apology for his rough and unkempt appearance. He explained that he was an automobile repair man and had been very busy repairing a number of machines. His talk was more pleasing than his looks and he succeeded in getting the room. He gave his name as Stinson.

Later it was noticed that there was another man in the room with him and Mrs. McKibben first saw the second man on Wednesday evening.

She noticed in caring for the room that they always kept the front blind down and kept a newly made box about six inches square and about four feet long under the bed. This was evidently the box that was described in the Daily Panhandle of yesterday and from which Sneed grabbed the shotgun when he began his attack.

On Thursday a stranger with a wrinkled coat and black soft hat, apparently a workingman came to the O. K. Gilvin Land Office and rented the three room cottage at 803 Polk street, directly opposite the Polk street Methodist church. He said he had already seen the house and knew it was just what he wanted. So he rented it with a few words, gave his name as "Walker" paid a month's rent and went away.

About 2 or 3 o'clock Friday afternoon a one horse dray was driven up in front of 803 Polk, where an old bed and mattress and a chair were unloaded. These remained on the front

porch for some time till they were moved inside some time late in the afternoon or in the early evening.

After dark the neighbors on either side heard hammering in the house when the window blinds were being put up. Persons residing in that neighborhood say they had heard two men in the house and that at one time they saw one come to the door and knock when the other let him in.

At one time a neighbor found the back door open and started to go in when they heard some one on the inside and walked away.

The strange actions of the man, or men, led the neighboring women to think there were tramps in the house and not a little sleep was lost over it, especially on Friday night. Previous to the purchase of four new window blinds on Friday carpet paper off the floor had been pinned up over the windows.

The new blinds were put on upside down and nailed. The bed was drawn up to the front window. The window was raised about six inches and the blind the same distance. In this way a man could be on the bed and have a clear view of the street for a hundred yards in each direction.

A hole about six inches long was made in the screen, evidently with the object of firing through the window if opportunity offered.

It is not definitely known whether or not Sneed was in

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Singing Convention.

The Wheeler County District Singing Convention, which convened in this city Friday of last week, was only a partial success by reason of the fact that the weather was very disagreeable during the entire time it was in session, it having rained every day. President Earp arrived on Friday afternoon, but few of the delegates came until Saturday and then the meetings were not very well attended.

Sunday morning a cold north-er and fine misty rain made it very disagreeable and in consequence the basket dinner which was to have been served on the ground was given up. The convention met in morning session, however, at the tabernacle and enjoyed an interesting meeting until the noon hour. In the afternoon it met at the Presbyterian church and, the sun having favored the community with a pleasant visit, there was a large crowd and several hours were spent in singing, the regular program being interspersed with special numbers.

At the business session, which was called the first thing after dinner Sunday, the matter of the next meeting place was discussed and the Gageby community selected. In consequence the convention will meet there three months hence.

All the delegates to the convention here were provided with homes while in the city and before the close of the convention a vote of thanks was tendered the people of McLean for their manner of entertainment.



Merchants Meeting Dallas, Texas

Account the above meetings the ROCK ISLAND will sell tickets to Dallas, Texas at the rate of one and one-third fare. Tickets on sale September 2nd, to 11th., final limit September 21st., and September 16th to 25th, final limit October 5th.

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Preaching Sunday.

Rev. Goodwin wishes us to announce that he will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. This is not the usual appointment but on account of having been called to the pastorate for another year at this place the gentleman desires to hold special services.

I would like to have a few more pupils on stringed instruments to complete the orchestra now forming. See me for terms. Thos. B. Lee.

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Killing at Amarillo

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the house when he first saw Boyce coming down the street. No one has been found up to this time who saw him come out of the door with the box. There are at least two reports that Sneed had been seen on the sidewalk shortly before the first shot was fired.

A hand mirror was found in the room together with blacking and a very small brush. This outfit is supposed to have been used in blacking his beard in order to change his appearance.

A canteen was also found near the head of the bed.

The Potter county grand jury was called to convene Monday and, after an exhaustive inquiry, returned an indictment charging Sneed with the murder of Boyce. The attorneys for the defense have instituted habeas corpus proceedings but the hearing on this will not come up until next Monday.

Just received a large shipment of Gold Band queensware—imported. McLean Hardware Co.

Junior League Program.

Subject—God's Messengers.
 Lesson—Isa 61-8.
 Leader—Sallie Lou Haynes.
 References: Rom. 10:13-15.—Melvin Davis.
 Acts 19:9-10—John Haynes.
 Talk, "Beautiful life of an old Chinese Woman"—Maudie Wilson.
 Talk, "Changing China"—Annie May Rice.
 Talk, "Storm and Sunshine in China"—James Noel.
 Talk, "Women of the Middle Kingdom"—Truly Carpenter.
 Questions:
 Who made the first legacy to foreign missions and how did she earn it?
 What were some of the gifts made to foreign missionary work during our last council?
 Roll call. Respond with the name of one of our new Missionaries and tell to what country sent.

Why Boys Leave Home

We have all read, at various times, exhaustive treatises on the subject of "Why Boys Leave Home," and many of them showed thought and experience on this subject, but so far no one has been able to discover why three boys, Leslie Drake, Shadrack Sims and Leo Heasley, calmly forsook the comforts and pleasant surroundings of home life and hid them forth into the big noisy world to wrest their fortunes from an unyielding and unsympathetic people, but so it was.

At noon on Tuesday of this week when the school bell tolled the parting of the dinner hour and all were assembled in their respective rooms these three boys were missing. Thinking they had been detained by their parents, the teachers made no effort to ascertain their whereabouts, but after school the parents began to make inquiry and then it was found that they had silently faded away. Telephone messages were sent in different directions and it was soon learned they had left on foot, going north. Nothing further was heard from them until Wednesday afternoon when a man reported seeing them at Rockledge, fifteen miles west of this place, steering in a westerly course and still afoot. Friends at Groom were wired to be on the lookout, but no boys showed up there and later in the evening it was learned that they had altered their desperate plans somewhat and had been seen "going" east. The fathers of the three truants went out in a hack and made a search, but were unsuccessful. Early Thursday morning W. B. Brewster, who lives about two miles southwest of town, telephoned that two of the boys were at his place, having spent the night in the friendly shelter of his maize patch.

Again the expectant fathers sailed forth and returned with Shadrack and Leo, but Leslie was still adrift in the great unknown. It seems the boys had partaken of no nourishment,

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with the exception of wild grapes and plums, and the possible addition of watermelon, since leaving home, and as the long hours stretched into days and nights the call of nature fell heavy upon their weary bodies and certain aching voids cried out with impelling force, demanding their rights. Also their "mounts" became weary of toilsome journey and as by inspiration the thought came to them that it would be a shorter journey home if they would turn back east instead of continuing on west around the world. Thus encouraged by their geometrical discovery they again swung into the railroad right-of-way and headed east. They reached the Brewster place after dark and pitched camp. Early next morning, when Leo and Shadrack arose, they found that Leslie had forsaken them, choosing to plunge once more into the wilds of unexplored domains unattended. They also found that Shadrack had suffered from swollen limbs and feet and could not proceed further, so the flag of truce was unfurled to the breeze and Leo went up to the Brewster place to let his parents know.

It having been learned from the two boys found that the Drake boy had left one of his stockings where he slept, some fear was felt that he might have wandered off and got lost, so the father instituted a search, going as far as Alanreed but could not hear of him. In the afternoon J. F. Heasley and W. C. Foster went out for a search, and were successful, having found him not far this side of Alanreed. He had enjoyed a pleasant nap but tried to get away when discovered. Asked why he hadn't come on with the other boys he explained that the loss of his trousers (the absence of which had already been noticed) made it a little embarrassing for daylight travel but that he intended coming as soon as it got dark.

The boys express themselves pleased to find the old home looking very much the same as when they left, showing very little evidence of the ravages of time—the same old dogs, etc.

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Mrs. Crabtree Entertains.
 Mrs. J. L. Caadtrec, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Foster, entertained about thirty guests at her home in the west part of town on last Friday afternoon from three to six o'clock in honor of Mrs. W. W. Mars, who was leaving for her home at Fort Worth.

The afternoon was very delightfully spent in the enjoyment of different games and refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake, were served.

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Two Hundred Cars to Date

Car shipments of watermelons from this station up to date total in the neighborhood of two hundred cars and with the present indications and prevailing activity in this line it is expected that at least four hundred cars will go out before the close of the season or the intervention of frost.

So far the majority of the melons have gone to Central and East Texas points, but a few cars found their way into Colorado, New Mexico, Missouri and Louisiana.

The threatened car shortage has not seriously affected the shipment of melons so far, although there has been some trouble of a local nature in this regard, but it is believed that before the close of the grain shipping season the shortage will be keenly felt.

Speaking of this matter, Agent Davis said to the News man yesterday: "We hope to be able to cope with the car situation during the entire shipping season, but the increased demand at the present for coal cars threatens to give no end of trouble and conditions may provoke a serious tie-up when the grain shipments start in earnest. One cause that leads to the scarcity of available cars is the manner in which the shippers handle cars assigned to them. It quite frequently happens that, instead of rushing the loading and dispatching of cars, they hold them as long as possible, for reasons of their own, doubtless, but at the same time to the detriment of the general public. If we could have the hearty cooperation of the shippers much of the car shortage could be overcome."

If you want to buy a farm or ranch or city property see J. L. Crabtree.

B. Y. P. U. Program.
 Subject—Bible study meeting, Jacob.
 Leader—Minnie Foster.
 Introduction, Quarterly paragraph I—Leader.
 Jacob's character, Quarterly paragraph II—Byron Kibler.
 Song.
 Lord's prayer in concert.
 The vision at Bethel—Grace Francis.
 Jacob's courtships, Gen. 29:1-20—Ross Biggers.
 Jacobs further experiences, Quarterly paragraph IV—Wheeler Foster.
 The names of Jacob's sons, Quarterly paragraph V—Mary Erwin.
 All are requested to prepare short talks on their paragraphs.
 Business.
 Closing exercises.
 Be on time, 7 o'clock.

If it's axle grease, harvester, carriage or automobile oil, we have it. S. O. Cook.

Jones Bros. World Toured Shows.
 Will Parade Saturday at 1 o'clock. Lots of people come to town show day just for the parade. They are bundles of good nature, have money to spend, and leave it here and there with the local merchants before they return home. A holiday spirit is in the air, and the crowds loiter and serge with the whole-hearted enjoyment of children. The shopkeeper is happy, because at his doors and counters are country faces that are seen only at such times.

Usually these tradesmen are taxed to find a means of bringing about this happy state of affairs. Therefore, he favors a show like Jones Bros', and lifts his voice against the time honored procession. Come early and see the free street parade, everything worth seeing brought to your very doors, remember the date is Saturday, Sept. 21.

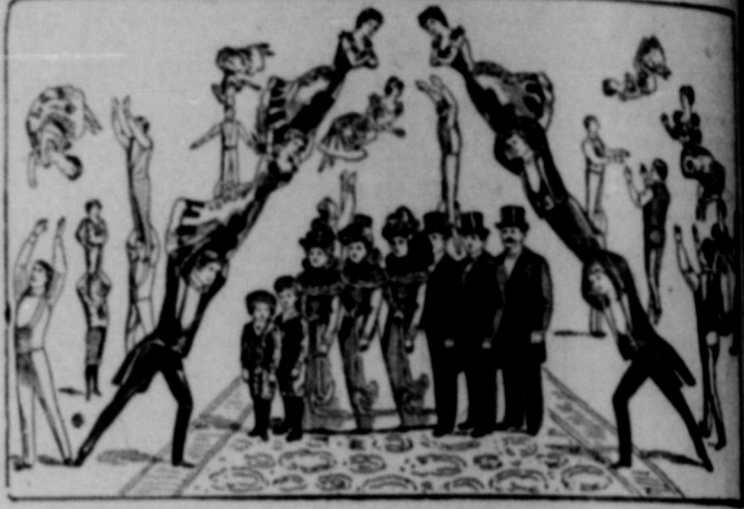
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Sensational Court Case

For the first time in the history of McLean practically the entire population of the town turned out to witness the proceedings of the justice court in the Odd Fellows Hall Monday, there being from three to four hundred men, women and children in the building from the time court was called at ten o'clock until it closed about five.

The case that demanded the attention of the court was the state versus Leslie Brown charged with having disturbed the peace, the offence alleged to have been committed at the tabernacle on the sixth of this month. Some twenty-five or thirty witnesses had been summoned to appear in this, and five other cases, all of which were for the same offence committed at the same time and place.

A court of inquiry was held on Saturday, September 7th, but none of the details of the hearing were made public except the arrest of Leslie Brown, Thos. B. Lee, George Brown, Edgar Newton, Floyd Decker and Wayland Floyd. At the trial Monday it was deduced that on the night of the alleged offence a preacher by the name of Graham delivered what was termed a "humorous lecture" at the tabernacle under the auspices of a local church organization for which a charge of twenty-five cents was made. During the lecture, which was pronounced by many as being a cheap and vulgar attempt to be funny, some twenty-five or thirty young folk in the southeast part of the building made merry with conversation and laughter and from this bunch the six defendants were chosen.

When the fact of their arrest became generally known the public sentiment immediately took sides with the boys so charged, being guided in their feelings by two important facts, namely, the character of the entertainment given and the reputation of the boys for general good behavior.

In the trial of the case of Leslie Brown only two witnesses were called, Ross Biggers and Byron Kibler, both of whom testified that they heard the defendant talking, that he was

talking in an ordinary tone of voice, and that it was not of a nature that disturbed them in the least. Under the indictment which charged loud and vociferous talking and laughing, the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" after having considered the matter but a few minutes. The other six cases were dismissed by motion of the county attorney and there is some talk of their coming up again for another hearing in the county court, but we have no positive information on this phase of the matter.

The state was represented in the trial by County Attorney S. E. Boyett and the defendant by Attorney Underwood of Amarillo.

This closes one of the most important cases that ever attracted the attention of the local courts and while public sentiment was strongly felt in the matter there were no demonstrations of any character in the court room and a distinct feeling of relief was felt when the jury verdict was returned. It is sincerely hoped the matter will be dropped where it is.

Citation for unknown heirs: The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of James T. Pollard, Deceased, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Gray County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the town of LeFors, on the Fourth Monday in October, 1912, being the 28th day of October, A. D. 1912, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of February, 1912, in a cause numbered 135, wherein C. E. A. Pollard et al. are plaintiffs and the unknown heirs of James T. Pollard are Defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Plaintiff represents that she is the surviving wife of James J. Pollard, and that on the 3rd day of September, 1899, he died testate, in the County of Gray, State of Texas, leaving at the time of his death and in Gray County, the following community property belonging to himself and this plaintiff, to wit:

Some live stock and a section of land in said county on which he and plaintiff lived in at the time of his death, same being unpatented school land, and being known as section No. (8) Eight, Block No. Thir- (30) Certificate 9-1817, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. And Block No. 198 in the town of McLean in said County.

That prior to the death of James T. Pollard, he made and published his last will and testament, in which he recognized that all the above property was the community property of himself and plaintiff; that an undivided one-half of same belonged to plaintiff; that the expense of his last sickness and funeral and all his just debts were to be paid out of his half of the estate; that this plaintiff should have the use and benefit of all his property during her life, and that her death an undivided half should pass to the heirs of Vestora Pollard Jameson, and the other half to Lula Pollard, her heirs and assigns; that plaintiff was named as executrix, and that no bond or security be required, and no other administration be had or action taken,

other than to prove and record said will and return an inventory, appraisement and list of claims, as required by law.

Plaintiff says that said will was duly admitted to probate and was probated by proper judgment, entered of record on the 16th day of November, 1909, and that she was duly qualified thereunder, and that proper appraisement was made of said estate, all of which was duly recorded in the probate records of Gray County, Texas.

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Sensational Court Case

For the first time in the history of McLean practically the entire population of the town turned out to witness the proceedings of the justice court in the Odd Fellows Hall Monday, there being from three to four hundred men, women and children in the building from the time court was called at ten o'clock until it closed about five.

The case that demanded the attention of the court was the state versus Leslie Brown charged with having disturbed the peace, the offence alleged to have been committed at the tabernacle on the sixth of this month. Some twenty-five or thirty witnesses had been summoned to appear in this, and five other cases, all of which were for the same offence committed at the same time and place.

A court of inquiry was held on Saturday, September 7th, but none of the details of the hearing were made public except the arrest of Leslie Brown, Thos. B. Lee, T. racey Brown, Edgar Newton, Floyd Decker and Wayland Floyd. At the trial Monday it was deduced that on the night of the alleged offence a person by the name of Graham delivered what was termed a "musorous lecture" at the tabernacle under the auspices of a local church organization for which a charge of twenty-five cents was made. During the lecture, which was pronounced by many as being a cheap and vulgar attempt to be funny, some twenty-five or thirty young folk in the southeast part of the building made merry with conversation and laughter and from this bunch the six defendants were chosen.

When the fact of their arrest became generally known the public sentiment immediately took sides with the boys so charged, being guided in their feelings by two important facts, namely, the character of the entertainment given and the reputation of the boys for general good behavior.

In the trial of the case of Leslie Brown only two witnesses were called, Ross Biggers and Byron Kibler, both of whom testified that they heard the defendant talking, that he was

talking in an ordinary tone of voice, and that it was not of a nature that disturbed them in the least. Under the indictment which charged loud and vociferous talking and laughing, the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" after having considered the matter but a few minutes. The other six cases were dismissed by motion of the county attorney and there is some talk of their coming up again for another hearing in the county court, but we have no positive information on this phase of the matter.

The state was represented in the trial by County Attorney S. E. Boyett and the defendant by Attorney Underwood of Amarillo.

This closes one of the most important cases that ever attracted the attention of the local courts and while public sentiment was strongly felt in the matter there were no demonstrations of any character in the court room and a distinct feeling of relief was felt when the jury verdict was returned. It is sincerely hoped the matter will be dropped where it is.

Citation for unknown heirs: The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Gray County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of James T. Pollard, Deceased, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Gray County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the town of LeFors, on the Fourth Monday in October, 1912, being the 28th day of October, A. D. 1912, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of February, 1912, in a cause numbered 135, wherein C. E. A. Pollard et al, are plaintiffs and the unknown heirs of James T. Pollard are Defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Plaintiff represents that she is the surviving wife of James J. Pollard, and that on the 3rd day of September, 1909, he died testate, in the County of Gray, State of Texas, leaving at the time of his death and in Gray County, the following community property belonging to himself and this plaintiff, to wit:

Some live stock and a section of land in said county on which he and plaintiff lived in at the time of his death, same being unpatented school land, and being known as section No. (8) Eight, Block No. Thir (30) Certificate 9-1817, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. and Block No. 108 in the town of McLean in said County.

That prior to the death of James T. Pollard, he made and published his last will and testament, in which he recognized that all the above property was the community property of himself and plaintiff; that an undivided one-half of same belonged to plaintiff; that the expense of his last sickness and funeral and all his just debts were to be paid out of his half of the estate; that this plaintiff should have the use and benefit of all his property during her life, and that her death an undivided half should pass to the heirs of Vestura Pollard Jameson, and the other half to Lela Pollard, her heirs and assigns; that plaintiff was named as executrix, and that no bond or security be required, and no other administration be had or action taken

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Plaintiff asks for citation and upon a final hearing that she have judgment in her favor and against the said defendants for the partition.

Wherefore, premises considered, plaintiff prays that defendants and each of them be cited, as the law directs, to appear and answer this petition; that upon final hearing thereof she have judgment rendered in her favor and against the said defendants for the partition of said real estate which is partitioned to this plaintiff, under the terms and decree of the court, to her for life, and reverting at her death to said legatees, to be decreed by a proper order of this court to be sold, including said life estate and said reversionary interest of said legatees; that said sale be under such conditions as the judgment of the court shall direct and the court after setting aside the plaintiff's life interest therein, decree that the remainder of such monies be applied to the payment of the debts of the said James T. Pollard; said debts being established by the judgment of the court, and that any remainder, should there be such after the payment of said debts, be paid over to the said legatees, and for such other and further relief as shall be just and equitable under the terms of the law and the terms of said will already admitted to probate, for all of which, as in duty bound, plaintiff will ever pray.

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