

Jingle Bells

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"Oh," she murmured as if hurt. "Mrs. Hemmingway occupies all your thoughts, I suppose."

My heart leaped joyfully. Even in a moment of stress she had time to be jealous. Maybe it was all for the best.

"I'm sorry," I said penitently.

"That won't do any good. We ought to be make this look all right."

"I'll do anything you say," I offered. "Shall I jump out of the window?"

"You might break your neck."

"It wouldn't matter," I said bitterly.

She disregarded my martyr-like speech. "Suppose you were to hide," she suggested. "I'll say you jumped out of the window and then when they got out there after you, you could escape."

"Clever plan," I congratulated admiringly. "Where shall I hide?"

"Under the bed," she suggested practically.

I glanced doubtfully at the white enameled iron bed which was bolted to the floor. It looked to me as if it were underslung.

However, I'm the most obliging man you ever met so I got down on the floor and started to crawl under. Unfortunately I stuck half-way.

I could almost make it, and I struggled hard to condense that refractory half-inch of girth that was holding me back. It was no use.

Then I tried to back out. To my dismay, I found I could not move the other way either.

"Throw up your hands," said the sheriff outside. "I'm coming in, and if you move I'll shoot!"

How the deuce could I throw up my hands? I might have thrown up my feet, but I doubt if I was capable of a motion of any sort.

As the key clicked in the lock I heard a scurrying of bare feet. Maryella was retreating.

The door opened. A hush of surprise followed.

"Come out," ordered the sheriff. "I see you, you durned ostrich."

I renewed my struggles to extricate myself. It was useless. I had used too much zeal in my effort to get under.

"If you don't come out in ten seconds I'll shoot. The sheriff delivered this ultimatum and began counting, "One, two, three—"

The thought of the target that I offered for even a very poor marksman drove me nearly frantic. I made a superhuman effort. The bed rose from the floor and fell apart. I backed away from the debris.

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Condemns Wisconsin Weddings at Waukegan

That many marriages performed in Waukegan often are hasty and ill-advised, was the statement made in court at Milwaukee last week by Judge Gregory. The practice on the part of hundreds of Milwaukee couples of eloping to Waukegan to get married was denounced in certain terms by the court. His remarks were made after he had received applications for divorce from several Milwaukee couples married here.

Late Proceedings in Probate Court

The long pending hearing in probate court in the estate of Gerard Van Schaick of Highland Park was held during last week's probate court work and the claim against the estate filed by Dr. Benjamin Shalatt for \$800 was disallowed for want of prosecution while the claims of Drs.

Oldfield and Morrison, in the amount of \$980 were slashed to \$273.05 and allowed against the estate.

The claimants prayed an appeal to the circuit court and the appeal was allowed with bonds fixed at \$200.

Other matters taken up in probate, which are of interest in this section, were:

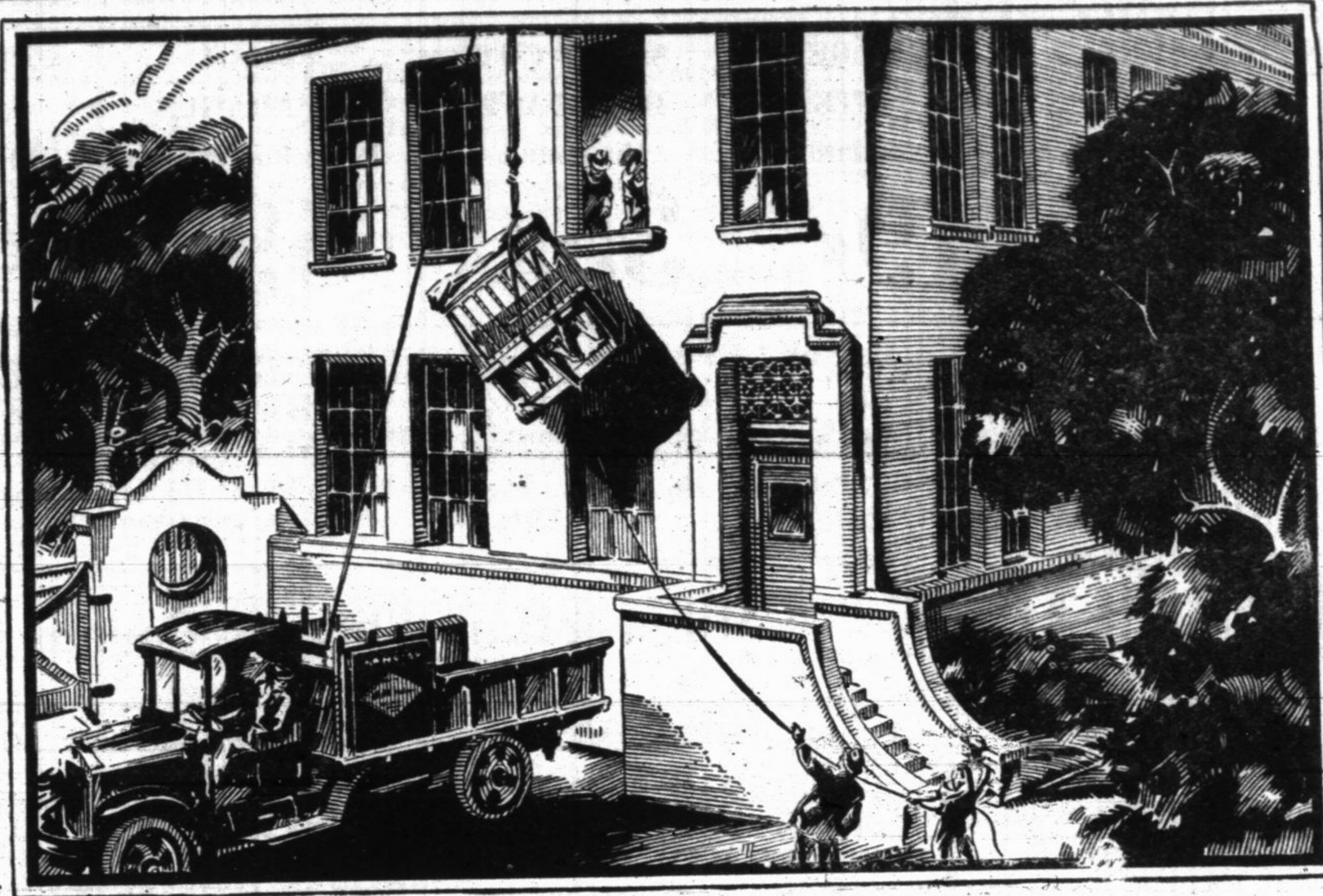
Aime F. Millet, Lake Forest—Administratrix authorized to transfer certain stocks.

Albert F. and John Millet, minors, Lake Forest—Letters of guardianship issued to Elizabeth F. Millet. Bond of \$84,000.

Charles E. Latimer, Lake Forest—Final report approved, estate closed.

William P. Chase, minor, Highland Park—Receipt of ward filed and estate closed.

Elsie Hamill Clow, minor, Lake Forest—Second account and report approved.



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