

# MILL OF JUSTICE GRINDS DIVORCES

Grist of Marital Misfits Reveals  
Stories of Cruelty and  
Desertion.

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### MAY E. SMIDKALE RESTORED.

Mrs. Margaret Elvina Sandall was given a divorce, granted the custody of her child, two years old, and restored to her maiden name, Margaret E. Ridder. Her husband, John Eugene Sandall refused to support her and she was compelled to live with her mother, who was married in Farmington on Dec. 31, 1908.

Mrs. Myrtle Seaton was given a decree of divorce from David Seaton on the ground of desertion. For the last year she has been compelled to work in a restaurant in order to support herself.

They were married in Pueblo, Colo., March 11, 1908. She was restored to her maiden name, Myrtle Seaton.

E. E. Eldridge was summoned before the court to show why he should not be punished for contempt of court for not paying his wife alimony. Eldridge declared that he was under the doctor's care and only made \$9 a week. It also appeared that his wife, Mrs. Edna E. Eldridge, was born in Los Angeles. For this reason, Judge Morse declared that Mrs. Eldridge was not in need of anything apparently if she could take pleasure trips, so he dismissed the order.

James Morton, an old soldier, was cited before the court on an order to my temporary alimony to his wife, Mrs. Emma H. Morton, who is in need for a divorce. Instead of owing her \$600 a month, he was having a bank account of \$5,000, as his wife declared. It developed that Morton only has one son, a boy worth \$1,000 and no bank account. The court ordered that he give her half of the garden crops, as alimony, and part of the furniture in the house so that she could live separate from him.

**FEDERAL JURIES DRAWN.**

The following venire of citizens to act as grand and petit juries during the November term of the federal courts was made yesterday. Those named will meet Nov. 8 to enter upon their duties:

George H. S. Foster, Ogden; Joseph Knight, Provo; L. M. Squires, Logan; Walter Calderwood, Coalville; E. F. Redman, Salt Lake; J. C. Reid, Price; W. Farr, Ogden; John H. Evans, Richfield; F. O. Buell, Heber; Andrew Field, Lehi; J. S. Perry, Mantua; B. S. Young, Salt Lake; A. H. Horrud, Salt Lake; Harrison Spears, Salt Lake; Thomas L. Smith, Salt Lake; W. H. Shumway, Salt Lake; W. W. Ferguson, Emery; John Alvin, Salt Lake; Louis Robinson, Scott Brink, Louis Rydvalson; F. C. Howe, Maryhill; R. G. Fullmer, Mapleton; W. H. Dale, Salt Lake.

Peter Fury—A. T. Bell, Logan; John A. Prater, Salt Lake; A. N. Wallace, Murray; H. M. Moore, Salt Lake; Alfred Alder, Mantua; Thomas Kurtz, Ogden; Louis Lowenstein, Franklin; Fred Jones, Randolph precinct; A. N. Hart, Richfield; Edgar Jones, Ogden; J. George Peacock, Mount Pleasant; John T. Phelps, Tooele; George Brant, Midway; B. H. Brown, Jr., Spanish Fork; W. D. Slaughter, Hinckley; L. L. Lewis, Brigham City; M. F. Adams, Emery; E. B. Stipe, Ogden; George Y. Johnson, Salt Lake; M. F. Allen, Park City; John H. Dixen, Payson; E. W. Beckwith, Randolph precinct; H. E.

Rawlings, Salt Lake; W. D. Wright, Park City; George Luff, Salt Lake; H. Mason, Salt Lake; G. A. Robertson, Richfield; M. M. Smith, Salt Lake; Benjamin Hopeworth, Bountiful; Thomas H. Ballantyne, Ogden; George E. Edwards, Ophir; Joseph Damron, Deseret; Alma Merrill, Richfield; S. D. Chase, Salt Lake.

### MILLINERY.

Before buying your fall and winter hats, see Mrs. Warren's. She has a beautiful line. And the prices will suit you. If you want made to order: 45 E. 1st South St.

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### DEATH OF MRS. BLACK.

Another Member of Handcart Companies of Early Days Passes Away.

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