

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25, 1934

Judge Souter is now attending the Republican State Convention at Winnemucca so this was a busy day. Among other things the Summers case came on for trial. Donald Summers is a Professor of Chemistry at Columbia University. He has been here all summer trying to impress upon a gold digging wife that she should be reasonable - no such luck - so today he secured a default decree. It is of considerable importance because there will be a fight on it in the East. Albert Marshall, the owner of Pyramid Lake Inn - was his residence-witness. When I asked him to tell the court when he first met Mr. Summers and under what circumstances, he replied - "Well, on or about such a day, he came to Pyramid Lake Inn for the purpose of getting a divorce." Fool - any man who owns a dude ranch near Reno should know that such a statement would ruin the case. The only thing I could do was stop him short and ask the court to not only strike the answer off the record but completely eliminate it. The court granted such an order and we went on from there.

Spent a very profitable evening at my office desk and went home early for a good night's sleep.