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## **Pe Ell Resident Who Went to Alaska Leaves Property in Dispute.**

The estate of Leslie E. Crim, once a resident of Pe Ell, and well known to many Lewis county people, and who went to Alaska in the 90's, is still unsettled. Crim amassed considerable property in the northland, and when he came out, he fell under the control of a band of so-called Holy Rollers, to whom it is alleged he left the bulk of his property. Sadie Smith, an old friend of Crimm, started suit to break the will. Last Saturday a Seattle paper contained the following article regarding a new phase of the question, and the parties mentioned in this article are as well known in Lewis county as was Crim. The article said:

**"On the petition of Attorney M. H. Van Nuys, counsel for T. H. Gourley, Judge A. W. Frater yesterday cited Sadie E. Smith and Margaret Sargent**

**to appear in his court on March 20 and respond under oath to questions as to the whereabouts of 200,000 shares of stock in the Lost River Tin Mining Company.**

**"Mrs. Sargent has been ordered to turn the shares into the registry of the court for T. H. Gourley, executor of the Leslie E. Crim estate, to which estate they belong. For refusing to turn over the stock the court has ordered a bench warrant for Mrs. Sargent's arrest, and officers have been looking for her since last Saturday.**

**"It is charged by Attorney Van Nuys that Miss Smith and Mrs. Sargent, sister and daughter of Mrs. Sargent, are aiding in concealing her, as well as the stock, which is said to be worth \$100,000."**

**According to the Seattle Times of recent date, "the mining stock, which is the whole estate, is now under the control of Sadie E. Smith, she having gained possession of it through Crim defaulting on a loan against which**

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the shares were posted as collateral security. Gourley's attorneys are now attempting through a court order to obtain possession of the stock."