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GREY PROFESSION AND MANY SMALL MEN

The annual crop of attorneys has been quiet a subject of considerable comment for quite a while. Recently a new crop of legal lights was turned out which prompted George Trowbridge of the Portland Journal to write the following:

Seventy-seven young men took examinations at Salem this week for admission to the bar.

There are 77 minds and 77 careers devoted to a profession already overcrowded, and in which the struggle for survival is a grave problem. They are 77 strong young men taken from productive industry and projected into non-productive endeavor. They are 77 men thrust into an activity from which more than half emerge at the end of the struggle as failures, and in which but a small percentage achieve unquestioned success.

Meanwhile Judge Gaynor, famous as a justice and an executive, says:

"The judicial department of our government is the least efficient of all departments." He adds that the delays and technicalities permitted by

Judges would "not be tolerated in any other department of government" and that "the way the highest courts of 'ate years have been declaring void statutes passed for the economic and social welfare, is intolerable." He says, "If we do not stop it, other people will stop it over our heads."

And what of the delays, the technicalities, the circuitous procedure, the rehearings, the appeals and all the various forms of making more work for lawyers and more need of judges shall be stopped? When a day shall be reached, such as Judge Gaynor foretells, when the machinery of law and courts shall be simplified and all the roads to justice be straightened, what will there be left for so many lawyers to do? Are not young men who rush into the law in these unsettled times entering upon a very precarious future?

May there not be a doubtful outcome to endeavor in a profession already top-heavy with talent?

BRIDGE OUT AND TRAINS DELAYED

WASHOUT AT RUFUS DELAYS ALL O.-W. R. & N. SERVICE.

Trains Held Up Several Hours—North Bank Road Used Last Night.

A bridge at Rufus, between Arlington and The Dalles, went out with high water yesterday afternoon and as a result all the trains from Portland were several hours late today.

The North Bank road was used last night to get passenger trains through to the east. Today the mail train due here early in the morning got in after noon. No. 6 failed to reach La Grande until after 1 o'clock. The trains from the east were slightly late but there was no accident.

"You can always depend upon the Elgin branch for being on time," said one of Jack Hughen's crew this morning. "The main line may go to pieces and meet with hardships but the Elgin branch is there like a duck—always on time."

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 3rd day of April, 1912, creating improvement district No. 56, and designating Main avenue as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council, on the 25th day of April, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Main avenue, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon cement sidewalk, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Main avenue, from the west curb line of First street

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Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$2,076.57. That the council will, on the 19th day of June, 1912, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, May 22nd, 1912
CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

E. C. M. HUMPHREYS,
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