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CIRCUIT COURT CONVENES WITH LONG CALENDAR

PORTLAND JUDGE PRESIDES AT
OPENING CASES OF THE
PRESENT TERM.

NEW GRAND JURY IS SELECTED AND SWORN

Newlin Case Opens Court This After-
noon and Several Important Cases
Are Set Down for the Next Few
Days—Two Courts to Be in Session
Tomorrow—Few Jurors Freed.

Well stocked up with cases—many
of them important and of unusual
interest—February's term of circuit
convened this morning. Judge J. T.
Cleaton, circuit judge of Multnomah
county, will preside at some of the
cases, commencing today. Judge
Knowles, the regular jurist, presided
this morning at the opening of court,
quizzing and instructing the grand
jury and hearing motions and notices
for the setting down of cases. Judge
Cleaton took the bench this afternoon
at the opening of the Newlin trial.

Few jurors dismissed.
Few jurors have asked to be ex-
cused. F. B. Craig and John Run-
dall of Union were excused for the
term. G. D. Lee of North Powder,
was excused for the first week. R.
A. Marr, F. W. West, J. B. Wilson,
Lawrence Van Order, John Reeves,
Jr., and Elmer Swaggart, all of Un-
ion, were absent when court took
up, on account of a delayed train.

Grand Jury Selected.
W. R. Jasper, an Alicel rancher, is
foreman of the new grand jury. In
fact most of the inquisitors are farm-
ers or fruitgrowers. The members
are: Mr. Jasper, Tom Sherwood, La
Grande rancher; W. A. Ogden, Cove
fruit grower; A. C. Rollins, North
Powder, barber; Lee Smith, Island
City, rancher; J. F. Dean, Cove,
rancher. Mr. Cates is grand jury
bailliff. The body of men proceeded
immediately to deliberations after
special instructions, and witnesses
were called at once into the grand
jury room.

Several Cases Set.
During the forenoon session, sev-
eral added cases were set down for
trial. Pfeifer vs. O.-W., the biggest
damage case ever filed in this county,
has been set down for next week.
West vs. McDonald, the old Imbler,
Alicel well squabble, is set for Thurs-
day, February 5, Zimmerle vs. Child-
ers, the defendant being sheriff at the
time the original case was heard,
is down for next Tuesday.

The regularly announced calendar
will be followed out, however, with
these cases sandwiched in between.
Judge Knowles will sit in chambers
tomorrow to hear important argu-
ments on demurrers, and there will,
consequently be two circuit courts
in session at one time.

There is little to indicate how long
the term will last, but cases to take
up the court's attention to the mid-
dle of the month are already set and
the present batch of state cases may
be added to considerably by the de-
liberations of the new grand jury.

Airmen Meet Death.

Bourges, France, Feb. 2.—Captain
Niquet and Lieutenant Believart were
instantly killed when they fell with
an army aeroplane one hundred feet
to the ground.

Groundhog's Shadow Keen

BRILLIANT SUNSHINE ON DAY
OF TEST.

Snow Cloaks The County

If Ground Hog Test is Correct, Storms
Brew This Month.

An army of men is today looking
for groundhogs with the avowed pur-
pose of shooting all they see. For a
few hours early in the day heavy
clouds obscured the sun, but the ma-
jor portion of the day has been as
clear as a bell, and any ground hog
emerging from his winter's hiberna-
tion hole that could see even a little
bit, would promptly spy his shadow,
and if legend is correct promptly
dodged back to his covers. That he
will remain in his hole while several
weeks of bad weather rage on the
surface, is what is expected.

A three-inch snowfall last night
has cloaked Union county with a gar-
ment of white again, but rising tem-
perature by noon predicted short life
for it.

Little or no trouble was caused to
maintain traffic by the snowfall.

Last night's storm came from the
west, which is an unusual thing in
this section for this time of the year,
and did little damage, if any, and did
not delay traffic. The snow shovel
locomotive was sent out to keep the
tracks in the mountains clear, but
there the crew encountered but five
inches of snow. The heaviest snow-
fall was at the Joseph branch and
some of the snow was lost today.

Report of Feet of Snow.
Baker, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Reports
from the mining camps around sum-
pter are that there is more snow in
some localities than for several sea-
sons past. From Whitney, travelers
report that for several days the drift-
ed rods have made it impossible for
the stage to reach Greenhorn and
that the mail is taken in and out
on skis, only letters being handled.
Drifts 14 feet in depth in some places
are reported, and may readily be cre-
dited, as it is not unusual in that sec-
tion. The depth on the level in
some places is said to be from five
to six feet, and some of the camps
are experiencing hardships, being
unable to get some of their supplies.
Greenhorn streets are piled high with
snow and skis are about the only
means of travel that have been prac-
tical. Effort will be made to get
through with the stage from Whit-
ney today.

ACCIDENT PROBE STARTED

Government to Determine Responsi-
bility For Disaster At Sea.

Norfolk, Feb. 2.—Inquiry into the
collision between the Monroe and the
Nantucket will start tomorrow. The
loss to date is nearly 50 lives. The
captain of each vessel accused the
other of running at excessive speed.
Divers have been sent by the wreck-
ing company in search of the shat-
tered hulk of the Monroe. Fifteen
feet of mast shows above the water.

CASH AND VALUABLES TAKEN FROM HOUSE IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

The dwelling of Asa L. Richards
in North La Grande, was burglarized
yesterday afternoon during the ab-
sence of the owner. Mr. Richards
had gone to the moving picture the-
atre and came home to find \$7 in cash
gone and some other articles of value
missing.
Parties have been under suspicion,
says Mr. Richards, and it is likely
that the intruders will either return
the money or have it returned.

SAN FRANCISCO PARADES BANK SITE VIRTUES

CITY POINTED OUT AS BEING
EQUIDISTANT FROM ALL
COAST POINTS.

IS CENTER OF MILLION POPULATION ON COAST

Committee Hearing At San Francisco
Today Develops Claims Which San
Francisco Holds Out As Necessary
to Attract Regional Bank to That
City—Hearing Is Perfunctory.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Manager
Robert Lynch of the San Francisco
Chamber of Commerce, laid before
Secretaries McAdoo and Houston, the
city's reason for claiming a regional
bank according to the new currency
law. "It is equidistant between Brit-
ish Columbia and Mexico, and because
of its ideal location, it is the head-
quarters for a whole country, whose
population is one million people." Lynch
declared that the export trade
of San Francisco in 1913 was \$101,-
000,000 as against Puget Sound's
\$62,000,000.

The bank would have been located
there without any solicitation on the
part of the business men, because the
government had San Francisco in
mind when the bill was framed.

NEW ORGANIZATION PLANNED

Parent-Teachers' Association Will Be
Discussed Tomorrow.

To perfect an organization of par-
ents and teachers, known the country
over as Parent-Teachers' associa-
tions, will be the subject of the Ladies
Neighborhood club. Tomorrow after-
noon, promptly at 2 o'clock, the mem-
bers are urged to be in attendance—
promptly—to hear Superintendent
John Girdler, of the city schools, and
Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county superin-
tendent of schools, address the mem-
bers of this association. Nearly
every city in the state has already
created such a club with splendid
results and the formation of an as-
sociation here is deemed certain. Mrs.
Palmer wishes all members to be on
hand promptly, as the speakers' time
is limited.

COLLECTIONS PICKING UP

Big Improvement Over January Re-
ported By Collectors Today.

February collections have been far
ahead of January so far report bill
collectors today. Business has pick-
ed up materially after the dull period
following Christmas, and more money
seems to be in circulation today.
Collectors invariably did more busi-
ness today than the first day of Janu-
ary.

Literacy Test Clause Will Likely Be Part Of New Burnett Immigration Bill

Wilson Opposes "Assisted" Immigra-
tion Scheme--Storm Of Protest
Showers The President

Washington, Feb. 2.—President
Wilson believes "assisted" immigra-
tion ought to be forbidden. That was
as far as he really would go today
in discussing the immigration prob-
lem with newspaper men. The presi-
dent told his callers that he hadn't
considered the "literacy" act now
pending and would form no opinion
until he had opportunity to consult
with party leaders in congress. The
white house has been deluged with
callers who brought petitions protest-
ing against the act.

The president admitted he was sur-
prised at the apparent lack of public
interest in the anti-trust hearings.
He thought it indicated business is
satisfied with the anti-trust program.
The president scouted any sugges-

tions that the country's leading busi-
ness men were afraid to come to
Washington because they would be
charged with lobbying.

Other business has been sidetracked
in the house during the consideration
of the Burnett-Billingham immigra-
tion bill. Representative Burnett
predicted that the bill will pass with
the literacy test attached by a two-to-
one vote. The California representa-
tive again threatened to inject "yel-
low peril" into the debate. Recom-
mendations making the bill more
drastic in regard to white slavers
were sent to the house by Secretary
of Labor Wilson, who also said he
was not opposed to the literacy test.

SUFFRAGE LEADERS COMPEL WILSON TO SHOW HIS HAND

Washington, Feb. 2.—President
Wilson was called upon to declare his
stand with regard to suffrage for
women throughout the United States.

Forced by a delegation of four hun-
dred strong he did so. These declared
that the working women wanted to
know what he definitely thought of
the great issue. The president gave
the following answer: "As leader
of the democratic party, I cannot ad-
vocate any legislation which has not
been approved by the national com-
mittee." The women begged and
pleaded, but the president, although
deeply touched by the strong solici-
tation of the women, stuck to his
point.

The reception to the women was
picturesque. They marched in a body
to the white house, where a committee
of twenty-five, headed by Mrs. Glen-
dove Evans, president of the Massa-

chusetts Women's League organiza-
tion, entered the executive offices.

They were cordially received and
six of the delegation made speeches.

VETERANS MAY ORGANIZE

Island Soldiers, Regular or Volunteer,
Plan Local In La Grande.

Men who served the country in the
Philippine Islands, either in the regu-
lar or in the volunteer service, will
endeavor to organize a local for the
purpose of "fighting the battles
again" and "drinking tuba" under the
old coconut trees. Any member
who can show a discharge and a Phil-
ippine record is welcomed to join this
society. It will be easy as there will
be no charges. Any ex-soldier with
such a record may find out more
about it by addressing a postal to J.
A. Hadaller, Box 655, city. Other
announcements will be made later.

SAFETY LECTURE TONIGHT

W. A. Perley, Special Agent of O.-W.,
Will Give Interesting Talk.

Arrangements have been whereby
a free moving picture demonstration
is to be given tonight in the Commer-
cial club rooms by a special repre-
sentative of the O.-W., who is here
in the city for the purpose of in-
structing the employees in the correct
methods of transportation. Part of
the lecture is devoted to fuel econ-
omy, which will be of interest to any
man who has bills to pay for fuel.
Mr. Perley, the demonstrator, is a
onetime commissioner of Washington,
and knows the railroad game from A
to Z, both from the side of the public
and from the railroad's viewpoint.

Many men have expressed a willing-
ness to witness this portrayal on the
screen. It is for the general public
and is free.

Supreme Court In.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The supreme
court adjourned until Feb. 24 without
deciding any of the important cases
that are now pending before that
body.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN, JR.



William J. Bryan, Jr., recently ad-
mitted to the bar in Arizona, says he
is going into politics but seeks no of-
fice.

PINDELL HAS DECIDED NOT TO TAKE POST

RUSSIAN AMBASSADORSHIP IS
TURNED DOWN AFTER HIS
APPOINTMENT.

RECENT SQUABBLES HAVE HINDERED HIS ABILITY

Peoria Statesman and Editor Will Not
Go to St. Petersburg—A Chicago
Steel Manufacturer Is Now Discus-
ed As Logical Man For the Office—
No Appointments Made Yet.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Henry M. Pin-
dell of Peoria, whose name was re-
cently confirmed by the senate for the
ambassadorship to Russia, has de-
clined the position. There has been
much controversy over the appoint-
ment, owing to criticisms of Russia
that appeared in Pindell's Peoria
daily paper.

In a letter to the president Pindell
said that the squabbling so embar-
rassed him that he doubted whether
he could serve the country efficiently.
The chief executive accepted the de-
cision and complimented him highly.
It is understood that the Peorian is
to be given another diplomatic post
elsewhere.

It is rumored that Chas. R. Crane
the iron manufacturer of Chicago, is
slated for the St. Petersburg job. As
the appointment has not been made
there is no telling whether he is per-
sona grata at St. Petersburg or not.

BABY DIES SUDDENLY

Eight Months' Old Daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Wells Passes Away.

Ruth Margaret, the baby daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wells of 1707
Washington avenue, was suddenly
taken ill last night and died before
the ministrations of the physician
could take effect. She had not been
ill prior to this sudden attack and
showed no symptoms whatever.

The little one was eight months old
and was to all appearances in the
best of health. Henry & Carr have
the funeral arrangements. The fu-
neral date has not been announced.

COURT GRANTS DIVORCE PLEA

MRS. HOLMES OBTAINS CUS-
TODY OF 6 CHILDREN.

Part Interest in Property And Ali-
mony of \$30 Given Woman.

Late Saturday evening evidence
was heard in the Holmes divorce case.
Judge Knowles later in the evening
issued a decree of divorce to Mrs.
Rosa E. Holmes from her husband,
Chas. G. Holmes. Mrs. Holmes be-
comes custodian of six children, one
third interest in a farm a few miles
from La Grande and obtains an ali-
mony of \$30 per month. It is said an
appeal will be perfected at once.

Cruel and inhuman treatment was
alleged.