

PORTLAND CASE CALLED UP

CITY ATTORNEY LONG APPEARED BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

Wants Street Assessment Suit Advanced—He Will Go to Buffalo to Boon 1905 Fair.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—J. M. Long and W. T. Gardner, of Portland, have been admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. Long at once filed a motion for the advancement of the case involving the legality of an assessment for the improvement of streets in which Portland is vitally interested. Mr. Long made a strong plea, and in view of the fact that he is warmly supported by the cities of Denver, Salt Lake, Spokane and other cities, which are all interested with Portland, he hopes to have the motion favorably considered by the court. He thinks, however, the case cannot come up until the court meets again in October.

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The case which Mr. Long is endeavoring to advance is entitled *King vs. the City of Portland*. His action may be taken to indicate that he does not think the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *French vs. the Barber Asphalt Company*, appealed from Kansas City, applies to Portland assessment methods. However, the language of the decision is very definite, and it appears to be no doubt that the legality of assessments for improving property owners is established. In Missouri there is provision for dissenting or dissenting the question of benefits in a public improvement. In Oregon the rule is inflexible and arbitrary. Doubtless it is on this point that Mr. Long would like to have a ruling in the King case.

Bull Run Reserve Survey Abandoned.
After prolonged consideration of the proposition to make a survey of the Bull Run forest reserve the director of the Geological Survey has decided to abandon the project for this summer, at least. In view of the strong opposition against survey by ex-Senator Corbett, on behalf of the water company, and the opposition of the people of Portland, as evidenced by articles appearing in *The Oregonian*, it was deemed best not to force this work.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Fifty-seventh Annual Programme at Willamette University.

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May 27—Undergraduates' recital, college of music.

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May 29—Concert by club and ladies' chorus; Frances Seely, director.

May 30—Annual reunion of literary societies.

June 1—Dramatic recital by college of oratory; intercollegiate drill meet between Pacific University, of Forest Grove, and the Willamette.

June 2—Baccalaureate sermon, by Dr. J. R. T. Lathrop, Portland; sacred concert by choir of First M. E. Church, Frances Seely, director.

June 3—Graduating recital, colleges of music and oratory.

June 4—Annual meeting of the board of trustees; public recital, college of oratory; closing exercises of the Oregon Institute, preparatory school to the Willamette University, and annual address by Rev. G. H. Bennett, Woodburn.

June 5—Annual business meeting of the alumni of the college of liberal arts; annual entertainment and reunion of the alumni.

June 6—Graduating exercises of the college of law; commencement of the University; baccalaureate oration by Hon. John F. Campbell, Portland.

Educational Convention.
Following is the programme for the educational convention, to be held in connection with the commencement exercises:

June 1, 2 P. M.—Devotional meeting, led by Rev. T. L. Jones; "Duty of the Church to Sustain Higher Christian Education," by Dr. T. B. Ford; discussion, led by Rev. G. H. Bennett, 3 P. M.—"Growth of the Christian Element in Higher Education," by Dr. L. E. Rockwell; discussion, led by Professor J. B. Hoadley, 4 P. M.—"The Ideal University: Its Function and Constitution," by Dr. J. R. T. Lathrop; discussion, led by Dr. G. W. Cline.

June 2, 8 P. M.—"Value of Christian Education in Developing the Whole Man," by Rev. C. H. Glass, of Olympia, Wash.

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Rev. A. Watters, presiding elder, of Salem district, will act as chairman of the meeting. Bishop Earl Cranston writes that he will be in attendance at the convention.

At Oregon City.
OREGON CITY, May 14.—The commencement exercises of the Barclay High School will be held May 31, when 10 graduates will receive their diplomas. The class address will be made by B. B. Beckman, of Portland.

STARTING IN EARLY.
CORVALLIS, May 14.—A movement has been inaugurated to make a complete census of the musical festival to be given here next May by the Willamette Valley Choral Union. Wallace Maish, president of the union, has been here several days, and, with local vocalists identified with the society, has adopted several plans for next year's meeting. For the occasion the college armory is to be secured, and on account of its seating capacity and acoustic excellence it will, it is believed, afford the best accommodation for the concert that the state affords. The programme of concerts will be some, what varied from those given in the past, particularly in the initial concert, which will probably be entirely new. The chorus it is hoped to enlarge to 150 voices. Arrangements for a perfect train service for the accommodation of East Side travelers in reaching Corvallis have already been set on foot.

WOOLGROWERS TO MEET.
Eastern Oregon Clips May Be Pooled and Sold to the Highest Bidder.

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After an address of welcome by Mayor T. J. Humes, and a response by Grand Chief Ranger Cookery, the usual program of the day was followed. On their duties, but all affairs of importance went over till tomorrow's session, which commences at 10:30 A. M. The chief question to be determined at tomorrow's meeting are:

Whether future sessions of the Grand Court shall be held annually or bi-annually, and where the entire place of meeting shall be. As to the latter, there are over a dozen mentioned, none appearing sufficiently in the lead to justify a prediction to the final choice.

Tomorrow's session will be given the grand officers, delegates and visiting members, at the Armory.

STATE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.
Commissioner Reflects All Plans and Reopens Competition.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 14.—The commission having in charge the erection of a monument to the soldiers of the Civil War at Olympia has rejected all plans submitted, and announces that competition will be reopened under the following conditions:

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COLUMBIA STEADILY RISING.
Clark County Farmers Are Preparing for a Freshet.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 14.—The Columbia River has been steadily rising here for the past 10 days, and now registers 14 feet above low water. The rise of another foot will cover the wharf of the Vancouver Transportation Company.

Clark County farmers are apprehensive of a heavy overflow this season, and are making arrangements accordingly. About the only people along the river who are pleased at the outlook for high water are the fishermen, to whom it would mean a big catch of fish.

Motion for New Trial.
A motion for a new trial was filed in the Superior Court today in the case of the State vs. C. N. Gordon, who was convicted last week of the murder of William Kruger, with intent to commit murder. The motion is based upon errors of law taken by the trial, to which exceptions were filed by defendant's attorneys.

Pacific County Notes.
SOUTH BEND, Wash., May 14.—W. B. Hayden, of Ilwaco, has been granted a license to operate a ferry across the Columbia river from the road from Fort Canby to Ilwaco. A large trade is expected when Fort Canby is again garrisoned, now that the military post is being established.

The large colony of Flims in the south end of the county on the headwaters of the Nasel and Deep Rivers propose to erect a dam at the mouth of the latter river, to create a lake. The school districts in that part of the county have united for that purpose. There will be two addresses, one in English and one in the language of the Flims.

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WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.
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The maximum temperatures in western Oregon ranged between 61 degrees and 80 degrees, and the minimum temperatures between 36 degrees and 56 degrees. In eastern Oregon the maximum temperatures ranged between 60 degrees and 80 degrees, and the minimum temperatures between 36 degrees and 56 degrees.

Light frosts occurred Friday morning in some places, but they were not heavy enough to cause any damage of consequence.

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Spring seeding is practically finished. Hops are growing nicely, and the vines in most yards are now up to the cross lines.