

WANTS GRAND JURY

Marion Bar Will Ask Legislature to Restore System.

SAYS ONE-MAN POWER IS WRONG

Much Interest in Meeting of Association—New Method Named for Jury Panel Selection—Salary Recommendations.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special).—With scarcely a dissenting vote the Marion County Bar Association today voted to ask the Legislature to restore the grand jury system of disposing of criminal cases. The association declared itself opposed to a one-man power, which is wrong in principle and like the star-chamber proceedings of the middle ages. This action was taken at an adjourned meeting of the association that was held to consider matters of legislation in which members of the legal profession are interested.

Never before in the history of the Bar Association of the county was as much interest shown in matters of legislation affecting the legal practice as was evidenced at today's meeting. The law business of the city was practically suspended for the day, and over 30 attorneys attended and participated in the deliberations of the meeting.

Paragraph 2 of the report of the legislative committee was vigorously attacked at the afternoon meeting of the association. This section provided for the selection of a jury panel by the Circuit Judge and two commissioners to be appointed by him, and it had been adopted at the forenoon session by a close vote. After an hour's discussion the motion by which it had been carried was reconsidered and a substitute adopted. The substitute proposes that all names of persons qualified in each precinct be placed in a box and that the Sheriff and Clerk, in the presence of the Judge, draw from each precinct box the precinct's proportion of the panel.

The committee on by-laws offered several amendments, the most striking of which was that the committee on grievances should act upon all cases where a member of the bar acts in a disciplinary manner toward the presiding judge or the presiding judge acts in a disciplinary manner toward a member of the bar. The committee on securing an additional term of the Circuit Court for Department No. 1, Third Judicial District, reports recommending four terms, as follows:

On the first Monday in January and April and the second Monday in July and October.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that it is the sense of the bar that all cases should be set for trial at a certain time, not less than three days before the trial, unless a shorter time be agreed on by the attorneys.

The committee on legislation was instructed to draft bills for all measures that were adopted at the meeting and to report the same at another meeting to be held two weeks hence.

Recommendations for Legislation. Among recommendations made by the committee on legislation were: That the cost bill be filed with the Circuit Judge instead of the clerk of the court; that ex parte orders may be made by the Judge at any time; that witness fees in the Circuit Court be \$1 a day, other courts 75 cents, and mileage 5 cents per mile; that in the Supreme Court the filing fee of the appellant be \$10 and the respondent \$5, and that the trial fee be abolished; that the cost of printing abstracts, records and arguments shall not exceed 50 cents per page of three folios; that no public official shall charge more than 5 cents per folio for preparing any abstract of record, and that the clerk of the Supreme Court furnish free of charge to the attorneys on each side a copy of the Supreme Court opinion forthwith after rendered; that in the Circuit Court each party pay a filing fee of \$1 at the beginning of suit and 10 to 25 cents for each additional paper filed, the same to be paid in revenue stamps to be issued by the Secretary of State; that corporate franchises be taxed; that annual taxes be collected of all corporations; that the Judge be allowed to fix the time for taking all depositions when the parties to the litigation cannot agree; that the law be amended as it relates to the character of witnesses; that the law be so amended that the State Land Board be made subject to writ of mandamus and injunction; that the publication of all notices be made in the newspaper to be named by the moving party.

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Governor Geer Acts on Recommendations of Portland Citizens.

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Judge Alfred P. Sears, Jr., Judge M. C. George, Judge Arthur L. Frazer, Judge John E. Cleland, District Attorney W. T. Hume, Henry E. McLean, M. B. Mumby, Municipal Judge Frank D. Hennessy, H. L. Pitcock, Sheriff William Frazer, Judge H. E. Newhall, Judge J. V. Voss, Judge J. H. Canby, C. S. Stevens, Robert A. Heberham, E. S. Edwards, Frank McDermott, E. L. Caldwell, Jacob Mayer, Herman Rasmussen, T. C. Malone, B. E. Halsey, J. E. Reed, J. P. O. Loveland, Edgar Poppleton, B. P. Cardwell, H. P. Brophy, Peter H. Ward, Charles E. Hayes, John D. Daly, William H. Rasmussen, J. A. McLean, Aug. C. Kinney, Charles S. Morrison, Sidney Smyth, W. M. Gregory, John F. Logan, James M. Stott, Pemberton Kelly (Sheriff at time), I. C. Lawrence, J. E. Halsey, Martin L. Pike, Alex. Bovee, George C. Brownell, J. M. Long, R. Farrell, M. P. Sloan, C. U. Gotschelski, H. Knapp, A. P. Smith, J. A. McLean, A. Petrus, H. Hill, F. S. Field, H. W. Scott, J. Bourne, Jr.

FOR POSTOFFICE SITE.

Treasury Department Purchases Site at Tacoma for \$40,000.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 22.—The Secretary of the Treasury today authorized the purchase of a lot 30x120 feet on the west side of a street, extending from South Eleventh to Twelfth street, opposite the present postoffice, as the location for the public building to be erected at Tacoma. Manning and Walker offer the bulk of the lot, for which they are to receive \$75,000, while D. Levin gets \$23,000 for the smaller portion.

MURRAY GRANTED NEW TRIAL.

Sell Against Butte for Money for Streets of City.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 22.—A special trial was granted to the plaintiff today in the case of J. A. Murray vs. the City of Butte. This is the famous case wherein Murray sued the city for the recovery of the money equivalent of all the streets and alleys located in the heart of the city upon the site of the Smokehouse lode. It came up before Judge Napton some two months ago on a practically agreed bill of exceptions, and today the court rendered its decision. Exceptions were taken and the ruling of the court will unquestionably be taken to the Supreme Court on appeal. City Attorney Lamb, of Butte, appeared for the city while Attorney Miles J. Cavanaugh appeared for the plaintiff.

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Leutenant Van Horn, with a guard, left Leavenworth today for the same place to begin his term of 10 years. First Lieutenant Hjalmar Erickson, Seventh Infantry, arrived at Vancouver Barracks last week with 20 recruits for the Seventh Infantry. The recruits are more men are required to bring the entire regiment up to the peace footing, which is 65 men to a company.

REPORT ON WHITMAN PARK.

Commissioner Urges State to Purchase Monument Site.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 22.—The Whitman Memorial Park Commission, composed of Colonel F. J. Parker, Levi Ankeny and B. L. Sharpsteen, appointed to report on a tract of land embracing the Whitman monument to be used as a state park, conferred today with representatives of Whitman College. It is the desire of the commission that a tract composed of 20 acres be purchased by the state and the Legislature appropriate \$3000 for its maintenance. A bill to that effect will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature. The Whitman monument is situated eight miles west of Walla Walla, and it is said that the memorial that marks the historic spot will soon be destroyed if something is not done for its preservation.

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