

COURT GOVERNMENT

Judge Webster Returns From an Extended Vacation.

RELIEF FOR MANY PEOPLE

Deputies of County Clerk Make Record Day in Receiving Instruments—Many Documents Delayed by Judge's Absence.

Probate instruments received in the office of the County Clerk yesterday kept Chief Deputy Fred Prapp and an assistant busy recording the most energetic day caused by probate matters in the history of Multnomah County. The rush was brought about, not through one day's filing but by an accumulation of documents gathered in the month's absence of County Judge Webster, who returned to the Courthouse yesterday.

Fully fourscore documents were approved by the County Judge, his signature removing from the minds of practitioners a strain they have borne for four weary weeks. The delayed documents include papers in new estates, two of which were petitions for probate of wills, a number of requests for approval of final accounts, petitions for the appointment of administrators and appraisers and requests for the appointment of guardians.

A dozen people are exuberant over Judge Webster's return. They are persons who have been awaiting his approval of bonds. Without his approval the County Clerk could not issue letters to the bondholders and without the letters they have been unable to draw money from the banks or other institutions concerned.

A few of the documents signed could have been attended to by the judge of the Circuit Court in accordance with the new session law which permits them to certify to probate matters. This law, however, has only been taken advantage of once, attorneys fearing that it will be declared unconstitutional.

THREE WIVES GET DIVORCES

One Lone Man Also Relieved From Matrimonial Yoke.

Three wives, one of them the better half of "Mysterious Billy" Smith, were granted divorces yesterday morning by Circuit Judge Frazer. Another wife's case was continued for probate of will for corroborative evidence, which is to be given by her 15-year-old daughter, and a lone man was given release from the bonds of matrimony entered into with a former school teacher, who he said abandoned the home he provided for her.

After three appearances in court because of family troubles Marnie Smith is finally free from "Mysterious Billy." She was granted a decree, her own testimony and that of two neighbors satisfying Judge Frazer who had established the "simple desertion" alleged in her complaint. Smith sued his wife for divorce a year ago, the case being dismissed by Circuit Judge Sears. Soon after Mrs. Smith brought suit against him for separation, obtaining judgment for \$25 a month to be paid by her "mysterious" spouse. She testified yesterday Smith neglected to pay this amount regularly, compelling her to accept a lump sum and a piece of property in lieu of installments. The Smiths were married in New York July 8, 1898, and the separation allowed by the court was on June 3, 1906. Mrs. L. F. Ross was divorced from A. M. Ross, the testimony of her aged father verifying the desertion the wife set up in her divorce complaint. The couple were married March 18, 1887, and their desertion beginning on New Year's day two years ago. In allowing the divorce decrees to go to his wife by default Ross, who is a foreman at the sawmills in Coos County, stipulated that he would pay \$25 a month annually for the support of their two minor children. The decree declares Mrs. Ross to be sole owner of a lot in Center Addition, valued at \$1000.

SUES RAILROAD FOR \$20,000

Lew Wy Hin Seeks Damages From O. R. & N. for Broken Back.

Alleging his back was broken through carelessness of the O. R. & N. Company in causing the wreck at Cayuse April 15, in which four lives were sacrificed and a number of passengers injured, Lew Wy Hin, a Chinese, is suing the railway for \$20,000 damages. The suit was begun before Circuit Judge Sears yesterday, the entire day being devoted to the taking of testimony. The case will be resumed on Monday. The plaintiff is confined in a hospital.

WIFE SUES W. C. GIBSON

Asks for Divorce From Man Once Arrested as Firebug.

Mrs. Myrtle L. Gibson, wife of W. C. Gibson, who gained considerable notoriety last October in being held for a time on a charge of arson in setting fire to the printing establishment of Circle Brothers, at 49-51 First street, has applied for a divorce, alleging that her husband is a habitual drunkard and fails to contribute to the support of his family, consisting of herself

and two little children. She asks for the custody of the children and \$50 a month alimony, asserting Gibson is well able to pay this amount. Being a good business man and capable of earning \$300 a month. The couple were married in Portland in 1895.

Frank Williams Acquitted.

Frank Williams was acquitted yesterday morning by a jury before Judge Frazer of an attempted felonious assault, charged with striking a verdict of not guilty without leaving the jury box. Testimony by Probation Officer H. H. Hawley to the effect that the girl concerned in the case was the daughter of the man who presented the charge, has been found by the probation officers to be unreliable and, in view of the fact that the cause of the jury's prompt verdict, Hawley was called to the stand by Judge Frazer in justice to the defendant. Deputy District Attorney Adams in his closing argument indicated that the case was one of formality required to be gone through on account of having been bound over from a lower court.

PIPELINE BOND ISSUE HAD A CLOSE SHAVE—CARRIED BY 131 VOTES.

All the remaining items on the municipal ticket were covered yesterday by the election board in its official count, but the totals were not cast up for the last 10 issues on the ticket. The official returns are now complete up to No. 132.

WILL PRESIDE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

Bishop William M. Bell, of Berkeley, Cal. will be in the city, presiding at the annual conference of the United Brethren Church next Tuesday at Philomath. Dr. H. S. Gable, church erection secretary, will preach at the First United Brethren Church, at East Fifteenth and Morrison streets, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and will also deliver the class address at Philomath College next Wednesday at 10 A. M. Dr. C. Whitney, Home Mission secretary, will preach at the United Brethren Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, and, with Dr. Gable, will address the Oregon conference at its session next week concerning extension work in the Northwest. The secretaries are Geo. Annand, Dayton, O., where there are 18 United Brethren Churches, and a publishing plant worth \$500,000. The Theological Seminary is also located at Dayton.

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"Mrs. H. J. Mansfield, of Mt. Tabor, Will Build a Beautiful Bungalow in Terrace Park."

Mrs. H. J. Mansfield, the recent owner of a property north of Terrace Park, yesterday purchased two lots on the crown of the terraces at Terrace Park, and has already had a beautiful bungalow there this summer. No more beautiful view can be imagined than that from the terrace. The Terrace Park management considers Terrace Park highly commended by the purchase of Mrs. Mansfield. The fact that the lady has plenty of means to buy a home wherever she sees fit speaks well for the fitness of Terrace Park as a desirable site for a permanent home. The Spokane Co., 270 Stark st., are the sole agents for this Terrace Park. It will be delightful Sunday in Terrace Park, we have a magnificent view for you; we have a carriage at your disposal; we have a walk through the M.V. car at 24 and Yamhill for Terrace Park.

FAVOR AN EXCHANGE

Dealers in Dairy and Farm Produce in Harmony.

WOULD BENEFIT THE TRADE

Organization Likely to be Formed in Near Future for Purpose of Obviating Chronic Confusion in Wholesale Quotations.

A dairy produce exchange in Portland is one of the probabilities of the near future. The trade practically unanimous for it and that is needed is for some one to take hold of the matter and push the work of organization. The suggestion made in The Oregonian yesterday that some steps be taken to end the confusion that exists in the butter and country produce markets meets with the indorsement of the local trade. There is now no settled basis for the wholesale price of butter, eggs, cheese and poultry, and at times an unnecessarily wide range exists in the quotations. This could be remedied by the fixing of a daily price for these commodities. In Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and all the eastern cities the work is done by an exchange, composed of members of the trade, who meet at a certain hour on specified days and agree upon a quotation that stands until the succeeding meeting. Need Long Recognized.

That some similar arrangement is needed in Portland has long been recognized. It must come some time, if the produce trade is to be conducted on a satisfactory basis. The Oregonian yesterday showed that the following creameries and wholesalers were in favor of getting together on a common price basis on these lines: Washington Creamery Company, Washington Creamery Company, Brandes Creamery, Weatherly Creamery Company, Sunset Creamery, Oregon Creamery, Davenport-Thompson Company, Evered & Farrell, Dryer, Bell & Co., Page & Son, The Oregon Company, Franzosa Company, McCraw & Kosky, Levy & Spiegel, Sherk and Graham, Mark Levy & Co., Templeton Bros., and Morrison streets, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and will also deliver the class address at Philomath College next Wednesday at 10 A. M. Dr. C. Whitney, Home Mission secretary, will preach at the United Brethren Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, and, with Dr. Gable, will address the Oregon conference at its session next week concerning extension work in the Northwest.

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KILLED BY SWITCH ENGINE

Carl Burgard, Aged Watchman on Steamship, Meets Death.

In attempting to step onto the footboard of a switch engine in the railroad yards near the Portland Flouring Mills at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Carl Burgard, 73 years of age, employed as civilian watchman on the German steamship Numantia, lost his balance and fell. He was badly crushed and died soon after. The aged man had been in the habit of boarding the switch engine every afternoon to ride from the yards. He would board the engine as it passed on its up-town trip, and despite his years was always able prior to this time to step onto the footboard without difficulty. The family lives at Woodlawn, coming here 15 years ago from Buffalo, N. Y., and the father opened a meat market and grocery store in Sixteenth and Jefferson streets, which he conducted for some years. The children are: John H. Carl, Mrs. N. P. Smith, Mrs. S. M. Alvord, all of Portland; the German steamship Numantia, Or., and P. A. Burgard, of Kansas City, Mo.

KUROKI MAY COME HERE

Japanese General Will Spend a Week on Puget Sound.

General Kuroki, official representative of the Japanese government to the Jamestown Exposition, will reach Seattle tonight over the Great Northern on his way home. It is reported he will not leave Seattle until June 21, when the Minnesota sails. In the meantime the residents of the Sound cities are planning to entertain the visitor, Tacoma having already invited him to be her guest.

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