

WIDOW OBSESSIVE THROUGH U'REN

State Senator Kay Makes Charges Against Legislative Blacksmith.

UNFIT FOR SENATE, HE SAYS

Oregon City Man Settles Mrs. McGrath's Judgment Against Him for 20 Per Cent of the Total Amount Legally Due.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special).—"W. S. U'ren announces that he has \$1100 in his pocket with which to pay the expenses of his campaign for election to the United States Senate. I have no doubt that his statement is true, for I know that he beat a poor old widow out of \$1100 a few months ago."

This is a statement made by State Senator T. B. Kay, and it is the opening shot of a campaign in which U'ren's fitness for the Senate will be questioned. Mr. Kay is opposed to U'ren because he thinks the Clackamas County lawbreaker is not a square dealer.

Facts Matter of Record.

"The facts are largely a matter of record," said Senator Kay, in speaking of the matter this afternoon. "In 1892 Mrs. Mary McGrath had \$500 which was left her by her husband, and, in order that it might bring her a little income to help make her living, she put it in the hands of agents who loaned it upon a note given by Mr. U'ren and others. They did not pay the money back, and in 1894 she brought suit and recovered judgment in Clackamas County for \$687.71, the amount due, with interest. The judgment itself was not paid, but drew interest at 10 per cent for eleven years, until last September, when there was due on it over \$1450. Mr. U'ren tried to settle the whole debt for \$100 and by threatening not to pay anything whatever, finally induced the woman to take \$300, less her attorney's fee, \$25, leaving her \$275. She lost \$1100 that was legally and morally due her.

Admits He Has the Money.

"I state these facts in order to let the people of Oregon know what kind of a man is asking them to elect him to the United States Senate," continued Mr. Kay. "The records of the suit and judgment will be found in Clackamas County, the judgment having been entered on page 252 of volume 12 of the Circuit Court Journal. "If Mr. U'ren has \$1100, as he says, it seems to me that if he were a square dealer he would have paid this poor old widow the money that has been due her so many years and let her end her few remaining days with less worry and more comfort. His flaring announcement of his political principles and referendum and his advocacy of Statement No. 1, must read with more than a grain of allowance so long as he leaves this debt unpaid and yet acknowledges that he has the money in his pocket.

Parades as Friend of Labor.

"How can U'ren expect the people of Oregon to give him credit for sincerity in saying that he will support laws for the limitation of hours of labor when they know that he is letting a poor old widow toil because he will not pay the money that is due her. Clatter and general political theories are fully eclipsed by the simple fact of an unfulfilled obligation. "In his announcement, Mr. U'ren says that whether elected or not, he will contend for the enactment of such laws that everywhere under our flag every man and woman and child labor all he gets and shall get all he produces and no more." Perhaps Mr. U'ren has some fine-spun argument by which he can demonstrate that this poor old woman did not produce the money she loaned upon the note.

What U'ren Told Steffens.

"I have read with much interest and some amusement the biography of U'ren written by Lincoln Steffens and was much impressed by the account of a conversation with U'ren. Steffens had gone out in the woodshed while U'ren cut some wood for his wife and while they were there Mr. Steffens says this conversation took place: "How well off are you, U'ren?" He rested his ax to answer: "I think," he said, "that I am one of the richest men in Oregon."

"How is that; have you made money?" "My earnings average about \$1000 a year, but that is not what I mean; I mean I have money, but I haven't any wants either, not for myself."

"What about your conscience? I persisted, 'What have these compromises with corruption cost you?' "Nothing," said he. "I have never done a dishonest or dishonorable thing."

Not Safe Man for Senator.

"Now it seems to me," continued Senator Kay, "that if Mr. U'ren's conscience does not bother him when he thinks of the way in which Mrs. McGrath lost her money—if he does not see anything dishonorable in threatening not to pay her at all in order to get her to settle for about 20 cents on the dollar, then he is hardly a safe man to send to the United States Senate. At least, he can scarcely expect the voters of Oregon to support him until he explains how his course in the McGrath matter harmonizes with the laws of justice dealing with debtors. "Quite likely Mr. U'ren thinks he can do more good by spending his \$1100 educating the people of Oregon than he can by paying his debt to Mrs. McGrath."

TEACHER SMOKES IN SCHOOL

Doughty Woman Superintendent Takes Away His Permit.

COLVILLE, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special).—Miss Daisy Hard, Superintendent of Schools for Stevens County, has revoked the permit to teach of James Murphy, at Marcus, because Murphy persisted in smoking and chewing in the schoolroom. She also succeeded in disposing of the local justice of the Peace of his jurisdiction in the case against H. I. Stevens, who was arrested because he refused to send his children to a teacher who smoked and chewed in the schoolroom. Murphy, it is said, was given to the use of tobacco in all of its usual forms, in the schoolroom, frequently smoking in the presence of students during intermission. A number of the parents of the district upon hearing of this practice refused to send their children to school, among whom was H. I. Stevens. Stevens was arrested at the instigation of local

citizens and was arraigned for trial before Justice W. C. Kirk at Marcus on Tuesday.

LONE DEMOCRAT IS IN RACE

John A. Jeffries Wants to Be Congressman From Second District.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special).—John A. Jeffries, of Portland, today filed notice of candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Second District. Thus far he is the only Democrat in the race. The Republican aspirants so far are W. R. Ellis, T. T. Geer and George S. Shepard.

No Democratic candidate for Congress has yet appeared in the First District, and it seems likely that W. C. Rowley will have no opposition for the Republican nomination. Friends of State Senator Milt Miller, of Linn County, have been urging him to become the Democratic candidate, but Senator Miller has practically said he will not do so. No other names have been mentioned in that connection.

REVIEW PATENTS IN LABEL SUIT

Lower Court Sustained in Case of Whitehouse vs. Cowles.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special).—The Supreme Court has handed down a decision in favor of the publishers in the famous label suit of M. H. Whitehouse against W. H. Cowles and the Review Publishing Company of Spokane. The Spokesman-Review printed a story July 15, 1904, to the effect that a marriage license issued to Whitehouse, a prominent pioneer of that city, and Clara S. Reed, and the wedding, for some reason, had never taken place. The story was embellished and Whitehouse took exception to it, charging libel. The Supreme Court holds that the account was not libelous per se, and sustained the lower court.

Oregon Asylum Has 1500 Inmates.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special).—The number of patients in the State Insane Asylum reached 1500 today—the largest in the history of the institution. The asylum is now crowded to its full capacity. A new wing, with room for 120 more, will soon be completed, however.

POCKETS MONEY; JAILED

JAMES McHOLME MUST STAND TRIAL AT BAKER CITY.

Solicits Subscriptions to Oregonian, but Fails to Remit—Confesses When Confronted With Facts.

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special).—James McHolme appeared before Justice of the Peace Alf Currey yesterday afternoon, and was bound over to await the action of the Circuit Court on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

About three weeks ago a warrant was issued for McHolme on the charge above stated, and he was arrested in Pendleton and brought back to this city. It appears that he had represented himself as an agent of The Portland Oregonian. He took several subscriptions, obtaining about \$10, and then went to La Grande. He did not send the money to The Oregonian, nor did he send in the names of the people whose subscriptions he had taken. When the people here did not receive their papers, they informed W. A. Baird, the local agent, who investigated the matter, with the result that McHolme was arrested. The accused man says he wrote to Baird from La Grande, telling him that he would make everything all right as soon as he could earn the money. Baird says he received no such letter.

McHolme admitted that everything was true as stated; that he had taken the money for subscriptions; that he had sent in the names of the people of Oregonian, but he does not think that he committed any crime, as he intended to make everything square. He is a man 55 years old, and appears much older, and does not look like a person accustomed to crooked dealing. When being taken from the jail to the justice office he appeared happy under the hope that he would soon be free, but was greatly crestfallen when the judge gave his decision. This is the first criminal case that has come up since the last term of court in January.

YAMHILL IS FOR EDUCATION

Development League Heartily Favors University Appropriation.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special).—The local Development League at its meeting last evening and the Yamhill Development Association, which met here today, each passed the following resolutions relative to the State University appropriation: Resolved, That in the interest of higher education, of which the progressive people of the State of Oregon take a just pride, and in the interest of agriculture, in the Willamette Valley, we heartily favor the state appropriation of \$125,000 for the State University on which a referendum has been called, and we ask the voters of Yamhill County to vote against the referendum and in favor of the appropriation. If you vote otherwise, what is the use of boning?"

This resolution was called forth in the spirit that is in line with the progress and upbuilding of the State in higher education as well as along commercial lines.

SEATTLE GETS WHOLE FLEET

Secretary Metcalf Gives His Word. City Will Invite Dewey.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special).—"The battleship fleet will visit Puget Sound. It will anchor as near Seattle as the depth of water will permit." Such is the message received today by the Seattle Daily Times from Victor H. Metcalf, Secretary of the Navy in denial of the press reports, in which he is credited with saying that the fleet will visit Seattle only in squadrons, owing to a lack of anchorage facilities. The Chamber of Commerce received a telegram at noon today from ex-Governor J. H. Metcalf, saying that Secretary Metcalf had declared to him that the battleship fleet will certainly visit Seattle, and now the arrangements for the reception of the fleet will be rapidly processed. The reception plans include an invitation to Admiral George Dewey to be present as the guest of the city.

Resume Hearing Tuesday.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special).—The hearings upon the costs of reproduction of the railroads in the state will be resumed before the commission Tuesday with the taking of testimony introduced in defense by the O. R. & N. The state will put in tables and statistics showing the state and interstate traffic of the roads for different months in the year.

Marshfield, Or.—Rev. William F. Holl, an English Lutheran minister, formerly of Vancouver, B. C., is in Marshfield to organize a church. As soon as an organization has been completed it is the intention to make plans for building a church edifice.

TEST POWER OF RAILWAY BOARD

O. W. P. Company Files Injunction Suit Against State Commission.

REFUSES TO REDUCE FARE

Railroad Objects to Order Cutting Rate Between Milwaukee, Oak Grove and Portland—Hearing at Salem Next Monday.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special).—F. V. Holman and Griffith & Hedges, attorneys for the Oregon Crows & Railway Company, were in town today to file with Judge Galloway, of the District Court, papers in a suit that will test the powers of the State Railroad Commission.

The Commission recently made an order demanding that the company reduce fares between Oak Grove and Milwaukee and Portland, and also extend transfers to Lents. To this the company demurs, and asks an order from the court enjoining the Commission from enforcing their orders.

The court has appointed Monday next at Salem for hearing arguments for a temporary injunction.

With reference to the filing of the suit, Ralph W. Wilbur, attorney for the company, said last night that when the State Railroad Commission decided adversely to the contention of the company, it was decided to bring the case before the courts, for the reason that fares charged by competitors exceeded the 5-cent rate. It is the contention of the company that it should not be compelled to carry passengers at a lower fare than is permitted other corporations and transportation companies to charge. Besides, it is claimed, if the 5-cent fare in force from points north of Oregon City into Portland, the result would be an entire disarrangement of schedules that affect Oak Grove and Milwaukee. Mr. Wilbur said the suit would also question the authority of the State Commission in arbitrarily fixing rates manifestly unjust to the railroad company.

F. V. Holman, counsel for the company, added that the law provides that courts may review decisions of the Commission when appealed to, and that the company had taken the course open to them in this case.

RAPS HARD AT MAYOR WRIGHT

Fellow Democrat Proposes to Air Salacious Graft Charges.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special).—"Next week I will commence telling the voters of this city about the paving and other graft deals with which the city administration has been connected during the last three or four years," said Charles Drury, candidate for the Democratic nomination as Mayor, tonight. "There is going to be something done. We have not even begun to work the people of this city will be given some interesting information." Drury's first meeting will be Monday night at Gilbert hall in the Seventh ward, to bestow on the voters in an attempt to play a college prank on the senior class.

Drury is seeking the nomination in opposition to Mayor Wright who was "suggested" by the Democratic convention.

PERHAPS A CASE OF MURDER

Well-Known Olympia Teamster Is Found Dead Between Piling.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special).—Fred Hall, a well-known teamster of this city, was found dead in the bay this afternoon, hanging from a beam between two piles. There is no sign of violence upon the body, although from the position of the remains when found it leads the

exception of a few slight breaks caused by the incessant shower of vegetables which the various underclassmen chose to bestow on the actors in an attempt to play a college prank on the senior class.

police to believe that there may have been foul play. Hall was 55 years old and a widower. He is survived by four children, all residents of this city. An inquest will be held.

POULTRY SHOW AT THE DALLIES

Three Hundred Birds on Display at Wansco's Metropolis.

THE DALLIES, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special).—The first poultry show ever held in this city opened this morning in the Baldwin Hall under the auspices of The Dalles Poultry Association. Something like 300 specimens of chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, guineas and pigeons from the various neighboring localities are on exhibition, and the promoters of the show are much gratified with the exhibition of fine birds made at this their initial meeting. The show will continue three days. Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City, who is acting as judge, will begin awarding prizes tomorrow.

PASTOR PEEPS BENEATH LID

Oregon City Rector Promises to Disclose Some Sensations.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special).—The announcement that Rev. R. C. Blackwell, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, will peer into the morality

of Oregon City, has created something of a stir. Mr. Blackwell's topic for next Sunday night is "The Public Schools and Their Moral Relation to Oregon City." He has sent special invitation to the members of the City School Board. Addresses will be made by County School Superintendent Gray, City Superintendent McKee and Miss Josephine Leaser, principal of the Eastham building.

STEAMER YOSEMITE CLEARS

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special).—The steamer Yosemite cleared at the Customhouse today for San Pedro with a cargo of 80,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Rainier.

Spectacles \$1.00 at Metzgers.

Not all People Prefer the same beer—that is true. They are guided by taste; and tastes differ, as beers do. But taste can be cultivated. And absolute purity is much more important. Judged by likes, the few best beers may not differ enough to matter. Judged by purity, there is a vast difference in beers. And purity means healthfulness, cleanliness, freedom from germs. It means a beer that cannot cause biliousness. It is purity, above all, that makes Schlitz so important. Ask for the Brewery Bottling. Common beer is sometimes substituted for Schlitz. To avoid being imposed upon, see that the cork or crown is branded. Sherwood & Sherwood, 8 Front Street, Portland.

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