

ISSUES ARE PART OF ORGANIZATION

Cosgrove's Return to California Will Complicate Election of Presiding Officers.

LOCAL OPTION LOBBY BUSY

Will Try to Defeat Ruth for President of Senate Because of His Views—Initiative and Referendum Again Coming Up.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 7.—(Special)—Local option and other issues may be an important part in the organization of the Senate here next week if the anticipated inauguration of Governor-elect Cosgrove is followed by his immediate return to California.

This would place Lieutenant-Governor M. E. Hay, presiding officer of the Senate, in the Governor's chair during the session and would necessitate the election of a presiding officer who would wield a powerful influence in the progress of pending legislation.

Awake to this situation, the radical local option advocates are seeking a candidate for President of the Senate to oppose Senator A. S. Ruth, of this county, who, until the last few days was looked upon as the legitimate successor to the place.

Senator Ruth believes the Legislature should pass a local option bill, but he is not in favor of the sort of bill that the local option advocates want. It is reported here that the latter are attempting to induce Senator W. H. Paulhamus, of Pierce county, to start a contest for presiding officer. Falling to secure him, they will seek elsewhere.

Local Option Bone of Contention.

Senator Ruth and Lieutenant-Governor Hay are warm personal friends and there are but few matters that they do not agree upon. One of the exceptions in the construction of the local option plank in the Republican state platform, Senator Ruth believes it is capable of a liberal construction, while Lieutenant-Governor Hay is said to believe that to comply with the platform declaration the local option law must effectively apply to every locality.

Senator Ruth favors the enactment of a local option law that will apply only to country precincts. He believes that it is not necessary to provide the cities with local option privileges when the ends desired by the people can be accomplished in the choice of the City Councilmen.

Notwithstanding this difference of opinion between the two, it is likely that the influence of the Lieutenant-Governor will be directed toward placing Ruth in the presiding officer's chair.

The radical local option advocates are aware of Ruth's stand on the question and it is now apparent they will attempt to prevent his election. Senator Ruth is the oldest member of the next Senate in point of service. It is a characteristic of his not to conceal his opinions on any subject. He is outspoken on the subject of the initiative and referendum which he helped materially to defeat in the Senate of 1907. During the campaign, the State Grange fostered a movement for the enactment of initiative and referendum legislation and in many localities had the support of the labor unions. Pledges on the question were exacted from many candidates during the primaries.

Initiative and Referendum Again.

In the last session Senator Ruth, who helped organize the initiative and referendum bill, was a member of the Senate committee to which the initiative and referendum bill was referred after it had passed the House. Five instances and two regulars were on the committee. For once, Ruth joined the regulars and the three submitted a minority report, recommending the definite postponement of the bill. The minority report was adopted and the bill was thus killed without debate, under the rules of the Senate.

Another attempt to secure an initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution is practically certain. In the Senate its most pronounced advocate will be Senator George F. Cotterill, of King county.

If the labor, grange and local option sentiment becomes united on a candidate in opposition to Ruth, the contest over the election of a President of the Senate is likely to become interesting. Present indications, however, point to Ruth's election. The only other member so far mentioned here is Senator R. Hutchinson, of Spokane county, who, it is said, would like the place, but will not enter into a contest over it with Senator Ruth.

SLAYDEN SAYS FIGHT IS WON

Declares Meigs' Strength for Speaker Is Overestimated.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special)—"We are not saying anything further than that our fight is won," said J. W. Slayden, Representative from the thirty-sixth district, and candidate for Speaker of the House at the next session of the Legislature, following a caucus of his supporters held at the Arlington Hotel, Seattle, last night.

"We are positive that the votes reported to be pledged to Mr. Meigs are over-estimated. Spokane's delegation is fairly evenly divided for and against me," he continued.

It is possible that the Speakership contest will not be settled until a caucus is held in Olympia, either Saturday or Sunday night.

DID SIX MAIDENS POP?

Leap Year December Brings More Marriages Than December, 1907.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special)—Leap year statistics for Clarke county shows that during the month of December, 1908, six more marriage licenses were issued than in December, 1907. In the year of 1907 for the month of December 49 marriage licenses were granted. In December, 1908, 55 marriage licenses were issued.

New Creamery Making Butter.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special)—The beginning of another new industry in Linn county was marked today when the first roll of butter manufactured in the new creamery at Shelburn, 14 miles northeast of Albany, was received in this city. It was sent to County Clerk J. W. Miller, who sold the ground on which the plant stands to Stanley Taylor, owner of the new enterprise.

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DES CHUTES GAINS

Hough Porter Decision Clears Way for Irrigation.

UNCERTAINTY IS REMOVED

Termination of Case in Supreme Court Clears Away Uncertainty and Opens Way for Beginning of Active Operations.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special)—The decision of the Supreme Court in the Hough-Porter water right case, from Lake County, will go far toward clearing the way for irrigation enterprises on the Des Chutes River, in Crook County. There has been more or less uncertainty concerning the irrigation work in the Des Chutes country because riparian owners have asserted rights seriously conflicting with those of the reclamation companies which had diverted the water.

While there has been no litigation attacking the right of the irrigation company to take all the water it needed, there has been uncertainty because of the unsettled condition of the law as to riparian rights. But the decision of the Supreme Court assures the reclamation company and the settlers on its lands that the owners of riparian lands cannot cause trouble by insisting that the water be permitted to flow in the stream undiminished in quantity.

Situation at Des Chutes. The Des Chutes Irrigation and Power Company diverts water from the Des Chutes River near Bend. Above that point there are a number of riparian owners who have been holding their property with the expectation that sometime it would be sold to the power sites. These riparian owners have been of the opinion that they held rights in accordance with the old common law doctrine of riparian rights which authorized them to demand that the water be permitted to flow in its channel undiminished in quantity. If they had that right they could compel the irrigation company to close its head gates whenever they got ready to use the water for power.

But the Supreme Court has decided that the old common law right does not exist as to lands disposed of by the Government since 1877, so that the owners of the power sites have only such water rights as they may obtain by appropriation to beneficial use, and their rights are subject to the rule of priority in time.

All Water-Users Affected.

The decision similarly affects water users on every stream in the state and insures to them what they have a legal right to—water and put it to a beneficial use they need have no fear of interference from riparian owners who have been holding their property with the expectation that sometime it would be sold to the power sites. Of course every riparian owner has a right to sufficient water from a stream for domestic purposes, such as household use, watering stock, irrigating a garden, etc.

The decision of the court was important in many other particulars besides that of settling the dispute regarding riparian rights. The Hough-Porter case has been pending in the courts for nine years. Since the suit was started one litigant died and another is in the asylum. The parties had been put to great expense and they had postponed improvements because their rights were uncertain. The hope of finally settling the litigation. Trial Judge H. L. Benson ordered that all water users or riparian owners on the stream, Silver Creek, make parties to the suit. This was done and 50 parties were brought in. By this means the Supreme Court has been able to settle all the water rights on the stream. It has also established the practice of making all persons interested parties to water right suits, and this practice will probably be followed in all cases in the future. Under the decision, it is within the province of the court to order that all persons interested be made parties, even though the plaintiffs do not so desire.

The decision also declares and establishes the right of the court in comparable cases of this kind to disregard some of the admissions made in the pleadings if such admissions conflict with the rights of some of the parties. In other words, the court, having all the parties before it, will determine their rights according to the evidence. The decision is one of the most comprehensive ever handed down in this or perhaps in any state, in a water right case. Its broad scope was made necessary by the large number of parties with varied interests.

NEW OFFICIALS INSTALLED

Grants Pass Mayor Announces His Executive Appointments.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special)—The old Council held its last session tonight, at the conclusion of which the Mayor-elect and the new Councilmen, J. G. Riggs, J. L. Myers, William Chevre and George Cronk, took the oath of office. The Mayor then announced the following appointments:

Auditor and Police Judge, George Colvig; Chief of Police, C. E. McLane; night police, F. W. Capp; Street Superintendent, R. H. Gillfallin; City Attorney, George Durham. All the appointments were confirmed by the Council. Upon adjournment the new Council and officers were banqueted.

WIFE WOULD KILL RIVAL

JEALOUS, SHE SHOTS, BUT HER HUSBAND INTERCEDES.

Mrs. Maude Burroughs Fires Revolver at Grace Fredericks, Bullet Narrowly Missing Girl.

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special)—Jealous because of the alleged intimacy of her husband and Grace Fredericks, a Portland actress playing a two nights' stand in this city with the Burroughs Stock Company, Mrs. Maude Burroughs shot at her rival early this morning, but the bullet missed its mark and penetrated the wall in a room in the Silverton Hotel, a few inches above the girl's head. Mrs. Burroughs is the wife of Clerk C. Burroughs, manager of the company, and her stage name is Maude Francis. After the performance Wednesday night Burroughs and wife and Miss Fredericks engaged rooms at the Silverton Hotel. Mrs. Burroughs, it is said, has been jealous of the young actress for weeks or more, during which time she has been playing with the company. Mrs. Burroughs' apprehension reached its climax about 1:30 this morning, when she found her husband in the room occupied by the young actress.

The enraged wife procured a .22-caliber revolver from her husband's suitcase

and went to the room, demanding admittance. When Burroughs opened the door his wife advanced a few steps toward Miss Fredericks and fired, but Burroughs struck his wife's arm just as she pulled the trigger, and the gun fell to the floor, probably preventing a fatality.

Mrs. Burroughs then seized a pair of shears from the dresser and again assaulted the frightened woman, who ran screaming into the hall. Burroughs undertook to wrest the shears from his wife, whereupon she stabbed him in the lip and one side of the face.

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BIG WAGES FOR CHINESE

Cannerymen Offering \$1000 for Season—Workmen Scarc.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special)—The demand for skilled Chinamen to work in the canneries will be greater the coming season than ever before, especially the salmon is expected on Puget Sound this year and extensive preparations are being made to handle it. Some of the Columbia River slitters have been offered \$1000 for the season and some soldiers \$500.

These prices are about double what have been paid in former years, but as a matter of fact Chinamen are getting scarcer every year.

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SHEPARD HALL OPEN

Dedication at O. A. C. Takes Place Today.

EXERCISES WILL BE HELD

New Building Stands as Monument to Youth Who Conceived Idea and Who Gave His Life to Bring It to Reality.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special)—Shepard Hall, the new Y. M. C. A. building which has just reached completion, will be formally opened and dedicated tomorrow afternoon and evening. The building will be opened by a reception in the afternoon and will be dedicated in the evening.

The dedication ceremonies will be presided over by Dr. James Withycombe and the speakers of the evening will be Robert Livingston, of Portland; Harry W. Stone, secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A.; I. B. Rhodes, state secretary for Oregon and Idaho, and John G. Schroeder.

Shepard Hall, so named in honor of Clatsop Shepard, the young man who first conceived the idea of erecting this building and who sacrificed his life by reason of too ardent labors in an attempt to make it a reality, has been constructed at a cost of over \$20,000, one-half of which was contributed by the students of the college.

The movement which has culminated in the erection of the Hall was started four years ago by Mr. Shepard but shortly after received a serious setback by the death of that young man. But the matter was taken up soon afterwards and has by virtue of unceasing effort been brought to a successful close.

The Hall is open to all students and all college organizations but will be under the immediate control of the Y. M. C. A. The first floor is given over to a large reception room, a reading room, and a room for the use of the college publications. The second floor will be used primarily by the literary societies. The basement is equipped with lockers, shower baths and a swimming pool.

The opening of this new building marks a new era in student life at the College.

Mrs. Rebecca C. Clark.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special)—Mrs. Rebecca C. Clark is dead at her home in Mount Pleasant, from tuberculosis. She was born in Sweden, March 27, 1863, and when a child came to Iowa, where her father died. She was married in Dakota, July 9, 1889, to Gilbert Clark, and they came here in 1896. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow from the chapel at the Seidow crematorium, Rev. R. C. Blackwell officiating.

Mrs. Rebecca Bray.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special)—News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Rebecca Bray at Seattle. She was for many years a resident of Oregon City, and was the daughter of the late Colonel White, who was County Judge of Clackamas county when the present courthouse was constructed. Mrs. Bray was 62 years of age. She is survived by a husband, Charles E. Bray, and four daughters, Mrs. H. V. Bean and Mrs. Frank Pierce, wife of State Senator Joseph E. Heiges, wife of Seattle; Mrs. Lewis, of this city, and Mrs. J. C. Helges, of Los Angeles, Cal. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Annie E. Rhoades, of Portland.

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Caught in Saw Belt. VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special)—While showing a green man how to start a woodsaw, John Loomis yesterday was caught in the belt, turned two revolutions around the wheel, tearing off his overcoat and throwing his shoulder out of place. He was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Advertisement for Silverfield's January Clearance Sale. Includes text: 'Still Continues With Greater Bargains Than Ever', 'On our entire stock of ladies', misses' and children's ready-to-wear garments and furnishings. Radical reductions from 25 per cent to 50 per cent off. PHONE IN YOUR ORDERS IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME IN.', 'SPECIAL BARGAIN OFFERINGS IN COLD WEATHER REQUISITES', 'Reductions From 25 Per Cent to 50 Per Cent Off On', 'LADIES' LONG WINTER COATS, SUITS, JACKETS, LADIES' WOOLEN SWEATERS AND WOOLEN GLOVES, LADIES' HEAVY WINTER UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY, CHILDREN'S WINTER COATS, UNDERWEAR, SWEATERS, BABIES' WINTER UNDERGARMENTS, LEGGINGS AND MITTENS, ALSO LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S BATHROBES, KIMONOS, FLANNELETTE GOWNS, PAJAMAS AND ALL WINTER UNDERWEAR', 'At the special reductions of 25 per cent and 50 per cent off. Buy your Winter wants now at this great saving', 'AT 1/2 PRICE BUY FURS NOW AT 1/2 PRICE', 'Only Sensible Thing for Cold Weather. Get a Fur Now', 'FUR JACKETS, STOLES, TROWERS, SETS, NECKPIECES, MUFFS', '1/2 OFF ON', 'Don't freeze when you can buy a fur garment from \$1.00 up. Remember this reduction of One-Half Price is for a short time only, prior to stock taking, SO TAKE ADVANTAGE NOW!'

