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AMUSEMENTS.

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GATENS UNDER FIRE

Suit to Withhold His Salary Up in County Court.

ARGUMENTS FLY TO AND FRO

Case Should Have Been Brought by District Attorney, if at All, Alleges Counsel on Behalf of Gatens.

That District Attorney Cameron, not Henry E. McGinn, is the proper person to bring action contesting the right of Judge Gatens to a seat on the Circuit Court bench of Multnomah County, was the contention of Attorney A. E. Clark, R. R. Dunaway and John F. Logan yesterday. They appeared for the County Court to contest the injunction suit brought by Judge McGinn in an effort to have the County Court restrained from paying the county's portion of Judge Gatens' salary.

The arguments in the case were heard by Circuit Judge Bradshaw, of The Dalles, in the County Courtroom. They were concluded in the afternoon and the judge left for home at 6 o'clock last night after having taken the case under advisement. Judge McGinn made no argument, leaving his side of the case to W. S. U'ren.

When Attorney Clark went into action it was evident that he was well prepared for the fray. He said a man's right to hold a public office can only be tried by quo warranto proceedings; that suit by injunction and mandamus are not legal. In support of his contention he cited to the court the suit of Richard Everding against Henry E. McGinn, which the Oregon Supreme Court decided November 21, 1889.

An emergency clause was attached to the new law passed by the last session of the Oregon Legislature, which provided that the fifth Circuit Court judge in Multnomah County, Mr. U'ren argued that because the clause does not contain the word "immediate" it does not show an emergency, and that if none existed there was no cause for the law to go into effect until 90 days after its passage.

Judge Bradshaw asked him if the plaintiff expected to invoke the referendum in case he won the suit. When Mr. U'ren replied in the affirmative the court asked him if that would not be trying the title to an office.

Although challenged by Attorney Logan to answer this question, he did not do so.

Attorney Logan in making his argument, first read the emergency clause of the new law. He called attention to the fact that the clause says the court is overcrowded and the prompt trial of criminals delayed. He read to the court section 36, article 1, of the Oregon Constitution which provides that "justice shall be administered completely and without delay," and said that if this were not the case, an emergency existed.

He said "prompt" is a synonym for "immediate," and in support of this contention cited the court to the case of Mrs. Jacobs versus her husband, a large owner in the Oregon City Woolen Mills, and also owned valuable Portland property. He is Isaac Jacobs, 314 1/2 street, Mrs. Clara Jacobs, is also named in Mrs. Suzanne Jacobs' answer, as well as Alfred G. and Garry B. Jacobs and Lillian Lang. The latter are brothers and step-in-law of Mrs. Suzanne D. Jacobs. The Oregon City suit is an echo of the \$200,000 suit in the Circuit Court here which Mrs. Jacobs has brought against her relatives, charging them with having alienated the affections of her husband.

HIGHBINDER TRIAL POSTPONED

Attorneys Secure Delay in Case of Alleged Chinese Assassins.

The Yee Gueng highbinder murder case, which was set for trial in the Circuit Court at 2:30 o'clock this morning, will probably be continued until Saturday, as Attorney John F. Logan, representing the defendant, has a case today in the Supreme Court at Salem. Frank Freeman is also an attorney for Yee Gueng and Lem Woon were charged with murder in the first degree for the shooting of Lee Dal Hoy early in 1908, in the building at Fourth and Pine streets, formerly used by the Arlington Club. Lem was tried in the Circuit Court last year, convicted and sentenced to be hanged. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court.

STEAMER Aeon GONE TO PIECES.

HONOLULU, March 10.—News of the destruction of the wrecked steamer Aeon, which went ashore on Christmas Island last August, was confirmed today by the British cruiser Cambridge, which arrived six days from the island. Officers of the cruiser say that the only portion of the wreck remaining intact is a section of the forecastle, which is firmly wedged on the rocks and that the reef is strewn with wreckage.

CRUEL TO MOTHER-IN-LAW

Husband Unkind to Old Lady, Says Mrs. Wornack in Divorce Suit.

The old, old question of the mother-in-law and her rights has entered into the intelligence of a master and the soul of Lavinia Wornack against Ace Wornack, filed in the Circuit Court. Mrs. Wornack begins by saying that her husband has not supported her for the last five years, but his latest offense is that of informing her in very positive terms that his sick mother-in-law should never enter his house. Mrs. Wornack says he told her, "I think the old woman will go up the same time, and I hope she will."

The couple were married at Marjock, Cal., February 20, 1900, and have two children. In November, 1904, says Mrs. Wornack, they were living in Humboldt, Cal. She says her husband hit her in the back with his fist one day. Early in 1906 they had their first at Stayton, Or. One Sunday in November, says Mrs. Wornack, she was dressing the children

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