

BRIDGE TENDERS HE RESPONSIBLE

Judge Cleaton Says Closed
Draw Periods Will Be
Continued.

M'COURT TO PROSECUTE

Government Will Bring Criminal
Action Against Actual Span Em-
ployes If Attorney-General's
Ruling Is Disobeyed.

Closing of the bridge draws in violation of the opinion of the Attorney-General of the United States, as received here Saturday, will be followed with criminal prosecution by the United States against the bridge tenders. This is the announcement made yesterday by John McCourt, United States District Attorney.

Without knowing the attitude of Mr. McCourt on the matter, Judge Cleaton said yesterday that the intention of the County Court was to continue the closing of the draws during the rush hours morning and evening until the courts have decided that the practice is illegal. This will leave the bridge tenders in the uncomfortable position of either disobeying their employers or being subject to arrest by the Government. Failure to obey orders of the County Court will probably mean a loss of their positions, while, on the other hand, to obey the County Court will certainly make them the subjects of criminal litigation that will probably result in a fine or imprisonment.

Judge Discusses Rule.

"I don't believe we are violating any law in keeping the bridge closed for short periods during the rush hours," said Judge Cleaton yesterday. "While it is not like to disagree with an eminent authority as the Attorney-General of the United States, I think that he has interpreted the laws wrong. It is a matter, I think, for the courts to settle, and the County Court will keep the draws closed in accordance with the ruling until a court decision prohibits it."

"Is there any way in which the County Court can test the law without having to wait for the Government to bring criminal proceedings?" the judge was asked.

"No," he replied. "We will have to wait for the Government to take action."

"If the County Court maintains the present attitude," said Mr. McCourt yesterday, "there will be nothing remaining for me to do but to begin criminal action."

"Will you begin criminal proceedings against the members of the County Court?" he was asked.

Bridgetenders Responsible.

"No, I don't think that will be the proper method," Mr. McCourt replied. "The bridge tenders are responsible for the obeying of the law. They are supposed to take orders from the County Court, with the understanding that orders as may be in violation of law. They are not supposed to violate law on authority of anybody."

"When will you take action in the matter?" he was asked.

"As soon as complaint is filed in my office showing that the draws have been kept closed contrary to law, as determined by the Department of Justice, I must take action. This, of course, does not mean that some little trivial complaint will be needed, but that some serious violation of the law is in a way to hinder river traffic will result in criminal proceedings."

In the letter received by Mr. McCourt Saturday from the Department of Justice, he is informed that the bridge tenders are not to have any consideration, and that bridges must be opened as soon as possible after a warning has been given to do so. It is indicated, however, that the keeping of the draws closed during the short intervals in the morning would not be a serious violation of the law, but that there must be prompt opening of the draws later in the day and evening.

WORKERS ARE COMING NORTH

Steamer Bear Brings Large Number of Stevedores Passengers.

From the southward has begun to flow the tide of transient working people who go like birds between the warm and cool climates of the seasons. The first importation of these transient men came on the steamer Bear yesterday, there being 110 of them in the steerage of the vessel.

From this date it is expected that passenger lists on the incoming vessels will increase in size, just as the vessels carried larger lists southward four months ago.

The Bear, which arrived at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, brought a total of 350 passengers and 300 tons of freight, of which the stevedores and the remainder general freight. The vessel enjoyed unusually good weather on the coast until just before reaching the Golden Gate, however, the weather was threatening and remained so for some time, when the clouds cleared away and the wind quieted.

NAVIGATOR LIKES FILIPINOS

Captain Macginnis Finds Them Good Workers on Steamer Breakwater.

After bringing his vessel into port yesterday morning from Coos Bay, Captain Macginnis, commanding the steamer Breakwater, paid a compliment to the Filipinos he has employed on the vessel in various capacities. The Filipinos have been on the Breakwater for about seven months, and Captain Macginnis is of the opinion that they are the best persons obtainable for porters and waiters.

"They are far superior to the Japs," said the Captain. "I can find no fault with them. They are prompt, obliging and intelligent, and I never found a class of men I liked better for work on the ship."

The Breakwater arrived just before noon, bringing a smaller load of freight than usual. She had on board about 40 passengers from Coos Bay.

WILHELMINA TO BE SAVED.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 12.—(Spec-

ial).—The gasoline schooner Wilhelmina, which went on the beach at the mouth of the Umpqua River several weeks ago, will be saved. She was gradually being worked across the beach toward the river, and in a few days can be floated on the river side of the bar. She was driven too far back on the sand spit to allow her being pulled off the sand on the ocean side. The boat is not badly damaged because of her accident.

Marine Notes.

From Bandon the steamer Anvil arrived yesterday at Astoria.

The steamer Washington arrived from San Francisco yesterday with freight.

From the Orient, by way of San Francisco, with freight, the Portland-Astoria liner Hercules is due to arrive today. The steamer George W. Elder

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BALE OF GRASS WAGERS AT ALBANY

Ambitious Wives, With Paris
Equipment, Real Contend-
ers for Senator.

REPUBLICANS HAVE HOPE

Failure of Democrats to Elect Will
Give Opportunity for Election
of Entire House of Dif-
ferent Complexion.

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particularly applies to the men from this end of the state.

When a nomination means election, or at least gives the candidate a fair chance, there are plenty of "organizational" men who are out for the place.

These persons realize that their political future is in the hands of Murphy, and they carry out any orders that he may choose to give.

Like most leaders, Murphy believes in "recognizing the better element."

Nominations in the sure districts go to the Sullivan and other factional followers, but in the strong Republican bailiwicks the Tammany candidates are men of respectability. They have all the four elements of a good campaigner, without the bother of office-holding.

Anti-Tammany Men Are Wise.

The 25th Assembly District, New York County, takes in "Millionaires' Row," on Upper Fifth avenue, where Carnegie and other big men live. It is two to one Republican and no Democrat ever wants the nomination.

The leader managed to find a young lawyer, Harold Friedman, who was willing to spend some money for the advertisement. And Friedman, who has many wealthy and influential friends, was offered to the voters.

The 17th Senatorial District, also in Manhattan, is Republican by 5000 normally. Another play to the "better element" was made by Tammany's nomination of John Godfrey Saxe.

The unexpected happened, and these two men were elected. When the split came at Albany both sides the campaign, the money derived being expended on the roads in a beneficial manner. Similar organizations have been formed along the same lines in other counties of the state.

Both Houses Will Forget Time of Day or Night to Close Up Legislation Required—Senate's Work Is Well Up.

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by Senators Bean and Calkins has not been acted on by the House and may be the object of a spirited attack of Bowerman's friends in that body.

Important Bills Cited.

Other vitally important measures to be considered, none of which has passed either house, are: Reapportionment of the state into Congressional, Senatorial and Representative districts; employment of the state police; and a special appropriation bill for forest fire wardens bill carrying a \$400,000 appropriation; and the bill placing the State Printer on a flat salary. Each of these measures is certain to meet with determined opposition in both houses.

Several measures of the apportionment of the state for legislative representation have appeared. In the House all such bills have been referred to a special committee, of which Ambrose of Multnomah is chairman. The personnel of this committee is not unfriendly to Multnomah, Speaker Rusk in appointing its members apparently not having forgotten that he received the votes of the 15 Multnomah Representatives in his contest for Speaker of the House. At any rate, regardless of the report this committee may make, the apportionment it favors will be opposed on the floor of the House.

House committee on Judiciary has favorably reported Abbott's compensation act. The bill amended differs in essential respects from the original measure, and although the schedule of indemnities provided for laborers is increased substantially, it is being actively fought by representatives of organized labor. This bill will come up in the House tomorrow for final passage.

There is little doubt that the Forest Fire Warden bill will pass the House, a preliminary poll indicating that it will. Senator Miller's bill placing the Forest Fire Warden bill in the hands of the Senate, will meet with a positive resistance in the House, where Abbott has worked up a strong opposition to the measure, which would curtail the revenues of this office during the term of his partner, Dunaway, the incumbent.

Debate May Hinder Work.

With the more or less extended debate that is sure to attend the consideration of these more important measures, there will be little time for the consideration of the large number of unimportant bills which will either get through ill-considered or fail of final consideration altogether. In view of the fact that the House cannot possibly dispatch all of the business before it, there is a disposition on the part of some of the members to take a vote on all pending bills by number in order to determine which of them shall be considered and which shall be ignored. This State does not meet with general favor, but it may result in some decision being reached as to the order in which bills shall be taken up regardless of their position on the calendar.

The truth of the matter is there is sufficient business before the House to keep that branch of the Legislature in continuous session for three weeks if it were to receive the consideration to which they are entitled. The business of the House is more seriously blocked than any other in the history of Oregon's Legislature. As is invariably the case it will be the taxpayers who will suffer in the hurried manner in which legislation will be considered during the remainder of the session. Besides it is invariably the case that when legislation is so hurriedly transacted, mistakes occur which necessitate the convening of the Legislature in a special session in order to correct the inaccuracies and omissions of the regular sessions.

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County Tax Association the following officers were elected: President, A. E. Adelsberger; secretary and treasurer, W. J. Conrad; vice-president, J. L. Stemmer. The directors chosen were A. E. Adelsberger, of Marshfield; Edgar Simpson, of North Bend; Frank B. Alley, of Roseburg; J. L. Stemmer, of Myrtle Point; Z. T. Siglin, of Coos County; Herbert Armstrong, of Spokane, and R. P. Cox, of Coos County. The membership of the association represents the ownership of several hundred thousand acres of timber land in this county. The purpose is to bring about a more equal taxation of the timber and to insist upon road tax assessments being properly levied on the money derived being expended on the roads in a beneficial manner. Similar organizations have been formed along the same lines in other counties of the state.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.
PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—Maximum temperature, 44 degrees; minimum, 34. River reading, 8 A. M., 4.8 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.2 foot. Total rainfall, 15.3 P. M. to 5 P. M., 0.41 inch; total since September 1, 14.4 inches. Total sunshine, 14 minutes; possible sunshine, 10 hours 13 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level), 30.1 P. M., 29.7 inches.

STATIONS.

Station	Temperature	Wind	State of weather
Bozeman	40.0-01.0	ENE	Cloudy
Butte	39.0-00.0	ENE	Cloudy
Calgary	30.0-00.0	ENE	Cloudy
Edmonton	30.0-00.0	ENE	Cloudy
Denver	30.0-00.0	ENE	Cloudy
Chicago	30.0-00.0	ENE	Cloudy
St. Louis	30.0-00.0	ENE	Cloudy
St. Paul	30.0-00.0	ENE	Cloudy
Minneapolis	30.0-00.0	ENE	Cloudy
Portland	44.0-34.0	ENE	Cloudy
Seattle	44.0-34.0	ENE	Cloudy
San Francisco	44.0-34.0	ENE	Cloudy
San Diego	44.0-34.0	ENE	Cloudy
Los Angeles	44.0-34.0	ENE	Cloudy
Phoenix	44.0-34.0	ENE	Cloudy
Albuquerque	44.0-34.0	ENE	Cloudy
El Paso	44.0-34.0	ENE	Cloudy
San Antonio	44.0-34.0	ENE	Cloudy