

REVISIONISTS' PLAN  
Elimination of County Courts  
and District Attorneys  
Is Proposed.

OREGON LAWYERS ACTIVE  
Many Letters Received by Committee  
Indicating That Design to  
Simplify Legal System Meets  
Approval of State Leaders.

Legal Costs Touched.

At the general election in November, the voters may be asked to vote on the question of the adoption in Oregon of a new judicial system which will call for the elimination of the county courts and the district attorneys and the simplification of probate proceedings and the elimination of the possibility of graft in circuit court affairs.

The State Judicial Revision committee at an all day session at Yeon building yesterday went into the details of the proposed revision and discussed at length the advisability of submitting the question to the people through the initiative. Whether this will be done or the bills which are to be drafted, submitted to the legislature at its 1912 session will depend on the action of the commission arranged yesterday for October 1, in Portland.

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The commission discussed the reduction of the cost of legal action and the opportunities of unfair dealing with public service corporations by district or county attorneys. Under the proposed system of the state will be eliminated and instead a county attorney will be appointed for each of the 37 counties. The county attorney in each county will have to attend to the prosecution of all county cases and attend all meetings of county commissioners.

Discrimination to Be Barred.

It is said that one of the abuses of district and county attorney at present is the accepting of the position of attorney for public service corporations. The officer is therefore unable to do his duty toward either the county or the corporation. He must discriminate against one or the other.

Quick Action Is Aim.

It is the intention of the commission to make the tentative system effective as soon as the law goes into effect. All probate work will go to the Circuit Court and all other probate matters remain in office only as County Commissioners with pay as such. In the districts where there are now District Attorneys, the law becomes effective when the law becomes effective they will be changed from District Attorneys to County Attorneys. This will leave 23 positions in the state to be filled, there now being 21 District Attorneys. It is the intention to let the Circuit Judges appoint the County Attorneys.

Medford Is Favored Site.

Big Chemical Company May Locate Coast Plant There.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—With 200 photographs of Rogue River Valley orchards tucked away in his luggage, G. R. Cushman, representing a \$50,000 chemical concern of Baltimore, which is looking for a location for a factory on the Pacific Coast, has decided to recommend Medford as the proper place for the big plant.

Power Plant Is Rushed

Work Rushed Day and Night on Big Rogue Electric Project.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Working under the glare of scores of incandescent and arc lights, 125 men, laboring on day and night shifts, are pushing construction of the new Prospect power plant that will develop 40,000 horsepower for the coming manufacturing and canneries of the Rogue River Valley.

Springfield to Send Boats.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—This city will send to the convention of the Oregon Development League at Astoria on August 14, 15 and 16, 30 representatives. A committee of five will officially represent the Commercial Club, but practically a third of the members of the club will attend. The delegates will take part in the

ROMANCE OF RUSSIAN COUPLE IS  
BLASTED BY MOTHER'S CONFESSION

Daughter of General Falls in Love With Young Officer, but Engagement Ends When It Is Found Pair Are Related.  
Suicide in Italy Is Revealed at Spiritualistic Seance in Russia.



RUSSIAN NUN WHOSE  
PUNISHING SAVED  
TITLED FRIENDS' LIFE

NINA KARAFFA,  
WHOSE LOVE STORY  
OUTDOES THE IMAGINATION  
OF FICTION WRITERS

ODESSA, April 22.—(Special.)—Here are two Russian stories from real life that confound the weaver of imaginative webs. They owe nothing to fancy. The facts are vouched for by reliable witnesses. All the characters in them are flesh-and-blood realities today.

Take first the story that is being discussed in the "Town Talk" column. It is the story of a young girl, 18-year-old daughter of General Karaffa, commander of the garrison at Yalta, in the Crimea at some time attached to a "gold officers' club," the local center of social life, last fall.

Here she met young Boris Maklaroff, a subaltern, who had come down to the beautiful health station to recuperate after arduous military duties in Turkestan. Boris had six months leave, and the young pair were to go to the wilds of Turkestan until the General's influence could get Boris transferred to a more congenial garrison.

Case Is Love at First Sight.

When he and Nina met it was a case of love at first sight, but he had to wait some time before the General would allow the young couple to become engaged. Boris was only 25, but Nina was 18. The General's inquiries in reply to Maklaroff's inquiries that the General said the marriage might take place in three months.

Fatal Question Asked.

"Ask anything," laughed Boris, who could not be nervous, as if he were speaking to his happiness. "I will answer any questions you like." Trembling like a leaf she came close to him and whispered, as if there were eavesdroppers around—"Boris, for the love of God tell me from where you got that cross that is round your neck?"

Spiritualistic Seance Held.

Baroness Buxhouzgen, lady-in-waiting to the Empress of Russia, invited a few friends to a spiritualistic seance. No professional spiritualists were present, but the Baroness, like all those who live in close contact with the Russian court, takes a very keen interest in spiritualism.

Woman Makes Confession.

"Alas! Unhappy boy," sobbed the General's wife. "It has done so, for I am your miserable and wicked mother." At first, Boris, who saw with horror what this meant, refused to believe her. But little by little she told him facts which left no room for doubt. She described the villa, in the garden of which she had left the child, who was born a couple of years before she met General Karaffa.

Suicide Is Told.

"I am the soul of Sister Olga, a nun. I have just committed suicide miles away, in Naples. I have been traveling with my dearest friend, Baroness Lily. I used to think I would feel happier if I were dead, but I suffer such agonies that I cannot help weeping."

Story Is Discredited.

"Besides," the Baroness concluded, "Sister Olga is far too pious a woman to think of taking her own life, though such a thing would have a most disastrous effect on Lily, who loves her dearly and is besides, very sensitive."

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WOMEN'S HOME SEIZED

MISERLY MOTHER AND GIRL TRY TO EVADE LAW.

Admonition of Dying Man to Trust No One Is Adhered to by Rich Italian Couple.

MILAN, Italy, Aug. 21.—(Special.)—The last words of the dying are very generally regarded as sacred, but undoubtedly there are occasions when death-bed exhortations should be obeyed not in the letter, but in the spirit. Such, however, was not the opinion of two natives of Ferrara, Maria Zeni, aged 55, and her daughter, Emma, whose story provides the latest newspaper sensation.

"I have come all the way from Italy to Russia to tell you of my death, because I know it has unnerved Lily so much that she, too, means to do away with herself. I implore you to hasten to Italy and do all in your power to persuade her. Tell her from me that I am suffering such torments of soul that no agony in life ever equalled them. She will suffer the more if she gives up."

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Declared Western Friend.

OREGON WILL BENEFIT

Portland Residents Assert Frick's Successor Is Acquainted With Needs of State and Will Favor Development.

News of the appointment of Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York, to the position of director of the O-W. R. & N. Co., to succeed H. C. Frick, has been received in this city. Mr. Vanderlip visited Portland and Oregon in April and spent several days in the city looking over the properties of the Southern Pacific and of the O-W. R. & N. Co.

RUSSIAN BOYS DRILLED

SCHOOL YOUTH INSTRUCTED IN MILITARY TACTICS.

Movement Originated by Czar After He Reads Concerning Boy Scout Organizations.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Russia is busy with a scheme for introducing into the elementary school system a system of primary teaching in military ideals and military drill. The inception of this movement is due to the initiative of the Emperor himself, who some years ago read General Baden-Powell's books on the Boy Scouts, and corresponded with the distinguished originator of that movement.

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AGRICULTURE MARKS

HOME RULE FIGHT

Recent Incident in Commons Shows How Real Issues Are Lost to View.

ORANGEMEN WILL RESIST

Premier Accused of Arrogance, and "Bankruptcy, Ruin and Civil War" Are Predicted if Ireland Wins Its Contention.

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