

WARNING IS GIVEN TO LAND BOARD

Use of State Funds for Hiring Outside Counsel Is Official Protest.

PAPERS DUE AT MEETING

Answer Which May Be Made Is Likely to Raise Recent Disturbances to Boiling Point—E. B. Watson Paid \$300.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Papers which are on file in the archives of the State Land Board will figure in the controversy which is threatened as the result of a letter of protest which the Attorney-General has just directed to the members of the Board warning them against using state funds for hiring outside counsel in relation to Cary act matters.

These papers may be produced at the next meeting of the Desert Land Board when the protest is officially received. They are in relation to the title guarantee and trust company in Portland, included in them is the following from Attorney-General Crawford to the State Land Board under date of December 23, 1907:

Relative to the employment of E. B. Watson and to his bill for compensation in the matter of the State of Oregon vs. the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, involving a little over \$300,000, permit me to say that I consulted with one or two members of the Board relative to the employment of Mr. Watson and at that time was of the opinion that suits or actions at law would be necessary to recover the money, and the amount being so large, I desired assistance, and his services were necessary and valuable, and he was compensated relative to all propositions involved in the matter, from the serving of demands and notices until the final settlement with the American Security Company, which company was surety upon the State Treasurer's bonds and also upon the bonds of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company to the State Treasurer.

I consider the said services reasonably worth the sum charged and that they were necessary and valuable, and I considered and would advise that the bill be paid.

SALMON TRAIL FOLLOWED

Course of Fish From Bonneville Hatchery Is Noted.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Deputy Fish Warden Go returned yesterday from an inspection trip to various parts of the state and will return here for a few days looking after the interests of the fisheries department.

PHILLIPS JURY DISMISSED

Long Deliberation Fruitless and New Trial Will Be Asked.

KALAMA, Wash., Dec. 1.—(Special).—The jury in the Phillips case, which has been out since 9:10 o'clock Wednesday night, was discharged at 10:15 o'clock today when the jurymen answered that a verdict was an impossibility. There were no grounds for acquittal and five for conviction.

CHANGE IN STUDY PLANNED

Improvement of Entire High School Course in State May Be Made.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Improvement on the entire high school course of study in the state is contemplated for the meeting of superintendents, principals, high school teachers and anyone else interested, which has been called by Superintendent Alderman for December 23 and 25 in Portland. Special stress will be laid upon the industrial side of the work in the high school course and for improvement along that line.

RIGHT-OF-WAY IS FOR SALE

Eugene-Florence Property to Be Sold to Satisfy Judgment.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—George Perry, who last summer entered into a contract with the Lane County Asset Company to construct the first section of a railroad line between here

and Florence, and who, in default of payment from the company was recently awarded a judgment, has taken execution on the judgment, and will advertise the property of the company for sale to satisfy his claim.

The holdings of the company include several miles of deeded right of way, although this is not continuous, 25 acres of land at the Christener pass five miles west of Eugene, a tract of timber land in the Coast Range, property in Eugene, and property near the mouth of the Siuslaw River. Perry's claim against the Asset Company for work done on the grade which was begun by them, is in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

BROWNSVILLE ON EDGE

PART OF LINN COUNTY TOWN MAY BE FORFEITED.

Oregon & California Land-Grant Case Arouses Vicinity, Business Section of Which Is Affected.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—That part of the City of Brownsville, one of Linn County's leading towns, lies in the Oregon and California land grant, which may be forfeited to the Government in a tract which has developed in the case of O. S. Boyles vs. R. W. Tripp, now pending in the Circuit Court of Linn County. This case, which is a suit for specific performance of a contract to buy land which is a part of the railroad grant, is exactly similar to that of William George vs. the Curtis Lumber Company, filed here recently, which is the first case brought in the entire country raising the question of the status of the titles to that part of the railroad grant not actually attacked in the Government suits for forfeiture.

A strip of land which was a part of the grant, and which was actually situated in the northern portion of Brownsville and extends to within one block of the main business section of the town, included in the buildings on this strip are two large store-buildings, other small business houses, a blacksmith shop, the lodge halls of the World Lodges of Brownsville, the Baptist Church of that city and several residences, some of which are among the best in Brownsville.

The title to all of this property is indirectly involved in the litigation now pending here. It is asserted by the defendants in both the case of George vs. the Curtis Lumber Company and Boyles vs. Tripp that if the decision of Judge Wolvortson in the higher courts and the Government finally wins its case that the title to all of the lands in the entire grant will be unmarketable as well as the title of that portion of the grant actually attacked in the Government suits.

The raising of this question of great interest to the owners of land in this grant and the trials to be held in the Circuit Court here doubtless will attract great attention. No date has been set, but because of the importance of the questions involved all parties are desiring a trial as early as possible.

WILLIAM GIBBON IS DEAD

Dayton, Or., Man, Born in Canada. Buried in Oddfellow Cemetery.

DATTON, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—William Gibbon, aged 62, who died here this week was born near Montreal, Canada, where he lived till he was 3 years old, removing with his parents to Minnesota and then to Iowa, where he lived near Akeley till 1874, when he brought his family to Oregon and lived near Akeley for three years, remaining in that place until he died here recently.

'A. P.' MAN BUYS IN OREGON

Former Kansas City Editor Acquires Enterprise Newspaper.

ENTERPRISE, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—George P. Cheney, an Associated Press editor of Kansas City, Mo., bought the Record-Chief, the oldest and leading newspaper of Walla Walla County yesterday, of the present publisher, the Enterprise Press. The consideration is said to be \$4000. The deal becomes effective on December 1.

Oregon Picks Debaters.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 1.—(Special).—In the recent debate tryouts the following ten men qualified for places on the provisional list: Peter C. Crockett, of Pendleton; William G. Dunlap, of Portland; J. Earl Jones, of Newberg; Herbert Lord, of Eugene; Ralph D. Moore, of Astoria; Verner T. Mutschbacher, of Klamath Falls; David C. Pickett, of West Linn; Leon Ray, of Eugene; Carlton E. Spencer, of Cottage Grove; and William E. St. John, of Eugene. Twenty-four self-appointed Websters entered the competition. From this list three separate debating teams of two men each will finally be chosen to defend both the affirmative and negative sides of "The Judicial Recall" in the coming argument with the Stanford, Washington and Utah universities.

WHEELER IS NAILED

Railroad Commission Changes Vosburg's Appellation.

SEVEN ORDERS ARE ISSUED

Sherburn Will Get Standard Railway Station and All Trains Are Ordered to Be Stopped for Baggage and Freight in Future.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Seven orders were handed down by the State Railroad Commission today in cases which have been pending before it. The commission in the consolidated cases of the Wheeler Lumber Company versus the P. R. & N. and the Nehalem Company versus the same road, the Southern Pacific being defendant in each complaint as a party defendant, decided that the railroad company should give the station now known as Vosburg the designation of Wheeler and that the Southern Pacific Company should give the station now known as Wheeler some other name not the duplicate of any postoffice or railroad station now existing in the state.

In conformity with what the commission believes is the desire of Washington County people in the vicinity of the station designated, it is suggested that the name Aloha be used as an alternative.

In the case of George Blatchford versus the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern in reference to a station and proper facilities at Sherburn the commission ordered that a standard railway station building be constructed of not less than 16 by 46 feet in dimension on the ground, the waiting-room be maintained for passengers and a room for freight and suitable platform facilities and toilets be provided.

All trains are ordered to stop at the station for baggage and freight and it is further ordered that the waiting-room for passengers be kept open and used before the arrival of every train. This work is to be completed within 30 days after the order is issued.

The complaint of the Frank L. Smith Company that a charge of \$8 per car from North Portland to Beatty and \$5 from Beatty to Lakeview is excessive was charged by the S. P. & N. and United Railways was found true, and a charge of \$10.50 per 35-foot car from North Portland to Lakeview found not excessive.

TOT'S FUTURE IN BALANCE

Babe Left by Mother Wanted by 45 Tacoma Women.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 1.—(Special).—The Board of County Commissioners today will consider the future of little Miss Grey, 2 months old, the baby deserted by its mother at the Olympians Hotel Sunday. More than 45 Tacoma and Seattle women have already filed their applications for the adoption of the baby. Many of these will be present.

PHONE INTERESTS MERGED

Independent and Bell Systems in Washington County Unite.

ASHLAND TIDINGS IS SOLD

Oklahoma Newspaperman Buys Paper From New Owners.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—The Ashland Tidings (newspaper) today changed hands, the ownership and management of Bert R. Greer, a newspaper man from Muskogee, Okla., who purchased it from R. B. Bennett and brother.

The latter purchased the property less than a year ago from F. D. Wagner, who had owned it for many years.

Klamath Falls Dam Removed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—The dam which Mayor Fred T. Sanderson had put in the Ankeny ditch through the typhoid fever scare to stop the stagnant water from flowing through the city, has been removed. The Government owns the canal, which irrigates a dozen or so garden patches and flows through the central portion of the city, and has collected data for suits against the city owing to the radical action of the city authorities. O. P. Merton, Jr., of Portland, attorney for the Pacific district of the reclamation service, was here a week ago for that purpose. Some time ago Mayor Sanderson threatened that if the Government



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fore on the obstruction he would get 400 men with shovels and they would fill up the ditch, but when told today that the obstruction had been removed he showed no such spirit of bravado. He denied that he was responsible for the removal of the obstruction, as well as all other knowledge of it.

EX-MAYOR CARL AT REST

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BLETHEN IS FREED

Editor of Seattle Times Not Conducting Nuisance.

JUDGE ORDERS ACQUITTAL

Arcade Dancehall Not Being Conducted as Offense to Decency Is Belief of Jurist by Evidence Given by State.

SEATTLE, Dec. 1.—Colonel Alden J. Blethen, editor of the Seattle Times, was acquitted today of the charge of maintaining a nuisance, the Arcade dancehall, Judge Ronald in the Superior Court directed the verdict which the jury should return.

Colonel Blethen was indicted last May on the county grand jury which investigated municipal affairs. As soon as the state rested its case the defense entered a motion asking the court to instruct the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. The defense urged this on the ground that Colonel Blethen, in advising Ludovico Dallagiovanna and Charles Berryman regarding the operation of the Arcade dancehall in the old vice district, did not know that it was being conducted in an unlawful manner.

NEW RULE IS REJECTED

Ashland Votes, 5 to 1, Against Commission Government.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—The proposed commission form of charter submitted under the initiative at a special city election today in Ashland was overwhelmingly defeated.

With a fairly full vote for a special election the charter was turned down almost five to one. This is the second time in the past year that Ashland has rejected a commission charter submitted.

Salem Elks to Mourn.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Rose Bloch Bauer, soprano, of Portland, and J. Ross Fargo, tenor, will furnish music at the memorial service of the Salem Lodge of Elks next Sunday. Judge R. R. Butler, of The Dalles, has been selected as the principal speaker for the occasion. The services will be held in the Grand Opera House. Charles L. McNary, of this city, has been selected to deliver the address at the memorial service of the Roseburg Lodge next Sunday.

Meeting Place in Doubt.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Selection of the 1912 meeting place for the Country Life Congress has been left to the executive committee, which will determine the city in the future. A strong bid has been made by Lincoln, Neb., for the honor. Badges and pamphlets showing the public buildings of the Nebraska city have been distributed among the delegates.

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Imported German Clocks 85c. Fancy Clocks, made in Germany, for all uses; Desk, Alarm, Traveling Clocks in leather cases; porcelain and wood case Clocks; priced from 85c up to \$9.00.

Ladies' Fine Watches at \$7.78. Ladies' small Porcelain Watch, gold trimmed, handsome gold fob; regular price is \$10.00; our special price \$7.78. Men's Gold Watches at \$7.78. Men's fine open face Watch, 16 size; 7 jewels and 10 years' guaranteed case; price including handsome gold fob \$7.78.

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Archie Coble and her husband as they were asleep, to the Supreme Court. Wilson has a sentence of from 10 to 20 years in the penitentiary hanging over him and those who posted the money for him believe he is innocent and that his confession, which he later repudiated, was made when he was suffering agony from mental fear of the terrors in front of him.

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KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Dr. R. R. Hamilton, city physician, has reported to the City Council that one of the samples of water tested by Dr. Calvin White, secretary of the State Board of Health at Portland, showed 19,440 organisms and some colon bacilli, while 600 is considered enough for people to drink to avoid disease. The result of the water test made Mayor Sanderson anxious to have made in an unusual manner and charged Colonel Blethen with counseling and procuring an unlawful act.

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