

ANTI-SUFFRAGIST ARGUMENT DENIED

Legal Opinion Secured Shows Ballot Will Not Cause Loss of Dower Right.

OREGON CAMPAIGN WAGED

Suffrage Workers Prepare to Enter-tain Mrs. La Follette Here. Opponents Plan to Carry on Fight Through State.

The argument that the enfranchisement of women would forfeit for them their dower rights, which it has been the anti-suffragists would use in their campaign against equal suffrage, is denied in a number of legal opinions that have been received by the Equal Suffrage Campaign Committee of the Portland Woman's Club.

Lawyers who have not given written opinions have expressed themselves verbally that the dower right argument is void and have consented to prepare written opinions. Among the opinions received is one from D. Sois Cohen and another from A. E. Clark.

In my opinion the suffrage amendment, if carried, would only add to the legal rights of women, and not in any way detract therefrom. Clearly, therefore, the principle upon which the right of dower is based is, in my opinion, in no manner connected with the suffrage question, and if I am correct, the adoption of the suffrage amendment will in no way legally interfere with the marriage relation as at present established in our community.

Statute Governs Right. Mr. Clark, in his opinion, says: "Dower rights possessed by married women are created by statute and are not statutory provisions. They bear no possible relation to the right, or absence of the right, to vote. Clearly, therefore, the adoption of the proposed amendment would in no wise affect or impair dower rights."

The anti-suffragists are quietly laying in the ground work for a campaign in opposition to the suffragists. Several committee meetings have already been held, but a general meeting of anti-suffragists will be held next Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, in the committee room of the Multnomah Hotel, to lay the ground work of their side of the battle. Discussions will not be participated in at this meeting, and only the work of organization will be taken up. It is proposed to make arrangements for organizing anti-suffrage societies all over the state.

In order to ascertain the opinion on the suffrage question among the women, the Equal Suffrage Campaign Committee of the Portland Woman's Club is asking all women who favor suffrage to register at the headquarters, at 546 Rothchild Building, Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, in the committee room of the Multnomah Hotel, to lay the ground work of their side of the battle. Discussions will not be participated in at this meeting, and only the work of organization will be taken up. It is proposed to make arrangements for organizing anti-suffrage societies all over the state.

Big Registration Expected. It is believed that many women favoring suffrage will register, and his circumstance will be used to refute the argument that women do not want to vote. The suggestion was made yesterday at a meeting of the Woman's Club committee by Mrs. Grace Ross Watt, and was adopted.

The suffragists are now centering their efforts on the luncheon and dinner to be given to Mrs. Robert La Follette, who, with her husband, is scheduled to arrive over the Columbia, next Sunday at 12:30. She is auditor of the National Association. The full details for her reception have not yet been made, although she will likely give a public address during her stay. She will be met at the station by suffrage workers from the different clubs. Monday at 1 P. M. she will be a guest at a luncheon at the Portland Hotel, given by the Woman's Club campaign committee and the Portland Equal Suffrage League. A general invitation to all suffragists to attend the luncheon has been tendered. After the luncheon Mrs. La Follette will give a reception in the hotel parlors.

A plan is now being arranged by women suffragists to have suffrage workers at the various towns through which she will pass after the above mentioned Oregon line, accord Mrs. La Follette receptions. At LaGrande, where the party will make an hour's stop, arrangements are already being made for extending courtesies to Mrs. La Follette by suffragists. Other places where she probably will be greeted are Pendleton, which has a very enthusiastic suffrage contingent, The Dalles, Mosier and Hood River.

McMinnville Club Active. A stirring resolution, indorsing equal suffrage, was received yesterday by the Woman's Club committee from the Civic Improvement Club of McMinnville. Word has been received by the Portland Committee of the Portland Woman's Club that Miss Helen Varich Rowell, chairman of the Social and Industrial Conditions department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and Miss Mary Wood, vice-chairman of the same committee, both of New York, will visit Portland next July on their return from the biennial meeting of the Federation in San Francisco. They probably will remain several days and speak at a number of public meetings.

PERSONAL MENTION. H. L. Harris, a Kelso merchant, is at the Oregon. H. E. Moore, a Dufur horseman, is at the Perkins. Judge F. J. Taylor, of Astoria, is at the Imperial. J. H. Suthoff, a Seattle contractor, is at the Oregon. Fred Reibel, a merchant of Roseburg, is at the Perkins. Judge A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, is at the Imperial. R. E. Wallace, of Albany, is registered at the Oregon. A. C. Goodrich, a Yamhill merchant, is at the Multnomah. J. H. Wright, a Hood River orchardist, is at the Multnomah. A. W. Norblad, City Attorney of Astoria, is at the Imperial. H. E. Taber, a Seattle contractor, is registered at the Bowers. J. W. Parks, Mayor of Aberdeen, is registered at the Imperial. James Brock, a broker of Seattle, is registered at the Carlton. L. A. Louisa, a pioneer of North

Beach, is registered at the Imperial, from Nabocotta. Mrs. C. C. McGowan, of Warrendale, is registered at the Bowers. Mrs. Minnie Washburn, of Eugene, is registered at the Carlton. J. E. Stauffer, a Payette contractor, is registered at the Oregon. Frank Rowell, a merchant of Scholla, is registered at the Perkins. Joseph J. Floyd, a banker of Dallas, Texas, is at the Multnomah. Frank Ritchie, a merchant of Olex, is registered at the Perkins. F. E. Culbertson, a banker of Spokane, is at the Multnomah. E. B. Salsbury, a Boise merchant, is registered at the Imperial. W. A. Schaffner, a Hood River orchardist, is at the Cornelius. W. H. Moody, a stockman of Shaniko, is registered at the Portland. L. P. Tolman, an insurance adjuster of Seattle, is at the Portland. P. J. Clifford, a mining man of Butte, is registered at the Cornelius. Irving Newkoff, a capitalist of Kansas City, Mo., is at the Bowers. H. H. Scovill, a manufacturer of San Francisco, is at the Portland. F. C. Laurie, a retired capitalist of

YAMHILL COUNTY NATIVE DAUGHTER WILL BE LAID TO REST TODAY.



Mrs. Louise C. Lewis. The funeral of the late Mrs. Louise C. Lewis, member of a Yamhill County pioneer family who died Monday at St. Vincent's Hospital, will be held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from St. David's Episcopal Church. Friends desiring to view the body may do so at Holman's chapel until 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Lone Fir Cemetery. Mrs. Lewis was one of the first children born in Yamhill County. Her mother was Mrs. Rachel Hall, one of the survivors of the Whitman massacre in 1847. Mrs. Hall afterwards married Robert Beer, a Mexican war veteran. Mrs. Lewis was their only child and was well known among the early residents of the Lower Willamette Valley. She was the wife of the late L. J. Lewis, one of the founders of the Willamette Iron Works.

Quebec, is at the Carlton, with his family. Thomas J. Flavin, postoffice inspector of Spokane, is at the Portland. John P. O'Brien, a Medford business-man, is registered at the Perkins. H. B. Brooks, an iron manufacturer of New York, is at the Multnomah. W. L. Benham, a railroad contractor of Salem, is registered at the Portland. John H. Simpson, a hardware merchant of Albany, is at the Multnomah. Louis Burke and Mrs. Burke, are now making their home at the Carlton. Mrs. L. B. Chambers, of Fort Columbia, is registered at the Cornelius. R. A. Booth, a prominent millman of Eugene, is registered at the Imperial.

BOXES TO BE AUCTIONED

SEATS FOR SOCIETY PLAY GO TO BEST BIDDERS.

Proceeds Will Be Added to Fund to Provide Home for Fruit and Flower Mission.

"How much an I bid for this proscenium box? Remember the cause; remember the cast," will be heard at the Hellig Theater at noon tomorrow, when Frank E. Riley disposes of the boxes for the society play "The Campus Mouser," which will be put on in this city for the benefit of the Fruit and Flower Mission.

The first rehearsal was held last night in the Bungalow Theater, which has been secured for Miss Grace Ger-rish, of Minneapolis, the author and director of the play. To train her actors for the coming entertainment. Other rehearsals will be held tonight and Saturday night, and the full selection of the cast probably will be completed by the latter date.

The Fruit and Flower Mission is an organization which cares for little children of working mothers, who have no other place in which to leave them to be cared for, while away at their work, or when they are ill. The funds which will be secured from the production of "The Campus Mouser," will be applied to securing a permanent home for the organization in a suitable building.

The kindness with which the people of Portland respond to the call of the auctioneer, when the funds are to go to an organization in which they are interested, was shown in the auction of seats for the play at the Hellig, when the bidding on single boxes ran close about the hundred mark. In many cases the friends of the Fruit and Flower Mission hope to see Mr. Riley greeted with a similarly substantial and enthusiastic response, when he mounts the rostrum tomorrow to dispose of the boxes upon the selling price of which, depends largely the degree of success they are to attain in this effort to secure a home for the organization.

TACOMANS INDORSE TAFT

Roosevelt Men Unable to Block Vote on Resolution. TACOMA, April 9.—The Republican County committee indorse President Taft's Administration and candidacy for re-nomination by a vote of 62 to 28. The resolution was adopted after an hour's debate, and the efforts of the Roosevelt men to prevent a vote. The committee set the date of the primaries for May 6, and the county convention for May 11, to elect delegates to the state convention.

PROSECUTOR DAVIS SCORES PRISONER

Burt Hicks Portrayed as Cold-Blooded Murderer in Lengthy Argument.

EVIDENCE IS ATTACKED

Tactics of Picketers Held to Have Been Injected Into Case to Blind Jurors and Cover Up Main Issue.

Denouncing the defendant at intervals as a cold-blooded murderer, Special Prosecutor Davis yesterday occupied the entire day in the opening argument for the state before the jury, which is to decide the fate of Burt Hicks, charged with first degree murder for the killing of W. A. Wortman. John F. Logan will open for the defense at 9 o'clock this morning and will be followed by Dan Malarky, who will present the concluding arguments on behalf of the defendant. Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald will close for the prosecution. Judge Gatens will hold a night session this evening in order that the case may get to the jury.

Frequently throughout his address Mr. Davis declared emphatically that he was not in the case for the purpose of convicting Hicks at all odds, but to assist in bringing to justice a man guilty of a heinous crime against society. He had consented to take part in the prosecution, he insisted, only after he had made investigation and arrived at a conclusion that Hicks was guilty and merited punishment. He reiterated that he was fighting for a principle and not financial recompense.

Attorney Offers Apology. The private prosecutor reminded the jury that he had previously had very little experience in the trial of criminal cases and apologized for any slip that he may have made. The trend of his entire speech indicated a fear on his part that the jury would acquit Hicks on "general principles," and he devoted a great deal of his energy to impressing upon the men in the box that they had sworn to try the case according to the law and evidence.

He warned the jurors that they would be traitors to the trust imposed in them if they allowed themselves to be influenced by the public sentiment in favor of the defendant. The attorney argued that the evidence proved conclusively that Hicks had made up his mind to teach the picketed machinists a lesson by killing one of their number at the first opportunity. Hicks he said, had been led astray by his associates of the United Metal Trades Association, and made to believe that he was a man of great prominence in the community. He referred sarcastically to the membership of Albert Smith, chairman of the Oregon branch of that organization and manager of the Smith & Watson Iron Works, in the Arlington Club.

Evidence Is Reviewed. The special prosecutor reviewed the evidence of a great many of the witnesses for the state and defense, especially that of O. R. Hager and John "Struba" pickets, and H. I. Born, a clerk in the furniture store of Geisler & Dorres, who were eye witnesses of the shooting. He argued that Hager and Struba had told the truth when they said that Hicks was the aggressor in the fight, and Born when he declared that Wortman was two feet away from the muzzle of Hicks' revolver and striving to get away when the shot was fired. Born's statement relative to the positions of the two men when Hicks pulled the trigger of the pistol was confirmed by the other two.

Mr. Davis referred to the evidence introduced by the defense relative to the tactics of picketers as "dastardly" and "cham" which, he declared, had been injected into the trial of the case for the purpose of prejudicing the jurors and leading their minds away from the main issue. Contentions of Defense Belittled. He belittled the contention of the defense that Hicks was apprehensive of great bodily harm, as a result of the acts of violence committed by the strikers, declaring that the dirty remark made by Hicks practically in the midst of a score of picketers a few minutes before the shooting, was positive proof to the contrary.

Mr. Davis made a great play on the fact that Hicks testified he said after the shooting, when accused of being a murderer, "I am not; your pickets can't beat me up, while all other witnesses declared the remarks was, "I am not; he insulted me; he called me a scabberder."

Festival Chorus to Meet Monday.

At the regular rehearsal of the Rose Festival musical chorus, at Taylor street Methodist Church, Monday night, it was voted that inasmuch as many chairs have been interested in the preparation of Easter music, one more opportunity will be given to unite with the chorus, next Monday evening. All over 18 years of age, irrespective of denominational affiliations, who can read and sing music, are eligible.

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TAX ON ALL BOATS URGED

COLORADO MAN PROPOSES BILL TO IMPROVE WATERWAYS.

Owners of All Kinds of Craft May Be Compelled to Contribute Stated Sum Yearly to Government.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 9.—(Special).—Every vessel, whether it be freight, passenger or pleasure boat, plying the waters of the United States, will be subjected to an annual Government tax if Congress passes a bill introduced by Representative John A. Martin of Colorado, and intended to make the navigable waterways of this country self-sustaining—that is, pay for their own improvement. The bill proposes that this tax shall first be levied January 1, 1914.

Representative Martin, who hails from a state having no navigable streams within its borders, is a believer in heavy tolls at Panama. Not only would he require vessels using the Panama Canal to pay the cost of operation, but the cost of construction as well. Satisfied that heavy tolls are not likely to be imposed by Congress, he has brought forward this new scheme of his own to make vessels using rivers, harbors, bays or other waterways, improved in whole or in part by the United States Government, repay the expenditure made by the Federal Government for their improvement. And he exempts from this proposed tax only rowboats and canoes and city-owned ferries.

So radical a departure from the past custom in this country is proposed by the Martin bill that it hardly will receive full and final consideration at the present session. However, there are others besides Martin who look with favor upon the proposition of taxing vessels using waterways improved at Government expense, and sooner or later this bill will be pressed for consideration.

The Martin bill proposes to take away from the Army Engineers much of their present supervisory power over American waterways, and vest it in a commission of three members, to be known as the Waterways Commission. The three members of this commission are to be appointed by the President for six-year terms, and are to receive annual salaries of \$10,000 each.

Carrousel Ends in Death.

HILLSBORO, Or., April 9.—(Special).—William Alexander Gourley, aged 60 years, was found dead Saturday, a mile northeast of Beaverton. Gourley had been dead for a week from all indications, and was found by the 9-year-old son of W. F. Desinger, of Beaverton. By his side were found a half-gallon demijohn, a quart bottle and a small flask of whisky, and about one-quarter of the contents had been drank from each.

Duluth Flew Market.

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