

INQUIRY DEVELOPS INTO LAUGH FEST

Senate Probers Regaled With Testimony Offered by George S. Shepherd.

CAPRON OFFERS TO FIGHT

Attack of Witness Momentarily Angers Object—Results So Far Show Little Touching Officers Now in Charge.

After hours of routine testimony in the inquiry of the Senate committee on the Oregon Naval Militia, held in the office of General Finzer last night, the committee passed a half hour in truly Homeric laughter over the recital of George S. Shepherd, who was among the last of the witnesses called and who rehearsed his grievances against the organization from the beginning.

of the judges, and this will be a regular procedure every morning of a judicial day. As all divorce cases will go into the docket with the others, the new system means that default divorce Friday, which has come to be practically an institution in the Multnomah County Circuit Court, is gone forever. Hereafter the judges will hear default divorces falling to their lot at such times as they may elect, probably using them to fill in chinks when there is nothing else ready for their attention.

It was agreed that in pressing cases the presiding judge may take charge at inception of such special proceedings as mandamus, injunction and habeas corpus. The number of back cases is 2500. The judges intend to get busy with these and get them off the docket. In many instances settlements have been reached between the parties. Orders of dismissal are expected to come fast. Attorneys will be forced to move in these cases, as it is the desire of all the judges to get up to date with their work.

PARLIAMENTS ARE PLAN

METHODISTS MAKE ARRANGEMENTS IN SPOKANE.

Bishop Cooke Attends Columbia River Conference and List of Speakers Is Chosen.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Bishop R. J. Cooke, of Portland, is in the city today to assist Dr. H. J. Coker, of Denver, field secretary of the Western division of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to arrange for a series of church parliaments to be held in the different conferences of the Western circuit.

Bishop Cooke called together the district superintendents of the Columbia River conference. The morning session was held in the study of the First Methodist Church and the later session in the parlors of the Vincent church. The parliaments are to be in the interest of the great benevolence of Methodist Episcopal churches, said Bishop Cooke. The plan contemplates a three days session held in each conference, conducted by a corps of 15 workers, headed by Dr. Coker.

PARCELS BY POST GROWING

Over 90,000 Packages Pass Through Local Postoffice First Month.

For the first month, parcel post business at the Portland Postoffice showed an almost 50 per cent increase as the public became better acquainted with its rules and possibilities. The number of outgoing parcels mailed were 80,764, while 14,742 were incoming.

HOME RULE WINS ULSTER

Nationalists' Majority Is 57 in Total Poll of 3341.

LONDON, Ireland, Jan. 31.—The final returns from yesterday's by-election show that David C. Bonnell, a nationalist, was elected to Parliament, receiving 2589 votes to 2642 for Colonel H. A. Rockenham, Unionist, a majority of only 57 in a total of 3341. The nationalist party in the home rulers gained a majority of members of Parliament from the Province of Ulster in the House of Commons.

PHILIP PIFLE, PIONEER, DIES

Philip Pifle, a pioneer of Oregon of 1852, died yesterday at the Old People's Home. He was born in Baden, Germany, in 1826, coming to the United States in 1847. He settled near Corvallis in 1852. He remained continuously for more than 50 years. He came into possession of several farms and for 40 years he lived at Corvallis. He survived every member of his immediate family and is not known to have a blood relative in this country. Funeral and burial will take place tomorrow at Corvallis.

CHILD VICTIM OF SMALLPOX

Word has been received of the death at Berkeley, Cal., of James Hugh Preston, 2-year-old son of Professor James H. Preston, principal of the Franklin Grammar School of that city. The cause of death was smallpox, which has been fatal epidemic there for some time. The father is a former well-known resident of Oregon and the little boy's grandmother is Mrs. Mary J. Preston, a pioneer resident of Eagle Creek, Or.

AGENTS GET OREGON ALMANAC

Copies of the Oregon Almanac have been sent from the Portland Commercial Club to all members of the American Association of Passenger Agents. It is held by members of the state immigration commission that the passenger agents come in close touch with all classes of travelers, and with the information about Oregon at hand in a convenient form will be better prepared to give advice and information to intending immigrants.

SPOKANE GIRL DIES HERE

Miss Mabel Ball, of Spokane, died shortly after midnight at the home of Mrs. D. Germans, 567 Hoyt street. Miss Ball was the daughter of Michael Ball, of Spokane.

EMBARGO AGAINST EMBARGO

West Coast Manufacturers to Have Committee Act in California Boycott.

ALL TRADES TO BE LINKED

Association in Session at Tacoma Appropriates \$1000 for Preliminary Work of Struggle—Portland Men Indorse Action.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Precipitating a struggle that may involve the entire trade relations of Washington and Oregon with California, the West Coast Manufacturers' Association, at its annual meeting here today, adopted a resolution putting the question of the San Francisco boycott on finished fur lumber in the hands of a committee of seven and appropriating \$1000 from the general fund to carry on the preliminary work. The committee will be named by the new president.

A resolution, that the association use its influence with members of the Legislature to withdraw the appropriation for the Panama-Pacific Fair until some definite assurance had been given by California that the embargo would be lifted, was also adopted. Although vigorously supported by President Everett G. Griegs.

Both Mr. Knapp and Mr. Martin deprecated any effort to influence the Legislature, and the resolution was finally lost. J. N. Teal speaks. J. N. Teal, of Portland, delivered an able address on a free Panama Canal for American ships, and annual reports were made by Manager W. C. Miles and Secretary Thomas Babcock. Mr. Teal, provided for W. W. troubles, coming season. The legislative committee reported on several subjects, particularly against the proposed "blue sky" law.

PHONE HEAD ANSWERS

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S CHARGES TO SENATE DENIED.

Division Superintendent of Pacific Company Tells Why Free Service Is Allowed at Corvallis.

Wholesale denial to the charges of A. M. Crawford, Attorney-General, that the Bell telephone system is trying to break up independent service by the Bell people, in order to kill competition, is given free service in various towns of the state, but added: "Corvallis is the only town in the state where free service is given even to a limited extent. This free service is given for the purpose of building up our own business, but the same company has been instituted after our competitor had gained control of the business there and had led in a movement practically to boycott our company. It is a well-known fact in that community that the telephone companies have been engaged in a struggle for business and as far as this company is concerned, it has only been fighting for a square deal and for the right to give its service to any persons who wanted it without subjecting him to a boycott. There has been no attempt to cripple independent lines. In the State of Oregon we have connecting agreements with 106 independent companies, controlling 29,394 telephones, and have 8765 farmers connected with our system.

HOWARD DIVORCE GRANTED

Judge McGinn Grants Decree to Husband, Who Started Suit.

The Howard divorce case, the one which split the Oregon Cat Club into bitter opposing factions, was on trial before Circuit Judge McGinn. Judge McGinn granted the divorce to the husband, on the ground that the wife should keep all the property with the exception that an endowment policy for \$2000 on his life, in which Mrs. Howard is the beneficiary, is to be kept up and the money paid to Mrs. Howard at maturity. The policy will mature in about a year.

MRS. JOHN BAYS IS DEAD

Widow of Portland Contractor Passes Away in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Bays died suddenly at her home yesterday at the age of 73 years. She had lived in Los Angeles four years, having come here from Portland, Or., in 1909. Her husband, who died several years ago, was a contractor.

Advertisement for Buffum & Pendleton, 311 Morrison, Op. Postoffice. Text: Call us up any time from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. Saturdays till 10 P. M. and we're at your service with everything for men's wear. Everything right in quality and price—and everything can be returned.

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WOMAN'S HEIRS WIN SUIT

Verdict for \$1045.68 Returned by Jury Against August Klockner.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The heirs of Maggie Klockner obtained a verdict against John Talonen for \$1045.68 before a jury in the Superior Court today. Maggie Klockner was the widow of August Klockner, a pioneer member of the colony of Finnish settlers in the Kluckit Valley. August Klockner died several years ago leaving a large landed estate and considerable money. Mrs. Klockner was past 70 years old and it was alleged by the heirs that John Talonen, a farmer residing near Centerville, Wash., beguiled her into letting him have a large portion of the money left her by her husband.

OFFICERS ARREST SUITOR

Young Man Caught While on Way to Visit Girl.

Lewis K. Sligo, of 1440 Rodney avenue, went out to meet his sweetheart last night and fell into the hands of detectives who have been searching for him on charges of passing bad checks. Deputy Sheriff Foster and F. A. Dillon, a private detective, in the employ of the Dreyfus case again were brought up. M. Millerand, ex-Minister of War, whose reinstatement of the officer was followed a few days later by his giving up his cabinet portfolio, and M. Messimy, another ex-War Minister, both explained their official attitude toward the reinstatement of De Clam.

ZIMMERMAN WINS PLACE

Salem Senior to Represent Oregon in Oratorical League.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Howard Zimmerman, a senior from Salem, was awarded first place in the try-outs held in Villard Hall last night to choose an Oregon representative to the state intercollegiate oratorical league contest to be held in Newberry, S. C., Feb. 10.

WOMEN DESTROY GREENS

Suffragettes Turn Attention to Birmingham Golf Course.

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Jan. 31.—The militant suffragettes of Birmingham turned their attention today to the destruction of putting greens on the golf course. In some instances the greens were torn up while on others the words "Votes for Women" were burned into the grass with acids.

UTAH AGAINST REDUCED DUTIES

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 31.—A memorial was adopted in the Utah Senate today petitioning both houses at Washington to reduce the present tariff on wool, mutton, lead and sugar.

CONTESTED CASES HEARD

Two contested rate matters were heard yesterday in the United States District Court chambers by Leo J. Flynn, special examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who is making a tour of the Coast taking testimony in such cases. The first was heard in the J. K. Gill Company that it had been charged a rate of \$3.10 on an addressograph machine from Chicago, when the rate should have been \$4.50 per hundred pounds. The other case was a complaint of five wholesale grocers of Portland that they were charged a flat rate of \$2.50 per hundred pounds on candy from Eastern points, while the proper rate should be \$2.20 per hundred pounds. Mr. Flynn went to Seattle last evening, where he will take testimony in several similar matters.

Advertisement for Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate. Text: When the Nip is in the Winter Air, Serve Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate. My how smacking good it tastes after a busy afternoon of shopping or motoring, how stimulating—how satisfying. How it makes the blood tingle with the real joy of living. Just a teaspoonful in a cup of boiling milk, a little stirring and it is ready for the table. Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate is the most palatable, most sustaining and healthful food drink that nature has produced and man has perfected. Its health-giving qualities make it the ideal beverage for the Western home. Order a three-pound can today and serve it at dinner this evening. Since 1852 D. GHIRARDELLI CO. San Francisco.

Advertisement for De Clam in Favor of French Deputies Indorse Action of Government. Text: DE CLAM IN FAVOR OF FRENCH DEPUTIES INDORSE ACTION OF GOVERNMENT. Minister of War, However, Will Punish Officer for Repeating in Letters to Press Charges Against His Chief.

Advertisement for Ludens' Menthol Candy Cough Drops. Text: Ludens' MENTHOL CANDY COUGH DROPS. "HAVE A HUNDRED USES" Pleasant as Candy; better than drugs for school children. Give Quick Relief from Coughs, Colds and Sore Throat.

Advertisement for Highland Linen. Text: Above the rest. Are you looking for a writing paper above the average? A paper which will reflect your personality? Then you will be interested in the attractive assortment of Highland Linen. We have to offer. It is in good style, good taste and good in every way. Come in and pass approval on the latest styles in Highland Linen.

Advertisement for Gill's Blended Scotch Whiskey. Text: Gill's Blended Scotch Whiskey. No matter what ails your child, a gentle, thorough laxative physic should always be the first treatment given. If your child isn't feeling well, resting nicely, eating regularly and acting naturally it is a sure sign that its little stomach, liver and 30 feet of bowels are filled with foul, constipated waste and need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

Advertisement for No. 10 Blended Scotch Whiskey. Text: No. 10 Blended Scotch Whiskey. Mothers should always keep Syrup of Figs handy. It is the only stomach, liver and bowel cleanser and regulator needed—a little given today will save a sick child tomorrow. Full directions for children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the package. Ask your druggists for the full name, "Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna," prepared by the California Fig Syrup Co. This is the delicious, fast-acting, genuine old reliable. Refuse anything else offered.