

DENIAL IS MADE OF WET DECISION TALK

Washington Chief Justice and Governor Declare Opinion Is Not Written.

DISCLAIMER IS POSITIVE

Executive Denounces Humor That Decree Was Withheld at His Request—No Denial Made That Conclusion Is Reached.

RUMORS BASED ON GUESSWORK

Humors that the Supreme Court of Washington has ruled that the prohibition statute is unconstitutional are based on guesswork. At the same time it is undoubtedly correct that the court has reached a conclusion. It appears to be the fact that the decision is now being prepared.

While no one except the court itself can be in a position to know what the conclusion is, the widespread and persistent report that the verdict is unfavorable to prohibition may be based on more or less accurate knowledge of the individual attitudes of the several justices. If the decision, when drawn up, is unfavorable to prohibition, it need occasion no great surprise. But any statement or prophecy, is nevertheless more guesswork.

It is to be observed that while there is emphatic denial that the court has rendered a decision, there is no denial that it has reached a conclusion.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Published reports that the Supreme Court had handed down or prepared a decision on the prohibition case were denied flatly by Chief Justice George E. Morris today.

Other members of the court were judgmental at the respective assertions, successively, and discussed unofficially the possibility of contempt proceedings against persons who spread such rumors.

Gov. Lister, returning to Olympia tonight after a short absence from the city in connection with the investigation of the industrial insurance hearing, was met with the circumstantial story of the Supreme Court decision being withheld at his request.

"The statement is absolutely untrue in every particular. I would not presume to feel that I was entitled to any information in regard to any opinion rendered by the court until it was given to the public, and any opinion, if rendered, would be published first in a newspaper."

ACT HERE HELD UNBREAKABLE Prohibition January 1 Is Forecast by Attorneys.

Regardless of any decision that may be rendered by the Supreme Court of Washington on the prohibition law, the state, Oregon, will be absolutely "dry," beginning at midnight, January 1.

Leading attorneys of Portland agree on this fact. Moreover, there is an almost universal opinion among well-informed lawyers in Washington that the prohibition law in Washington will go into effect on New Year's day.

Reports have been current in Portland for the last few weeks, however, that the Washington court has reached a conclusion in the case brought before it by the liquor interests, and that the state will be absolutely "dry."

CHURCH WOULD BUY Central Presbyterians Want Former Christian Edifice.

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SEATTLE MAN MENTIONED FOR BISHOP TO ADDRESS PORTLAND MINISTERS.

—Hushnell & James Photo. Rev. A. W. Leonard.

Rev. A. W. Leonard, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Seattle, who is being mentioned prominently as a possible bishop, will be the speaker at the Portland Young Men's Christian Association meeting on Monday morning.

He is the son of Dr. A. R. Leonard, the foreign board secretary of the Methodist church.

COMPETITION IS WANTED ASTORIA SHIPPERS COMPLAIN OF CLOSED GATEWAY TO EAST.

Shippers on the Astoria line of the North Bank Railroad appealed before Examiner Pugh of the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday for a restoration of the privilege of using the Union Pacific lines east of Portland.

W. F. O'Brien, secretary-treasurer of the Astoria Boat Company, said that an open gateway at Portland would give the Astoria shippers the only element of competition that is possible there.

FULTON REFUTES CLAIM EX-SENATOR BRANDS STATEMENT OF E. J. FRASIER AS UNTRUE.

Judge Davis Throws Out of Court Allegations and Counter Claim by Lawyer Suit Defendant.

C. W. Fulton, ex-United States Senator, on the witness stand in Circuit Judge Davis' court, yesterday afternoon branded as false the statement of E. J. Frasier, of Eugene, that Frasier had been employed to look after Senator Fulton's interests during the famous land fraud trials ten years ago.

SEATTLE PASSES DRY ACT Police Measure Declared Contingent Upon Supreme Court Case.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 2.—The City Council has unanimously passed a prohibition ordinance designed to enable the police to enforce the State prohibition law which becomes effective January 1.

LAFFERTY OFFERS FIGHT Battle in Trial of Jitney Case Is Averted by Court.

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free to all. Hundreds of automobiles filled the streets and crowds of people filled the stores and business places.

PISGAH HOME IS ACTIVE CAMPAIGN ON TO OBTAIN SUPPLIES FOR WINTER.

WHITE SLAVE TRIAL IS ON William Shook Is Accused of Interstate Transportation of Girl.

HIGHWAY WORK IS PAID Hood River County Settles With Contracting Company.

SUNDAY LAW IS OPPOSED Salem Audience Hears Lecture by Washington Professor.

FIREMEN'S FUND IS \$78,202 Statement for Fiscal Year Shows Status for Relief and Pension.

TRY THIS FOR A GOLD—IT'S FINE! "Pape's Cold Compound" Ends Severe Colds or Grippe in Few Hours.

"FREEWATER DAY" IS HELD Crowds Flock to Town for Bargains and Entertainment.

First Chickens Arrive.

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Jumping from his seat in the courtroom of District Judge Jones and pulling



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