

ATTORNEYS IN BANK CASES PROTESTED

Objection Made to Approval
Petitioned for After Judge
ments Are Awarded.

APPOINTMENT IS AT ISSUE

Cashier of Defunct American Bank
and Trust Company Files Answer
to State Bank Examiner's
Petition Before Court.

G. L. MacGibbon, cashier of the defunct American Bank & Trust Company, objects in a petition filed in the Circuit Court, against the employment of L. H. Van Winkle, Sidney J. Graham and C. M. Ideman as attorneys in the case against the stockholders of that institution.

Mr. MacGibbon's petition is in reply to a petition filed a few weeks ago by B. G. Barent, State Bank Examiner, in which Mr. Barent seeks the court's approval of the attorneys' employment and their payment of one-third of the judgments collected in the suits, on a contingent fee.

Mr. Van Winkle and Mr. Graham were retained by Will Wright, when he was State Bank Examiner, to bring suit against L. O. Halston, president of the American Bank, and other officers. Mr. Van Winkle and Mr. Ideman were retained in the case against G. W. Waterbury and other stockholders.

These retainers were made in the Halston case on February 15, 1915, and in the Waterbury case on July 15 of the same year. Meanwhile Mr. Barent succeeded Mr. Wright as State Bank Examiner and this arrangement was continued.

The attorneys obtained judgment against Mr. Halston and his co-defendants for \$24,000, with interest of \$14,000. Judgment was secured against Mr. Waterbury and his associates in the sum of approximately \$12,000.

Both these cases have been appealed to the Supreme Court.

Mr. MacGibbon, it is understood, has placed at the disposal of the court property sufficient to cover the judgment. Mr. Waterbury and his co-defendants, it is said, also are prepared to assign personal possessions to the disposition of the court.

Mr. Van Winkle, Mr. Graham and Mr. Ideman have handled the cases on behalf of the state banking department. Their appointment by the state bank examiner, however, has been formally approved by the court. It was not until December 22 last that Mr. Barent sought the court's approval.

Mr. MacGibbon was served with a copy of the petition.

Mr. MacGibbon questions the authority of the state banking department in making these appointments. The issue will be heard by Judge Kavanaugh next Wednesday.

Mr. MacGibbon in his reply says the state banking board, consisting of the governor, the treasurer and secretary of state, were without knowledge of these attorneys' employment until he informed them. Neither the officers of the defunct bank nor the stockholders were notified, he further declares.

Mr. Barent says that the state banking board is without jurisdiction in appointing the attorneys. He says that the board's approval in this action was unnecessary.

BEAUTY WIZARD GUILTY

SANITARY PAILORES MANAGER ADMITS FRAUD.

Barney Metzger Fined \$1000 by Federal Judge Walverton—Gives Story—ing "Professional" Accusers.

Barney Metzger has found the profession of beauty culturists to have its limitations, especially for one who would open nature's book and teach cosmetics, for a considerable time.

A year ago Mr. Metzger was indicted by a federal grand jury on the promise of using the waste to defraud. Behind the indictment was a story that he had induced girls to pay him \$25 for a course of beauty culture in his Sanitary Beauty Parlors, with offices in the Dekum building, under promise that they would have at least three hours of employment a day at \$1 an hour after they had completed the course.

Instead, the girls who paid the preliminary \$25 got the privilege of working for the experience. After some of them had worked for more than a year and no \$5 pieces were forthcoming they told their story to the grand jury.

Yesterday Metzger pleaded guilty before Federal Judge Walverton and was fined \$1000. He paid \$250 in cash and was granted time to pay the remaining \$750 by installments.

NEW PAY BASIS SOUGHT

Move Is Afoot in Seaside to Revise Salaries in Portland.

Amendment to the charter fixing all the largest salaries, including those of the City Commissioners, the Auditor, Treasurer, City Attorney, City Engineer and Chief of Police is proposed by several residents of Seaside. The amendment, according to those back of it, would reduce the salaries of the Mayor and City Commissioners \$1000 each and put the salary of the Auditor at \$1800, where it was under the councilmanic form.

"Portland is paying too much for the services rendered," said J. W. Campbell, of Seaside, in proportion to what is paid in other lines of business, and a large number of people of this city think the salaries "could be cut down and fixed by the charter."

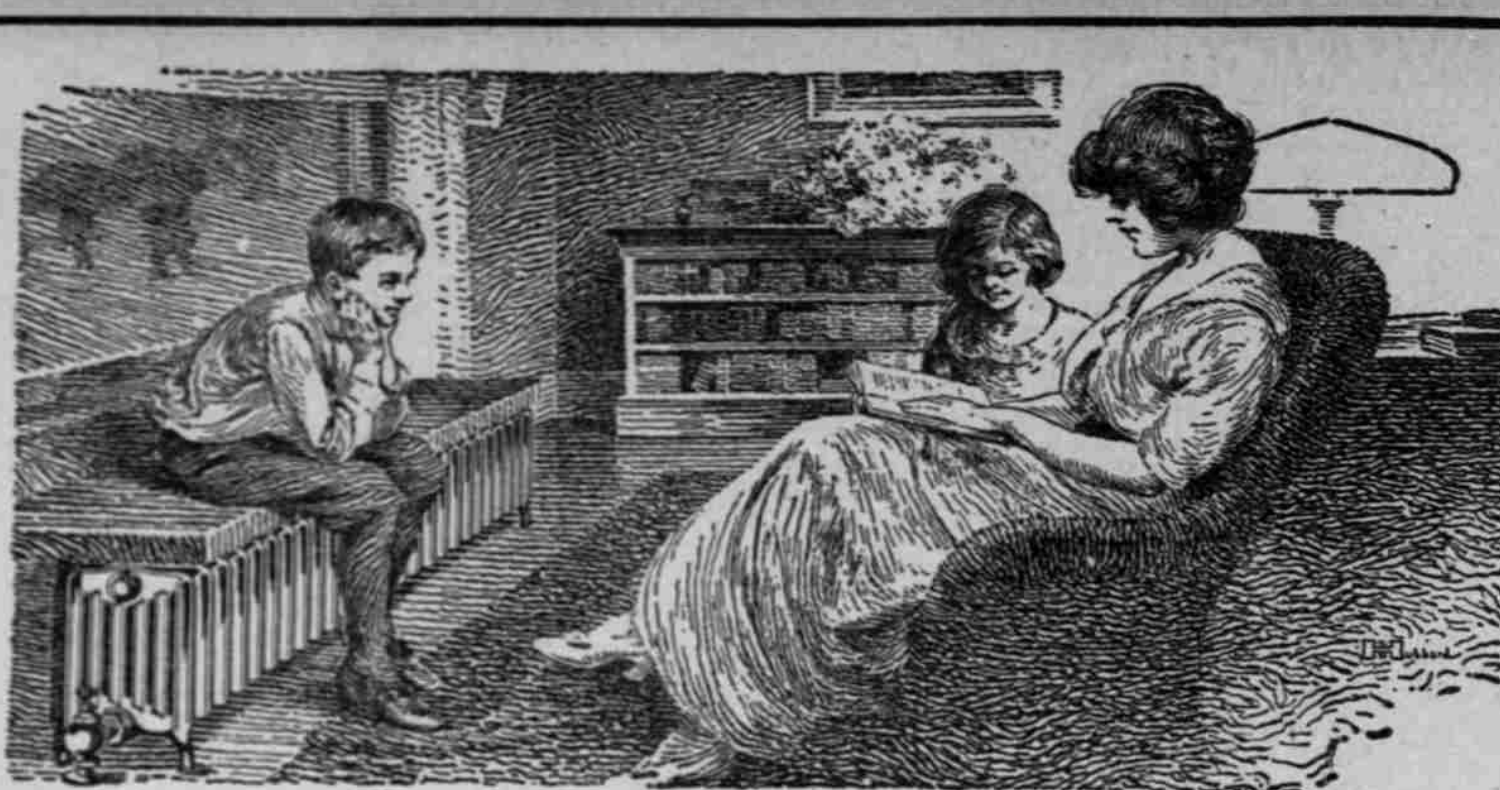
GASOLINE SOARS AGAIN

Price Is Advanced Cent and Tire Companies Also Make Increases.

For the fifth time within the past few months the wholesale dealers in gasoline raised the price of motor fuel 1 cent yesterday, and before the day had closed an announcement was made that three tire factories had boosted the price of automobile tires about 20 per cent.

The rise in the gasoline price was made in the face of the present investigation in market conditions being made by Government officials, who declare that the supply of crude oil is greater today than it has been for some time and that exportations are less.

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GRAIN RATE IS REDUCED

Interstate Commerce Commission
Reconsiders Decision.

Rates on shipments of grain by rail to Galveston and New Orleans will be reduced to take care of the emergency caused by the closing of the Panama Canal, the Chamber of Commerce was advised yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The reduction will become effective within five days.

The emergency arose because of the congestion in New York. It was found necessary to divert some of the volume to New Orleans and Galveston, and the

Final decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission was made as a result of representations from the transportation bureau of the Portland Chamber, following a refusal to permit the reduction on request of H. H. Countess, of Chicago, acting for various transcontinental railroad lines.

Stronger Foreign Commercial Representation Is Sought.

The Bureau of Trade and Commerce has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for special consideration of the extension and strengthening of the commercial representation of the United States in foreign markets, in its relation with the exporters and importers of this country.

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Oregon Metzgers Celebrate.

GRESHAM, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The Oregon branch of the descendants of Baron Theobald Metzger von Weibon held its annual reunion on January 1 in the Grange Hall. The officers elected for the coming year are J. E. Metzger, president; George W. Page, secretary; Elsie Metzger, treasurer.

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