

MR. CONTINE WILL BE KEPT IN OFFICE

Chief's Request for Dismissal of Deputy State Engineer Is Turned Down.

DECISION IS UNANIMOUS

Mr. Lewis' Reasons for Wanting to Be Rid of Subordinate Find Little Favor With Highway Commission.

SALEM, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Upon the unanimous recommendation of Secretary of State Olcott, State Treasurer Kay and the members of the advisory board of the State Highway Commission, Governor Withycombe today refused to accept the recommendation of State Engineer Lewis, that the services of Chief Deputy Engineer Contine with the State Highway department be dispensed with.

Governor Withycombe presented the matter to the other members of the highway commission and the advisory board today, pointing out that while he had the appointment of the Chief Deputy Engineer under the law and presumably the right of dismissing him, he wished to ascertain the views of the commission and advisory board.

At the commission's meeting last month, Lewis had recommended that Contine be dismissed on the ground that there was little work in the department for him to do now, that it would save the state money and that it would restore harmony in the department.

Lewis today reiterated his reasons for wishing Contine dismissed but found little sympathy for his proposal. All members of the Commission and the advisory board expressed the belief that Contine was a valuable man, and that some work might be found for him.

"I cannot help but think," said John Albert, of the advisory board, "that Mr. Lewis' reasons are a mere pretext."

Legal Phase Involved. Mr. Albert called attention to the law, declaring that it was only a creature of the Commission, and that the Commission had authority to direct the state highway work assigned to Contine such work as they saw fit. He said that Lewis' recommendation of dismissal for Contine would mean, if followed, the disregard of a law providing that a chief deputy engineer "versed in scientific road construction" should be retained by the highway department.

"It would be a mistake to let Mr. Contine go at the present time," said S. Benson, a member of the advisory board. "I am personally acquainted with Mr. Contine and have much regard for his ability." Mr. Butler, of the advisory board, also said he had high regard for the chief deputy.

State Treasurer Kay fired a number of queries at the State Engineer, intimating that, with the direction of the State Engineering Department, State Water Board and Desert Land Board, that Lewis should have his hands full without insisting on a dollar all the work in the State Highway Department as well.

"I'd like to know," queried the State Treasurer, "how much money do you have had for the highway work you look after?"

"Why, I would have been busy with the Water Board and other work of the Engineering Department," retorted Mr. Lewis.

Replying to Treasurer Kay's inquiry as to how he managed with the additional state highway work, the state engineer explained that he had his forces well organized and in the hands of subordinates upon whom he could depend.

Governor Interposes. Governor Withycombe interposed with the statement that under no law now had the direction of the expenditure of approximately \$60,000, and wished to assume the burden of expending an additional \$100,000 on the State Highway Department. Engineer Lewis denied that he had so much money at his disposal.

Ever since Mr. Lewis was granted charge of the state highway department by decision of the Supreme Court, thus placing Mr. Contine in a subordinate position in the department, there has been friction between the two men. Lewis told the Commission today that Contine wished to do the work which he himself desired to direct. Since Lewis recommended Contine's dismissal, the latter has been engaged in gathering data on state roads under direction of the Commission. Lewis says that Contine left Salem without advising him of his intentions. He also insists that it was duty and not Contine's to gather information on state roads for presentation to the Legislature.

Motion Picture News. Dramatic Scene From 'A Modern Thelma' At Majestic Theater.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Majestic—"A Modern Thelma." Columbia—"The Stepping Stone." His Wife's Mistake. Pickford—"Human Driftwood." Peoples—"Molly Make-Believe." Sunset—"Champion Jess Willard in Training and Fight Scenes." Circle—"The Girl and the Game."

CHARLES CHAPLIN, the millionaire movie actor, has gone to law to protect his highly valuable reputation as a comedian. He has started the first suit ever filed because a picture is not funny enough.

Chaplin has brought suit against the Essanay Film Manufacturing Company, his former employers, and the Vitagraph-Lubin-Selig-Essanay, Inc., for permanent injunction against the distribution of the motion picture known as "Charlie Chaplin's Burlesque on Carmen" a record that is in the Supreme Court of New York.

Chaplin is now working on a salary of \$70,000 for the Mutual Film Corporation, which fact he cites as evidence of the great value of his reputation.

Chaplin's salary is the equivalent of a 6 per cent return on an invested capital of \$1,166,666, which may be taken as a measure of the value of his name as a comedian.

The actor charges that the picture as originally made by him was in two reels of one thousand feet each and that it is being released in four padded reels of such quality as to seriously injure his fame.

Chaplin avers that his rights both as an actor and producer and author are violated by the four-reel "Carmen." The suit is unique in the history of motion picture litigation in the United States.

In order to get the correct atmosphere for "The Ring," the big circus serial which Director Jacques Jacard is producing, the director took note and mortgage for \$100,000 for two to Stockholm, Cal., in order to have the benefit of the Al G. Barnes circus organization which was playing in that location.

Fuller Melliish, the distinguished English actor, who has been playing with James K. Hackett, in his Broadway production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and other Shakespearean plays, has rejected the photoplay forces of William Fox. He will appear in a photodrama which is being directed by Will S. Davis.

COURT CANCELS TRANSFER Judge Gutenberg Makes "Financials" Refund on Bad Paper.

Allegations of deliberate fraud on the part of the persons who induced Robert Carr to trade a perfectly good note and mortgage for \$100,000 for worthless notes calling for the same amount, were sustained by Circuit Judge Gutenberg yesterday, when he ordered the transfer cancelled and restrained N. M. Todd, who was responsible for the good note, from paying \$300 to anyone but Carr.

DR. H. W. GALVANI ESCAPES Baconian Theorist on Yakima Trip

Dr. H. W. Galvani left Portland with the Yakima excursion party just in time, it would appear, for the whole host of Shakespearean scholars is on his trail to demand satisfaction for his remarks about the Bard of Avon, in his exposition of the Baconian theory Sunday.

Klamath Falls Honors Shakespeare.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—The tercentenary of the birth of William Shakespeare, which is being widely observed throughout the world this Spring, was observed in Klamath Falls Saturday at a meeting of the study department of the Women's Literary Club.

FUNERAL OF OLD RAILROAD MAN WILL BE HELD TODAY.

The funeral of William M. Bond, 58, for 30 years a resident of this city, who died at Spokane on Friday, will be held this afternoon at the Portland Crematorium at 2 o'clock.

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Screen Gossip. One of the most attractive lobby displays ever presented to Portland fans...

Screen Gossip. Pearl White, the widely known motion picture actress now appearing in the Pathé serial, "The Iron Claw," denies emphatically the widely published report that she intends marrying Frank Moran, the heavyweight pugilist.

Screen Gossip. Harry C. Myers and Rosemary Tobby arrived last Monday at the Vim comedie studios in Jacksonville, Fla., and started work immediately on the first of a weekly series of "comedies" to be released under the Vim brand on the General programme.