

ATTORNEY WILLIS' APPEAL DRAMATIC

Chehalis Lawyer Talks Six Hours Against Disbarment Proceedings.

CHARGES ARE REITERATED

Author of Famous Pamphlet Repeats Accusations Against Judge Rice and Mentions Other Alleged Wrongs.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—J. E. Willis, Chehalis attorney, was ordered disbarred from practice for one year by Superior Judge P. E. Sullivan, of Spokane, at the conclusion of the disbarment proceedings here late tonight.

BY SHAD O. KRANTZ. CHEHALIS, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—For six hours J. E. Willis stood before Judge Sullivan in the Superior Court here today and forensically appealed for the continued privilege of practicing law in this state.

Mr. Willis, the attorney whose professional associates are seeking to disbar him, for the last three days they have been presenting both evidence and argument to the court in support of their contentions that Mr. Willis is an unfit person to practice law.

Mr. Willis admits authorship. Mr. Willis does not deny the authorship of the pamphlet, but he insists that neither its title nor its contents constitute an undue reflection on Judge Rice.

Defendant Evades Issues. The Bar Association charges Mr. Willis with unbecoming statements reflecting on the Supreme Court of the state and with a disturbance of Judge Rice's own court by distributing some of his pamphlets while court was in session.

Mr. Willis did not seem to stick very closely to these issues today. He talked about many other subjects, though, from the glorious deeds performed by the Grand Army veterans, some of whom were in the courtroom, to the odoriferous offensiveness of the little animal commonly called the skunk, which was referred to in his pamphlet.

Mr. Willis, moreover, directed his address—yes, it was an address, and a good one, rather than an argument to the court—principally to some minor accusation that he had made against Judge Rice.

For instance, he declared that Judge Rice had violated the oath of his office by certifying to the payment of meals for the County Commissioners when they were not entitled to meals.

Vouchers Are Gone Over. He produced great bundles of returned vouchers for the County Auditor's office, showing that meals had been paid for, under Judge Rice's signature, while the Commissioners were transacting business in Chehalis, the county seat.

At yesterday's session County Auditor Montford had agreed to accept payment for their meals in lieu of mileage, which they are allowed by law. But Mr. Willis today sprung the vouchers to show that they had accepted both mileage and meals, and with the evident approval of Judge Rice.

While this line of argument has been said before, was not very closely related to the main issues of whether or not Mr. Willis should be disbarred, it furnished the crowds that packed the courtroom with some choice food for reflection and comment.

It seems the employment of Mrs. Rice in her husband's court has not set very well with the people of Lewis County for the last decade, or how long it is that she has been employed. The Ricess are people of more or less prominence in the community, both on account of Judge Rice's official position and on account of other connections that he has formed. He is director of a bank, for instance.

Because Judge and Mrs. Rice are so prominent no one, heretofore, has dared to say anything on this subject, although a good many people have wanted to do so. But now comes along a pioneer attorney 65 years old and has the audacity not only to print these particulars in a pamphlet over his own signature, but to shout them from the house-tops, as it were, by declaiming them in open court.

The packed benches listened to these declarations today with evident satisfaction and amusement.

Opening Statement Severe. But the trouble is that Mr. Willis did not stop there when he started printing things about Judge Rice; no, he didn't even start there. He started his pamphlet with this opening statement:

"It is my purpose herein to accuse Alfonso E. Rice, Superior Judge of Lewis County, of crimes and misdemeanors, which, if proved true, should commit him to prison for the remainder of his life and render him an abject bankrupt."

Along a little further he says: "In accusing Judge Rice of other crimes, I must be very particular to point out that if I am untruthful Judge Rice will have me arrested and punished for criminal libel and I am frank to admit that he should do so."

In court today he repeated, over and over again, that he has no apologies to make, no any retractions to offer for any statement contained in the booklet, yet he insisted just as firmly and just as often that he did not intend to cast any undue sinister reflections on the judge or his court.

Mr. Forney closed for the complainants tonight, severely arraigning Mr. Willis.



Charles Ray and H. H. Thompson, in "The Dividend" at Columbia Theater.

Peoples. "The Clown." Columbia. "The Dividend." "Bubble of Trouble." Majestic. "Neptune's Daughter." T & D. "The Spoilers." "His Brother's Wife." Sunset. "The Precious Packet." Majestic.

ANNETTE KEILERMAN, she of the feminine form divine and wonderful aquatic deeds, greeted Majestic Theater patrons yesterday in "Neptune's Daughter," the big seven-act Universal feature which inaugurated the regime of the aquatic spectacle-phantasy.

While the film is pre-eminently Keilerman, all of the action centering about this world-famed swimmer and diver, yet her grace is bulwarked by magnificent scenic effects, contributed by the art of Herbert Brenon, the director of the soon-to-be "Daughter of the Gods," the William Fox-Kellerman masterpiece, and the wonderful scenery of Bermuda, where the picture was filmed.

Miss Keilerman is presented in two guises, that of a mermaid and a mermaid, Neptune's daughter. It is not until she is enabled to wriggle from her scaly appendage that signifies the water maid that she introduces the art which made her famous, that of sensational diving.

As Annette, daughter of Neptune, Annette is happy with her little sister and other companions, but mortals wreck her happiness by causing the death of her sister, and then the girl swears vengeance. So she secures from a witch, ensconced in the depths of mysterious grottoes, a shell of wonderful properties. She rubs the shell and, behold, no longer is she a mermaid, but a mortal. As such she subdues the king, who is the handsome William Shay in everyday life, and thus has the opportunity to avenge herself by fulfilling her vow to kill the ruler.

Pathe News, including late fashion dictates as well as the events of the world, is also screened. T & D. Is that terrific fight between William Farnum and Thomas Santschi, which features "The Spoilers," a product of photo-dramatic art, pure and simple.

William H. Thompson, who achieved distinction in his characterization of a canny old Scot in "Peggy," and Charles Ray, who played the part of the youthful "Triangle" stars, are featured in "The Dividend," a strong story of the woes resulting from uncompromising pursuit of wealth. "Bubbles of Trouble," a Harry McCoy-Peggy Pearce Keystone comedy, which derives its action from McCoy's attempts to enter the ranks of the heroes, is another feature.

"The Dividend" is a story of a strong man's struggle for wealth, his successful effort to secure a big dividend for his stockholders. The goal is achieved, but the real dividend is the ruin and death of his son, whom he has neglected the country rather than care a shadow of doubt over the happy little family he has unconsciously disrupted.

The story is said to be particularly strong in dramatic climaxes and fully up to the Brady-made standard of World features. Peoples. "The Clown," a photo-drama written expressly for Victor Moore, star of "Chimmie Padden Out West" and other photo offerings, will be presented at

COURT REPORTS OF THE SECT

Residents of Jefferson to Vote on Question at November Election.

TOWN IS GRAIN CENTER

Modern Stores and Fine School and Church Buildings Are Noted. Splendid Water System Is Being Installed.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. CULVER, Or., June 28.—(Staff Correspondence.)—When the machinery of the new county of Jefferson was set in motion in the Spring of 1915, Culver was selected by the newly-appointed County Court as the temporary county seat, the permanent seat, however, was to come up at the election this Fall. Really the question is the absorbing one, whether the voters will be for the best interests of the county.

Jefferson was formed from the territory in the northwestern corner of Crook. It is not a large county, having an area of about 1313 square miles, being approximately the size of Wheeler and Clackamas. The worst part of the county is the inclusion in the new county of far more than half of the railway property. That, added to the other taxable property in the county, gives Jefferson a valuation of \$4,979,613.62.

County's Taxes Low. So the taxes in the county are low and there is no debt hanging over it. Yet, there was a large initial expense incurred in fitting up the jail and courthouse, the buildings being provided by the town of Culver, through the records and purchasing supplies for the various officials. It is safe to say that no new county in Oregon ever started with brighter prospects than Jefferson; it seems likewise true that much of this is due to the intelligent and conscientious actions of the county officials.

Going back to the area of the county, it should be said that 350 square miles of Jefferson lie in the Warm Springs Indian Reservation and 250 miles in the Forest reserve. But Jefferson has a vast area of good dry-farming land, which no doubt some day will be one or more of the irrigation schemes now agitating the people. If these schemes should become reality, Jefferson will be one of the very prosperous counties of Oregon. And it does not seem that both the North Unit scheme and the Suttle Lake project can remain many years as matters of mere talk. It is true they are both expensive propositions, but very profitable cover land that would bear a heavy tax per acre for water.

Culver is the heaviest grain-marketing point in the county by far. It is a citizen of Culver, J. C. Wyman, who told that the grain shipments from Central Oregon were more than half billed from Culver. That is not to be doubted when one remembers that the splendid La Monta section to the east, the Grizzly section to the southeast, both of which cover in a good land as well as in Western Crook or Eastern Jefferson, ship from here, not mentioning the large area of fine land on the Opal river, which is a good land as well.

Never, perhaps, in the history of Oregon did the dry lands of old Crook look so bleak as they do today. Hence, people have the right to look forward to bumper crops. From the best information I can gather, the heavy rainfall of the last spring spread all over the Crooked River and the lower peninsula between those rivers. In fact, the people of those sections would have to be very stupid not to be glad if they went to any other market.

Bumper Crop in Prospect. Culver is a town that was never backed by ample money. The success of the people in building up the little town is due to the fact that the business and fairness. They have always kept their town clean, never had a saloon, and have fulfilled their every promise and obligation, and meanwhile have relied upon what they thought was their material condition. Hence the town is growing nicely, there is not a vacant building in or near the city limits, a large two-story and basement brick hotel is being built, and is going up, with funds to finish it, and, as the greatest of all their enterprises, there is a splendid water system which will supply the town and furnish domestic and garden irrigation water to a great many adjacent farmers.

To go fully into this would take too much space. I can only say that the 8-inch main from the reservoir, four town one-half miles to the west on the banks of Crooked River, into and through town, have been practically all laid, the big reservoir is completed and the pumps have been installed—with more than enough water-users signed up to make the plant pay from the day of its opening, probably a month from now. This enterprise is one of the finest ever undertaken in Oregon and is the forerunner of a system that will revolutionize the lives and fortunes of hundreds and hundreds of dry-land farmers in the interior of the state.

Citizenship Is Enforced. Very early in the trade of Culver there was a fine school building and a nice little church erected here. The former is one of the most conspicuous structures on the prairie, and a good school always has been maintained. Every Sunday there is Sunday school and preaching in the church, and both services are well attended. I mention this, as I noted the "lack" of saloons, to show the Culver people in their true high. Very few people in Oregon of this size have a good class of citizens as Culver has. Culver has very good stores. One of them, a place where general supplies are kept, is a very nice establishment, the stock being exceptionally well displayed. The Kingsley Mercantile Company owns it. Earl Kingsley is the manager. There are other good stores and good business houses. I mention them, when the Kingsley is mentioned, because the place is more like a store in a large city than in a small place like Culver. There is an industry in Culver that should be mentioned and encouraged, a cigar factory run by B. J. Lenkas. He makes a fine "jitney" cigar, one of the best you ever smoked. It is said his better smokes are equally attractive.

The Deschutes Valley Tribune is the name of Culver's newspaper. O. C. Haven Boomer, son of J. M. Boomer, manager of the Dings Electric Company, was shot through the foot yesterday when a 35-caliber revolver that was examining was accidentally discharged. The bullet passed through the flesh of the foot and lodged in the sole of the youth's shoe.

Spokane Meeting Elects Vancouver Woman Is New Head of Daughters of Veterans. SPOKANE, Wash., June 28.—Mrs. Alice M. O'Conner, of Vancouver, Wash., was today elected state president of the Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War at the annual convention here. Mrs. Frances Mackey, of Vancouver, was appointed state secretary by the newly elected president.

Youth Accidentally Shoots Self. CENTRALIA, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the city commission yesterday, a petition was presented asking for the paving of Summa street from Pearl street to Woodland

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The Prince of Popularity, and

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The Young Australian, Infatuated With His Brother's Wife, Is Mortified Upon Learning the Identity of the Woman He Led Astray.

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Being Unable to Accommodate the Immense Crowds

William Farnum and Kathlyn Williams

In Rex Beach's Wonder Story of the Great Northwest

"The Spoilers"

Will Remain ALL THIS WEEK

LAST TIME Saturday

A Thrilling Tale of the Alaskan Gold Fields

THE PICTURE THAT WILL LIVE FOREVER

Matinees ... 10c

Evenings ... 10c

Orchestra ... 15c

Balcony ... 10c

Loges ... 25c

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5c

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