

PROSECUTOR FAVORS APPOINTIVE OFFICE

Restraint on Private Practice of Law Wanted.

ANNUAL SESSION OPENS

District Attorneys Informed Non-Support Law Is "Farce"; Amendment Is Requested.

SALM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special).—That the prosecuting officers of Oregon should be appointed rather than elected, should hold their respective positions as long as they render efficient service to the state and should be restrained from participating in the private practice of law was the statement made by George Neuner, president of the Oregon District Attorneys' association, in an address at the annual meeting of the body which opened here today.

Mr. Neuner made special reference during his address to the prohibition, cigarette and a number of other laws which, he said, contained a clause making their enforcement a special duty of the district attorneys. For failure, neglect or refusal to enforce many of these laws, he said, the prosecuting attorneys were subject to fine, imprisonment and forfeiture of their office.

Attorney Sec. Pestl. "I am not inclined to believe that the enforcement of any particular law should be made a special duty of district attorneys," said Mr. Neuner, "neither am I in favor of prosecuting one class of crime in preference to another. The criminal statutes of Oregon, when they concern the bootlegger or the man charged with murder, appear alike to me."

Although not within the power of the district attorneys to remedy, Mr. Neuner said the quicker the people of Oregon are in the matter, the more allowed the prosecuting officials to proceed unhampered in the enforcement of the laws the sooner the state would be rid of its most vicious violators. Making it a special duty of the district attorneys to enforce some of the laws, without any particular reference to the others, Mr. Neuner said was likely to decrease efficiency.

Non-Support Law Held "Farce." District Attorney Neuner also referred to the non-support law now in operation in this state. He said the act, as interpreted by most of the prosecuting officials, was a farce and should be amended at the first opportunity.

"I have prosecuted a number of persons under our present non-support law," said Mr. Neuner, "but in nearly every instance the defendants were conditionally paroled by the courts. They later left the state and are now outside the jurisdiction of the Oregon statutes."

F. W. Snyder, in charge of the special agents in the law, also informed the district attorneys that his staff was not made up of so-called spotters, but of well trained investigators who were ever at the service of the prosecuting officials in running down law violators.

"We do not specialize in any particular class of violations," said Mr. Snyder, "but go forward with a view of bringing all persons guilty of infractions to justice." Mr. Snyder told the district attorneys that there were at present six hundred agents in the employ of the state, two of whom are women.

Attorneys Sit at Banquet. Other addresses were delivered at today's sessions. Judge C. G. Bingham of the Marion county circuit court, who delivered the "Divorce and District Attorneys"; J. S. Hodgins, district attorney of Union county, who spoke on "Revision of the Criminal Code"; and Attorney General George M. Brown, on "Law Enforcement."

A paper dealing with the "Leaven From a District Attorney's Diary" was read by Chief Justice McBride probably was the feature number on today's programme.

Tonight the district attorneys were entertained at a banquet at the Marlborough hotel, which was marked by addresses and discussions pertaining to the handling of radicals, agitators and other persons of disloyal tendencies. Several addresses are scheduled for tomorrow's sessions, which will close with election of officers.

Because of the disagreeable weather the proposed inspection of the state institutions was canceled by the district attorneys.

WOOD CLUB WILL OPEN PRESIDENTIAL BOOM TO BE LAUNCHED TONIGHT.

Event Will Be Given in Crystal Room of Benson Hotel; Music to Be Feature.

Leonard Wood's presidential campaign will be launched in Oregon tonight at a chicken dinner in the crystal room of the Benson hotel. Tables will be spread to accommodate between 500 and 600 guests, according to plans approved by the executive committee of the Leonard Wood Republican club of Oregon, and, aside from a most attractive menu, there will be a delightful programme of musical features and plenty of interesting speechmaking.

C. H. Weston, president of the Wood club, is chairman of the special committee on speakers, and W. A. Ekwall, with offices in the Yeon building, heads the special committee on music and other entertainment features. According to the plans, there is going to be something doing every minute of the dinner rally, so that aside from hearing excellent speeches, the gathering will enjoy what President Weston says will be a "continuous vaudeville."

Tickets for the dinner are \$2 each, and the committee in charge of sales is headed by George W. Herron of 641 Pittcock block as chairman. President Weston announces that thus far the Wood club in Portland has a membership of nearly 500 men and women, with every month bringing additional memberships to headquarters of the club at 252 Corbett building.

ICE TRAGEDY RECALLED

COLUMBIA AND WILLAMETTE FROZEN IN 1875.

Rescue Chain Falls to Save Life of ex-Soldier; Team and Truck Go Through Ice.

In the good old days of yore, when the Willamette river and the Columbia became silent in the grip of winter, the society of frozen rivers and banks to bank, Portland folk had hot memory and exciting times. It was the newspaper file of The Oregonian that told the story.

On January 16, 1875, when both the Columbia and the Willamette were frigid from shore to shore, the skaters were out in covets and companies. And the chronicles of that day recount at least one mishap, when a party of frozen rivermen, on a ice-bound ferryboat and broke through to the swift current. He was rescued with peril and difficulty. The same issue of The Oregonian which relates these incidents gives advice on the harvesting of ice.

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Against the background of the message of nature lovers to their fellow citizens—"Feed the birds!"

PARK PURCHASE DELAYED

LOWER VALUATION OF SIMON TRACT DISCOVERED.

Commissioner Pier Will Withhold Assessor's Figures Cited.

Purchase of the five-acre tract on East Belmont and East Thirtieth streets by the city from Joseph Simon probably will be delayed by the discovery of the assessed valuation of \$14,000 for the tract given on the books of county Assessor Reed.

At a meeting of the city council last week authorization was given to Commissioner Pier to purchase this and two other tracts. Commissioner Pier then negotiated with Mr. Simon and agreed upon a price of \$27,500, which was announced by Commissioner Pier to be just \$1000 below the assessed valuation of the land.

TABORS GO VIA PORTLAND

Michigan Officers Starting Them East From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Sarah Taber and her son, Walter Taber, held at Yreka in connection with the death of Mrs. Taber's daughter, Miss Maude Taber, were to be taken east late tonight via Portland, Ore., according to a dispatch from Yreka received here.

TEACHERS GET PAY RISE

Montana Increases Range From 10 to 20 Per Cent.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 12.—Increases ranging from 10 to 20 per cent, effective January 1, 1920, will be made in salaries of teachers in the several institutions of the University of Montana.

'HEALER'S' AMAZING METHODS REVEALED

Woman Related to Lucas by First Marriage Testifies.

DEPOSITION IS THRILLING

'Development of Spirituality in Female Sex' Declared to Be Bordering on Immorality.

Description of the method advocated by Ailamon Ira Lucas for the development of spirituality in the female sex, in the deposition of Mrs. Margaret Peables Colburn of Los Angeles met with a distinct intake of breath from spectators in the room when read to a jury yesterday afternoon in the \$50,000 libel suit brought by the alleged "healer" against the Portland Evening Telegram.

It seemed to me that he was turning a material qualification into a spiritual one," was the comment of Mrs. Colburn in the statement read. She was related by marriage to the first wife of Lucas, who was a white woman as is his second wife. She said that he explained his doctrines to her at length and freely admitted that he was of colored blood. He has denied on the witness stand that he was of negro parentage, attributing his dark color and kinky hair to the Cherokee Indian and Hindu blood which, mixed with French and Holland, he declared, flows in his veins.

The conference board hopes that after a year's trial of the new system it will be universally approved and adopted. One reason given by O. G. Hughson, secretary of the Building Contractors' association, for the apparent high figures set in that the average building mechanic is employed only three-fourths of the time on account of lack of work, under conditions and the other unavoidable lay-offs.

WAGE PACT IS SIGNED

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"Feed the birds, you folks of Portland," is Mayor Baker's plea. Back of him stand the Audubon society, the state game commission and any number of people who know the joy there is in the cheerful little wagtails who stay with Oregon throughout the winter.

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Langdon-Davies to Speak. B. Langdon-Davies, ex-president of the Cambridge university union and more recently extension lecturer to universities of Cambridge and London, in England, will be in Portland Monday and is scheduled to speak here. He is expected under auspices of the Civic league, speaking Monday noon at a luncheon at the Benson hotel. Mr. Langdon-Davies will have as his subject "British Labor and the League of Nations." He will discuss the regular meeting of the League of Nations and the covenant as drafted.

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