

WATSON HOLDS POSITION STILL

Board of Control Flees to
Olympia After Failing
to Oust Him.

RETURNS UTTERLY ROUTED

Will Consult With Governor Mead as
to Method of Ousting Superin-
tendent at the Vancouver
School for Defectives.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Like any feudal baron, entrenched in his castle, with the drawbridge raised, surrounded by faithful retainers, ready to withstand a siege, is Dr. James Watson, superintendent of the School for Defective Youth at Vancouver. The State Board of Control, sent post-haste from Olympia to demand the resignation of the superintendent, to become effective January 1, and, failing that, dispatches from Puget Sound say, with orders to oust Watson on the spot and install William N. Marshall as the head of the institution, has met defeat, and, utterly routed, returned to the Washington capital yesterday afternoon to report progress. It is now up to Governor Albert E. Mead.

Dr. Watson has no mortgage on the state property, he says, and is willing to retire when his term expires, on May 1, or, if charges are preferred against him and sustained, he will withdraw, but he refuses emphatically to step out without cause, showing that he has full confidence that his administrative affairs will stand the closest examination.

Will Not Retire in Disgrace.

He refuses to retire in disgrace. He will not vacate his office before May 1, 1906, unless dispossessed by the sheriff, thrust out by the state militia or ejected by whatever officer has the power to oust him. The Board of Control and the Governor are defied to do their worst. The superintendent has taken this stand under former administrations, when politicians sought to remove him, as he believed without just cause, and he has won by the same method.

Flipped Coin to Name Successor.

During the regime of Governor McBride a small party in an upper room in Vancouver flipped a coin to determine which of them should have the naming of Dr. Watson's successor, as a lengthy discussion failed to decide the issue. Still the present superintendent has taken this rule. One of the men who participated in the juggling of the coin, Dr. J. A. Applewhite, of Portland, visited Vancouver yesterday and had a talk with several of the staff members, who are in the sign language.

Opposes Marshall's Appointment.

"I will stay till they put me out," emphatically said Watson, and, from his record and the Scotch-Irish blood in him, he means it. "While I have but little to say as to the qualifications of William Marshall, named as my successor, I do not think a single man should be appointed as superintendent of this institution without the approval of the board. Therefore I believe he is incapable."

Instances multiply of Marshall's unfitness to head the institution, and the teachers are of the opinion that they will maintain their stand against him, even if they sacrifice their positions. They will resign rather than teach under his direction.

"If they want to oust Dr. Watson, let them at least bring on a man for superintendent who is capable to fill the position, and let them bring him from the outside, so he will come to this work without prejudice or friends among those in the present trouble," said a teacher to-day.

The teachers, notwithstanding their protest to the Governor and Board of Control, were not approached by the members of the board during their visit to the school, and the requested investigation was not begun. The teachers met to-day what they said, no teacher talked with the members of the board about the matter, intending to show they will not compromise or recede from the position they have taken.

Board Plays Politics.

That the present board has played politics at the school before is shown by the immediate appointment, upon the election of the board, of several friends of the members to jobs at the institution. M. F. Kincaid, chairman of the board, and formerly a railroad engineer, brought with him a friend, a brother locomotive engineer, and made him engineer at the institution, discharging the former engineer.

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should fail in making the appropriation, he would himself advance funds.

Those having a knowledge of the work at the school say the removal of Dr. Watson would mean an added loss to Mrs. Watson, who has been a mother to the motherless since her husband took charge, and is beloved and trusted by every child who ever attended the institution. Some allege the attempt to remove the superintendent is an effort to ouster him, but although a little over 60, Watson is as sprightly as an ever, and in the best of health. The California school, for the same class is pointed out by his friends, who say the head of that institution has been in charge more than 60 years.

All speak of the excellent work accomplished at the school since Dr. Watson has been in charge. With the option of sending his deaf mutes and blind children to the Montana, Colorado, Utah or Washington schools, Idaho sends them to Vancouver, assured of excellent care and teaching. And this, too, notwithstanding the fact that Colorado has an elaborate institution for the deaf, and Idaho a term for each pupil, while the Washington school slightly exceeds half that.

Graduates Attend Colleges.

Graduates of the Vancouver school are attending colleges and keep up with students who have possession of all five of their senses. So many graduates of the school have been sent to the National College for the Deaf at Washington, D. C., that few states have a better record, considering the number of children maltruncated. The cost of maintenance for a pupil at Vancouver is carefully handled that last month was little over \$14 per capita.

So careful has been the superintendent in making expenditures that some Vancouverians are opposed to him because he does not purchase more supplies from them. That he does buy any when the estimated quantity, purchased by contract over six months, is exhausted, is the chief reason furnished by the board for his proposed removal.

Meanwhile, while all is not serene at the School for Defective Youth at Vancouver, there is no indication of leniency in the mind of Dr. Watson. He will fight it out on the line he has planned if it takes all Winter and the succeeding Summer.

BIRD LIFE OF OREGON

WILLIAM L. FINLEY ARRANGES
TO PUBLISH BOOK.

Returns Home After a Two Months' Trip to New York, Where He Lectured.

William L. Finley, son of J. P. Finley, of this city, returned to Portland last evening, after a two months' trip to New York and Eastern cities. When he returned, he was accompanied by a reporter, like most Oregonians, Mr. Finley said his first thoughts were of the enjoyment in getting back to Oregon again.

"New York is the center of the publishing business," he said, "and business calls me East once a year, but give me Oregon for a home. My field of work is here, the best magazine material is on the Pacific Coast. I have found most all the people I have met are wide awake to the possibilities out here, notwithstanding the reports that so little is known of this country. In these days of advertising, the Pacific Northwest is no longer an unknown country. There are the best possibilities for writers who live here in exploiting the material about them, but instead it is being exploited by men sent here from the East."

Mr. Finley is a young man out of college only two years, but as a magazine writer and lecturer he has already become well known in the East as well as the West. Mr. Finley, in connection with Herman T. Bohman, of this city, has accomplished remarkable results in studying the habits of birds and animals with camera and notebook. During the past year Mr. Finley has been employed by the Review of Reviews Company on the staff of the Country Calendar. Many of his sketches of birds and animals have appeared in the Country Calendar, St. Nicholas, Outing Magazine and the Pacific Monthly. Much of the best work of these two Portlanders will appear during the coming year in the American Illustrated Magazine, formerly Leslie's Monthly, Country Life in America, the Outlook, World Today, Forest and Stream and other publications.

While in New York, Mr. Finley lectured before the National Association of Audubon Societies and was honored by his election as director of the National Association. He gave two illustrated talks on bird life before the American Ornithologists' Union, which caused wide comment, especially the one giving his studies of wing motion. He has been making a series of photographs of considerable scientific as well as popular interest, that these two naturalists have taken during the season of their work. He also lectured before the Brooklyn Institute, the Linnaean Society and was on the course of lectures for public instruction in New York City.

Mr. Finley returned to Portland in order to place some of his material in final form for the publication of a book of bird life in the Spring. It will be published by the National Geographic Society, the foremost publishers of nature books in this country. In the past the difficulty of placing a book of this kind on the shelves of the book stores has been a half-ton and expensive paper, has been the price of the volume has limited the sale to a small audience, but Mr. Finley has made arrangements so that this book will be sold at a very moderate price, and will be of use to any one interested in outdoor life, as well as a book that is available for nature reading in the home. It will be made up of intimate camera and notebook studies of certain common bird families that every child should know, showing the habits and traits of different species that have been discovered by long and careful study at certain bird homes. No effort will be made to make a bird manual, but rather to give a series of true bird biographies that will interest those who love the wild life of field and forest.

In the Spring Mr. Finley and Mr. Bohman will go to Southern California, where they expect to collect and complete their studies for long and careful study at dealing with the rarer species found on the Pacific Coast.

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REED WILL STAND

Judge Frazer Decides It Is
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HEIRS WILL APPEAL AGAIN

More Than One Million Dollars Bequeathed to Found an Institute
Where Portland Youth
May Be Trained.

The decision of Judge Webster, of the County Court, sustaining the will of the late Amanda W. Reed, was affirmed by Judge Frazer yesterday in deciding the case on appeal. He stated that Judges Cleland and George concurred with his view.

William M. Gregory, of counsel for the contesting heirs, immediately gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court.

The residue of the estate was bequeathed to Rev. T. L. Elliot, C. A. Dolph, William E. Robertson and Martin Whig as trustees, to found an institute of learning to be known as the Reed Institute, in memory of S. G. Reed, the husband of the testatrix. The residue will amount to more than \$1,000,000.

List of Contestants.

The contestants are: Emily Pickering, Sarah A. Robertson, Baxter Wood, John H. Wood, W. H. Paxon, Helen Paxon Passmore, Emma Wood, William H. Wood, Corinne A. Wood, Stella H. Wood, Helen B. Wood, all next of kin and heirs.

Mrs. Reed died in Pasadena, Cal. The contestants contend that she was domiciled in California at the time of her death, and that under the California law not more than one-third of an estate can be devised for charitable purposes, and as Mrs. Reed bequeathed the bulk of her estate for such uses, the will, according to the California statute, is invalid.

The decision rendered by Judge Webster and affirmed yesterday in the State Circuit Court is that the domicile of Mrs. Reed was in Portland, and that the California statute does not apply.

The contesting heirs have filed a similar proceeding in Los Angeles County, California, and Dolph, Malloy, Simon and Garip and M. L. Pipes, attorneys for the will and executor and trustees, have filed an answer to the California suit setting forth that the will and decision in Oregon is an estoppel to the same in California, and that the adjudication here is final, and that the case cannot be tried in two different states.

Plan for Institute.

The decision in the case, although a definite step toward the carrying out of the wishes of Mrs. Reed as expressed in her will, does not bring the matter to its end. The trustees of the fund, who are now in the habit of carrying a flag, they find time on their trips around the country to talk religion as well as business. Particularly are their efforts directed to leading other commercial travelers to the same end.

The Portland organization is allied with other bands of "Gideons" throughout the country, there being between 60,000 and 70,000 in the United States. Their emblem is a button showing the torch and the pitcher, symbolic of Gideon's original 200. Mutual improvement and Christian fellowship are objects of the organization, and the members are to spend their Sundays while on the road with others of the faith.

Swedish Society Will Celebrate.

Christmas will be celebrated by the Swedish Society of Oregon next Tuesday night at Hingler's Hall with the custom, any banquet to which members and their friends are invited. The Swedish Society was organized about 18 years ago and is now one of the largest societies of its kind in the city. It has done much for the aid of needy immigrants by donations and private subscriptions among its members.

A program, consisting of music, song and address, will be followed by dancing. Following is the program: Music, orchestra; address of welcome, Charles Holmes; soprano solo, Miss Dorra E. Larson; address of welcome, Mrs. E. Larson; vocal solo, Leonard Larson; address of G. E. Larson; soprano solo, Miss Edith Nordstrom; selection, Nordstrom children.

Mike Fogarty, General Killfeather's Understudy,

Discusses Senators.

THE Senatorial appointment was up for discussion down at Pat's and General Killfeather's understudy, Mike Fogarty, had the floor.

"Th' constitution provides for fray speech," said Mike, "an' th' delegations called on th' Gov'ter will plenty in constitution. It was fray speech and speech fray for several days until the Gov'ter gets bilious. I'm not a politician, but my hired man says 'put me in my little bed'; an' this in drames he rayvists th' cranberry patches in Cook the peach orchids in Jackson, th' calm fields in Douglas, th' immaculate ivy in Marion, th' sheepdippers in Malheur, an' ivy where else, but rayvists to Multnomah where th' clouds thickens. This all I a student th' light strikes him, an' he says to himself, 'he bivins I got it; I'll nominate Joe and appoint Jawn.'"

"Thine Jawn goes to Washington an' Charley meets him at th' train an' says: 'Congratulations, Jawn, how's Senator Simon?' It's a wonder he don't write me; an' Jawn will say he's alive an' in it, begot. Thine they go to th' President an' Charley says, 'Mr. President, me called Senator Gearing.'"

"What does Jawn say to that?" asked Pat Collins.

"I suppose," said Mike, "he would like to say what Dr. House said to Dr. Wilson, but he don't because th' Senatorial curvy, but th' President smiles an' Jawn

L. Fourth Missouri Infantry. Discharged as private in August, 1865.

J. L. Sperry, died July 3, 1865. Enlisted in November, 1861, as private in Company G, First Oregon Cavalry. Discharged in November, 1864.

Clark Fredmore, died August 12, 1865. Enlisted in August, 1861, as private in Company G, Eighth Indiana Infantry. Discharged in 1864.

Jacob Clauson, died October 12, 1865. Enlisted in July, 1861, as private in Company C, Thirty-ninth Illinois Infantry. Discharged in July, 1864.

At these names were read, M. L. Platt, J. A. Braden, George Kilmer, G. A. Prentiss and J. W. Riner spoke words of eulogy for the fallen comrades. Then came the beautiful ritualistic services of the G. A. R.

Judge Webster, in response to a call, delivered an eloquent address, and in closing remarked: "We young men almost envy your gray hairs—would like to share with you the wonderful glory of carrying the flag that now covers the biers of these fallen comrades."

Made was in charge of C. C. Pratt and C. W. Tracey.

GIDEONS HOLD SESSION

Christian Commercial Travelers

Have a Monthly Meeting.

Christian traveling men of Portland gathered in the Taylor-Street Methodist church last night for the first monthly meeting of the "Gideons," an organization lately started in the city. Consider-

NEW PASTOR OF CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH ARRIVES.

Rev. W. T. Jordan.

Rev. W. T. Jordan, of Denver, Colo., has arrived in Portland and enters on his work as pastor of the Central Baptist Church, East Ankeny and Twentieth streets, this morning. Rev. Mr. Jordan comes to his Portland charge highly recommended. For a number of years he has been at the head of the Women's Seminary at Denver, and has been pastor of the Central Baptist Church of that place. He was in Portland several months ago and occupied the pulpit of the Central Baptist Church, and on the resignation of Rev. William E. Randall he was extended a unanimous call, which he accepted.

Mr. Jordan was warmly greeted on his arrival Friday evening, and made to feel at the start that his new field of work is among pleasant people. His first term will be devoted to preaching and in the evening the Sunday school will have a Christmas entertainment.

Question a Vital One.

This question concerns Republican candidates for Governor and a little also its own party.

Each party has its own ballot color in the primaries and electors can obtain from the electors only the ballot of their own party. The Republican color will be white and the Democratic blue. In order to vote, electors must be registered either Democrat or Republican, and when the election is held, the electors will be required to show their party membership. In order that the judges may know whether to give a white or blue ballot. On the ballot will be printed the names of the respective party candidates for nomination.

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SCRAPING PROPOSALS

Belief Expressed That Law
Does Not Prevent Such
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EFFECT ON THE RESULTS

It Would Permit Democrats to Force

Weak Nominees on Republicans,

and Republicans to Do Like-

wise by Democrats.

Can Democrats vote in Republican primaries and Republicans in Democratic?

Does not the primary law, supposed to have been framed so as to prevent one party from interfering with the nominations of another, leave a loophole through which Democrats can vote in the primaries April 29 for nomination of a weak Republican for Governor and Republicans can vote for nomination of a weak Democrat for Sheriff in Multnomah County?

What is to hinder a Democrat from scratching from the primary ballot of his party the names of Democratic candidates for Democratic nominations and substituting therefor, names of Republican candidates, thereby participating in Republican primaries just the same as if himself a Republican?

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