

**DONWORTH NAMED FEDERAL JUDGE**

**Taft Suddenly Changes His Mind About Choice of Shackelford.**

**PILES FINALLY WINS POINT**

**Secures Appointment for Former Partner by Insistent Pleas—Donworth Accepts by Taft's Personal Request.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 8.—On recommendation of Senator Piles, the President today nominated George Donworth, of Seattle, as second Federal Judge of the Western Washington District. No other member of the Washington delegation joined Mr. Piles in supporting Mr. Donworth, but all expected the President to appoint John A. Shackelford, of Tacoma, in accordance with the intention which he several times expressed to various persons during the past ten days.

What switched the President from Mr. Shackelford to Mr. Donworth has not been disclosed, but it is known that Mr. Piles has been most insistent that Mr. Donworth, his old law partner, should be named if any Seattle man be chosen. Mr. Donworth withdrew his name when the judgeship was tendered to E. C. Hughes of Seattle, saying he would not accept the office as second choice. In a statement made by Mr. Piles today, the Senator says he was notified Thursday that the President desired to appoint Mr. Donworth, but that Mr. Donworth did not accept until he was urged to do so in a telegram from the President.

**DONWORTH ACCEPTS OFFICE**

**Yields to Taft's Request—Leader of Seattle Bar.**

SEATTLE, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—George Donworth today accepted by telegraph the offer of the appointment by President Taft to the position of Federal Judge for the Western District of Washington and his name was sent to the Senate for confirmation. He will resign his position as vice-president of the Board of Education and close up his business affairs and enter upon his duties immediately.

Mr. Donworth graduated from the High School of Machias, and entered Georgetown (D. C.) College, where he graduated in 1881. He adopted law as a profession and studied for two years and was admitted to practice at Houlton, Maine, in 1883, when he was 21 years old.

He was elected a member of the first charter commission in Seattle, 1890, and was chosen corporation counsel, serving from 1892 to 1894. He was a member of the law firm of Piles, Donworth & Howe for a number of years, but withdrew two years ago. He was married in 1889 to Miss Emma Tenney at Houlton, Maine. They have three children. Mr. Donworth is president of Sons of the Revolution and vice-pres-

dent of the Rainier Club. He has never been a member of any secret or fraternal society.

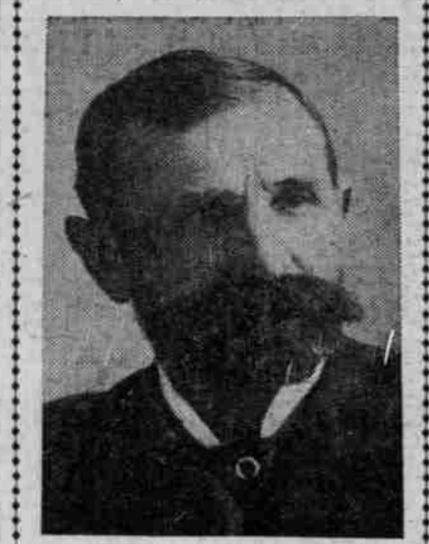
**CHILD IS STRUCK BY AUTO**

**Three-Year-Old Boy Falls Before Driver on Tenth Street.**

Confused by an approaching automobile, James C. Anderson, Jr., 3 years of age, ran into the middle of the street yesterday morning and was run down before the driver, who is in the employ of the Beckman Auto Delivery Company, could stop the machine. The accident occurred at 27 East Tenth street, North, and the neighbors say it was unavoidable, and that the machine was not going at a rapid rate of speed when it occurred. Otherwise, it is said, the child would have been killed, as it was struck squarely.

The injured child was taken to the

**DEATH CLAIMS RESIDENT OF WALDO HILLS AND PIONEER OF 1847.**



**L. B. Geer, Deceased.**  
At the family home in the Waldo Hills, Thursday evening, May 6, L. B. Geer, ex-State Land Agent and cousin of ex-Governor T. T. Geer, died of paralysis after an illness of four weeks.

He was born in Knox County, Illinois, March 11, 1846, coming to this state with the pioneers of 1847, who crossed the plains with ox teams.

At the time of his death L. B. Geer was the oldest member of Silver Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., of Silverton. He was also a member of Chequamegon Lodge, No. 1, Salem.

**LEAP FROM TRAIN FATAL**

**Joseph Johnson Dies After Being Mangled by Wheels.**

As the result of an attempt to escape from Sheriff Pomeroy, of Clatsop County, who was taking him from Astoria to the Reform School, Joseph Johnson, aged 19, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday morning, from injuries he received in jumping from the train Friday night between Holbrook and Scappoose. While the train was going at the rate of 30 miles an hour the young man sprang from the seat in which he was sitting with Sheriff Pomeroy, ran to the platform and jumped off. He struck a solid wall of stone and was hurled back under the wheels of the car, which ground one of his arms to pieces and fractured his skull.

**CHURCH PURCHASES HOME FOR ITS PASTOR.**



**MANSE OF THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 568 EAST PINE STREET.**

The Third Presbyterian Church last week purchased the residence at 568 East Pine street, adjoining the church, which stands on East Pine and Thirteenth streets, for a manse. It was the property of Miss Maude Kenworthy. Although erected several years ago, it is a modern residence of eight rooms. It will be occupied by Rev. Andrew J. Montgomery, pastor, and his family as soon as they can move into it. Standing adjoining the church it is very convenient. Besides the residence there is a full lot. The price has not been announced.

**ACT OF UNION IS NOW UNCERTAIN**

**Prominent Advocates Withdraw Their Support to Constitution.**

**SOUTH AFRICA IN QUANDARY**

**Natal's Opposition, Though Resting on Artificial Basis, Is Marked, and Many Objections Urged in Some Quarters.**

JOHANNESBURG, May 8.—The prospects of the Act of Union for South Africa seem, in two directions, to have become more uncertain during the last few weeks than at any time since its publication. The new convention between the Transvaal and Mozambique has undoubtedly given a fillip to the anti-union campaign in Natal, where several prominent advocates of union have taken the opportunity of withdrawing their support of the constitution.

The arguments used to justify this change of front are not, on the whole, very convincing. Much capital, for instance, is made out of the fact that the Portuguese Treaty ties the hands of United South Africa for the next 10 years and that the proper course would have been to continue the modus vivendi and to leave the Union Parliament to deal with the whole situation. The answer to this is that the Transvaal was always ready to do so and embarked upon the negotiations mainly at the instance of the Ministers of Natal and the Cape Colony, who declared it quite impossible to enter into union while the modus vivendi existed, and entirely acquiesced in the new arrangements, upon which they were consulting at every stage. Objection is taken, also, to the clause perpetuating free trade between the Union and Mozambique. To this the answer is that there is nothing new in this provision, which has been in force for the last seven years under the modus vivendi and for the previous quarter of a century under the Transvaal-Portuguese Treaty of 1878.

**Natal Would Profit by Treaty.**

The fact, however, that most of the opposition in Natal rests upon rather artificial grounds does not diminish the danger of a recrudescence of anti-union sentiment at a rather critical moment. The two largest sugar planters in Durban arrived here recently to discuss the situation with the government and with the leaders of the opposition in the Transvaal. It is to be hoped that the result will be the recognition of what is actually a fact—namely, that Natal is placed in a far better position by the new Treaty than she holds now or could ever hope to hold under a system of free competition with Delagoa Bay.

Meanwhile the movement in the Cape Parliament in favor of amending the clauses of the constitution dealing with the basis of representation has been steadily gaining ground. The promoters thereof have two objects in view. They want in the first place to substitute a statutory differentiation of 30 per cent between town and country constituencies and to place the provision allowing for a margin of variation between sparsely and densely populated districts at the discretion of the Commission of Judges. In the second place, they want to abolish the system of proportional representation in the country but not in towns, where they naturally have no objection to seeing the minority represented. In the course of the debate they won a large measure of support, which was by no means confined to Bond members. All the old arguments reappeared, contrasting the "stable agricultural population" with "the floating population of the towns," and hinting darkly at a possible domination of large financial interests.

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the union, "the most devilish ingenuity could not have devised a better way." This and other letters from the Progressive leaders in the Transvaal have made it perfectly clear that they are not prepared to allow the smallest deviation from the principle of equality laid down in the present draft. But whatever the ultimate result of the proceedings of the Cape Parliament, they are certainly having an unsettling and most unfortunate effect upon the country.

In a recent communication to a Johannesburg journal a Natal politician states that the colony rests its chief objection on the contention that the constitution wipes out the independence of the colonies, subverts existing constitutions, destroys Natal's individuality, and finally places the interests of the smaller colonies at the mercy of the larger. Natal, he says, has less inducement to surrender her present self-governing powers than any of the other colonies. To put it baldly, the others are more or less "in the swim" together; Natal is not. The enormous preponderance of its native population differentiates it from all the other states, and imposes upon it peculiar responsibilities. The land problem requires treatment of a special character.

**Stick to British Ideal.**

Is it unnatural, the writer asks, that the colonists should view with misgivings the prospect of entering into a union which would practically take out of their hands the power to control their interests? Finally, it must not be forgotten that the majority of Natal colonists are of British birth, and above all things desire to maintain unimpaired the institutions which they regard as representing the British ideal. Had a federal type of constitution been adopted, they would willingly have joined hands with the majority, but, adds the writer, it is not surprising that they should hesitate to accept a scheme which involves a subversion of existing institutions, the result of which no man can foresee.

After all that has happened, however, it is hardly doubted that the remaining difficulties will be ultimately surmounted. In whatever manner Natal's demands are dealt with, it seems unlikely that any considerable body of opinion would be found to support the drastic measures suggested by Major Silburn, who, alone among conference delegates, abstained from voting for the draft constitution. In a remarkable interview, published by the Rand Daily Mail, he proposed a scheme to be carried out in the event of Natal's proposals being rejected which would probably not only wreck the union, but put an end to harmonious relations between the colony and its neighbors. The fact that such a plan should be seriously proposed adds to the significance of the Premier's warning, published in the Rand Daily Mail, that if the union were not brought about serious trouble between the various states would eventually arise.

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**BACHELORS ARE DEFEATED IN CRICKET GAME.**

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Benedicts and bachelors met yesterday afternoon in a 'cricket' match that was decided on the club grounds at Montevilla and resulted in a victory for the married men by a margin of 50 runs. The single men won the toss, Coppinger (Pro) and Harrigan facing the bowling of Fenwick and Brown. The first ball completely beat Harrigan and retired him for a duck. They suppose us to be dependent on them for the patronage of our port and railway. Refusal of traffic was, I suppose, what Mr. Lionel Phillips hinted at the other evening when he spoke about 'a big stick.' My reply is that if the Transvaal has a big stick, we have a bludgeon. We can declare Durban a free port."

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characteristic inning. From the start he drove and cut all around the wicket with great freedom, and did not give a single chance. Shirley played a clean and vigorous innings of 45, and he was unfortunate in being thrown out in attempting what looked like a certain run. The score:

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes Benedicts, Bachelors, and Extras.

**Railroad Sued by Government.**

Suit against the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad Company has been filed in the Federal Court by the Government to recover \$10,702.44 damages for the loss of timber in the Cascade forest reserve. It is alleged in the complaint that the company permitted inflammable material to

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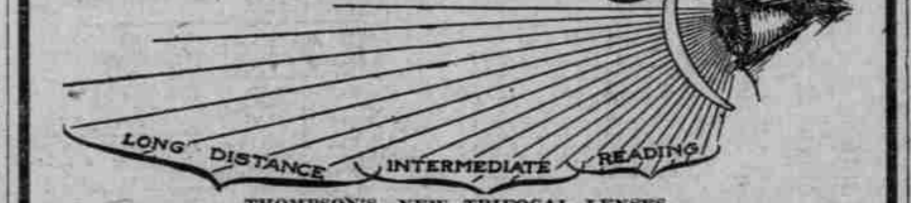
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