

JOINT BAR SESSION TO OPEN TOMORROW

Mr. Taft Will Arrive Today for Banquet and to Address Associations.

HOSTS TO VISITORS NAMED

More Than 500 Lawyers and Families From Out of Town Will Attend Three-Day Gathering. Big Entertainment Planned.

Tomorrow is lawyers' day in Portland, and also the next day, and the day after that.

More than 500 out-of-town lawyers, many of them bringing their families, will arrive here today and tomorrow for the three-day joint meeting of the Bar Associations of Oregon and Washington.

For more than a month Charles H. Carey, chairman of the Oregon general committee, and Albert B. Ridgway, secretary of the Oregon Bar Association, have been planning for this event. For more than two weeks they have had their programme completed and have had invitations scattered broadcast throughout Northwest lawyerdom.

Mr. Taft Will Arrive Today.

Not the least important event of the joint meeting of the two bar associations is the visit of ex-President William Howard Taft. He will arrive today at 12:15 from Salt Lake City, where he has been attending the annual convention of the American Bar Association. He will be received at the station by a special committee composed of Charles H. Carey, Circuit Judge George N. Davis, vice-president of the Oregon Bar Association, and Albert B. Ridgway, its secretary.

The Bar Association has provided state apartments for Judge Taft at the Multnomah Hotel, and he will be taken there directly from the train. He will deliver an address at the Hellig Theater tomorrow at 1:30 on the subject of "Law and Government."

Although the address is under the auspices of the lawyers' convention, the public is invited to hear the ex-President. In fact, the public will be cordially welcomed at all of the sessions of the Bar Associations.

Wife and Daughter Not to Come.

Shortly after he concludes his address Judge Taft will leave the meeting for the most part of the Seattle. He will be accompanied by his daughter, Miss Helen Taft, who will be in company with Miss Maria Herron, Mrs. Taft's sister, and Miss Louise Taft, her niece, they are touring the Canadian Rockies and will not arrive in Portland until Thursday. They will leave for San Francisco the same day to join Judge Taft.

But the meeting of the Bar Association will not be well begun when Judge Taft departs.

The association of Prosecuting Attorneys of the two states will meet Monday morning at the Benson Hotel. Frank P. Christianson, of Friday Harbor, Wash., is president of the Washington body, and Walter H. Evans will act in like capacity for Oregon.

Prohibition Talk to Be Feature.

An interesting feature of this session will be an address by Attorney-General George M. Brown on the enforcement of the prohibition laws of the two states. His address is expected to be one of the prohibition amendments passed at the November elections in Oregon and Washington were almost identical, and he will take opportunity to point out the differences.

The session at the Hellig Theater will begin at 1 o'clock Monday with addresses of welcome by Governor Withycombe and Attorney-General Brown, followed by the speech of Judge Taft, after which Frank Reeves, of Wenatchee, Wash., will deliver his address of welcome to the two states.

Henson, of The Dalles, president of the Oregon Bar Association, follows on the programme.

Monday night a judicial reception will be held at the University Club. Invitations to this affair, which will be informal, have been sent to all members of the bench of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and a large number have sent acceptances to Judge Carey.

Session at Library Tuesday.

Tuesday morning's session will be held at the Central Library Hall, and the public has been invited to attend for several addresses of interest will be delivered. The morning session will begin at 10 o'clock and an afternoon session at 2 o'clock. Features of these sessions will be addresses by Herbert Harley, of Chicago, secretary of the American Judicature Society, by Senator George Turner, of Spokane, and by Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Portland. Mr. Harley will tell of the results of several years of study in the investigation of judicial systems in the many states and nations, particularly with reference to the appointment or election of judges.

Tuesday night is women's night. The river steamer Joseph Kellogg has been chartered for the occasion. It will leave Portland at 7 o'clock and will be the first boatload for Waverley Country Club, where a lawn fête has been arranged. Two trips will be made by the steamer, which will leave here on its second run at 8:30 P. M. Dancing, music and refreshments will be provided for the guests at the Tuesday night function.

Start to Be at Multnomah Hotel.

Wednesday will be devoted entirely to the tour of the Columbia River Highway. The lawyers and their families will gather at the Multnomah Hotel at 9 A. M., where they will be parked a large number of automobiles. The trip will be free to all the visitors. The long procession will make the trip to Benson Park, taking its own time and arriving there in time for a picnic luncheon under Gordon Falls in the park recently donated to the city by S. Benson.

Although sections of the Columbia River Highway are now closed for paving, the time being will be open for the lawyers. John B. Yeon, roadmaster, has given the bar associations personal assurance that the highway will be clear and that no detours will be necessary.

The assistance of every lawyer in Portland has been enlisted to make the three-day joint meeting a success. The Multnomah Bar Association has named a committee of 38 attorneys and 25 women to act as a reception committee in taking care of the visitors. Ralph A. Coan, secretary of the Multnomah association, has charge of the reception committee.

The Portland Transportation Club has thrown open its spacious quarters in the Multnomah Hotel to the visitors, and the president has named a reception committee of his own to see that the visitors are properly cared for.

Registration will be open today and Monday at the Multnomah Hotel to all attorneys who arrive.

Clubs to Entertain Lawyers.

The Arlington University, Commercial and Waverley clubs have extended their hospitality to the visiting attorneys.

EX-PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES, WHO WILL BE HERE TODAY, HIS WIFE, THEIR DAUGHTER AND HIS SISTER, WHO WILL BE HERE LATER IN WEEK.



William Howard Taft, Mrs. Taft, Miss Helen Taft, and Miss Louise Taft.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED.

The committees in charge of the meeting are as follows:

Oregon General Committee—Charles H. Carey (chairman), Albert B. Ridgway (secretary), J. N. Teal and R. W. Montague.

Washington General Committee—Judas C. S. Back (chairman), C. Will Shaffer (secretary), Howard C. Casgrove, and Dix H. Howell.

Judicial Committee—Judas George N. Davis (chairman), Prescott W. Cookington, Hugh Montague, Malcolm Clark, J. B. Ozer, Oscar Furuseth, Eastern Brokers.

Financial Committee—J. N. Teal (chairman), Arthur A. Langguth and C. D. Mahaffie.

Entertainment Committee—Albert B. Ridgway (chairman), P. J. Lichtenberger, H. E. McCutchan, Conrad P. Olson, Kenneth I. Peck, and H. M. Sledge.

Publicity Committee—John H. Stevenson (chairman), Oswald West, Greater Humphries, F. H. Whitfield and J. B. Ozer.

Registration Committee—Frank R. Hilly (chairman), John H. Stevenson, E. W. Hardy, H. L. Gilliam, H. W. Hogue, Ralph A. Coan, Charles J. Schmidt, Roger B. Bennett and Frederick R. Behrens.

Columbia River Excursion Committee—E. Cooper (chairman), W. L. Brewster, Frank B. Riley, Arthur A. Langguth and John H. Hill.

ATTORNEY PAYS \$1.55 TO SETTLE BILL AND VOWS VENGEANCE.

A. Walter Wolf suspects Lou Wagner of "putting up a job" over Bill for 30 cents.

It cost A. Walter Wolf, an attorney, \$1.55 to settle a bill for 30 cents, and he has vowed vengeance against his friends who he believes "put up a job" on him.

Friday morning a deputy constable served some papers on Mr. Wolf. He protested that he had been sued for 30 cents by J. W. Savinar, 207 Stark street, and straightway he went to the office of George Willey, District Court clerk.

"How much?" he demanded.

"With the costs of the Small Claims Court it amounts to \$1.55," said Martin Tunney, the deputy, politely.

Mr. Wolf wrote out a check for the amount.

"I'll get somebody for this yet," he threatened. "I'll bet Lou Wagner is responsible."

"Don't you owe the money, Mr. Wolf?" inquired Mr. Tunney.

"Sure, I bought a chicken from this man for my birthday dinner last January. Somebody told him to sue me, I'll bet. It must have been the same man that gave me a promissory note dated 20 years back and I'll get him sure."

QUARTER BLOCK IN SWINTON SOLD.

Lots 9 and 10, in block 51, Swinton, with a house, were purchased by F. D. Knowlton from Sarah Bell Denney, for \$1000. Olive M. Knowlton purchased lot 11, in block 4, Minrose, from William Garrett, the consideration being \$1000. L. G. Denney made this sale. The Wellerly Land Company transferred lots 23 and 24, in block 11, Montclair, to Agnes M. Tonkin, the consideration being \$765.

ROAD WORK INSPECTORS ARE LAID OFF BUT MAY BE KEPT ON CIVIL SERVICE LIST FOR REAPPOINTMENT AT LATER DATES.

In the interest of economy Commissioner Dieck yesterday commenced the slashing of forces in the department of public works. Fourteen heads were dropped into the basket, which, with six dropped the last of July, makes a total of 20 for this department.

Of the 14 who went yesterday, one was discharged and the others were laid off. All were inspectors engaged in street and highway work, and in the campaign for the clearing off of weeds on vacant property. The man discharged was D. H. Voeller, an inspector. The charge against him is "absence without leave for more than 30 days."

The 13 others who were let out are Charles J. Richmond, John W. Lee, W. A. Newell, L. L. Cunningham, A. K. Gronsfeld, Lyle P. Brown, H. L. Wright, H. L. Barber, A. O. Wager, T. Frank Harley, W. J. Morgan, R. E. Cole and J. E. Ralston. Six others, comprising two field parties engaged in survey work, were let out the last of July.

MR. DIECK EXPLAINS.

"Lack of work" is given by Commissioner Dieck as the reason for his retrenchment. He asks that the men let out be retained on the Civil Service eligible list for appointment as inspectors when needed in the future.

While no mention has been made of the plans for the future, it is rumored that other cuts are to be made in this department in the near future. Yesterday's cuts bring the total number of employees in this department considerably under the minimum of 2000, which is the number since 1911. Just what branch of the service is slated for cuts in the future is not definitely known.

SEASON UNUSUALLY BUSY.

In the past this season of the year has been the one for taking on new inspectors instead of laying them off. This has been due to paving work under way. This year the amount of paving will be less than for several years past, and Commissioner Dieck says there is no need for so many inspectors.

"Conditions are such," said Mr. Dieck yesterday, "that I do not want to keep men at work when they are not actually needed. There is plenty of work that could be found, but this is not the time to do it. The laying off of men is for economy as well as because of lack of work."

Outside the Water Bureau, the Department of Public Works is the only department to cut forces so far. In the Water Bureau, 59 laborers were laid off last week upon completion of the construction of the big trunk water main leading from Fifty-sixth and Fremont to the Vernon standpipe.

WILLIAM REID ADDS TO HOLDINGS.

Forty acres of land on East Line road near the old Twelve-Mile house were sold last week by S. Garde, of Seattle, and Mrs. R. Selling, of Portland, to William Reid, president of the National Cold Storage Company, for \$12,000. The sale was made through Goldsmith & Co. Mr. Reid already owned 130 acres adjoining the tract he purchased last week.

CITY DROPS 14 MEN.

Mr. Dieck cuts force in Public Works Department.

ECONOMY GIVEN AS REASON.

Road Work Inspectors Are Laid Off but May Be Kept on Civil Service List for Reappointment at Later Dates.

PROMINENT PORTLAND ATTORNEYS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN OREGON-WASHINGTON BAR ASSOCIATIONS' JOINT MEETING HERE THIS WEEK.



Senator Geo. E. Chamberlain, Judge Geo. N. Doy's Vice President, and other prominent Portland attorneys.

TAFT HERE TODAY; TIME IS DIVIDED

Ex-President Will Attend Various Functions, Address Lawyers, Greet Friends.

TRAIN IS DUE AT 12:15

"Star Spangled Banner" to Be Sung by Mme. Jomell at Press Club Breakfast in Honor of Distinguished Visitor.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT'S MOVEMENTS IN PORTLAND TODAY AND TOMORROW.

Sunday.
12:15 P. M.—Arrives at Union depot.
12:25 P. M.—Arrives at Multnomah Hotel.
1 P. M.—Breakfast with Press Club at Benson Hotel.
2:30 P. M.—Columbia Highway trip.
6 P. M.—Returns to Multnomah Hotel.
7 P. M.—Dinner with Yale alumni at University Club.

Monday.
Morning—Visits with personal friends.
12 noon—Luncheon guest at Arlington Club.
1:30 P. M.—Public address at Hellig Theater.
3:50 P. M.—Leave for San Francisco from Union depot.

Those lawyers of Washington and of Oregon who invited ex-President Taft to attend their joint meetings in Portland this week will learn today that they can't keep their honored guest to themselves.

Every loyal citizen of the two states is claiming a share of the rare privilege of entertaining him.

As the lawyers are generous and Judge Taft is agreeable, it has been arranged that the ex-President's time shall be so happily divided that all his admirers will have an opportunity of extending him hospitality.

In addition to his formal address before the Oregon-Washington Bar Associations tomorrow afternoon, Judge Taft has accepted invitations from the Portland Press Club for breakfast early this afternoon, from the Yale alumni for a luncheon at the Arlington Club tomorrow noon and from various private individuals for brief conferences and receptions.

That Judge Taft retains his popularity with the people, despite his more than two years in private life, is indicated by the numerous inquiries from people in all parts of the Northwest regarding his movements while in Portland.

It is probable that his every public appearance will bring forth a most cordial and enthusiastic reception.

Arrives Today at 12:15.

Mr. Taft will arrive in Portland at 12:15 this afternoon on O.-W. R. & N. train No. 19 from the East. He attended the convention of the National Bar Association at Salt Lake City last week and since then has visited in Potomato and in Boise.

Mrs. Taft, Miss Helen Taft and Miss Louise Taft, Mr. Taft's wife, who will have joined Mr. Taft in Portland, will not be here until Thursday.

A committee of the Oregon Bar Association, headed by Judge J. A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, president, and Judge C. H. Carey, of Portland, chairman of the arrangements committee, will extend a formal welcome to the ex-President at the station to meet him. He will be taken at once to the Multnomah Hotel, where the presidential suite has been reserved for him.

As soon as convenient after his arrival, Mr. Taft will be taken to the Benson Hotel, where he will have "breakfast" with the members of the Portland Press Club. As it will be about 1 o'clock in the afternoon this meal doubtless will be luncheon for Judge Taft, but it actually will be breakfast for most of the newspaper boys—especially those connected with the morning papers.

The breakfast will be open to members of the Press Club and to a few invited guests exclusively. Among those who have been invited are Senators Lane and Chamberlain and Judge Carey.

Mr. Taft is ex-Reporter.

In accepting the invitation to the breakfast, Judge Taft reminded the Press Club that he would appear as one of the profession. For several years following his graduation from college he was a reporter on a Cincinnati newspaper.

P. E. Sullivan, president of the club, will preside. Governor Withycombe will extend a formal welcome to the ex-President. Judge Taft will speak briefly and probably will be the last on the programme.

The only other speakers will be representatives of the daily papers—Edgar B. Piper, of The Oregonian; B. E. Carroll, of The Telegram.

A rare musical treat has been provided by the officers of the Press Club. The hostess, Mme. Jeanne Jomell, the well-known grand opera singer, who now is living in Portland, to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the close of the function, and she consented.

Immediately after the breakfast Judge Taft will be the guest of S. Benson and John B. Yeon on a trip over the Columbia River Highway. It is expected that he will leave the Benson Hotel about 2:30 and return about 5 o'clock.

He will go to the Multnomah Hotel upon his return, and at 7 o'clock will be the guest of the Yale alumni at a dinner at the Arlington Club. Mr. Taft graduated from Yale with the class of 1878.

Tomorrow Morning for Friends.

Mr. Taft has made no important engagements for Monday morning, as he has expressed a desire to have his time for private conferences with friends. A committee of suffragists has asked for an appointment with him to hold a public meeting of the bar associations of the two states. They want to tell him about the so-called Anthony amendment that the suffragists want to have Congress adopt.

At noon Monday he will be the guest of Ralph E. Williams, Republican National committeeman from Oregon, at a luncheon at the Arlington Club. Many prominent Republicans and prominent residents of Oregon and Washington have been invited.

Ex-President Taft's principal public appearance will be at the Hellig Theater at 1:30 Monday afternoon, when he will address the joint meeting of the bar associations of the two states. He will talk on "Law and Government." The public has been invited and will be admitted free. Seats have been re-

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