

DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT BILL FRAMED

Mrs. Alexander Thompson to Introduce Measure.

SPECIAL JUDGE IS PROVIDED

New Act, If Passed, Will Remove Care of Delinquents From Multnomah Juvenile Court.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 18.—(Special)—Mrs. Alexander Thompson, representative from Hood River and Wasco counties, will be sponsor for the bill to create a court of domestic relations in Multnomah County. She expects to introduce the bill early next week in the House.

"This measure will be of vast importance in handling a situation which is always a difficult one," said Mrs. Thompson, in commenting today on the proposed bill. "Provision will be made for taking out of the hands of the juvenile court the care of all delinquent, neglected and dependent children, with the jurisdiction placed under the court of domestic relations."

Special Judge Provided.
A special judge will be created for that purpose, with a salary of \$4000 a year, and in addition to caring for the dependent, delinquent and neglected children, he also will have charge of mothers' pension matters and the commitment of all insane and feeble-minded children.

"It is the desire to hold the parents responsible for the delinquency of the child and also to keep children from coming into contact with the associations which the law now thrusts upon them. The children will no longer be brought into the court with all the spectacular effect coincident with a criminal trial. The present system of locking them up also has a decidedly baneful influence."

Politics to Be Removed.
"The judge of the new court will sit in an advisory capacity with other circuit judges at all divorce cases where the question of the custody of children is involved."

"He will be selected from a list of three names to be chosen by the Child Welfare Commission. The appointment will be by the Governor in the first instance and his successor will be chosen at the next general election. All deputies, probation officers and other assistants will be selected on advice of the Child Welfare Commission, thus removing the court from politics as far as possible and providing a tribunal for the welfare of the children which will have that for its sole aim and object."

"If the bill becomes a law I am certain it will have a highly beneficial effect in assisting to develop the moral standard of delinquent children and in developing dependent and neglected children."

HOOD RIVER APPLES AT SALEM

Senator John R. Nickelsen Will Present Fruit to Colleagues.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special)—When State Senator John R. Nickelsen returns to Salem Monday he will carry with him boxes of selected Hood River Spitzbergers. Gifts of the fruit will be made to members of both houses of the Legislature.

Senator Nickelsen, who heads the penal institution committee and who is a member of committees on elections and privileges, same, horticulture, irrigation and public buildings and institutions, expects to be unusually busy after next week. Senator Nickelsen says the proposed legislation on road bonding is the big thing before the Legislature. The members, he declares, are unanimously in favor of more bonds, but are divided on how to go about it. Some propose an increase on auto licenses of 25 per cent and others want them increased 100 per cent.

Senator Nickelsen's report on sentiment against the proposal that the Legislature again vote \$50,000, to be added to a joint fund provided by this state, Washington and British Columbia, for the purpose of exploiting the scenic assets of the Northwest, has aroused local interest. Except for some rural factions, local sentiment favors the appropriation. The Commercial Club has endorsed the proposed appropriation.

"If a vote were taken on the Tourist Association appropriation at the present time," says Mr. Nickelsen, "it would surely be lost."

Legislative Sidelights.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special)—She is pretty to look upon, but her acquaintance with shorthand and the typewriter is not extensive. She is stenographer for Senator "Blank."

The Senator is dictating:
"My bill unfortunately fell into the hands of Senator So-in-so who, to say the least, is not in sympathy with the author of the measure."

A half hour later Miss Stenographer returned to his desk with the typewritten copy. The Senator read:
"My bill, unfortunately, fell into the hands of Senator So-in-so, who, to say the least, is not in sympathy with the author of the measure."

Senator LaFollett, Marion County farmer, has a consistent habit of coming into the Senate chamber each morning with his pockets loaded down with Willamette Valley apples. Nor does the Senator pass up the press table when the apple distribution is in progress.

Some good caterer could reap a small fortune if he could only obtain a lunch-room concession somewhere about the Capitol building. On two days this week it has been so stormy that legislators did not care to venture out in the rain and storm. The lobby cigar stand has done a thriving business with sandwiches, but some of the lawmakers and attaches could look for something more substantial.

"This door closed because of the wind," reads a typewritten legend to be found on the big front door on the west side of the Capitol building during the noon hour. And there are those about the building who are frank enough to inquire whether it is the wind from the House and Senate orators or that which the elements raise in rain-swept Salem.

John Cochran, chief clerk, and John Hunt, assistant chief clerk of the Senate, are dubbed by some of the Senators as the Gold Dust Twins. Pressed for an explanation, the soldiers say it is because the two Johns "do the work."

Francis Galloway, District Attorney for Wasco County, was here today visiting members of the Legislature. He recently returned from the artillery service, and states he will resume his duties as District Attorney tomorrow. Incidentally, he remarked that his side trip to Salem has no ulterior motive in

regard to the salary for the office of District Attorney for Wasco County.

By coincidence, Representative Dodd is the author of a bill which would prevent the growth of dodder. In side-tracking the facetious remarks of members, he explains that dodder is a parasite of the alfalfa family and had nothing whatever to do with the Dodd family, albeit there are already two little Dodds.

Representative A. A. Smith, of Baker, is preparing a bill which will provide that beneficiaries under the workmen's compensation act may receive payments in a lump sum if they desire, rather than on the monthly plan. His bill also will provide that where a temporary injury becomes permanent, the beneficiary will be decreased in his award only as to the amount of money he receives while temporarily disabled and not as to the number of months, as now provided. Such provision, says Mr. Smith, has worked a hardship in a number of cases. Another amendment he proposes is to allow the beneficiary either to elect to sue or to accept the award of the commission, in cases where the injury is due to the negligence of the employer in failing to observe a law, such as the factory inspection act.

HOOD TO PRESENT NEEDS

Increase in Appropriation for Experiment Station Wanted.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special)—In co-operation with apple growers of the Rogue River Valley and other parts of the state, orchardists of Hood River will ask the Legislature to adopt the recommendation of the Oregon Agricultural College to increase the annual appropriation of \$2000 a year for the past two years to \$4000 for the next biennium for the maintenance of the Hood River branch of the Oregon Experiment Station.

Hood River County makes an annual appropriation of \$2000 for the station work.

It is said that the increased appropriation is necessary, if the station undertakes work needed in fighting disease pests and solving problems of fertilization and cultivation. It is pointed out that the station is not a Hood River institution, but operated for the entire state. A large number of the bulletins written from observations of men stationed here are to be given National circulation.

SPRUCE MEN LIKE OREGON

Many Soldiers Apply for Re-employment in Logging Camps.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special)—Many applications for re-employment of Spruce Production soldiers who worked here in mills and logging camps are being received from men who are being mustered out at Vancouver. The men who are applying come from all sections of the United States and say their experiences here lead them to choose the Pacific Coast as their homes.

Soldiers from the South, however, are not numerous among the applicants, and this variation cannot be explained excepting through the difference in climate. Some of the soldiers have already returned and gone into the logging camps, while others are expected from time to time.

"FERN MAN" NOW MAYOR

Novel Industry Is Factor in Business of Castle Rock.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special)—City officers for 1919 are: Mayor, Charles C. Councilman, Fred Booth, P. S. Dykeman, J. A. Dean, Ralph Fraidenburg and Otto Doring; Treasurer, Otto Wehler; Marshal, Frank Freeman; Clerk, Frank Ruth.

Mayor Roake is known as the "Fern Man." He has for 15 years kept a number of pickers in the field. Summer and Winter, who earn \$5 to \$6 a day. He ships the luxuriant ferns to California, Colorado, Utah, Montana, Vancouver, B. C. and other places. The industry is quite a factor in the business of Castle Rock.



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