

COURT TO PASS ON CASE AGAIN

John F. Hall and Jas. Watson Await Supreme Court's Action in Hearing Monday

Judge John F. Hall and James Watson at Coquille yesterday received word that the question of whether county judges elected in 1910 should serve four or six years will be submitted to the Oregon Supreme Court at a hearing in Salem next Monday. It is expected that a decision will be handed down Tuesday. The appeal is from two other counties, the parties declaring that the Supreme court went outside the bounds of the Cleeton case and their decision on the point in that appeal was not final.

The appeal from the two other counties will eliminate the necessity of Messrs. Hall and Watson submitting the question to the courts. It would seem practically certain that the Supreme Court is bound to sustain its decision in the Cleeton case, which was that judges should remain in office six years. Judge Hall said today that it looked to him as though it would be up to him to resign or serve two more years.

Oppose Deputy Attorney.

Judge Hall said that the petition of the Coos County grand jury asking for the appointment of a deputy district attorney for the Coos Bay section would probably be submitted. He is personally opposed to the appointment of a deputy, saying there is no more need for a deputy than there is for the fifth wheel on a wagon.

ALLOW MRS. YOAKAM'S CLAIM

Court Orders Her Paid About \$2200 For Caring for Him.

Judge John F. Hall in Probate Court yesterday allowed Mrs. Sarah Yoakam about \$2200 on her claim for \$2700 for caring for the late Geo. Blood. He allowed her claim for six years prior to Blood's death but disallowed her claims for prior to that date. Blood left some real estate and this is to be sold to pay the debts. Some heirs of Blood living in the East were opposing Mrs. Yoakam's claim. Blood was a well-known resident of the Bay and for a long time was employed on Major Kinney's projects.

RESIDENTS OWN OREGON TIMBER

Bulk of Holdings Outside Forest Reserves in Hands of People—Value and Future

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—In his biennial report to Governor West, State Forester Elliott says over 16,500 different owners control the 7,981,923 acres of privately owned timber in Oregon, making an average of 470 acres to each owner. One-third of the timber land of the state is owned in tracts of 640 acres or less, and nearly one-half by individuals or companies having 5000 acres or less. The balance of a little over one-half the privately owned timber is in ownerships of over 5000 acres, and non-resident owners control about one-third of this latter amount. It often happens that, even in the case of holdings of considerable size, the number of stockholders makes the individual's interest a comparatively small one, but this is not taken into account in figures given, the report explains.

Approximately one-half the timber area of the state is in national forests, and in the case of nearly 2,000,000 acres, title is questionable and in progress of adjustment by the courts. "As in other sections, the tendency is toward consolidation of holdings into comparatively large tracts," says the report. "This is generally conceded to be an economic necessity. Cost of operating and first cost of mills, railroads and logging equipment do not, as a rule, warrant starting the exploitation of timber unless several years' supply of raw material is assured in advance.

Handled in Bulk.

"For purposes of economy in operation it is likewise essential that the timber be sold in a solid block. This being the case, the small owner is generally anxious to sell his timber or consolidate with someone else in order that a tract which will prove attractive to a prospective operator may be blocked out. Distribution of lumber likewise requires large organizations, and the getting of the material to the consumer at a reasonable price demands even greater consolidation along that line than is now in existence."

The State Forester comments on the fact that the statistics of owner-

ship show that the residents of the state control the bulk of the timber, and says that any action penalizing ownership in timber will work hardship on a considerable percentage of Oregon's citizenship. The high cost of reaching markets is the worst feature of lumbering, according to Elliott, and he says the only plan for correcting this evil is to provide some better means of distributing the product of the consumer.

Great Timber Wealth.

In view of the fact that the federal government controls one-half of the timbered area of this state, and such a large percentage of that of other western states, Elliott does not think there is any cause for fear of stumpage monopoly or high prices of lumber as a result of large ownership.

"It is certain that our shipping laws require radical revision; that the system of taxing timber land should be changed and put on a yield tax basis, and that in such places as it can be advantageously done, lumber be given a place as the structural material for our state and county bridges and buildings," asserts the State Forester. He points out that the present value of the timber supply of Oregon represents \$10,800 per capita for the entire population of the state, and this means that all of the real money of the United States would have to pass through the hands of Oregon's citizens three times to pay for our present crop.

"Surely this could not happen without great financial benefit to everyone, and to assure this benefit all that is necessary is safeguarding the timber against needless destruction, not alone by fire, but to safeguard it against injudicious tax laws, which will result in waste through improper exploitation," comments Elliott.

Logged-Off Lands.

The State Forester urges that fires must be curbed not only to prevent destruction, but to make it possible for visitors from other states to view the natural beauties of the state to good advantage. A pall of smoke may obliterate the landscape, and, during the most enjoyable time of the year, render scenic highways, constructed at great expense, practically worthless, he contends.

He urges that 4,000,000 acres of burned over and logged-off lands be protected, because on much of it a new and rapidly growing crop of timber is found. During the past four years, with its limited appropriation, the state board of forestry has con-

sidered this one of its important duties, asserts Elliott.

While a great deal has been accomplished in the past ten years to safeguard Oregon's forest wealth, what has been done is only a beginning, he contends.

KITCHENER HAS 2,000,000

MEN READY FOR SERVICE

Rapid Training of Army Astonished England.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Sir Horace Plunkett, head of the Irish Agricultural Board, who was a passenger on the White Star liner Baltic asserted that Earl Kitchener has now a British army of 2,000,000 men, well trained and almost ready to be sent to the front. Sir Horace said that the quick organization of the great British army was one of the surprises of the war, and he stated that Kitchener by his organization work had won a place as one of the most wonderful military men of all ages.

Sir Horace is in the confidence of the British government and probably has inside information that may be taken as authoritative for his statement as regarding the preparedness of Kitchener's army. His statement that 2,000,000 men are almost ready to be sent to France is the first definite information reaching here regarding the number of the British forces.

Sir Horace pointed out that it had been thought that England could not have its new armies ready for the front before the spring. Now, however, according to him, the new forces are almost in shape for the battle line.

"We put off our civil war," said Sir Horace, when questioned about conditions in Ireland. "The Irish generally are loyal. The island is quiet and the people, I think, are faithful."

Sir Horace said that James Larkin, the labor leader, who is now in New York, had been asked to leave Ireland for anti-British utterances.

Sir Horace said that he had come to the United States to study agricultural problems and that he intended to take a trip to Oklahoma in a few days.

TO OPEN OREGON BUILDING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The Oregon building at the exposition will be officially opened on Wednesday. The dedication will be held under the auspices of the Royal Rosarians of Portland, Ore.

BIG CANNERY TO REOPEN

Cudahy Plant Has Order for British Army

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 29.—The Cudahy Packing Company, of South Omaha, has reopened and the canning plant which has been closed for more than two years. The cannery will employ 200 workmen and double that number of men be put to work in other departments of the packing plant as a result of the reopening of the cannery. The increase in the amount of the live stock consumed by the Cudahy Company will be considerable.

The plant has an order for 5,000,000 cans of corned beef for the British army. Three months of night-and-day work will be required for this contract alone.

PARCEL POST RUSH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Preliminary estimates by postoffice officials place the number of parcel post packages handled during the Christmas rush at 100,000,000 and indicated that the total volume of parcel post traffic for 1914 will total nearly 1,000,000,000 packages.

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THE EFFECT OF SHELL FIRE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The extraordinary effects of shell fire upon those who are forced to undergo it, are being discussed at length in the British medical journals.

An English surgeon now attached to a Paris hospital reports the cases of four men who show absolutely no trace of bodily wounds, but who are now under his care. Two of them were struck deaf and dumb by shell explosions; neither of them has anything wrong with his organs of speech or hearing but is suffering, simply from shock. A third simply cannot see, caused by a nervous shock. There is absolutely nothing the matter with his eyes and complete recovery is promised after a period of quiet and rest. The fourth man's experience left his mind blank.

Field surgeons contribute accounts of the manner in which death comes from shell fire. In some cases men are found stiff in death in life-like attitudes, so that the stiffness characteristic of a corpse must have come on at the very moment of death, whereas under ordinary circumstances a man dies first and slowly stiffens afterwards. Some of the field surgeons have attributed this to the action of a poisonous gas given off by the new explosive, "turpenite." One of the pathologists at Guy's hospital, however, contradicts that theory.

The popular novel no longer seems to deal with married life. In fact, married life is a short story nowadays.

ENGLISH SELL GERMAN PRIZES

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Four German schooners, Elze, Gerhard, Hodor and Bolivar captured in the Baltic have just been sold by order of the Admiral of the Admiralty.

These are the first prizes since the war, and the hammer used in the auction is the same one which in the year 1855, when the prizes of prize ships were disposed of, was afterwards presented to the Admiral of the Admiralty as a memento.

A condition of the sale was that each purchaser had to sign a declaration that he was not an enemy, that he was in no way connected with business carried on in enemy countries, and that he was not purchasing on behalf of any German, Austrian or Turkish individual or company. There was brisk bidding throughout and good prices were obtained but the chromosomes of the ships came in for separate attention and were sold separately.

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