

OPINION OF THE SUPREME COURT

Gives Governor Appointive Power.

District Attorney Chamberlain Will Therefore Name His Successor.

From an opinion handed down in 1883 by one of the State Supreme Court Judges, and accorded in by the bench, it would seem settled beyond the shadow of a doubt that Governor-elect Chamberlain will have the appointive power, and can select his successor in the office of district attorney.

The opinion alluded to specifies that no one man can hold two public offices, and says that should a man accept another public office than the one he is holding, the other position becomes vacant, the law holding that the incumbent had voluntarily resigned.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PREROGATIVE. In the case of Governor-elect Chamberlain, who now holds the office of district attorney, it would appear that the law sustains the contention that Mr. Chamberlain will be entitled to hold his present office until he becomes governor, and that Governor Geor will appoint his successor, inasmuch as the present office will become vacant simultaneously with his ascending to the gubernatorial chair, and that he may then name his successor in the district attorney's office.

FALSE RUMOR. There has been some talk around the city that District Attorney Chamberlain intends to resign his present position, and that Governor Geor will appoint his successor. Inquiry as to this rumor proved it to be without foundation in fact, and false in every particular. Mr. Chamberlain will retain his present position to the time he becomes the chief executive of the state, and that he will then appoint John Manning his successor in the most general opinion among the men who should be best posted. Manning is now the chief deputy in the attorney's office, and is a most capable man.

ALL HONOR TO DEAD COMRADE

Resolutions of Respect for Isaac Steinheiser.

At the annual meeting of the Travelers' Protective Association, being held this afternoon at the Hotel Portland, resolutions of respect were presented and adopted regarding Isaac Steinheiser, a member of the organization who died on Christmas day, and it was unanimously decided to attend the funeral, which is to occur tomorrow, in a body. Resolutions have been presented and will be passed requesting the Harriman system of railroads to alter the present system of mileage exchange for tickets, recently inaugurated. This resolution will be forwarded to the railroad managers and assurance has already been given that suggested alterations for the convenience of traveling men will be made.

TO ELECT OFFICERS. Later in the afternoon the annual election of officers will be taken up. This evening there will be a banquet at the Hotel Portland, which will be attended by all members of the order as well as by several specially invited guests. At this banquet the following toasts will be given: "The Traveling Man as a Citizen," Governor-elect George E. Chamberlain. Address by Rev. A. A. Morrison, Ph. D. "Our Commercial Interests," General Charles F. Geob.

MEETING BEGUN. The meeting began at 2 o'clock this afternoon with considerable business to be transacted. Resolutions of respect for Isaac Steinheiser was the first thing taken up, after which the association began discussion of railway mileage matter. The election of officers will follow. E. Shelby Morgan, secretary-treasurer of the association, is the only one prominently spoken of for reelection. Other officers serving the past year were: S. N. Smith, president; W. W. Cuthbert, first vice president; C. W. Ransom, second vice president; J. A. Waddle, third vice president; L. W. Carman, fourth vice president; Max Fiedenthal, fifth vice president. Board of Directors—Charles Rosenfield, chairman; Otto Gutman, S. Julius Mayer, Frank E. King, John S. Beall, George W. Collins.

JACK FROST ALL OVER.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 27.—Suffering is intense among many families in the heart of the coal region, because of the scarcity of fuel. The force of miners now working in the mines has been increased to about 50 per cent. Quite a number of slaves are not working because of the holidays. They will return to work after New Year's.

SALEM SCHOOL NOTES.

SALEM, Dec. 27.—Prof. J. H. Ackerman left today for Portland, where he goes to Baker City to attend the annual County Teachers Institute, which meets in that city Monday and continues until Wednesday evening.

NO REPORT ON MOORE'S BOOKS

Board of Trade's Accounts in Hopeless Muddle.

This afternoon's meeting of the Board of Trade was a memorable one indeed. The executive committee met in due solemnity and awaited the report of Expert Barnard, who has been going over the books (7) and bits of memorandum paper of ex-Secretary Moore.

NEWS OF THE LABOR UNIONS

No Meetings Until After the Holidays.

Proposed Bills and Other Matters Demanding Attention of Leaders and Others.

But very few of the unions will hold their regular weekly meetings until after the holidays, and consequently there will be but very little doing in labor circles for the next week or two. Excepting the Marine Engineers' Association, there are no difficulties of any kind which require adjustment, and everything is going along in a satisfactory manner.

FAVORITE TOPIC. The labor convention to be held at Seattle on January 5 is also demanding considerable attention, and a strong delegation will attend from Portland. In speaking of it, President J. J. Harry says: "I have already had assurance from about 25 who will go with us. Any union man who feels enough interest in the movement to be willing to make the necessary sacrifice to attend this convention will be more than welcome. Some of our unions, realizing the importance of closer relations with our brothers of Washington have elected their representatives to make the trip at their expense."

OBJECTS OF VISIT. "What I hope to see accomplished at this convention is the election by them of a sane, frugal, and efficient committee with full power to act for Washington, to attend our convention at La Grande next May, and to visit the California convention, which meets on the same date at Los Angeles in December. Then when our convention is held, we will elect three to represent Oregon, the nine to constitute a committee to bring about a closer affiliation and concert of action between the three states in trade union matters. Those who can go I will guarantee a grand reception at Seattle."

NARROW ESCAPE AT SALEM.

SALEM, Dec. 27.—A Southern Pacific train this afternoon struck a horse and buggy on Twelfth street in this city, demolishing the buggy and throwing it to one side of the track while the horse was thrown on the other. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pettys and another person, whose names could not be learned, were the occupants of the buggy and were thrown out, but escaped with slight scratches. The train that did the damage was on a siding. Mr. Pettys had stopped the horse on a switch, intending to wait for the freight train on the main line to pass when the train on the siding struck his rig without warning. Fortunately no damage was done outside of wrecking the buggy. Mr. Pettys is a merchant of Salem.

PRESS CLUB MEETING.

A meeting of the City Press Club of Portland will be held tonight in its rooms in the Marquam Building, at which the plans will be discussed regarding the leasing of a suite of rooms for the club in a more central location. A report will also be heard from the committee on the revision of bylaws. The meeting will take the form of a stag social, as refreshments will be served and pipes and tobacco will be on hand for those who wish to enjoy a "smoke."

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LONDON'S LAST BIG SENSATION

Aristocratic Society Agog Over Hartopp Divorce.

Extraordinary Revelations Made During the Trial Recall Spicy Episodes of English Life.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—It is long since London has had such a sensation as the famous divorce action brought by Sir Charles Hartopp against his wife, Lady Millcent, for "misconduct" with the Earl of Cowley.



LADY HARTOPP, The heroine of London's recent sensational divorce case.

Lady Hartopp filed a counter-claim in which she named Mrs. Sands as co-respondent. Both petitions were dismissed in the probate and divorce division of the High Court of Justice last week, but the revelations made during the trial are the chief topic of discussion in high society.

Though nearly all the circumstances of the case are sufficiently out of the ordinary to make it a remarkable one, the affair is, perhaps, most interesting on account of the connection of the plaintiff therein with the family whose name is associated with one of the greatest sensations that ever leaked out in this country. It is significant, too, by reason of a certain section of English "high society" of today.

LIFE NOT DOMESTIC.

The life led by Sir Charles Hartopp and Lady Millcent before she began to gather on their horizon was not entirely a domestic one. Both husband and wife bet heavily on horse races, both in England and France, and gambled with cards. At a party at Beauport in France, Lady Hartopp would bet £1,000 at once. She lost almost as much at other times, however, and a big bunch of checks shown in court were described by Sir Charles as those with which their joint losses at cards and race tracks were made.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

A distressing accident happened near Cornelius last Saturday afternoon by which little Harry Kertzer, son of Harry Kertzer of Cornelius, was killed. Harry Kertzer was at flood tide and the bottoms were submerged, forming a lake of considerable size. Mr. Suesbar had been out gunning and had taken the boat for the purpose of taking several 10-year-old boys boat riding. Little Harry was in the boat and made as if he would take the gun out. Mr. Suesbar said, "No, I will get the gun," but they took it by the muzzle and pulled it forward; the hammer caught on a thwart and when released fired the wicked stream. The bullet struck the lad in the side of the chest, cut through the lungs, passed through the stomach and passed out at the other side. This happened about 1 o'clock p. m. The injured boy died at 11 o'clock p. m.

SETTLERS FEW IN THE SOUTH

Prosperity Is Lacking as a Result.

Vast Timber Resources of Southern Oregon Needs Both People and Money Now.

Fresh from a three-weeks' visit among the forests and hills of Southern Oregon, R. V. Jones is at the Hotel Perkins in this city and will spend several days seeing the sights in Portland. Mr. Jones, who is Astoria agent for the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Co., spent Christmas with his parents at Medford. He does not believe the prosperity which is now carrying Portland and vicinity forward at a rapid rate has as yet penetrated to the southern districts of the state, and says business is slow there.

MARINE NEWS IN BRIEF

French Bark Ordered to Portland—Two Vessels Clear.

The French bark Martha Roux arrived at San Francisco this morning and was ordered to proceed to Portland. The Daniel will reach Portland late this afternoon from Astoria. A four-masted barkentine are reported to be outside. The French bark Estange finished loading a wheat cargo at Tacoma today. The cargo consists of 25,000 bushels, valued at \$100,000, and 1/2 of this city are the exporters.

COLUMBIA ARRIVES.

The steamer Columbia arrived from San Francisco last evening at 8 o'clock. She brought 100 tons of freight, the light-cargo cargo vessel carried for some time past. This is said to be due to the holidays. The principal item on her manifest was sugar, consisting of 300 tons.

BURGLARS BUSY AT SALEM.

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A BAL MASQUE IN VANCOUVER

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PERSONAL MENTION.

R. S. Barr of Portland is a guest at the Columbia Hotel. J. F. Fluk of Seattle is a visitor in the city. G. E. Hattman of Orchards is in the city today. The usual services will be held at the Baptist Church tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. R. Yeatman. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. B. Y. P. C. at 6:30.

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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Julia Clytia at the N. P. Sanitarium; typhoid fever. Gibbs, at 87 Everett street; scarlet fever. Mattie Pittman, typhoid fever. Ary Hagerman, 508 Hood street; typhoid fever.

DEATHS.

Randall—At St. Vincent's Hospital, December 26, 1902, Ada Randall, aged 21 years. Stackpole—At 590 Madison street, December 25, 1902, George D. Stackpole, aged 60 years. Erdmann—At 554 Seventh street, December 25, 1902, Otto Erdmann, aged 41 years.

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