

DITCHBURN'S PLAIN OFF NOW

Files \$50,000 Damage Suit Against John M. A. Forbusch Because of Latter's Complaint to Bar Association Against Ditchburn.

As a sequence of the disbarment proceedings filed against Attorney John Ditchburn with the grievance committee of the Oregon Bar association by John M. A. Forbusch, through his attorney, Richard Nixon, the accused man brought suit in the state circuit court this afternoon to recover \$50,000 damages.

The grievance committee of the Oregon Bar association has been a matter of common knowledge for several days that the suit was to be filed.

The language termed libelous in the complaint filed with the grievance committee of the Bar association in disbarment proceedings is quoted in the complaint. In part it follows:

"That heretofore, and on or about the 13th day of June, 1899, your petitioner had a claim against the Portland Savings bank, an insolvent corporation, under a certain certificate of deposit, for \$4,000.

"That about said time your petitioner, being without funds and desiring to return to his home in Austria, borrowed from one John Ditchburn, an attorney at law, who had previously been looking after certain affairs for petitioners, the sum of \$110, and assigned said certificate of deposit to the said John Ditchburn.

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ALBANY RIVERS AND CREEKS CAUSE MUCH TROUBLE

Albany, Or., Feb. 18.—Owing to the excessive rains of the past few days the rivers and creeks are out of their banks and the lowlands present the appearance of lakes.

The Thursday Musical club entertained the club at its room on Tuesday evening. A large and fashionable gathering listened to a splendid musical program.

The examinations of Captain-elect C. W. Wallace and Lieutenant-elect S. C. Worrell and W. L. Marks were held at the army last evening by Maj. F. A. Baker and Lieut. L. E. Bowman of Portland.

The Roosevelt Republican club will meet on Thursday evening, February 18, at the courthouse.

Attorney L. L. Swan was called to Brownsville this week to assist in settling some business affairs.

The Reverse house parlors have been improved and the proprietor, T. C. Bloomer, has added an elegant piano to the furnishings.

The indoor baseball team of Company H of Portland will play the team of Company G in this city on Saturday evening, February 27. The Albany boys are hard at work and will play a strong game.

The Willard memorial service, held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors yesterday under the auspices of the Central W. C. T. U., was well attended.

Mrs. Addison stated that R. Foster Stone is to be secured for the work in this county also Mrs. Graves, which with the work of Rev. and Mrs. Hand-saker will find Multnomah county well supplied with temperance workers.

The Central W. C. T. U. will meet March 1, at the home of Mrs. Hard, Twelfth and Salmon streets, when "Union Signal Day" will be observed.

Mrs. E. Tanner of Cedarville makes charges against District Attorney Manning that he has refused to prosecute George Cromwell on the charge of assault committed last June. She says that she has evidence to show that she is the victim of the attack by Cromwell.

Fair weather is reported off the coast, but more rain is looked for tomorrow.

VALUATION OF OREGON PROPERTY INCREASES

(Journal Special Service.) Salem, Or., Feb. 18.—Secretary of State F. L. Dunbar yesterday afternoon issued his annual statement compiled from the assessment rolls of the state, showing the valuations of property and the increase over the preceding year.

Table with columns: County, 1902, 1903, Per cent increase over 1902. Rows include Baker, Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Sherman, Tillamook, Union, Wasco, Wheeler, Yamhill.

Total \$173,550,888.58 \$149,099,601.65 17.19

*Per cent of decrease from 1902.

THE DALLES

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There were 17 teacher applicants before the board asking for county certificates at the February examination and only nine were successful.

The case of Norman Williams will have a preliminary hearing next Friday. He is the man who is under arrest for murdering Mrs. Nesbit and her daughter at Hood River in 1900.

Miss Alice Lyle of Colfax is visiting at the Dr. J. A. Giesendorfer home.

J. B. Yost has been figuring up taxes to be collected by the sheriff and finds the total amount to be \$160,407.23, divided as follows: Poll tax, \$967; county and state taxes, \$125,301.79; special school tax, \$25,958.85; special road tax, \$1,947.09; city tax, \$7,132.48.

The Elks will give a musical entertainment at their hall on Saturday evening. They have secured the Schumann Concert company as an attraction.

On February 24 Howard Kyle will present "Rosemary" at the Vogt theatre. Kyle was seen here in the play "Nathan Hale" and captured the hearts of playgoers then.

At the Methodist church Friday evening the Steele and Freeland illustrated concert will again be seen.

SPOKANE BATTLES WITH SOCIAL EVIL

(Journal Special Service.) Spokane, Wash., Feb. 18.—The immoral women, who, since the ministers' crusade, have scattered over the city, are to be herded back into the old red-light district.

They are not to be allowed on the ground floor, but are to be made to go upstairs.

This is according to the declaration of Mayor L. F. Boyd. The order for the police to clean out the blocks has not yet been issued, but the mayor is considering issuing it at once.

"I have issued no order to the police yet," stated the mayor. "I am considering the matter. I do not know whether the order will be issued at once or not, as yet."

"The trouble is that since the ministers' crusade the women have scattered all over the city. They have rooms in the blocks; yes, blocks on Riverside avenue, and all over. They are sending out cards soliciting business. It has got to be stopped, that is all, and when the time comes I will issue the order."

"Then you are considering what disposition will be made of them?" "Oh, when they are run out of the district they will be brought back to this district."

"Will they be allowed on the ground floor, or be made to go upstairs?" "They will be made to go upstairs. They will not be allowed downstairs."

"Will they be compelled to go into parlor houses, or otherwise?" "I don't know what difference there is between the two, save that I am told that the parlor houses have parlors and the others have none."

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FRED MALCOLM BURIED. Fred J. Malcolm, who shot himself last Tuesday, was buried in Lot 151 cemetery this afternoon. Funeral services over his body were conducted at Fisher's chapel by Rev. William T. Kerr of Central M. E. church. A quartet of central clerks, Mr. Malcolm's comrades, sang.

LOGS BROKE LOOSE. A log raft, belonging to the Portland mill, broke loose yesterday from its moorings at the Swan Island dolphins and began to drift rapidly down stream. Near the mouth of the Willamette it was picked up by the steamer No. Wondier and made fast to the shore. In their run down stream a number of the timbers became separated from the main body and were carried away on the current. But it is said the loss will be small.

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