

"SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON ROTTEN"

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Olympia, Wash., July 7.—"Rotten is the only word which will express the action of the supreme court in these cases," declared Attorney Herbert DeWolfe today before the legislative committee investigating the court. "These decisions were directly against the constitution and the laws, the judges in their official oaths had sworn to obey. The decisions were made on behalf of the Seattle Electric company and resulted in West Seattle having to sell its municipal railway plant to that company."

Addressing Representative Palmer, one of the committee, DeWolfe said: "You dare not vote in favor of this committee recommending a report which will criticize the court. Your clients, the Seattle Electric company and Puget Mill company, would not let you do so."

Later DeWolfe said: "You may try to whitewash the court but I tell you no coat of whitewash will prevent the stench filling the state. These cases I have called your attention to prove absolutely the court is corrupt and no plain evidence could ever be brought

to show that a judge has violated his oath of office. The charges grow out of the supreme court decisions in cases for which DeWolfe appeared as city attorney of West Seattle. The day before a special election to take in adding territory Superior Judge Yakey at Seattle enjoined the city officials from proceeding. DeWolfe advised the officials to proceed in violation of the injunction and he was arrested on a bench warrant and fined for contempt. Later the court held the election in favor of the city.

The supreme court sustained the contempt proceedings and DeWolfe says this was illegal because the case was not entitled to a proceeding in the name of the state, as the law provides. The supreme court sustained the decision in the case of the city of Seattle, says this is also a violation of law, as such a holding would prevent any election in the future.

One of the points he brought out which particularly impressed the committee was that he argued a motion before the court at 11 o'clock in the morning and that same afternoon before there had been time to examine the briefs or authorities cited. DeWolfe said the court had acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner and that the court had acted in violation of the constitution and the laws.

Line Completed as Fast as Government Will Allow, Says O'Brien.

Work on the Deschutes railroad into the eastern Oregon country will be pushed as rapidly as the red tape maneuvers of the government will allow. J. P. O'Brien, general traffic manager of the railroad, said today.

Remarkable tribute to the constructive enterprise of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad system is paid by Elliott Flower in the July number of Putnam's Magazine. Mr. Flower describes in detail the way in which 1400 miles of railroad not in existence three years ago had been put into operation, crossing three mountain ranges and two big rivers and overcoming what probably cost less than \$100,000,000 in building during a time of financial depression, when other corporations had adopted a policy of expansion cutting.

CLEVER THIEF IS COLLECTING COIN

Police Trying to Catch Man Who Takes Telephone Company's Nickels.

Police men are watching closely the slot boxes of the Pacific States Telephone company in an attempt to discover the clever thief who is emptying them of their nickels just before the company's collector gets to them.

ELKS SPECIALS TO BE AWORDED

Big Crowd of Portland Members to Take Trip to Los Angeles.

When 125 members of Portland lodge No. 142, E. P. O. Elks leave Portland Thursday night at 11 o'clock for the national convention of the lodge at Los Angeles, Cal., it will be on board a distinguished special.

CORONER OPPOSES PAY CHECK SYSTEM

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, July 7.—Steps toward the passage of a state law to abolish the coroner's office and to replace it with a pay check system were taken today when the legislature passed a bill to that effect.

COMMISSION WILL MEET IN PORTLAND

(By Journal Leased Wire.)
Salem, Ore., July 7.—The commission on the physical valuation of the smaller railroads in Oregon will meet here today at 10 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the report of the commission on the physical valuation of the smaller railroads in Oregon.

MONTANA INQUEST DRAWS INQUEST

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, July 7.—Witnesses are being summoned today for the inquest into the death of Mrs. James de la Montaña, who was killed in her apartment here last Friday night.

BENSON TO PRISON; PERRIN MAY GO FREE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, July 7.—Intimidation was given in Federal Judge Van Fleet's court today that the case against Edward Perrin, jointly convicted with a woman in the murder of a woman in California, might be dismissed. The court approved the United States court's decision that Perrin was not a party to the murder.

IRVING COURSER IS SUED BY MAY SMITH

Allegation that Irving Courser owes her \$100,000 in money mentioned in a letter to May Smith led to an action in the county court this morning and judgment was given in favor of the plaintiff. The judgment was \$100,000 plus interest.

NEW BOOK READY FOR PUBLISHERS

Chamber Promises Beautiful Volume Telling of Oregon Opportunities.

"Oregon, the Land of Opportunity," a book of 64 pages and enriched with 28 colored plates, as published by the Portland chamber of commerce and the Harriman railroad system, will be in the hands of the public within three weeks.

CALVIN IS NOW ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

Constant Improvement is Reported in the Condition of E. E. Calvin Vice President and General Manager of the Southern Pacific.

STUBBS MAY OPEN PORTLAND GATEWAY

It is expected that the visits of J. C. Stubbs, general traffic manager of the Harriman lines, to Seattle and Spokane will have important bearing on the final opening of the Portland gateway to the coast.

DISTINGUISHED MEN ASK ABOUT OREGON

Distinguished easterners planning vacation trips are attracted this year to Oregon. They are asking about the scenic and fishing possibilities of Oregon.

DAM AT MILLS CITY HAS NO FISH LADDER

Mills City, Ore., July 7.—Anglers and others residing in the vicinity of the dam at Mills City are unable to reach the river because the dam has no fish ladder.

MYSTERIOUS SURVEY REPORTED IN MEXICO

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, July 7.—News of a mysterious surveying party in Salina Cruz, Mexico, was brought here today by the steamer Columbia.

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Two Buckley, Wash., Lads Quarrel With Father and Emigrate to Portland

From Buckley, Wash., to the juvenile court in this city is a long walk for a boy of 11 years, yet this is the stunt performed by Charles and Elmer Buckley with their father, Elmer, this morning was the subject of a searching investigation by the juvenile court.

MOTHER WANTS CHILD TO HAVE MONEY

Allegation that Charles Peterson, deceased, represented himself to be Oscar Peterson, or Peterson, the name that he deserted her and their infant child, and that in his will he distributed the bulk of his estate to the child, is being investigated by the court.

SON OF WEALTHY PARENTS, ALLEN S. BOWEN, DESERTS FROM NAVY, FALLS INTO BAD COMPANY AND IS ACCUSED OF BEING A ROBBER

Born and raised in the midst of luxury and wealth, Allen S. Bowen, 17-year-old son of L. W. Bowen of 1742 West Pacific avenue, Spokane, Wash., superintendent of the Spokane division of the Great Northern, is held today in a cell at the county jail for the attack on the Spokane bank.

CHINA IN STOCKING TEST

For half a mile the chase continued. Mr. Zinck, wearing heavy rubber boots, moved swiftly behind. At the end of the half mile he stopped and moved his boots, raising along the muddy ground in his stocking feet.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR STATE RAILROADS

Colonel C. E. S. Wood, who for the past week has been in eastern Oregon attending the Oregon-Idaho congress, said today that he was in regard to recent convention.

TRUCKS WASTING BOWEN'S UNCLE

F. J. Fellows, president of the Fellows Grocery company of 190 Fourteenth street, visited the boy in his cell today. He said he would be in the juvenile department.

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