

GANTENBEIN WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR SEAT IN CONGRESS

Judge of Circuit Court in Platform Embraces Questions of Both Local and National Importance.



C. U. Gantenbein.

Judge C. U. Gantenbein of the local circuit court definitely announced yesterday afternoon his intention to become a Republican candidate for representative in congress from the Third congressional district.

Judge Gantenbein has presided over department No. 4 of the circuit court since 1908. He is an old, married, and lives at 1554 Hawthorne avenue.

In speaking yesterday evening of the issues for which he stands, and will urge it elected, the judge said: "I favor the free use of the Panama canal for American shipping, and the establishment of a government owned line of steamships, should it develop that the benefit of the canal to the people is being neutralized by the control of steamship lines, and the operation of such line of steamships under rigid civil service if established."

"I shall earnestly work for a liberal appropriation for the improvement of the Columbia river, as on the maintenance of a deep channel to the Pacific coast depends the growth of Portland, commercially and in population."

"I believe in a just share of the federal irrigation funds for Oregon, based on what this state contributes to the reclamation fund."

"Favor the postal service in cities and towns, similar to that maintained by the express companies, is another issue in which I firmly believe. I favor absolute control of all interstate transportation business by the interstate commerce commission and federal incorporation of the Pacific coast coasters doing an interstate business, such control extending to strict supervision of stock and bond issues."

"I further favor conservation of national resources along intelligent lines, and the direct election of United States senators and of the president and vice president of the United States."

"I believe in a tax on all incomes over and above amounts necessary for reasonable living expenses. The income tax amendment has been ratified already by a majority of the states, but it is not quite the required percentage."

"In regard to the tariff, I favor a revision on the basis of difference of cost of production at home and abroad, and the rendering of such assistance to the tariff commission as will enable it to make all possible haste, consistent with correct results in gathering the necessary information on which to base the schedules."

"Labor Question Taken Up. An amendment of the immigration laws should be made so as to prevent the substitution of oriental for American labor."

"I believe in the appointment of a commission to draft uniform marriage and divorce laws, and recommend their adoption in the various states."

"It is time, I contend, for the reformation of the monetary system, to provide a more elastic currency, with a view of eliminating panics."

"I pledge unconditional fealty to the Oregon system of popular government."

Previous to taking his place on the bench, Judge Gantenbein was in the law office of Attorney Arthur L. Vestre. His military career extended from 1891, when he enlisted as a private in company G, First Oregon regiment, until 1903. Judge Gantenbein received his early education at Bishop Scott's academy, and then at the University of Oregon, from which he was graduated.

BANKERS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY, FRAUD, AND BUCKERY

A. L. Finley in Complaint Filed Last Night Alleged Devlin Et Al Juggled Affairs of Defunct Bank.

Thomas C. Devlin, S. G. Reed, P. L. Willis, Charles A. M. Ashley and Charles E. Rummel are the defendants in a sensational suit filed in the circuit court yesterday by Arthur L. Finley. Charges are made in the complaint that the defendants unlawfully, corruptly and wrongfully conspired, confederated and agreed to obtain possession of such assets of the Oregon Trust & Savings company and of such assets of the German American bank as should remain after the payment of the liabilities of the former bank had been made.

Finley himself alleges that he purchased \$100,000 worth of the stock of the bank and the assets of the bank, and require the defendants to make a full and complete accounting of all of their dealings and to exhibit all of their books and records showing what disposition was made of the assets placed in their control. The complaint concludes by demanding that "the said defendants be required to pay to the clerk of this court for the use of the plaintiff and other stockholders of the German American bank, the sum of \$100,000, and property wrongfully and unlawfully appropriated by them."

Among the illegal transactions declared to have been made by Devlin and other members of the alleged conspiracy, are the sale of the Oregon Trust building for \$40,000; the payment of a salary of \$500 a month to President S. G. Reed of the German American bank; the sale of a leasehold interest in the property situated at the northeast corner of Sixth and Washington streets for \$60,000 and numerous other alleged manipulations whereby the property of the bank was recklessly dissipated and its stock greatly depreciated.

The complaint charges the Board of Trade building was worth \$150,000 at the time of its sale and that the leasehold mentioned was worth at least \$100,000.

Charles Swanson, mining prospector and assayer, and D. W. McCann, of this city, are the principals. Swanson arrived on the schooner Encore from Calista Calosa, Chile, this week, to find McCann and investigate his story.

When prospecting in Bolivia, Swanson and his companions found McCann starving in a cabin. They revived him and he said he knew the location of a box of diamonds which prior to the escape of King and the Boer war, had been hidden in the mountains. McCann declared that he had been detailed by Lord Roberts to lend safe conduct to the diamond merchants fleeing the country.

Swanson fell for the story and shipped his way to the coast, where he shipped for Aberdeen, where McCann had said he lived. On arrival here Swanson investigated and found the diamonds were a mere story fabrication. He then hunted for McCann, found him, and a fight ensued. Swanson was dismissed from police court.

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A machine owned by A. L. Fish, business manager of the Journal, was stolen from in front of the Arlington club about 8 o'clock. The police were notified and within a short time after the description of the car had been sent to the police, the car was recovered from the wrecked bank into money as replied as possible, and further to effectuate the object of the said conspiracy the defendants fraudulently agreed that after all the assets were transferred to the said German American bank, to have some of their number made officers of and put into possession of all of the assets of the German American bank, which would be transferred to it under leave of court.

"That Devlin entered into a contract under the terms of which the German American bank took over all the assets of the Oregon Trust and agreed to pay off all liabilities of that bank in two years. That immediately after the said assets of the Oregon Trust had been transferred to the German American bank, Devlin, Reed and Willis caused themselves to be made officers of the latter bank, and that the defendants might with better advantage to themselves control the assets of the said banking corporation, which Devlin as receiver had transferred to the German American bank."

The defendants then further conspired to procure the said defendants, Ashley and Rummel, and other persons as their agents under their employ, to purchase with money and property of the said Oregon Trust & Savings bank certificates of deposit held by various persons against the bank at great discounts with a view of exchanging the certificates for cash and thus purchased at such discounts at par for promissory notes and obligations and other property which came into the hands of said Devlin as receiver and which were transferred by him as such receiver to the German American bank, which said notes, obligations and the like were of the value of the face thereof, and this all for the purpose of finally squeezing out the stockholders of the German American bank and depreciating and wholly destroying the value of their stock therein; and with the view of acquiring the claims and demands of depositors against the said Oregon Trust at a great discount, thereby voiding and violating the said agreement of the said German American bank to pay such liabilities in full within said time. And to that end and to further carry out the object of the said conspiracy the said Devlin, Reed and Willis procured the said defendants, Ashley and Rummel, and other brokers, to act as a clearing house in consummating and in carrying out said scheme."

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Life as Seen By an Oregon Editor in Front of the Old Store in the Old Town

Written for The Journal by Ben F. Amis, editor of the Lostine (Or.) Reporter.

Lostine, Or., Jan. 20.—On the porch of the hotel in an old town which has been in existence almost 45 years sat a group of the town's typical citizens. Some of them were pioneers who had seen the first hut erected on the town-site. It was a Sunday morning, and assembled to discuss politics, bear hunts, Indian fights and kindred subjects.



YEW CANT MAKE ANY SPASH ON MY OL' GAL.

"Hi ye, Cy, where's the ol' oman? Come ter town an' ferget 'er, eh?" said an old gentleman with clipped chin whiskers and a fluent growth around his throat.

"Rowel him, Bill, an' see ef he ken buck," some one says. "If he ken yeal cowboy you will think he is a splendid imitation, as the cause does some of the prettiest you ever saw. And you wonder at the small amount of coining it takes to get him in the humor. If he bucks onto the porch among the bunch of old veterans and creates very little disturbance you may wonder at that also. If you become weary of looking at the wild west exhibitions of the cow punchers and cow girls, just step over across the street. There you will find the inevitable, old fashioned bench in the shade, well-carved up, where many countrified or by-gone days have been held. You will perhaps find a soft piece of wood, maybe a piece of a drygoods box or some

juniper wood. Anyway, you will find it soft and nice and easily whittled. Everything needed except the jack-knife will be there.

Promptly at 3:30 or thereabout, if you see a mad rush, approaching a stampede, see buccaroos, farmers, old men with canes, old ladies with bonnets on, pretty girls with rosy cheeks, sheepherder with dogs, a country dandy with red tie, tan cream pants, green coat, red cap, blue hose and red ox-fords on, all headed in one direction, just whistle. Anyway, take no heed, for it isn't a fire, or an earthquake—the stage has just come with the mail and have everybody, even to the postoffice when it arrives. If you want to find the mayor, marshal, constable, justice of the peace, your wife or sweetheart, you will find them at the postoffice at this hour of the day. It is the round-up time for the whole community for the time being.



THE STAGE HAS JUST COME WITH THE MAIL.

There are not a great many of these good old towns to be found in these modern times. At least, few of the old pioneers who helped to build the town and blast the trail remain. They have long since passed over the great divide. The iron horse has displaced the stage coach, and the automobile has become more popular as a conveyance than either the pony or buggy. But here we find much the same conditions which prevailed before the advent of the railroad. It is a pioneer town in every sense and it makes one feel good to experience the 'real frontier' life right at the door of modern times. Each such is every day life in a rural district.

STORY OF HIDDEN DIAMONDS PROVES COSTLY TO OLSON, TAZWELL, REID AND GRANT ASPIRE TO POSITION OF JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT—OLSON'S SLOGAN.

It Drags Him From Hills of Bolivia to Aberdeen, Wash., He Is Fighting Mad When He Finds Out.

FOUR CANDIDATES WANT PLACE HELD BY GANTENBEIN

Olson, Tazwell, Reid and Grant Aspire to Position of Judge of Circuit Court—Olson's Slogan.

SHUSTER BLAMES GREAT BRITAIN FOR CHAOS IN PERSIA

Says England Will Taste Bitter Fruits of Her Policy in Troubled Country.

PORTLAND POSTAL BANK NOW THIRD IN ENTIRE NATION

New York and Chicago Only Lead With Older Established Institutions; Postal Employees Hold Banquet.

(Special to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 20.—The strange story of banditry in the Andes, the tale of hidden treasure, diamonds worth a fabulous sum, a long chase to this city and a fight ending in the police court, when the story was exploded, came to light in the police court today.

No less than four candidates for circuit judge are in sight for the seat to be vacated by Judge Gantenbein, who yesterday announced himself a candidate for congress. "News of the coming retirement of Gantenbein was quickly followed by an announcement from Justice of the Peace Fred L. Olson and Municipal Judge George Tazwell that they will seek nomination for promotion to the higher court.

(By the International News Service.) Vienna, Jan. 20.—Blaming Great Britain for the chaotic state of affairs in Persia and predicting that in the end England will taste the bitter fruits of her policy, W. Morgan Shuster, the deposed treasurer general, has arrived here en route home to America.

Portland has jumped to third place in the list of cities with postal savings banks in the United States, says its record for the first four months of the bank surpasses that of New York City, according to the announcement made last night at the annual banquet of superintending employees of the postoffice, held at the Commercial club.

TWO AUTOS STOLEN; ONE THIEF CAPTURED

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OPPENHEIMER WINNER IN LONG PAPER CHASE

E. K. Oppenheimer, on Oregon Frank, won first place in the paper chase pulled off yesterday afternoon by the Portland Hunt club. Mrs. William Biddle, on Swama, was second, and Walter Grewster, on Lady Myrtle, was third.

PORTLAND PASSENGER STEPS OFF BOAT, DIES

Among the inland Empire excursionists who were in Portland yesterday en route to California, was R. J. Reeves, a prominent farmer and wheat grower of Wilbur, Wash., and formerly a Portlander.

WILDE CASE WILL BE RESUMED TOMORROW

Examination of talemens for the jury to try Louis J. Wilde for alleged embezzlement of \$90,000 of funds of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank will be resumed in Judge Kavanaugh's department of the circuit court at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

FIVE DROWN WHEN GASOLINE LAUNCH CAPSIZES ON BAR

Five were lost, the men aboard swimming ashore and saving the women passengers. Yonkers had been running on the bay for years and was thoroughly familiar with the water.

BAKER COUNTY PETITION AIMS AT COMMISSION

Baker, Or., Jan. 20.—A petition was filed this afternoon asking the city commissioners to call a special election April 25 to vote on the question of revoking the commission government and reverting to the council form. It was signed by 21 voters. Small taxpayers were in the majority, and no big business interests were represented.

See Changes in City Since 1871.

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Straw Vote Favors T. F. Coffman.

In a clear box sealed by R. F. Coffman, a grocer of Lents, Robert G. Dunham, representative of a San Francisco apple firm, has been collecting a straw ballot on the coming presidential election among the retail grocers in various parts of the city and the city-saler-men of the wholesale trade.

EDUCATIONAL MEN TO GET TOGETHER IN NEW MOVEMENT

Plan to Introduce Agriculture in State Schools to Be Crystallized at Meeting at Corvallis Monday.

These are days when development history is being made in Oregon. The method for making the land work is evolving. Earth education is receiving recognition.

The Portland school board took cognizance of earth education Friday. It gave sanction and approval to the introduction of garden content in the schools. The interest of Superintendent Riegler in the plan was a factor contributing to success.

The earth education plan for the state will be crystallized at a meeting at Corvallis tomorrow. The state's progressive educational forces will be represented. The linking of educational machinery with commercial and transportation interests in the accomplishment of training in practical value will be witnessed distinctly then.

City and out-state education plans have before been gone into. Their fundamental importance in state development is now a thing to emphasize. The city plan is supported by every civic organization. A garden contest society will be organized in each school. A city-wide exhibit that it will require the attention of the state's educational grand climax. Prizes worth while will compensate town boys and girls who have excelled in vegetable culture.

The out-state plan includes the organization of each school by a plan from President R. E. McMillan, a representative of public instruction. It will be financed by the State Bankers' association. A man from the Livestock association will travel with the state organizer to be appointed by Professor Alderman. For the state there will be an exhibit in connection with the state fair and prizes. Here the garden exhibits of city boys and girls and of country boys and girls will be shown in cooperation. Prizes, again, will excite competition, and the prize list will be notable.

But why the "fundamental importance" of earth education in Oregon? Go back a little to the first great need in people—people to till their rich, unoccupied acres. The state's second greatest need is method. Problems of production can only be overcome in Oregon by knowledge of correct procedure. Agricultural education is the correct method. It applies to newcomer, old-timer and school student alike. Its introduction into the state's schools is but one phase of a great movement, a movement resultant from the discovery that nothing will so well advance the home desirability of the state as the success of its soil workers. And nothing will compel big crop success so surely as the information made subject of practice through the competitive program now on foot.

And when earth education has brought success to the soil worker, whether in the city or town, or school—and that success is measured by dollars and a satisfying standard of life and citizen ship—the "back to the land" movement will be irresistible, and the farmer will be occupying the place he merits—the most powerful personage of the land.

At Corvallis tomorrow will be State Superintendent of Education, President W. J. Kerr of Oregon Agricultural college, and Professor R. D. Hictel, director of the new extension department. Governor West is planning to go. From Portland will go Emory Olmstead of the Bankers' association, C. C. Chittenden, development manager of the Commercial club and State Development league; D. O. Lively and O. M. Plummer of the Livestock association, and others. The convening of such a committee will mark a turning point in the development history of Oregon.

S. F. Wilson to Intend Withdrawal

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 20.—In all probability, S. Fred Wilson, the Athens attorney, will not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress from this district. While he has made no formal announcement of his withdrawal, the information comes from good authority and will undoubtedly be confirmed within a few days. Wilson was one of the first men to declare himself a candidate after the new district boundaries were drawn, but it is understood that unless some unforeseen contingency arises, he will retire.

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