

HARBOR SHYLOCKS' GRIP MUST BREAK, ASSERTS WRITER

Development of Waterfront Is Retarded by Policy of Trying to Steal Part of River, It Is Said.

By J. B. Zeigler.

Never until I read the history of Portland, and its economic development evolving the present problem and contention between private and public rights, did I understand Shakespeare's Shylock and his part. In that drama Shakespeare's profound genius has in view the civilization old question of statute and natural law. What is their relative importance?

No one has expressed it in a better formula than that neglected hero of Portland's founding, Hall J. Kelly, when he said, "The purpose of government is to enforce among men the laws of nature."

Of course, the metaphysical quibbler, will at once say: "the laws of nature enforce themselves." But to humankind, salutary laws will always result in an immense saving of human effort and suffering, and are indeed in themselves, when in accord with natural laws, a consistent part thereof.

Water, as a mobile element, can only satisfy the demands of man upon it, by its complete publication. This natural law has been universally accepted.

Nature Gets Revenge.

In Portland, we find a school of pseudo-publicists claiming otherwise, and trying to steal from the state a part of the Willamette river, a public property, title vested in the state as trustee, by virtue of its sovereignty. The pseudo-publicists will deny this by stating that they only claim the bed of the river, some will tell you down to harbor line, others all of it, under statutory grants. But as the bed is a necessary physical appurtenance to the river, at flood times all of it, it necessarily follows that the river can not be held as a public property in its entire usefulness without all its bed. By the law of nature, it will reverse itself upon any attempt to curtail its bed, by disastrous reprisals.

Those who by sinister statutes claim a part of the bed of the river, will find that such statute, even though it should fool a complacent legislature, will not hold against the river itself, which will take what it needs, just what the law contemplates that the public shall take within the limits of the natural bed of the river at ordinary full tide.

"What it needs." In consonance with this policy, the title is in the state, the state having power to make grants subject to the public right.

Attempt to Restrict Rights.

Attempts have been made to restrict these rights by strict construction of defining terms, but the attempt is futile since in common and constitutional law, the broad meaning is firmly established.

The Venetian courts forgot, when they permitted Shylock the terms of his bond, that a loan of money is made upon such property security as the borrower can furnish. It is a commercial, not a moral venture, and when Antonio's securities failed, by natural law he was a free man. But Shylock claimed the terms of his bond, under a statute law.

The great lawyer, Portia, whose vision of the always paramount natural law lying at the bottom as a foundation of all law, was not obscured by the cobwebs of statute law, began to enounce to Shylock the doctrine of depending on these statute laws, separated from their natural context.

Would Confiscate Goods.

"Shylock," said she, "will you heed nothing but the written line in your bond and in this statute? Then know that by the selfishness inexorable and literal narrow construction, the moment you draw one drop of blood beyond your stipulated pound of flesh, under the Venetian law, your life and all your goods are confiscated to the state of Venice."

The great light then fell upon Shylock's eyes, that even so great an element as the combined power of all the Shylocks can not pass one little law that may stand alone against the body of the law, and that with the mortgaged pound of flesh must be considered the one free drop of blood.

Just as Portland Shylocks have enshined a great free waterway, the Columbia, the natural commercial artery of the state of Oregon, by artificial economic and statutory evasions, they have gathered there 100 per cent, 50 per cent, 20 per cent annual toll, and then delivered it over, throttled and bound, to transcontinental railroads, and committed for personal advantage to deliver their trade to the railroad ports at Puget sound and San Francisco.

Holding Fate of Portland.

While holding the fate of Portland in the hollow of their hand, they are adventuring the extension of their private fortunes in rival cities, by building up properties and trade there at Portland's expense. That is why they are willing to choke up the harbor of Portland with decaying and inefficient docks, and unimproved claims.

Portland is loaded down with capital seeking 20 to 100 per cent investments, and is being throttled by the holdings of such capital, when what she needs is a chance to invite in, four to six per cent capital—capital of modest demands, and men of modest means to use it and furnish the raw produce for it to handle.

The halcyon days of mining and adventure have passed, and the era of agriculture and modest industry and commerce is here. Hanburg made good on almost limitless four per cent investments and Portland must free itself from the hands of the 50 per cent capitalists.

MRS. TAFT AND MRS. CLEVELAND DINED



Mrs. John Hays Hammond.

(By the International News Service.)

Washington, Jan. 21.—Mrs. John Hays Hammond was hostess at a very pleasant dinner party at her home here. The guests of honor were Mrs. Grover Cleveland, widow of the ex-President, and her fiancé, Professor Preston, and Mrs. Taft, wife of the president.

NEED FOR MORE COUNTY ATTORNEYS

Proposed Bill Would Give Relief to Benton, Lane and Lincoln.

Great interest is evinced in the proposed bill to get more judges and prosecutors for the Second Judicial district, according to J. F. Stewart, an attorney of Toledo, who says that the paramount need is more county attorneys and, if more judges are not provided, a multiplication of the present number of terms of court.

Mr. Stewart, who is in Portland on business, will proceed to Salem to interview Senator Hollis, of Forest Grove, and Representative T. M. Brink, of Polk county, in connection with a new bill, which it is said has been framed to replace one vetoed at the last session by Governor West, the objectionable features of the old bill being eliminated.

The Second Judicial district is composed of Coos and Curry, Douglas and Lane, Benton and Lincoln counties. There are a judge and prosecuting attorney for Coos and Curry, one each for Douglas, while the remainder of the district, composed of Lane, Benton and Lincoln counties, has but one judge and one prosecutor to serve for all.

"The greatest need," said Mr. Stewart, "is for a county attorney for each county and a great relief would be two terms of court a year instead of four as at the present time."

"At the present time, Judge Harris, of Eugene, and E. R. Bryson, of the same place, serve Lane, Benton and Lincoln counties in the capacity of judge and prosecutor, which makes too heavy a district, so that we would like to see Benton and Lincoln consolidated into another district with appropriations for the proper judicial officers. With the growth of Eugene and its probable future growth is seems to us of the other counties that the increasing work is becoming too heavy for the large amount of territory."

Mr. Stewart said the Lane county business is heavy enough for one judge and the courts are now so remote that the people are often handicapped in litigation at the trip to Eugene and back is too expensive. If there is a case to come before the judge in Chambers it is necessary to travel 125 miles from Toledo to present it. He says also that the ends of justice are often defeated as with only two terms of court a year, criminal cases are frequently so well worked up by the time they come to trial that it is impossible to convict.

A. E. Clark in his minority report recommended both a judge and county attorney for this district.

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GOVERNOR OF NEVADA JOINS ANTI-DIVORCERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 21.—Down with Reno's divorce colony and finish prize fights.

This was the stand taken by Governor Odde in his annual message to the Nevada legislature, which convened today. The governor urged passage of the measure, which provides that the residence clause in the divorce law be changed from six months to one year.

The Washoe county delegation, which includes Reno, was hit hard by the governor's recommendation. They had high hopes of defeating new divorce legislation if the governor kept out of the fight.

Although Nevada has been the scene of no big pugilistic contest since the Johnson-Jeffries fight at Reno, July 4, 1910, Governor Odde wants the law permitting finish contests repealed.

COLLEGE SOCIALISTS WILL HEAR ITALIAN LEADERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 21.—Joseph Editor and Arturo Giovannitti, the acquitted Lawrence strike leaders, were the central figures at a Socialist mass meeting here in Carnegie hall under the auspices of the Intercolllegiate Socialist society.

J. G. Phelps Stokes, president of the society, presided. Other speakers were Max Hayes, editor of the Cleveland Citizen, and Frank Bohm, Socialist lecturer and author.

Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes read selections from "The Walker" and other poems written by Giovannitti while he was in the Salem jail.

Things to Remember

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