NO DEFINITE FACTS ON WIDOWS' PENSIONS IN MARION COUNTY

Judge Bushey Is Openly Opposed to Plan and Mrs. Jackson Is "Too Busy."

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Oct. 21.—It is difficult to obtain definite information regarding the mothers who have applied to the Marion county court for assistance under the provisions of the widows' pension law. This seems due to the fact that County Judge Bushey, who is much opposed to the law and has refused to recognize it, says he has turned the applications all over to Mrs. Hattie M. Jackson, juvenile officer, and Mrs. Jackson says she is too busy to furnish the information.

But Mrs. Jackson found time to say that approximately 75 applications for pensions had been received. She said she had investigated over half of the cases.

"Some of these were worthy," said Mrs. Jackson, "and if the judge had been granting pensions at all, they certainly would have received them. But you know the judge has not granted any. If he granted one, then the bars would be down, and they would flock here with applications."

Judge Exaggerated.

"It was reported that Judge Bushey said if all the applications for pensions were granted it would cost the county $12,000 a month," said the reporter. "How do you figure that, with only 75 applications?"

"That was a little exaggerated," replied Mrs. Jackson. "One day the judge was vexed and I think he said if any of these pensions were granted, it would cost the county $12,000 a month. He probably meant there would be many more applications."

Estimating that each applicant would require $30 a month, which would probably be the maximum among individual cases instead of an average, it would take $2250 a month to provide for those who have applied.

"In each case I investigated I told the mother that she could be entered as a pauper and receive assistance from the county in that way," said Mrs. Jackson, "and not one would do it. That was pretty conclusive evidence to my mind that they were not so needy but that they could get along. They always have got along, anyway."

"Too Busy to Bother."

Mrs. Jackson was asked for definite information regarding some of the families she had investigated and found to be worthy in case Judge Bushey complied with the law in granting any pensions at all. She said she had taken notes of all the cases, but she kept the information at home, and that she was too busy to bother with it unless the judge intended to take up the cases.

"I'm a very busy woman," she said. "I dismiss these matters from my mind as soon as I am through with them, and as no pensions have been allowed, I have not given the matter any attention for some time. I am wasting my time now talking to you, when I should be at work."

Mrs. Jackson said only one application for a pension had been received in the last two months.

TEMPERAMENT SPILLS, SPOILS ALL-STAR CAST

Boston, Mass., Oct. 21.—Lady Constance Stewart Richardson, Polaire and Gertrude Hoffman appeared as a three-star combination for the last time Saturday night.

"Petty jealousies and enlarged temperaments" are given as an explanation. Miss Hoffman will be at the head of her own company.

SPRINGFIELD BALLOT CARRIES 10 MEASURES

Liquor Question Among Items to Be Voted Upon November 4.

(Special to The Journal.)

Springfield, Or., Oct. 21.—The official ballot for the town election, which is to be held November 4, was completed last night, and contains the following names and measures:

For mayor—Charles L. Scott, Citizens' ticket; B. A. Washburn, People's Progressive.

For councilmen, (two)—J. Randall Barr, People's Progressive; J. W. Coffin, Citizens'; Mark Perry, Peoples' Progressive; Thomas Sikes, Citizens'.

For recorder—John C. Mullin, Peoples' Progressive; Herbert Walker, Citizens'.

For treasurer—Lilliam Gorrie, Citizens'; E. R. Lemley, People's Progressive.

The question of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors will be submitted upon petition of the "dry" element.

Two charter amendments and two ordinances are referred to the people by the common council. These are:

Charter amendment to prevent the city council from issuing liquor licenses under any conditions; requiring the city to pay for the paving of street intersections, and authorizing the issuance of not to exceed $30,000 of 6 per cent 20 year bonds; permitting the town council to issue $3000 of 10 year bonds for the purpose of creating a steel or concrete bridge across the mill race at Second street to replace a condemned wooden one; authorizing the common council to levy a tax of not to exceed one-half of a mill for the purpose of supporting a band for the town.

Three ordinances are submitted because of referendum petitions:

A. Zurell and others object to the manner of assessment for certain pavement, and asked to have an ordinance submitted repealing this assessment; on petition of Wallace Potter and others, the ordinance requiring motion picture shows and theatres to close at 6 o'clock on Sunday evenings is referred, as is also the ordinance providing a license of $30 a quarter for theatres and motion pictures shows operating on Sundays between 6 and 11 o'clock p. m., while a license of but $10 is required for such shows or theatres operating at other times.

BETSY ROSS HEIRS TO BATTLE FOR FORTUNE

Wanamaker Store and U. S. Naval Academy Sites Are Among Those Claimed.

(Special to The Journal.)

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 21.—Pittsburg heirs of Betsy Ross, she of flag fame, are preparing to wage a legal battle for an estate estimated at more than $25,000,000. The heirs have made preliminary plans and instructed their representative, A. Seligsohn, 413 South Dithridge street, to carry on the fight. The estate involved is land granted by William Penn and situated in Philadelphia and Baltimore. The John Wanamaker store in Philadelphia occupies part of the site. An offer of 25 per cent has been refused by the heirs, says Mr. Seligsohn.

The claimants have formed the Betsy Ross association. Mrs. G. A. Wilwohl, of 5704 Rural street, was chosen president; Leo Ross, of Greensburg, secretary; S. S. Ross, of Osceola street, treasurer; Frank Ross, of 1326 Lincoln avenue; John Ross, of Broad street, and Samuel Ross, of Greensburg, trustees.

The descendants, who named their association after their famous ancestor, maker of the first American flag, met in the home of Mrs. Mary Miller, 7317 Finance street. George A. Ross, aged 75 years, was the oldest heir present. He is the grandson of John Ross, to whom, it is asserted, Penn granted the property in Philadelphia on which are built the Wanamaker store, the United States mint, the Reading railroad offices and the city hall.

The youngest heir at the meeting held by the heirs was Baby Betsy Ross, in the arms of her father, George T. Ross Jr. Others there included Mrs. Ross Gibson, Mrs. Ross Dodson, Mrs. Ross Weimer, Mrs. Agnes Connell, Miss Clara Ross, Mrs. Belle Roll, Mrs. Sadie Ross Palmer, Mrs. Bertha Duffy, Mrs. Stella Ross Twigg, Mrs. Annie Dolan, Mrs. Charles Wolf, Mrs. Charles Stahl, Mrs. Ned Kepple, William E. Duffy, Lee Kepple, Alonzo Kepple, George Kepple and Harry Ross.

It was reported to the meeting that the will of John Ross had been unearthed in the Philadelphia courthouse. It was represented as giving a lease to the city of Philadelphia on the Ross property for 99 years. A provision in the will on which much stress is laid is that "no statute of limitations shall bar the heirs" from receiving the property.

The Maryland property claimed by the Ross heirs is the site of the United States naval academy.

MANY FIND WORK THROUGH Y. M. C. A.

The employment department of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association, is shattering all records this fall in the number of men handled and the number of positions filled. Last month, with one exception, was the biggest month in the department's history, 333 calls for men being received and 234 positions filled. This month promises to be almost as good, with 189 calls received up to the present time and 139 positions filled.

"Not only men in clerical and technical positions are making use of our employment bureau, but all skilled workers," said Stanley Baker, employment secretary, today. "We find that the vacancies still are more numerous than men who are fitted to fill them."

CHEHALIS EXPECTS TO GET SOUTHERN CAPITAL

Chehalis, Wash., Oct. 21.—Oklahoma capitalists are expected here this week to look over a project to develop a 25,000 horsepower electric plant. It is proposed to harness the Cowlitz river at Mayfield, 25 miles east of Chehalis. The Cowlitz flows through a narrow, high-banked rock gorge at that point for about three miles. The project is regarded as one of the easiest to handle in southwest Washington and the Oklahomans, who are associated with local men in this section, say they are prepared to spend a million dollars or more on the plant if necessary.