

STOCKHOLDERS SCORE TODAY IN FIRST ROUND OF INSURANCE SUIT

Two Circuit Judges Order \$80,000 Worth of Securities Returned.

SPIRITED TILTS OCCUR

Lawyers Enliven Day's Proceedings; Business of Two Courts Held Up by Case.

Stockholders of the American Life and Accident Insurance company scored heavily today in their first round of the legal battle with former officers of the corporation when two judges in the circuit court ordered \$80,000 worth of securities of the company brought back to this state from Washington and that the defendants be required to give their depositions, as requested by attorneys for the stockholders.

Frequent spirited tilts between counsel enlivened today's proceedings. Ignoring an order issued by Judge Kavanaugh last Saturday, the defendants appeared in court this morning without bringing the \$80,000 worth of securities. Wilbur & Spencer, attorneys for the defense, contended that it was a physical impossibility to produce the securities of the American Life on so short a notice, that \$32,000 of the securities were now in the hands of the state insurance commissioner of Washington, and that some of the paper formerly held by the company had been turned into cash.

Object to Depositions.

Objection also was made to the giving of depositions. This section of the ground that Judge Kavanaugh was without jurisdiction, Judge Gatens having appointed a receiver for the company in 1914. Other objections to the suit were made on technical grounds. Ralph Dunway, acting as attorney for the plaintiffs, intimated that the defense was merely stalling for time, and Judge Kavanaugh was inclined to support this contention. Wilbur & Spencer then raised the question of jurisdiction, and the court said he was pleased with the prospect of shifting the case to Judge Gatens. Judge Kavanaugh refused, however, to rescind his own order for the bringing of the securities to this state. He left the question of their deposition to a clerk of the court or with the state insurance commissioner for decision of Judge Gatens. At the urgent solicitation of attorneys for the defense, it was decided to place the securities in the hands of the commissioner.

All other court business scheduled before Judge Kavanaugh and Gatens stood still while the insurance argument was being heard. Judge Gatens interrupted a jury trial to hear the argument in private chambers, and Judge Kavanaugh frequently called counsel to speed up as there were others waiting.

Ground Gone Over Again.

When the shift was made to Judge Gatens' court the whole proceedings were again thrashed out at length. Counsel for the defense insisted on intimating before Judge Gatens that Judge Kavanaugh had "advised" that the securities of the American Life should be "ordered." Mr. Wilbur retorted that the inference was a personal reflection on his integrity, which he would not tolerate from any man. He made reference to the physical proportions of Mr. Dunway and himself.

After the argument had strung out for more than an hour, Judge Gatens sustained the orders of Judge Kavanaugh. He also ordered the defendants to be in court at 2 o'clock this afternoon to start the taking of depositions, and that the \$80,000 of disputed assets be brought to court next Monday morning when their final disposition will be determined.

Counsel for the defense complained that the removal of these assets from the hands of the company would seriously affect the good standing of the corporation. Harvey Wells, insurance commissioner of Oregon, has been in conference with Judge Kavanaugh, and expressed the belief that the affairs of the American Life should be investigated.

Yeon Reappointed Roadmaster.
The board of county commissioners today reappointed John B. Yeon roadmaster for the ensuing year.



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Laurelhurst Club Is To Elect Its Officers

Four Directors Are to Be Chosen to Fill Terms Expiring; Nominating Committee Named.

The annual election of officers of the Laurelhurst club will take place in the club house, 1125 East Ankeny street, at 8 o'clock tonight. The nominating committee, consisting of Alex Oliver, chairman; John C. Bower and Dr. L. H. Howland, will choose four directors to replace the following four: Allen H. Mearns, J. C. English, Mrs. F. E. Reed and Mrs. D. A. Fellows, whose terms expire.

The names of the following: S. R. Cooke, Hugh M. Glenn, J. P. Hoben, F. E. Reed, John Walker, H. A. Askwith and Dr. J. P. Tamsieles have been presented as candidates for the four places.

H. S. McCutcheon, Dr. E. T. Parker and Owen Summers, three directors who continue in office, and four new directors appointed will compose the board which will elect the officers of the club.

TUALATIN COUNTRY CLUB CLOSES DEAL FOR A GOLF LINKS

One Hundred and Thirty-two Acres in Tract Which Club Has Had Under Lease.

The Tualatin Country club has closed a deal for the purchase of 132 acres of land at Tualatin for a golf links. This land has been occupied by the club for some time under lease with the privilege of purchase. The land was owned by Alex Sweek, and it is said the purchase was made for about \$26,000.

Cecil H. Bauer is president of the club and L. L. White is secretary.

Secret Service Investigates.
Washington, Jan. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Secret service agents were hurried to Wilmington, Del., today by the department of justice to investigate an explosion early yesterday in the Carney's Point (N. J.) plant of the Du Pont Powder company, which is reported to have resulted in loss of life. The government agents were instructed to determine without delay whether the explosion was the result of an accident or plot.

Bank Depositors Are To Meet Tomorrow

Contract Between State Bank Exam- iners and Lawyer to Recover Money on Contingent Fee to Be Discussed.

Depositors of the defunct American Bank & Trust Co. will meet tonight at room 320, courthouse, to consider a contract entered into between the superintendent of banks and Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle, and C. M. Idleman and S. J. Graham.

The contract allows the attorneys \$2,5