

N. M'ARTHUR ISSUES STATEMENT COVERING R. P. HUTTON'S ANSWER

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SUIT WILL BE PUSHED

Friends, No States, Send Messages Implying Him to Come Home to Defend His Good Name.

Washington, May 17.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Representative McArthur, after receiving the answer filed by R. P. Hutton, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of Oregon, to his \$50,000 suit for libel, issued the following statement:

"Hutton's answer is false in practically every particular. He has dodged the main point of the case, which is the libel charge. Instead of setting like a man and meeting the issue squarely, he has dragged in a lot of fraudulent allegations which he cannot substantiate in a court of justice or anywhere else.

"He imagines he can bluff me out of pushing this suit against him, but he is sadly mistaken. Numerous friends have sent messages imploring me to come to Oregon and defend my good name against the libelous and slanderous attacks of my enemies, but I shall remain here and leave the campaign to the fairness and intelligence of my constituents.

"Besides this, the Oregon and California land grant bill will be up within a few days and I propose to stay here and continue my fight for the little school children and the taxpayers of the state, rather than desert my post of duty. My enemies are in desperate straits when they find it necessary to resort to libel and slander."

MCUE'S RECORD IS DISCUSSED

Walter H. Evans Touches on Opponent's Career in Astoria.

The official record of John C. McCue while deputy district attorney at Astoria was discussed at a meeting at the First Presbyterian church house Monday at which the candidates for

district attorney spoke. Walter H. Evans, who spoke first, produced official records to show that his opponent had failed to hear the demand of a grand jury that he proceed against the Waldorf dance hall, conducted by Julius Wither, now manager of the Friars' club; that he had appeared on both sides of a felony case, using the knowledge he had gained as prosecuting officer to defeat the prosecution and that he had taken a large amount of civil business, including two divorce cases, which it is unlawful for a district attorney to appear in except on behalf of the state.

Mr. McCue's defense was that he had not acted against the dance halls and gambling houses because they were licensed by the city. He attempted a denial that he had appeared in the felony cases referred to, but Evans read from the official records showing that he had been on both sides of the case. The principal attack of McCue upon Evans was in connection with the foreclosure of the county poor farm mortgage, which, he alleged, had been turned over to Attorney A. E. Clark by Evans in connection with the foreclosure of the county poor farm mortgage, which, he alleged, had been turned over to Attorney A. E. Clark by Evans in connection with the foreclosure of the county poor farm mortgage.

Mr. Evans replied to the charge that he and his deputies were taking private business by admitting that he had given an hour or so to the preparation of an answer for a poor woman who had no money to hire other counsel and said that his deputies frequently had done the same thing in like cases.

GEO. C. BLAKELEY IS URGED

Democrats Want Name Written as Candidate.

The Democratic state central committee has written a circular letter to leading Democrats over the state urging that a concerted movement be made to write in the name of George C. Blakeley of The Dalles as a candidate for secretary of state.

The letter points out the fact that no Democratic candidate for secretary of state has filed and the place on the primary ballot will therefore be vacant. After discussing the question with Mr. Blakeley he has decided to become a candidate for the nomination and make the race for the November election if his name is written in on the primary ballot.

CLERK COFFEY IS CRITICIZED

J. E. Law Speaks at Laurelwood Church on Two Salaries.

At community meeting held in the Laurelwood M. E. church Monday, J. E. Law, who appeared for Joseph W. Beveridge, called attention to the fact that the County Clerk Coffey's friends or supporters attempted to deny the charges made that Mr. Coffey divided his time between two positions, or drew two salaries.

"Mr. Coffey claims to have made good; he has made good for Mr. Coffey, I admit. In two years he received in two salaries more than \$18,000, and as an enterprising man he is certainly entitled to a great deal of credit," Mr. Law said.

SERVICE COMMISSION MAKES REDUCTION IN SALEM WATER RATES

New Charges Will Be Applicable From May Readings Until September Readings.

National Convention Is Held by Telephone

Electrical Engineers Establish Precedent by Meeting in Six Cities and Listening to Speakers Miles Away.

San Francisco, May 17.—(P. N. S.)—The first national convention by telephone on record was held last night, when branches of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers met simultaneously in San Francisco, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and Atlanta. The speakers were transmitted by the cross-continent telephone. Each delegate in every city had an individual receiver.

There were local sessions as well, with the telephone disconnected. The speakers in San Francisco included Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford university.

The convention opened with a roll call of the cities at 5:30 p. m., San Francisco time.

John J. Carry, president of the society, presided in New York, and telephoned addresses were made by Thomas A. Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Theodore N. Vail, Dr. Michael I. Pupin and others.

Chain of Alaskan Banks Is Planned

Andrew Stevenson of New York, in Seattle, Says Capitalists of East Are Backing Project; Two Established.

Seattle, Wash., May 17.—(P. N. S.)—New York capitalists are back of a project to establish a chain of banks in Alaska, according to Andrew Stevenson of New York, who is in Seattle to Seattle. Stevenson is general manager of a project which has established a bank at Skagway with a branch at Wrangell. Arrangements are being made to open a third bank at Anchorage and others will be opened in several Alaskan cities.

Wants Name on Ballot

Salem, Or., May 17.—Several days too late to get his name on the ballot, Colonel Funk, of Meade, Kansas, sent a postal card, written on both sides, to Secretary of State Olcott, asking that his name be filed as a presidential Progressive Republican, where rolls the Columbia. No diagram accompanied the postal card, which arrived Tuesday noon. Meade's qualifications are outlined as follows: "Forty years Kansas farmer. Safe and sane platform preparedness. Six months in the arena before Ford read riot act to Europe. See no difference between Progressive Republican and Democrat. Formerly of Denver, helped build up the west. Forty years study science government. T. R. the man we want. Am in close with T. R. Want president with punch. There are men in the world who were made through slaughter at a throne, etc., land or power. Preparedness regardless of cost."

Proposed Changes Are Accepted by Salem Water, Light & Power Co.

Former Rating Burdensome.

Salem, Or., May 17.—The state public service commission Tuesday afternoon made an order reducing the meter rates of the Salem Water, Light & Power company for water used for sprinkling purposes in Salem.

The new rates, applicable from May meter readings to September meter readings, provide that charges shall be as follows per 100 cubic feet to consumers using water for domestic and irrigation purposes only: First 200 cubic feet, 40 cents; next 300 cubic feet, 45 cents; all over 500 feet, 7 1/2 cents.

The old rates, which it appeared to the commission were burdensome for those using water for sprinkling purposes were as follows per 100 cubic feet: First 200 cubic feet, 40 cents; next 300 cubic feet, 25 cents; next 1500 cubic feet, 15 cents; next 14,000 cubic feet, 13 cents; next 20,000 cubic feet, 7 1/2 cents; all over 35,000 cubic feet, 5 cents.

The company agreed to the issuance of the order without further proceedings and it will become effective May 20.

William Stewart Given Freedom

Salem, Or., May 17.—When William Stewart, convicted in Multnomah county of arson and committed in October, 1915, to serve from three to seven years, was released Tuesday afternoon, he was greeted by Fire Marshal Stevens, of Portland, who came here in an automobile. Stevens took him back to Portland in his car.

Stewart was released on a conditional pardon issued by Governor Withycombe, the parole board, Circuit Judge Gantenbein, Fire Marshal Stevens and District Attorney Evans having recommended that the action be taken. Stewart, who confessed his guilt,

Coos County "Drys" Hold Convention

George L. Carr of Portland Calls Session to Order and Candidacy of Judge John S. Coke Is Indorsed.

Marshallfield, Or., May 17.—Prohibitionists of Coos county held a convention Tuesday afternoon at the Marshallfield Methodist church. The meeting was called to order by George L. Carr of Portland. J. K. Hedges was elected chairman and Mrs. Hedges secretary. It was decided instead of naming a county ticket, to indorse the candidacy of Judge John S. Coke for circuit judge; L. A. Liljeqvist for district attorney and I. S. Smith for state senator.

The convention chose C. S. Hoffman and Mrs. E. A. Largent as delegates from Coos county to the state prohibition convention in Portland May 18. Mrs. M. R. Smith was named alternate. It is claimed by them that the purpose was to indorse some certain candidates and the longshoremen rebelled and refused the use of their hall, claiming that they will not be forced to go on record for any candidate. Andrew Landes, who called the meeting, states it will be held anyway.

A dental department has been added to a Boston animal hospital.

Incorporation Papers Filed

Salem, Or., May 17.—Articles of incorporation of A. O. Anderson & Co., to engage in the building, chartering and operation of steam, sailing and water craft of all descriptions, capital stock \$50,000, and George McDowell, Jesse Stearns and Edwin Humphrey, incorporators, were filed with Corporation Commissioner Schulderman Tuesday. The company will engage in business at Portland. Portoma Mining company, capital stock \$100,000, Portland, William Jones, F. A. Knapp and J. L. Sharpstein, incorporators, also filed articles.

Congressmen Greet Touring Suffragists

Women Who Visited Western States Present Resolutions From Salt Lake City Demanding National Suffrage.

Washington, May 17.—(I. N. S.)—Women suffrage envoys returning from a 10,000 mile trip through the western states yesterday were received by members of congress in the rotunda of the capitol.

The suffragists presented to the congressmen resolutions passed at the conference at Salt Lake City, asking for "the immediate enfranchisement of women throughout the nation." Upon their arrival the envoys were received by 200 cheering and banner waving suffragists at the Union station. They marched to the capitol after they had lunched at the station.

On the east steps of the capitol the suffragists formed a lane along which they held suffrage streamers. The envoys, preceded by half a dozen flower girls, marched through the lane to the rotunda.

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