COUNTY'S GUARANTEE OF IRRIGATION BONDS DISPLEASES BREWER

President of Oregon Irrigation Congress Believes Amendments Would Not Stand.

MEASURES ARE INITIATED

Other Officers Being Asked to Pass on Propositions Affecting Status of Irrigation Securities.

If other officers of the Oregon Irrigation congress feel about the proposed irrigation and drainage amendments drafted by a special committee of the state credits conference as does J. W. Brewer, president of the congress, there is little likelihood that the measures will be initiated and placed on the ballot for the November election by the irrigation and drainage forces.

Mr. Brewer objects to the plan for county guarantee of irrigation and drainage district securities. He is convinced that it will not prove popular with the counties and that in a number of instances where irrigation is most needed and results are most to be hoped for the county guarantee would be impracticable.

Jefferson Couldn't Stand Plan.

For illustration, he used the new county of Jefferson. The North Unit irrigation district in that county will require about $4,000,000 for development, he said, and the Suttle's Lake project will require at least $1,000,000. Here, then is $5,000,000 to be covered by securities when the assessed valuation of the county is only $4,000,000, and the law places a limit of 2 per cent of the assessed valuation on the amount of irrigation and drainage district securities interest that may be guaranteed.

Asks Congress for Views.

Mr. Brewer has sent copies of the proposed amendments drafted by the special committee, J. B. Kerr, Asa B. Thomson and C. C. Chapman, to all the members of the legislative and executive committee of the irrigation congress and has asked for replies within a week stating their opinion of the proper procedure. Should the committee members approve, the bills will be initiated and a whirlwind campaign instituted, he says in his letter.

The state credits conference was held at Salem during March in response to a request by the Oregon Irrigation congress. The conference resulted in the appointment of two committees, one to draft a rural credits measure, the other to prepare irrigation and drainage amendments. The rural credits committee not only drafted its measure, but is proceeding to initiate it with the aid of the several organizations, including the state grange, Farmers' union and Federation of Labor.

Pioneer Honored at Silverton Home

Silverton, Or., June 13.—Sunday, June 11, O. O. Rue of Silverton was given a delightful surprise by a host of his friends and relatives at his home in honor of his sixtieth birthday. Mr. Rue has been a resident of Oregon for many years, coming to this state from Minnesota in 1904. He has four brothers living near Silverton, as well as two sons and five daughters. Bert Rue, of The Journal, Portland, a son, was in Silverton for the occasion.

Willett Heads Alaska Party.

George T. Willett, Republican candidate for house of representatives, left this morning for Nome, Alaska, in charge of one of the American Express company's personally conducted tours.

Knights Templar Guests in Portland

Pilgrim Commandery of Laconia, N. H., En Route to Big Conclave to Be Held at Los Angeles.

Pilgrim commandery, Knights Templar, of Laconia, N. H., en route to the thirty-third triennial conclave of the order to be held in Los Angeles, June 18-23, is spending the day in Portland.

The party numbers 12 knights and 14 women, and is quartered at the Hotel Imperial. This morning the visitors were taken around the city by members of the local commandery, and this afternoon they will be given a spin over the Columbia river highway. They leave tonight for San Francisco.

The party is traveling under the direction of the Walter H. Woods company, and made the trip west through the Canadian Rockies.

Sir Knights of the party include Eminent Sir Eugene P. Hadley, commander, Laconia, N. H.; Very Eminent Sir H. R. Gildden, deputy grand commander, Claremont, N. H.; Em. Sir Harry M. Cheney, grand recorder, Concord, N. H., and Sirs W. D. Baker, John Brooks, Harry E. Jones, Frank H. Lougee, Orman T. Lougee, George D. Merrill, C. W. Tyler, F. E. Sweetsir M. D., and W. B. Wakelin.

Women in the party are: Mrs George A. Ashley, Miss Ruth E. Ashley, Mrs. W. D. Baker, Miss Millis F. Chase, Miss Nellie M. Chase, Miss Marion B. Ellis, Mrs. H. B. Glidden, Mrs. F. H. Lougee, Mrs. O. T. Lougee, Mrs. F. E. Sweetsir, Miss Lois B. Soule, Mrs. Austin Tyler and Miss Cunningham.

FOURTH OF JULY TO BE CELEBRATED IN A ROUSING MANNER

Ban to Be Lifted From Small Firecracker; Big Time to Be Assured.

The old eagle will scream so much this Fourth of July that he will be hoarse for a month.

A committee of 25 citizens appointed by Mayor Albee decided that it was time for the old eagle to make himself heard in Portland and immediately started plans to make the old bird scream.

This means that the city will see a real old fashion Fourth of July celebration held right in the center of town.

It did not take the committee long to decide that the old-time Fourth of July spirit should be revived. All the members were enthused from the very start of the meeting held in the city hall yesterday afternoon.

Here are just a few of the things suggested by the committee:

Have a big patriotic demonstration with the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Military Tournament Planned.

Big military tournament with cavalry, cannons, etc.

Plenty of patriotic music.

Old fashioned fire hose company contest, followed by a contest with modern fire apparatus.

Field meeting, with greased pig, greased pole, pie eating and similar contests, and various kinds of athletic feats.

Raise the ban on small firecrackers, but not on cannon crackers.

Big parade, possibly repeating the Uaitee parade of the Rose Festival.

Fireworks exhibition.

Leiter Is Chairman.

O. C. Leiter, president of the Portland Press club, the organization responsible for the old fashioned Fourth of July celebration movement, was selected permanent chairman of the committee and A. C. Black was selected secretary.

An immediate effort is to be made to raise money to finance the celebration. It is proposed to have individuals and organizations interested in the resurrection of the old time Fourth to contribute to a fund.

The finance committee appointed to raise the necessary money follows: David M. Dunne, chairman; J. E. Werlein, George L. Baker, I. N. Day, Nelson G. Pike, Harrison Allen, W. P. Strandborg, Henry E. Reed, Miss Valentine Prichard, Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens and Dr. Katherine Manion.

Other Committees Named.

The program committee consists of C. F. Beebe, chairman; Adjutant-General George A. White, P. E. Sullivan, A. M. Grilley, L. R. Alderman, Eugene E. Smith, A. L. Barbur, Mrs. R. E. Bondurant, Mrs. Samuel C. May, Mrs. C. Stites and Mrs. C. B. Simmons.

It is proposed to to have the Rose Festival electrical decorations remain in place until after the celebration, have the buildings and down-town streets decorated with American flags. It is also proposed to seek reduced railroad fares to Portland on the day of the celebration.

The finance committee meets at 4 o'clock this afternoon and reports from that committee and the program committee are to be given the general committee at a meeting to be held in the city hall tomorrow afternoon.

Prominent Officers Return on Sheridan

Acting Governor of Guam on Sick Leave and Retiring Commandant of Department of Hawaii Passengers.

San Francisco, June 13.—(P. N. S.)—Captain William J. Maxwell, U. S. N., who has been acting governor of Guam, arrived today on the transport Sheridan, accompanied by Surgeon G. C. Thomas, on his way to Washington on sick leave. He is suffering from a nervous disorder, preceded by anemia, said Dr. Thomas.

German warships are interned at Guam, and several German sailors have gone mad from the isolation.

Brigadier General John P. Wisser, retiring commandant of the department of Hawaii, and well known here, arrived from Honolulu on the same transport. He has been succeeded by Brigadier General Robert K. Evans.

Graduate From Academy.

Albany, Or., June 13.—Commencement exercises of St. Mary's academy will be held here this evening in Academy hall, at which time diplomas will be awarded to Miss Bertha Mallon, Miss Vanda Butzlaff, Miss Gladys Miller, Miss Elizabeth Eagles, Miss Mary Misner, Miss Julia Taucher and Miss Mary Tanzer. Prizes will be awarded by the Rev. Father Arthur Lane for the highest average in Christian doctrine and the best attendance at Sunday school. Rev. Lane will deliver the address.

ROLAND MUST PROVE MARRIAGE LEGAL OR BE OUSTED AS HEIR

Judge Cleeton Retains John Boydson as Administrator of Mrs. Scofield's Estate.

SCORES HEIR'S NEGLECT

Only Partial Victory for William C. Manchester and Lettie Manchester in Controversy Over $10,000 Estate.

Unless the attorney for William G. Roland can produce positive proof within 30 days that Roland was legally married to Harrit Scofield, who died last December leaving an estate valued at more than $10,000, Roland will be ousted as an heir to the estate, according to the decision of County Judge Cleeton this morning.

This was one victory for William C. Manchester and Lettie Manchester of Salem, nephew and niece of Mrs. Scofield, who sought to have Boydson ousted as administrator of the estate on the ground that he and Roland had entered into a conspiracy to defraud the real heirs.

Boydson Stays in Charge.

Judge Cleeton refused to remove Boydson, holding that the petitioners had failed to show that he had intentionally perpetrated fraud. He said Boydson would be excused for his acts more because of the lack of knowledge possessed by the average man as to how business of this kind should be transacted.

The court said, however, there must be no more one sided transactions.

Testimony showed that Boydson, with the consent of Roland, had paid himself out of the estate $150 for repair work he declared he had done for Mrs. Scofield. Boydson also took a deed to certain property of the estate without ever obtaining an order of the court.

On the witness stand Boydson said that at the time of Mrs. Schofield's death he did not think she had ever been legally married to Roland and he asked to be appointed administrator. Later Roland produced a marriage certificate, he said, and he accepted it as being all right. He said he knew that the Manchesters were heirs, but he made no effort to locate them.

Says Manchesters Were Neglectful

He admitted that he induced Roland to consent to pay him the $150 claim and deed him the property by saying if he did not do so he would file a claim for a large sum against the estate.

Judge Cleeton criticised the Manchesters for not knowing more about their relative. He asserted they had neglected her. They did not hear of her death until three months after it occurred.

CASE OF ARSON IS ALLEGED

Charles McDaniels on Trial Before Judge McGinn.

Charles McDaniels went to trial this afternoon in Judge McGinn's department of the circuit court on a charge of arson, connected with the burning of the L. B. Menefee company's mill February 16, 1915. He will be the third man to be tried for arson in connection with that fire.

The other two men tried were Hugh Priest and Thomas Patterson, each being convicted and sentenced to a term of five to 15 years in the state penitentiary.

McDaniels eluded the officers for nearly a year and was finally located near Seattle.

DIVORCE SUITS ARE GRANTED

Number of New Actions for Divorce Are Filed.

The following divorces have been granted: Toba Narod vs. Jacob Narod, married in Portland in 1908, desertion; Ella M. Hale vs. George H. Hale, married in Ohio in 1896, cruelty $20 a month alimony; Charles H. Coy vs. Gertrude A. Coy, married in New York in 1894, cruelty; Flora Phillips vs. A. E. Phillips, married in Portland September 8, 1915, impotency; Emma Jensen vs. John Jensen, married in Portland in 1911, cruelty, two children, $15 a month alimony.

New divorce suits were filed as follows: Emma L. Kaufmann vs. John Kaufmann, married in Ohio in 1897, two children, cruelty; Martha Webb vs. I. L. Webb, married in Missouri in 1891, cruelty.

METHODIST PAGEANT WILL BE REPEATED

Ocean Jolly, who will conduct Methodist Pageant.

The Pageant of Methodism, which is to be repeated in Lincoln high school on Saturday evening, is in charge of Mrs. Ocean Jolly. Mrs. Jolly has conducted amateur performances in the middle states, but since coming to this city has devoted most of her time to reading. She has been engaged several times to read before the local organizations of business men. Mrs. Jolly has also been booked on several eastern chautauquas.

The pageant of Methodism is a narrative story showing the life history of that denomination from its beginning until the present day. About 150 young people from the local churches compose the cast.

OPIUM DEALER SENTENCED

Another Jail Sentence Imposed by Federal Court.

Another jail sentence for an opium trafficker was given by Judge Bean in federal court this morning, when Sa Chung pleaded guilty to a charge of having had opium in his possession. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and a $50 fine.

Acting District Attorney Rankin was ready to present evidence that Sa Chung was a distributor of opium for Lee Belt, 73 North Fourth street, who was yesterday sentenced to three months and a $500 fine. Sa Chung went from place to place carrying a laundry bag, which, Mr. Rankin told the court "neither increased nor diminished perceptibly in bulk." Sa Chung has used opium 28 years.

Bert Bowlin, pleading guilty, was given 15 days for having had opium in his possession. His wife, who pleaded guilty several days ago, received 30 days. Bowlin decided to plead guilty when he learned his trial had been set for July 12, or a week after his wife's release, with himself in jail in the meantime.

RECALL OF SCHOOL BOARD IS DEMANDED AT KERCHEN MEETING

Resolutions Condemn Method of Trying Manual Training Head on Vague Charges.

"MEDIAEVALISM" IS CRY

Religion Bigotry and Superstition Shown in Dismissal, It Is Asserted —Favor Commissioner Control.

Recall of the school board, centralization of authority over the schools in the hands of a commissioner, universal suffrage in school elections and a rehearing of the Kerchen case are called for in a series of resolutions adopted last night at a mass meeting in the Central library called to protest against the recent discharge of J. L. Kerchen, supervisor of manual training in the Portland public schools.

Colonel C. E. S. Wood and Dr. C. H. Chapman were the principal speakers. Mrs. A. C. Newill presided in the absence of a regular chairman. Isaac Swett, Kerchen's attorney in the recent trial, spoke briefly.

All of the resolutions were drafted by Colonel Wood.

One calls for a committee to be appointed by the chair to consider the betterment of the school system and its government, including the election of a commissioner and the recall of the school board if need be.

Citizenship, School Election Test.

A demand was voiced for a citizenship qualification for voting in school elections instead of the present requirement that voters must be taxpayers.

To give the public the facts in the Kerchen matter Colonel Wood's resolution called for the appointment of a committee of prominent citizens to conduct a rehearing of the case in which all parties concerned would appear—Kerchen, his four accusers and the school board itself. Personnel of the committee will be announced shortly.

Colonel Wood read the charges brought against Kerchen and briefly reviewed the evidence presented by both sides.

"This case goes beyond Kerchen," he said. "It is a question of right of freedom in religious belief, political belief and of freedom of thought."

His statement was received with cheers.

Says Charges Are Indefinite.

Criticising the first finding of the board, which stated that Kerchen was dismissed "for the good of the service" Colonel Wood stated that the final findings were equally open to censure in that they were indefinite.

"For example," he said, "the board states Kerchen was discharged for incompetency but it does not state in what or how he was incompetent.

"The charges are indefinite and vague and after hearing the evidence the board comes back with findings just as vague."

Declaring that the board acquitted Kerchen of most of the charges because it failed to touch upon them in its findings, Colonel Wood stated that the evidence introduced in the case, far from showing that Kerchen was incompetent, revealed rather that Kerchen since coming to Portland five years ago had made the manual training department in the local schools second to none in the country.

Was Religion a Factor?

"Some believe that Kerchen's religious beliefs were his undoing," he said.

Dr. Chapman also intimated that Kerchen was discharged by reason of bigotry.

Kerchen did not have a fair trial, it was asserted, and he was victim to superstition, ignorance, bigotry and mediaevalism.

Of the statements charged against the supervisor, it was declared not one was made less than two years ago, and all save one were made in private conversations. In no instance, said Colonel Wood, was Kerchen accused or making any statement before his pupils tended in any way to influence their religious or political beliefs.

The charge that Kerchen kept his department in turmoil was ridiculed by Colonel Wood, who said that the evidence in the case showed that 25 of the 32 teachers in the department testified in his behalf.

The finding that Kerchen falsified manual training exhibits was declared to be infamously unjust. These exhibits were not intended to show the work of immature American school children, he said, but merely the course of instruction and study.

He introduced a letter from the assistant superintendent of state instruction showing that pupils' work was not wanted at San Francisco. Kerchen, he said, was told to get the exhibit ready at a moment's notice and had to use $5 per cent children's handiwork to get it to the exhibition on time.

"The school board declared it was pressed for time and that it was not paid for its services," said Colonel Wood, "and so cut out the defense and would not hear cumulative evidence, yet it took two hours to participate in a heated argument on evolution.

"Judge Munly questioned Dr. Rebec of the University of Oregon for two hours on evolution in order to make an argument in favor of the orthodox view of creation as shown in Genesis."

In a real court of law, he said, the charges would be open to a demurrer because all were generalities.

"Mediaevalism," Says Chapman.

Dr. Chapman declared the Kerchen trial a recrudescence of mediavalism and a slump back to witchcraft. "The members of the board do not live in the twentieth century, but in the tenth or eleventh," he said. "It is a crime that people with modern minds must send their children to be taught under men such as these. The board is elected to take charge of the business affairs of the schools—not to delve into personal religious and political views."

He declared that the men who brought the charges should be punished for libel.

"Did you ever hear of anything good the school board has done?" he asked. "Think of the tricky, mean things it has been guilty of, not this board, but all boards for the past 20 years.

"The time has come to do away with the school board and its petty, mean things. Its career ought to come to an end. We ought to do away with the board and substitute a responsible commissioner instead."

Isaac Swett declared Kerchen had not received a fair trial because in a real trial the defendant is given opportunity to question the jurors as to the fairness of their viewpoint. The school board was prejudiced at the start, he said.

Mrs. Newill declared that public action was necessary to clear Kerchen's name of the stigma placed upon it by the multitude of unproven charges made against him by his four subordinates.

Chamber Indorses Park Highway Plan

Aid of a gigantic plan to connect all national parks with a national park highway, upon which a speed of 50 miles an hour may be maintained, is planned by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The plan is advanced by Stephen F. Mather, assistant to Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior. At a preliminary committee meeting last night, Executive Secretary George E. Hardy said that Portland should be well represented at the meeting at Canyon hotel in Yellowstone national park, July 24 and 25, when the National Park Highway association will be organized.

As outlined, the plan for the national park highway would involve utilization of all possible main roads along the route, including the Pacific highway, with the Columbia river highway as a special route of tourist travel. The length of the road will be between 3500 and 4000 miles.

BRITISH PAY TRIBUTE TO LORD KITCHENER'S MEMORY AT SERVICE

King and Queen, With Many Notables, Gather at St. Paul's Cathedral.

London, June 13.—The London Times today prints the following by Robert Bridges, poet laureate:

Lord Kitchener, Unflinching hero, watchful to foresee
And face thy country's peril whatso'er,
Directing war and peace with equal care,
Till by long toil ennobled, thou wert
Whom England called and bade, "Set my arm free
To obey my will and save my honor fair."
What day the foe presumed on her despair
And she herself had trust in none but thee.
Among herculean deeds the miracles
That massed the labor of 10 years in one,
Shall be thy monument. Thy work is done
Ere we could thank thee; and the high sea swell
Surgeth, unheeding, where thy proud ship fell
By the lone Orkneys ere the set of sun.

The late Earl Kitcheper, Great Britain's premier soldier, lost when the cruiser Hahpshire was mined near the Orkney islands, today was paid a tribute as great as England has ever given to her departed heroes.

The services were held in St. Paul's cathedral, the queen and king, persons attached to the royal household, many peers, soldiers and statesman attended.

The crowds jammed the edifice to the doors, while thousands stood outside in the rain with heads bared. Many were in deep mourning, expressing the loss as personal.

The services opened with "Abide With Me." Dean Igne read Psalms 130 and 23. The hymn, "For All Thy Saints," was rendered. After the benediction by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the congregation sang "God Save the King."

Would Bar Justice From Political Race

Amendment Is Suggested in Resolution to Prohibit Supreme Court Members From Becoming Candidates.

Washington, June 13.—(U. P.)—Senator Thomas, Colorado, today introduced a resolution for an amendment to the constitution prohibiting members of the supreme court being candidates for public offices.

This is in line with the Democratic program to assail Justice Hughes' action in leaving the bench for the Republican nomination.

Thomas' amendment reads:

"No judge of the supreme court or of any inferior court, now or hereafter ordained and established, shall, during his continuance in office, or for a period of two years after such continuance, be qualified for or eligible to any elective office, under the constitution."

Former Football Star Is Fined $15

Carl Wolff, former O. A. C. football star and at one time one of the all around athletes of the northwest, was fined $15 in the municipal court this morning when he was convicted of drunkenness. Wolff was arrested last Tuesday evening at the Ice Hippodrome, by Patrolmen Russell and Ervin, after Patrolman Russell gave him a sound thrashing for resisting. He was charged with violating the prohibition law by taking intoxicants to a public place, but this charge was dismissed today. Wolff admitted that he had been drinking.

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