

HOLMAN HOLDS UP PAYMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS ON COUNTY

Commissioner to Make Investigation Regarding Some of the Expenditures.

A LUMP SUM IS OPPOSED

Bills Must Be Arranged So That Check Can Be Made on Them, Declares Mr. Holman.

After the other two county commissioners had approved the bills in his absence, Commissioner Rufus C. Holman has taken steps to delay the payment of bills aggregating more than \$2000 until he can make an investigation into the expenditure of the county money.

The bills appear to have been incurred in connection with the ferry of the ferry Webster, but Commissioner Holman says he objects to bills being turned in with lump sum items, thus giving the commissioners no check on them. The bills were O. K'd by M. Welch, superintendent of bridges and ferries.

Commissioner Holman yesterday made a written request to County Auditor Martin not to pay the bills until the items therein have been set forth in detail. Mr. Martin assured him today he would withhold payment of the bills.

Today Mr. Holman addressed a letter to Welch requesting an explanation to the bills. He asked particularly in regard to a lump sum item of \$1016, specified as machinist labor.

Six bills are involved, totaling \$2029.24.

The letter follows: "In any work performed other than by the county forces, exceeding \$2000 in cost, I believe that specifications should be prepared and bids taken from the several competing firms within the county, both for the saving to the taxpayers and for the purpose of giving all local concerns an equal chance to participate in the county's business. Will you please advise me if you followed such a procedure and supply me with the names of those whom you asked to figure on this work and submit to me their bids."

In the bills approved by you what means did you use to verify the correctness of them particularly on the bill of May 29, lump sum item specified as machinist labor, \$1016.24 and blacksmith \$291 and on bill dated June 26 the item machinist \$55.04?

SAYS SHE WAS HUMILIATED

Husband Carried Stranger's Baby, It Is Claimed.

Saying she was forced to make her underclothing out of flour sacks because her husband refused to support her, Mrs. Sarah Belle Dammon today filed suit for divorce from J. D. Dammon.

They were married in Portland in April, 1913, and domestic troubles began in the following spring, when she says he called her a Scotch reeler. When she told him not to do it again, she says he threw her across a chair with such violence that she became unconscious.

He would do something outlandish every time they were out together, she declares. During the last Rose Festival, she says, they met a woman and baby, total strangers, on the street, and he insisted on holding the baby, much to the humiliation of herself and the mother.

He owns real estate worth \$8000, she says, but he purchased for her only one suit of clothes, costing less than \$14, since their marriage. She asks for \$25 a month alimony.

RESTRAINING ORDER ASKED

Belcher Hardwood Floor Co. Says Eisman Broke Agreement.

Action to restrain G. P. Eisman from engaging in the hardwood flooring business in Multnomah county for the next 25 years was begun in circuit court today by the Belcher Hardwood Floor company.

In the company's complaint it is asserted that in May, 1913, W. T.

Belcher bought out the G. P. Eisman Lumber company, including plant, equipment, good will and an agreement that Eisman would not enter the hardwood flooring business within a quarter of a century. It is alleged that July 1 of this year Eisman reentered the business and the Belcher Hardwood Floor company is seeking to enforce the terms of the agreement.

SONS MUST ASSIST MOTHER

Aged Woman's Appeal to County Commissioners Brings Order.

Mrs. Mary Janet Randolph, 66 years old, appealed to the county commissioners today for help, and the commissioners entered an order directing the district attorney to take steps to see that the woman's two sons, who are living in Oregon, should contribute to her support.

She has three sons and a daughter, but only two of the sons live in Oregon. They have families and are not in affluent circumstances, but under the Oregon statutes will be required to help support their mother.

She also has a family, and her wife, who has played out on her until she can no longer support herself. One of the sons, T. E. Brown, lives in Portland. He has a wife and two children, and his mother said he was receiving \$10 a month wages. He will be required to contribute \$5 a month to his mother. The other son, G. A. Brown, lives at Oregon City.

The divorced husband of Mrs. Randolph, who came to Portland to see about the case, told the county officials that they were supporting Mr. Brown's father, the divorced husband of Mrs. Randolph, and were not in a position to contribute toward her support.

Mrs. Brown declared Mrs. Randolph was able to support herself, if she would, but the commissioners ordered that the son at Oregon City should contribute \$10 a month to his mother.

DIVORCE MILL IS BUSY

Number Exceeds Total of Marriage Licenses Issued.

The number of divorce suits filed in Multnomah county during the past week have far exceeded the marriage licenses issued. In fact, not one marriage license was applied for yesterday, and four divorce suits were filed.

On Tuesday there were 10 divorces against three marriage licenses. Of the nine civil cases filed yesterday, four were for divorces, and of 16 filed Tuesday, 10 were divorces.

Yesterday was the first time in a year that there has not been a marriage license issued, and the second time since January, 1912.

Housekeeper Gets \$25.

Judge Jones was kept busy in the district court yesterday afternoon calling for order in the trial of Gregory versus Hutchinson. Extended arguments between the litigants as well as between the lawyers made the afternoon a trying one for the judge.

Juanita Gregory sued A. E. Hutchinson for \$250 which she claimed was due for keeping house for Hutchinson. Hutchinson said that he had provided her with a home at her request. The jury awarded the plaintiff \$25.

Two Share \$9000 Estate.

An estate valued at \$9000 was left by the late William Gedamke, according to the petition for probate of will filed yesterday. He died in Portland, August 3. The heirs are a son, Charles Gedamke, and a daughter, Lucy Gedamke, both of Portland.

Steiger Estate Worth \$23,250.

The late John Steiger left an estate valued at \$23,250, according to the petition of his wife for letters of administration filed yesterday. Mr. Steiger died on August 10. He left a wife and five children.

Asks Change in Plat.

The city of Portland yesterday filed suit against County Clerk Coffey and the Richmond Investment company asking that the plat on file in the county clerk's office be made to agree with the tracing on which was based a deed to the city for a strip for street purposes. The plat shows evidence of an erasure and alteration. The city asks that the conveyance be held valid and the plat changed. The plat was filed with the county clerk June 7, 1910, and the tracing was presented at the same time.

The Breakers hotel has its own dairy, vegetable gardens and poultry yards. Adv.

TERRIFIC RAIN MAKES LIFE MISERABLE FOR GUNNERS IN CRATERS

The Germans, Writer States, Seem to Have Given Up Trying to Dig Trenches.

MEN CHAINED TO GUNS

Operators Are Picked Soldierly Sworn Never to Surrender; Many Suffer From Hunger.

By Frederick Palmer. At the British Front, August 17.—(I. N. S.)—(Delayed)—There were torrential rains today and yesterday and an inconceivably miserable night for the German machine gunners at their positions in shell craters filled with water to their necks. The Germans seem to have definitely given up trying to dig any trenches along the front where the British hold the high ground and the old German second line. The British gunfire fills in every trench started and kills the diggers.

Machine gun and shell crater warfare has replaced trench warfare as a means of defense against the British attack. Not the Prussian guard or the Brandenburgers, but the machine gunners are now the crack corps of the Germans. Specially picked men take an oath never to surrender to the hated British. A report that they are chained to their guns by officers to prevent them from succumbing to any temptation to flee, is confirmed by witnesses who have captured them in the recent fighting.

The machine guns are dragged out to shell craters under cover of darkness and during the day the gunners lie hugging most uncomfortable positions, baked by the sun in the day and shivering and wet at night. If the least movement discloses their location by day a hurricane of mortar gunfire is turned on them.

Chained to their guns, live Germans lie beside the dead in pools into which the rain has transformed the craters. Some who have been captured had been days without food, isolated as they were by the continual sniping.

The British spent today consolidating the gains made on their right toward Guillemont on the previous day. Play golf on the grassy links overlooking the ocean at Breakers, Wash. Adv.

Insane Cases Await Cleiton.

All persons who have been adjudged insane during the present month, who are so judged during the remainder of the month, will be held in the county jail until September 1, when County Judge Cleiton returns from his vacation.

The county judge usually handles such cases and the circuit judges have refused to commit any one to the insane asylum.

All kinds of outdoor sports at the Breakers hotel, Breakers, Wash. Adv.

Boy Is Assisted by Attaches of Court

Youth Whom Hunger Had Tempted Goes to Court, According to Promise, and Collection Is Taken Up.

Walter Spruance, one of the best little deck hands on the steamer John Clark, moored permanently at Second and Oak streets, is glad he appeared at roll call before Municipal Judge Languth this morning.

Walter now has 50 cents to pay for his bed and lunch, whereas, before he appeared at roll call, his pockets were empty. Walter told the judge that he was hungry yesterday and, when he saw an old boiler on First street thought it could be converted into money. A motorcycle policeman saw Walter busy with the boiler and told him to see Judge Languth about it today. Walter was not arrested, but he came to court this morning as he had promised to do.

"I've got a job tomorrow," said Walter. "Better take up a collection for Walter, that he may eat and sleep and thus get ready for work tomorrow," suggested Judge Languth to court attaches. They turned 50 cents over to Walter and he went his way rejoicing that he had kept his promise with the motorcycle policeman.

Little Girls Are Trained Quickly

Oregon City, Or., Aug. 18.—It has taken Mrs. M. Fulkerson only seven and one half hours of class room training to teach 11 little girls how to read simple sentences, recognize short words and numbers on flash cards and do little problems in arithmetic.

The class was organized at the opening of the teacher's training school in order to demonstrate the more advanced methods of primary teaching. The pupils were examined by County Superintendent Calavan, who saw to it that none had received training in spelling, reading or arithmetic.

A half hour each day, five days a week during the past three weeks, Mrs. Fulkerson has trained her class.

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WOMAN ACQUITTED OF ARSON CHARGE SUING FOR INSURANCE MONEY

Mrs. Mary C. Wells Demands \$1400 for Three Houses Burned at Oswego, Or.

Engagement Is Announced.

Oregon City, Or., Aug. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nash of this city announce the engagement of their foster daughter, Miss Mary P. Sandstrom, to Charles Childs of Brownsville. Mr. Childs is a stockman and was a member of the Oregon legislature for a number of years. The marriage will take place September 14.

Tennis and Golf at Breakers hotel.

Breakers, Wash.—Adv.

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Specifications for Pavement Adopted

At a meeting of the Interstate bridge commission today, specifications for the paving on the embankments and approaches of the Interstate bridge were adopted and authority was given for advertising for bids for the work. District Attorney Evans of Multnomah county, Prosecuting Attorney Blair of Clatsop county, Wash., and Frank M. Cortez, resident engineer, were instructed to prepare the advertisement. Bids will be asked on asphalt, concrete and macadam pavements.

Berg Elected Chamber Director.

To fill the vacancy on the directorate of the Chamber of Commerce caused by the resignation of J. C. English, the chamber's executive committee yesterday elected Charles F. Berg. Mr. Berg will be one of the three representatives of the retail merchants' bureau on the board. He will hold office until the end of the chamber year.

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