

CONTROL BY JUDGES OF ATTORNEY'S FEES FAR FROM EFFECTIVE

Attorney General Reports the
Conditions in Some Bank-
ruptcy Districts Not Good.

CONFIDENCE MISPLACED

Copies of Reports on Situation Sent to
Judges Have Brought Gratifying
Changes in Conditions.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Judges of the United States district courts, who appoint referees in bankruptcy and supervise the administration of the bankruptcy laws, have under their control the amount of attorney's fees allowed in bankruptcy cases. Some of the other expenses of administering bankrupt estates are a little less under their control, as it could not be expected that the federal judges would go into detail and follow such cases through to the end. However, as the referee is the appointee of the judge and responsible to him, the judge is regarded as responsible in turn for reasonable supervision and inquiry as to how affairs under him are conducted.

Restraint Is Ineffective.
That this assumed restraint upon the bankruptcy officials and their charges is far from effectual is shown by the report of Attorney General Gregory, who declares that in some districts the condition of the offices of the referees is "decidedly the reverse" of satisfactory. He further points out the unusual proportion of assets consumed in lawyer's fees, refers to tendencies to enlarge fee bills and "indemnity" accounts, and says irregular and unlawful methods of administration have been used.

These practices have been going forward under the noses of the judges at the expense of persons seeking the protecting refuge of bankruptcy laws and their creditors. The federal judges have not stopped them. The abuses have been for the most part uncovered within the last two years by examiners of the department of justice, who have been sent into the field to find out just what the referees have been doing.

Judges' Confidence Misplaced.
Probably some of the judges have been lax because they have not known what was being done. They have had confidence in the men they appointed as referees, and the administration of the offices has not had careful supervision. Legislation is apparently needed to put a stop to some of the devices used, which are either lawful or colorable so, but which wring from the assets of the unfortunate bankrupt a surprising toll of fees and costs.

The "earnings" of some of the referees, when spread before Congress, should have effect in securing action by the legislators. When a referee receives more in a year than the chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, and numerous others receive more than members of the cabinet and United States senators and representatives, there is manifestly room for legislation.

Referees' Fees Are Large.
The report of the attorney general shows that in one district a bankruptcy referee has received an average of \$15,215.52 a year for a period of more than 16 years, and another in the same district has received an average of \$14,754.99 during the same period.

In another district two referees received \$7,286.43 and \$11,147.44, respectively, and in a third two referees "earned" \$6,438.78 in one instance and \$12,659.60 in the other.

In yet another district one referee is shown to have collected for himself in 1914 the sum of \$7,841.37 and in 1915 he added \$8,425.27 more, while in the

Submarine Division Is Due in Columbia

Commander Howe Enters River This
Afternoon With Raiders to Investi-
gate Astoria Waters as Base.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 8.—A telegram was received Thursday by President J. S. Delaney of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce from Commander Howe, stationed at Aberdeen, Wash., announcing that he will arrive in the Columbia river this afternoon with the cruiser Cheyenne and the second submarine division, for the purpose of familiarizing the officers under his command with the Columbia river and to further investigate the facilities in and about Astoria for submarine base uses.

City Will Continue Garbage Collection

North Yakima, Dec. 8.—Garbage collections will be made as usual in North Yakima next year and the expenses will be met by the city. In an attempt to keep the budget within the constitutional limit the commission cut out the expense of garbage collection in the business district, retaining it in the residence district. Later the commissioners discovered they could not discriminate and they found a way out by using a part of the general expense fund set aside for incineration.

same district last fiscal year another referee was guided with \$305.

Judges' Attention Is Called.
The attorney general does not reveal where these thrifty referees are located. He gives instances of equally large revenues for referees in still other districts. There are about 50 districts in the United States, with a variable number of referees. In some judicial districts there is only one such official, in other districts half a dozen or more.

In an effort to correct some of the abuses existing, Attorney General Gregory has been sending to the district judges a copy of the report of the examinations made by investigators in their respective districts, with notations calling attention to matters calling for comment.

"In most districts the reports and accompanying letters have met with favorable reception," says the attorney general in his report, "and through the action of the district judges gratifying progress has been made in securing the modification of existing practices and rules of court. The department is using its influence uniformly for expediting the settlement of cases, limiting 'indemnity' to the actual expenses and otherwise promoting the observance and efficient administration of the law."

Large Balances Discovered.
"One useful and served has been the discovery of balances of assets in cases which were considered as disposed of, which balances have been carried to the inactive ledgers of the depositary banks before the examination amount to a very large sum. In one district now under examination it seems that such balances will run into thousands of dollars. Many of these balances can be distributed to creditors and the remainder very largely or fully brought ultimately into the treasury of the United States."

The report of the attorney general affords a striking commentary on the "business foresight and management" which these referees are deemed to possess, and in return for which they are paid, in numerous instances, more than members of the cabinet and the judges of the federal courts.

Captain Inskeep Changes Watch.
During the absence of Police Captain John T. Moore, who is taking a vacation at St. Martin's Springs, Capt. Chester A. Inskeep of the night relief is acting temporarily in his place. Captain Inskeep's office on the first night relief is filled by Lieutenant Harms.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD GAINS IN U. S. FASTER THAN THE POPULATION

Secretary Houston of Dept.
of Agriculture in Report
Destroys Old Bugaboo.

NATION WON'T GO HUNGRY

Use of Meat Animals Is Heavy, but
Increase in Number of Living Ani-
mals Accompanies It.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Fears that the population of the United States is growing so fast that it will outstrip the production of food are set at rest by the annual report of Secretary of Agriculture David F. Houston, made to Congress today.

The production of foods in the United States has held its own in some branches and has increased in others. The alarming decline in beef production which set in some time ago reached the lowest point in 1913, and since then has increased materially. At the same time there has been a marked increase in the production of swine.

Sheep Are Fewer.
Sheep have declined slightly. More of these meat animals have been slaughtered under government supervision during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, than ever before, the report states. The heaviest slaughtering has been accompanied by an increase in the number of living animals, however.

Secretary Houston says that the situation gives reason for the brightest optimism, it being indicated that the United States cannot only supply its own food needs, but can feed a large proportion of the people of the outside world.

Disease Is Combated.
The report states that the department has energetically worked through the eradication of disease and the development of stock raising, to increase the food supply. He recommends the inauguration of the vigorous campaign against tuberculosis in hogs and cattle, which, he estimates, is causing annual losses in the United States of \$25,000,000.

The grazing capacity of the public domain has been increased from 15 to 20 per cent during the year, the report says. The perfection of grazing regulation on an additional 250,000,000 acres of public lands would enhance meat supply, says the secretary. Secretary Houston advocates more sheep raising.

More Land Necessary.
The secretary's report states that the secret of continuing to feed the world lies in the expansion by the American people of the acreage of tilled lands. Food crops should be stabilized and better regulated, he declares. Crops should be rotated scientifically and the entire business of tilling the soil should be placed on a more scientific basis.

Mr. Houston's report says much progress has been made in improving methods of marketing crops, particularly fruits and vegetables. He tells of his market news service by which news of shipments of crops is distributed to the farmers.

A marked improvement in the quality of food and drugs offered the public has been brought about through rigorous enforcement of the food and drug act, says the report.

Life Term Given Slayer.
Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Harry Tokier, 28, who shot and killed Mrs. Nannie Beatty, 48, a mission worker, May 20, was today sentenced to life imprisonment with no hope of pardon. Tokier was in love with Mrs. Beatty, who sought to reform him.

Portland's Status Is Praised by Lively

Livestock Expert Finds No Complaint,
but Urges Merchants to Reach Out
for More Trade.

Daniel O'Connell Lively, who left Portland and the position of general agent of the Portland Union Stockyards company to become livestock commissioner at the Panama Pacific International exposition in San Francisco, "came back" and made a little talk to the Ad club of which he was once an active member.

"I find on the part of the business men of Portland a sort of feeling as if they had been knocked down and dragged out," he said. "They'll admit that times are getting better but they do it in a kind of a pathetic tone like an invalid who likes to be considered sick for the sake of getting sympathy."

"To the outsider looking on there isn't any excuse for that kind of an attitude. You're a sort of a million dollars worth of ship building, you clear millions of dollars worth of livestock every year. There's a good market for all kinds of products. Industry is humming. I have come to the conclusion that the business Portland lacks is the business that Portland fails to go after."

Both Sides Firm in Labor Controversy

Union Officials Say That Members
Who Quit Albina Shops Have Been
Provided With Other Employment.

Union officials say all their members who quit work at the O-W. R. & N.'s Albina shops because of trouble following the dismissal of three workmen have been provided with other employment. Some are now working at the shipyards, some at retail private machine shops and others at shops in neighboring cities.

Neither side in the controversy proposes to yield, it was said today. Railroad officials contend that the three men referred to were laid off because of slackening work, while the union insists that the dismissals followed renewed efforts to unionize the shops.

J. F. Graham, superintendent of motive power for the railroad company, has had dozens of applications for employment by men wishing to take the places of those who have quit. He is putting none of them to work, however, saying it would hardly be consistent when the shops are about to be put on a winter basis.

Federal Aid Wanted For Great Reservoir

Oregon Congressional Delegation to
Confer With Secretary Lane Regarding
Warm Springs Unit of Project.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—C. E. S. Wood is here trying to secure federal aid for the Warm Springs reservoir of the Malheur irrigation project.

Senator Chamberlain is arranging for a conference between the Oregon delegation and Secretary Lane to urge departmental recommendations for the \$400,000 appropriation sought.

Chamberlain delivered an address to-night before the Oldest Inhabitants' association of the District of Columbia and supporting representation for district in congress.

Marshfield School Census Made Public

It Shows a Slight Increase of Pupils
in City Proper, But Decrease in Sub-
urban Districts.

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 8.—The school census of Marshfield has been completed and shows that there are 955 persons of school age in the district. Of the total 485 are boys and 470 girls. Within the city limits of Marshfield there is a slight increase over last year while in suburban parts of the city there is a decrease.

North Bend makes a good showing of increase in the census just completed. The total of school age is 784, of which 390 are boys and 404 girls. The total is an increase of 87 over the census of last year.

Jarvis Hurd, Pioneer, Dies at Pilot Rock

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 8.—Jarvis Hurd, Civil war veteran and pioneer farmer of this county, was found dead Thursday at the home of his son near Pilot Rock. He had evidently died during the night of heart failure. Mr. Hurd was 68 years old. He is survived by two sons, J. Hurd and Earl Hurd of this county, and a daughter in California. He was a prominent Mason and was first worshipful master of Pilot Rock chapter. The body will be brought here for the funeral tomorrow.

California Market Commissioner Here

Harris Weinstein, market commissioner of San Francisco, who has been in Portland making study of selling methods for market stock, has left for California.

Mr. Weinstein journeyed north on the steamer Great Northern, which encountered one of the worst storms of the season. When the vessel gave a lurch Mr. Weinstein was thrown against the deck, receiving a fractured forearm. On his arrival in Portland the fractured member was reset by Dr. A. E. Rockey.

Spokane Man Heads North Pacific Fair

Thomas S. Griffith of Spokane, Wash., was elected president of the North Pacific fair association at yesterday's session of the Morning Post says that Sweden has requested the immediate release of the steamship Rexy, which was recently captured by a German submarine and taken into a German port.

Swedes Demand Ship.
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