

WHISPERING IN EAR OF PRESIDING JUDGE IS BARRED BY RULES

Lawyers Receive Instructions About Future Procedure in Multnomah Circuit Courts. CASES SET EACH MONDAY

Divorce Cases Must Be Heard in Open Court, With Accurate Shorthand Notes of All Default Cases.

Nearly 100 lawyers assembled in Presiding Judge Gantenben's department this morning to receive instructions on the new rules of procedure which will be followed under the presiding judge system recently adopted in the circuit courts of Multnomah county.

Judge Gantenben laid special emphasis upon the fact that the lawyers must remain in front of the bar when addressing the court. The practice of holding whispered conversations with the court will be abolished under the new plan. All matters must be discussed in open court.

All cases will be assigned to the several departments at 9:15 a. m. each day. The trial courts will open at 9:30 a. m. Judge Gantenben will hear motions at 9:30 a. m. and ex parte matters at 9:30 a. m. and 2 p. m.

The daily docket will be called at 9:30 a. m. and default divorce cases will be heard at 2 p. m.

Must Not Attempt to Influence. Regarding the assignment of cases, the rules say:

"Any attorney, party or other person who shall endeavor to influence the court or clerk thereof to assign any case to any particular department shall be deemed guilty of contempt of court and may be punished by fine, suspension or otherwise by the presiding judge. Any person who shall object to any judge hearing a particular case shall file with the presiding judge said objections in writing, stating the reasons for the same.

"It shall be the duty of the presiding judge to attend and supervise the drawing of the jury, to order the jury summoned, to empanel and take charge of the grand jury when one is called, and to take general charge of the trial jury.

Cases Set Each Monday. "The criminal and civil dockets will be called and cases set for trial on each Monday of each week by the presiding judge. Cases shall be set for trial in the order of their entry upon the trial docket, except in cases involving public interests that require a speedy hearing.

"All suits to annul marriages or for dissolution of the bonds of matrimony shall be heard in open court. The official court reporter shall cause accurate shorthand notes to be taken of all the oral testimony offered in default cases and cause a full, accurate typewritten copy thereof, by him certified, to be made. In all default cases the cost of taking and extending the testimony shall be paid in advance by the plaintiff and may be taxed as disbursement in the event the plaintiff is awarded judgment costs.

Duties of Judge Elastic. "The duties of presiding judge may, in his absence, upon his direction, be performed by any judge, and when no direction has been given any judge may act. After a case has been assigned for trial, in the absence from the courthouse during business hours of the trial judge, the presiding judge, or in his absence, any other judge, may make any necessary order.

The rules are signed by John P. Kavanaugh of Department One, Robert G. Morrow, Department Two; Robert Tucker, Department Three; George N. Davis, Department Four; William N. Gatens, Department Five; and C. U.

Sure She Went Dress Hunting Then Got One She Didn't Want



By Ella McMunn. Saturday morning a Russian nobleman of vast wealth told me that he was in search of a wife. An hour later I felt a sudden call to buy a new hat and a new dress. I did not need them really, except that I always look medium drunk in my brown hat, which shows a marked tendency to hang over my left ear, and of course you can't just buy a hat independently of other things if you happen to have a speaking acquaintance with royalty—Russian royalty that is.

The whole operation only took four hours of my hours' time, and all the money I have saved up since I began eating at cafeterias instead of restaurants. Being a natural-born economist, I naturally went to a bargain basement, where the clerks said they were just giving things away to make room for spring stock which will be right on them now inside of four months, so of course they have to move everything in a jiffy.

You have no idea how many dresses you can try on in four hours if you hurry and have some system about it. I found it was better to try on three of one color, then one of some striking contrast, and then go back and try the first one on again. It seemed to kind of rest the clerk that way, too, and the second time or third that I had the same one on I could tell better what I didn't like about it, and could get it on and off much more quickly after I learned the way, too, and the second time or some of them got fastened in my hair and torn off, so they didn't need fastening and unfastening.

Gantenben, Department Six. The drawing of the jury, to order the jury summoned, to empanel and take charge of the grand jury when one is called, and to take general charge of the trial jury.

BREACH OF PROMISE CHARGED Failure to Keep Marriage Contract Is Alleged by Woman.

Alleged failure to fulfill a marriage promise after the plaintiff had kept company with defendant for a year and exchanged gifts with him has resulted in a suit for \$15,000 damages against Peter Gianini, a glazier of 294 Second street.

Martha Grova, who has been employed as a housekeeper, is the complainant. She alleges that the promise of marriage was made November 27, 1915, and that on December 23, 1916, Gianini married one Mildred Ripley.

Gianini denies he promised to marry the girl. He said today: "There is absolutely nothing to this suit. I never promised to marry Miss Grova, and I have letters in my possession which will bear me out."

Dr. Mahoney Not Defendant. Mrs. Winnie Springer, in her suit for \$10,000 damages for alleged false imprisonment and incarceration in the Oregon insane asylum, did not name Dr. J. J. Mahoney of Portland as one of the defendants, as previously reported. The suit is against Superintendent Steiner, Assistant Superintendent L. F. Griffith and others. Dr. Mahoney is in no way concerned in the damage action.

Fraternal Order Case Postponed. Trial of the State vs. S. H. Haines, Attorney Frank Motter and E. R.

SMALL EMPLOYER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPENSATION LAW

Number of Other Important Amendments Have Been Prepared for Consideration TO DISCREDIT FORCE

New Regulations Prepared by Attorney General Brown at Request of Industrial Accident Commission.

Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—Several important amendments to the workmen's compensation law have been prepared by Attorney General Brown at the request of the industrial accident commission for presentation to the legislature.

Among them is the one which makes a misdemeanor for any employer to use force or coercion in an endeavor to compel a new workman about to enter his services to reject the workman's compensation act. It has been brought to the attention of the commission that in a number of cases in Oregon the employers accept the act and then require their workmen to sign a rejection of the act before beginning work.

"In some cases the men signing receive the impression that they are making an application in writing for their position, and do not discover until an injury occurs that they signed a rejection of the act," said Carl Abrams, chairman of the commission.

Will Extend Scope. "The commission will recommend an amendment extending the scope of the compensation act so as to make it possible to extend protection to employers," said Abrams. "When the act first became effective the commission ruled that officers and owners of a corporation are employees of the corporation, and therefore entitled to secure the protection of the act as employees, but private employers could not in any way be considered as employees.

"The commission made a ruling that private employers could therefore secure the protection of the act by making an application in writing under the provisions of section 31. This protection was thus extended to a large number of employers in the state who made application and entered into a specified contract, but in the case of E. F. Lang vs. Ind. Acc. Com., at Roseburg the circuit court ruled that the act was not an act for the protection of employees only, and that employers can not under any circumstances secure the protection of the act. Acting on that decision the contract was canceled and the money refunded which had been received from such employers.

May Secure Protection. "The commission's new proposed would make it possible for an employer to secure the protection of the law by entering into a contract with the commission, agreeing not only to pay the workmen's contribution of one cent per day but a percentage according to the occupation engaged in upon an arbitrary established wage for himself, equal to the average custom wage in his locality for the work performed.

"The commission's inability to extend protection to small employers has probably caused more dissatisfaction with the workmen's compensation act than all other causes combined. We have on file literally hundreds of letters from small employers such as owners of wood saws, wood cutters, loggers and tanners, carpenters, painters, etc.

"They are men who employ from one to one-half dozen workmen who work as hard or harder than themselves, than any of their employes, who are themselves poor and earning little more than ordinary wages and whose families are no more able to stand the loss of earning power of the head of the family than those of any of the workmen."

STOCK MARKET DUE FOR ANOTHER BREAK SOON, SAYS LAWSON

(Continued From Page One.) America of New York, said to have been the "A. C. G. C." who supplied Representative Wood with much of the hearsay evidence of how the president's peace note "leaked" to Wall street. He will appear tomorrow.

When the hearing was resumed the committee took up the break caused in Wall street by the report furnished to newspapers by Charles H. Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust company of New York, to the effect that Ambassador Gerard was bringing a peace message from Berlin last fall.

Sabin had been subpoenaed and wants to sail for Europe tomorrow. It was decided to compel him to remain in Washington until he heard his testimony on where he got his information that Ambassador Gerard was bringing a peace message from Berlin.

Supreme Court Leaks Charged. According to Lawson, Wall street frequently hears of government documents that are confidential and "held for release."

A stock exchange house of New York and Boston recently passed around among its members a list of those confidential documents, showing they are getting rather careless.

"Have you in mind any supreme court decision that leaked?" he was asked.

"I have no particular decision in mind; there were several of them," said Lawson.

"Do you accuse anyone about the supreme court? Do you exempt the justices?"

"I have not accused anyone. I say these things have occurred from the supreme court and the justices."

A colloquy ensued between Campbell and Lawson as to what constituted generalities and direct statements. Lawson insisted he was "pointing the way to a real investigation—an investigation that would bring results in 48 hours." He asserted that it was not "up to him" to produce names, but to point the way for an inquiry.

Laurelhurst Club In Fine Condition

Laurelhurst club holds its annual meeting tonight. Four directors are to be elected, reports of officers for the past year read and plans for the coming season discussed.

The directors whose terms end—H. S. McCutchan, Conrad Olson, S. B. Cooke and Dr. E. T. Parker—have been urged for unanimous selection by the nominating committee.

The report of the president will show that the club has more than doubled in membership, has paid for several thousand dollars in needed improvements, and that the future holds great promise for the organization.

evening. The women served an elaborate dinner.

The officers of the post installed were: F. M. Varner, commander; Dr. J. W. Leavitt, senior vice commander; William Watson, junior vice commander; Fred Lelander, guard; W. C. Henderson, surgeon; J. W. Ogilvie, adjutant; G. A. Prentiss, quartermaster; Rev. W. T. Kerr, chaplain; L. A. Brown, officer of the day; C. A. Williams, officer of the guard; I. McGowan, patriotic instructor; H. S. Parro was installing officer and T. E. Hills was officer of the day for installation.

The Relief Corps installed the following: Mrs. Harriet Hendee, president; Mrs. Gertrude Fargo, senior vice president; Mrs. Anna Gardner, junior vice president; Mrs. Hannah McMahon, chaplain; Mrs. Jennie Burnett, secretary; Miss Jessie Henderson, treasurer; Miss Agnew, conductor; Mrs. Annie Young, guard.

A gold fraternal pin was presented to Mrs. Mildred Newell, retiring president, by Mrs. Cora McBride, on behalf of the members. The auxiliary has gained 45 new members in the past year.

INITIAL UNIT OF NEW STRAHORN LINE MAY BE BUILT THIS YEAR

Proposition Will Be Put Up to Portland Financial Interests in Few Days.

Robert E. Strahorn announced this morning on his return from his home at Spokane that he would be ready during the next 10 days to take up with Portland financial interests the question of Portland's share in the construction of the Oregon, California & Eastern railway.

He will leave for Klamath Falls tonight to conclude the negotiations for the acquisition of terminals and expects to have everything ready at that end of the line within the next week.

"The proposition will then be put up to Portland," explained the railroad builder. "If all goes as it should, and as I firmly believe it will, there is no reason why the first unit of the pioneering railroad should not be constructed this year."

The line from Bend to Klamath Falls is to be constructed first, for several reasons. The first is that the towns and communities are farther along in their local arrangements. Another is that the line out from Bend will be identical for 20 miles with the Burns line, the Lakeview line and the Klamath Falls line, and for 75 miles to Silver Lake will be identical with the Lakeview and Klamath Falls lines.

Although plans now arranged contemplate the first start of the work at Klamath Falls, Mr. Strahorn declared work will continue southward from Bend contemporaneously if Portland matches the record set by Klamath Falls, Bend, Lakeview, Burns and the other communities.

On his return from southern Oregon, Mr. Strahorn expects to confer with the Portland railway committee and present his plan. Subsequently he will outline it to a larger group so the work may go forward.

NOTED ADVERTISING MAN SCHEDULED FOR HARDWARE MEETING

Edwin A. Walton of Detroit Will Address Oregon Retail Dealers' Convention.



Edwin A. Walton, advertising manager for the Burroughs Adding Machine company, will be the principal speaker at the eleventh annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association, to be held in Portland at the Imperial hotel, January 24, 25 and 26.

Walton is vice president of the Association of National Advertisers, a society of advertisers which invests annually \$100,000,000 in national advertising. He is also an active member of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

Although now with the advertising end of the Burroughs company, Walton was for many years in the hardware business in Cleveland, and is thoroughly familiar with the problems of the retail hardware and implement dealer.

Walton will address the convention on "A Better Day's Profits," in an effort to help solve some of the business problems facing the retailer.

Walton is on a western trip, visiting the principal Burroughs agencies. The Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association comprises all territory tributary to Portland, and a large attendance is expected for the meeting. Reduced rates are to be granted by the railroads.

George T. Baldwin of Klamath Falls is president of the association. Other well known Oregon dealers who are members of its executive committee are: W. A. Huddleson, North Powder;

N. A. Bonn, The Dalles; A. E. Frank, Hood River; William D. Haven, McMinnville; F. E. Chamber and G. W. Griffin, Eugene; A. P. Stearns, Oakland; A. C. Hubbard, Medford, and George H. Hyatt, Enterprise.

Will Study Water Laws of Oregon

Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—A recent bulletin outlining the operation of Oregon water laws will be used as a text by classes in irrigation in the Universities of California and Utah. Word to this effect and requests for copies of the bulletin have been received by John H. Lewis, state engineer.

PRESIDENT MOSER OF STATE SENATE MAKES COMMITTEES KNOWN

Shanks Heads Those Who Will Consider Liquor Traffic Recommendations.

Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—The senate committees appointed by President Moser are as follows, the first named being the chairman:

Agriculture and forestry—Lewis, Shanks, Hawley, Huston, Barrett. Alcoholic traffic—Shanks, Eddy, Garland, Handley, Strayer. Assessment and taxation—Barrett, Huston, Lewis, Leinenweber, Pierce.

Banking—Cusick, Baldwin, Eddy, Olson, Steiner. Claims—Pierce, Bishop, Orton. Commerce and navigation—Leinenweber, Barrett, Bishop, Eddy, Huston, Counties—Orton, Dimick, Leinenweber.

County and state officers—Hawley, Cusick, Hurley, Olson, Vinton. Education—I. S. Smith, Baldwin, Garland, Gill, Hawley. Elections and privileges—Eddy, Bingham, Bishop. Engrossed bills—Farrell, Leinenweber, Orton.

Enrolled bills—J. C. Smith, Handley, Huston. Federal relations—Hawley, Garland, Lewis. Fishing industry—Handley, Gill, Leinenweber, I. S. Smith, J. C. Smith, Game—Gill, Cusick, Farrell, Shanks, Von der Hellen.

Horticulture—La Follett, Cusick, Lewis. Industries—Bishop, Dimick, Handley, I. S. Smith, Olson. Irrigation—Orton, Shanks, Strayer, Vinton, Wilbur.

Institution—Hurley, Baldwin, Von der Hellen, Steiner, Wilbur. Judiciary—Vinton, Dimick, Handley, Hurley, Isaac, Steiner, Wilbur. Medicine, pharmacy and dentistry—J. C. Smith, Cusick, Vinton, Von der Hellen, Wood. Military affairs—Wilbur, Gill, Orton.

Mining—Strayer, Hurley, J. C. Smith. Municipal affairs—Garland, Bingham, Wilbur, La Follett, Wood. Penal institutions—La Follett, Haw-

JOHNSON'S FIGHT FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT IN CALIFORNIA REVIEWED

Biennial Message to Legislature Opening Today Is in Nature of Farewell.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 8.—(P. N. S.)—California, rejuvenated, was held up today as the most advanced state where democracy prevails by Governor Hiram W. Johnson in his biennial message to the legislature at its opening session.

The message was in the nature of a farewell spoken by the directing genius of the state's epochal political upheaval. In it he figuratively laid aside his arms after a six years' battle against corrupt government and reviewed the conquest. He did it, as he said, with pride and with satisfaction in work done well. Also, he did it with a suggestion of regret that he must soon quit his post.

The governor, in retrospect, gave a graphic word picture of the fight for common good during his administration, summing up the victories and calling attention to the present prosperity of California. Then he went into a lengthy discourse of the work of the state government, the changes, the improvements and the aims. He gave a history of the various state messages to read, one from George W. P. Hunt, Democratic incumbent, who claims his re-election last November, and the other from Thomas Campbell, Republican, who has a certificate of election from the secretary of state.

A writ of mandamus brought by Campbell in an effort to force Hunt to give up office is now pending before the state supreme court but action on this has been held up, probably until tomorrow, by a motion to strike certain passages from the petition.

In the meantime Republicans claim that a partial inspection of ballots in the first precinct at Douglas show that at least 42 votes originally cast for Campbell or other candidates were changed to favor Hunt.

Printing—Von der Hellen, Dimick, Pierce, J. C. Smith, Wood. Public buildings and institutions—Baldwin, Bishop, Lewis. Public lands—Bingham, Marrell, Hurley, La Follett, Vinton. Railroads—Steiner, Baldwin, Hurley, Lewis, Wood.

Resolutions—Dimick, Cusick, Farrell, I. S. Smith, Steiner. Revision of laws—Huston, Eddy, Garland, Orton, Pierce, Shanks, Strayer.

Roads and highways—Olson, Barrett, Lewis, Leinenweber, Von der Hellen. Ways and means—Wood, Barrett, Farrell, Gill, La Follett, J. C. Smith, Strayer.

Maurice Tourneur, Parisian stage producer, artist and actor, directed this play—It is an artistic triumph.

Your heart leaps out to MARY PICKFORD America's Sweetheart—in the sweetest of all photoplays—



The Pride of the Clan

Vibrant with atmosphere—strong in dramatic appeal—A play that makes your heart pulse with a wild joy—that dims your eyesight with its tender romance.

No Advance in Prices. We Request Early Attendance

Columbia Sixth at Washington

JAMES BROADWAY THEATER NOW PLAYING That Great Film Triumph Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea The first and only photo-drama enacted on the bottom of the ocean. Capacity houses at the Big Broadway Theatre yesterday. 11 A. M. to 11 P. M. Admission 15 Cents Children 5c Loges 50c

Maestric NOW PLAYING William Farnum in The Price of Silence Until Thursday Only

Mr. Paget, Miss Pitts Are Wed at Hillsboro Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 8.—L. W. Paget, brother of Alex G. Paget, well known dancer of Portland, and Mary C. Pitts were granted a marriage license here today. The witness was M. F. Kyne of 825 East Forty-ninth street, north Portland. They were married at 11:30 by Rev. Walter Skipworth at the Methodist-Episcopal parsonage.

Girl Out of Danger. Miss Laura Stults, who in a fit of melancholia attempted to end her life last night by poison, was reported to be out of danger at St. Vincent's hospital today, where she was taken for treatment. The young woman refused to give a motive for her act. The attempt was made at her home, 1054 Woodworth avenue. She is 22 years old.