7-CENT FARE AND 1-CENT TRANSFER PLAN ADVOCATED

Engineer Newell Makes Recommendation Following Study of Traction Business of 8 Years.

Testimony of J. P. Newell, consulting engineer, that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company can probably pay all expenses and charges and receive an income on the physical valuation of the properties of 7 per cent on a 7 cent fare and 1 cent transfer charge, or on an 8 cent fare with the alternative of seven tickets for 50 cents, brought all discussion to a head at the closing session before the public service commission Friday afternoon.

The 4 cent charge for school children should remain, he declared, and the 8 cent alternative with seven tickets for 50 cents, is preferable, Newell believes, to the 7 cent fare with the transfer charge to encourage thrift by purchasing books.

TOTAL COST $1,796,000

Newell bases his conclusions on study of the monthly business of the company during the last eight years. He finds that the average revenue during the last four months approximates the average monthly revenue for the year. Taking September, October, November and December of 1919, Newell finds that the cost of operation, including all wage increases, would have amounted to $1,756,000. In his estimate he adds that will be necessary in 1920, and finds $10,000 a month for additional upkeep that the total cost, including operation and charges, would amount to $1,796,000 for the four month period. This revenue would be provided by a 7 cent fare with 1 cent transfer charge, if two-thirds of those now using transfers continue, Newell says, or by an 8 cent fare with seven tickets for 50 cents.

"Are conditions stable now?" questioned Commissioner Buchtel.

GOOD YEAR EXPECTED

"I think much more so than for the last few years," was the reply.

President Griffith of the company pleaded against basing 1920 fares on estimates for last year. He argued that they should be based on the 1919 figures.

"If our revenue exceeds expectations, it is within the power of the commission to lower the fare, and otherwise the company loses out. We should base fares on what has happened, not on what may happen."

Newell testified that indications pointed to a good year of business and therefore more street car travel, rather than the contrary, although strikes or other disturbances might entirely change conditions.

"There was a 40 per cent drop in traffic in 1893," President Griffith interjected significantly.

FAVORS 7 CENT FARE

Concluding his testimony, E. G. Hopson declared that he believes a 7 cent fare should be granted immediately, and efforts be made to lower fares through elimination of fixed charges now levied against the corporation.

Will Clarke, commission engineer, testified at the close of the hearing that the approximate value of the street car tracks is $4,400,000.

"It would be very embarrassing to everybody concerned if those figures were to be used as a basis for any negotiations," Griffith commented.

Exhibits were introduced Friday afternoon by Will Clarke and G. M. Harris of the commission staff relative to the figures of the railway company previously introduced. There was little variation.

The company introduced another exhibit showing that 10 cent fares are collected in 50 cities in the United States, 8 cents in 46 cities, and 7 cents in 100. Six cents is the charge in 164 cities. Lines in other cities operate under the zone system.

Seattle Man Heads West Fruit Jobbers

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—(U. P.)—A. R. Currie of Seattle has been elected president of the West Fruit Jobbers association. He is the first Pacific coast man ever to hold this position.

Starving Wolves Invade La Crosse In Quest of Food

La Crosse, Wis., Feb. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Rendered desperate by hunger, wolves and foxes are invading the city in search of food.

A large grey wolf pursued Miss Bernie Stifter to the door of her home as she returned from a show late last night.

Fishermen report that the animals are crossing from the Minnesota side of the river in large numbers.

OREGON CITY BARBER FOUND DEAD; SUICIDE THEORY OF CORONER

James Ferris Leaves Wife and Five Small Children; Post-Mortem to Be Held.

Oregon City, Feb. 7.—James Ferris, 42 years old, proprietor of the Electric hotel barbershop, was found dead in bed in his shop this morning by his 11-year-old daughter Edna. Coroner Johnson is inclined to believe Ferris committed suicide, and will hold a post-mortem examination to determine the cause. He believes Ferris drank tonics or wood alcohol.

The family home is at Third and John Q. Adams streets, but Ferris, following a quarrel with Mrs. Ferris Tuesday, had been living at his shop. Friday his oldest daughter and a young child ate dinner with him and later a son, 9 years old, and a younger child were with him for supper. They say he appeared as usual then. Mrs. Ferris had not seen him since he left home Tuesday.

Ferris leaves a wife and five children ranging from 2 to 11 years old. He formerly lived in Independence, Or. The body is at the Brady undertaking establishment.

Rain Is Forecast for Oregon Coming Week

Washington, Feb. 7.—(I. N. S.)—The weather bureau today issued the following forecasts for next week:

Pacific states—Rain in Washington and Oregon middle of the week and again about the end of the week. Seasonal temperature.

American Bride of Greek Prince Is Ill

Geneva, Feb. 7. — (I. N. S.) — The American bride of Prince Christopher of Greece—formerly Mrs. William B. Leeds—is sick in bed with bronchitis at a hotel in Caux. She became ill three days after her wedding. Mrs. Leeds and Prince Chris were married one week ago.

161, Out of 700 in Town, Ill With Flu

White Salmon, Wash., Feb. 7.—There are in White Salmon 161 cases of influenza. This out of an approximate population of 700. State health officials, assisted by the local health officer, made this check. The epidemic does not appear to be gaining.

Marriage Licenses

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 7.—Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples Thursday:

Charles Grant, 24, and Victoria I. Shaw, 26, Victoria, B. C.; James Cuertis, 35, and Winnie Oliver, 35, Portland; Elmile G. Francisiovich, 22, and Margaret Fraynor, 23, Portland; Neal W. Hazleton, 21, and Ruth E. Bloom, 20, Portland; William Thomas Gallagher, 24, and Agnes E. Gallagher, 20, Portland; Charles D. Scott, 38, and Mabel M. Miller, 25, Portland; R. N. Krawchuk, 30, and Annie Trofimenko, 19, Portland; Charles H. Flory, 39, and Florence Brandt, 30, Portland; George E. Connors, 26, and Anna M. Bilde, 22, Portland.

James W. Bell, 34, San Francisco, and Sarah A. Clark, 31, Portland; Fay L. Wright, 36, Hermiston, Or., and Stella May Sparks, 36, Portland.

FATHER ASKS FOR AID FROM COUNTY TO DEFEND YOUTH

O. O. Howell Says Private Resources Drained by Two Trials of Son Charged With Murder.

Marshfield, Feb. 7.—An appeal has been made to the county court for aid in defending Harold Howell, the 15 year old boy who is, at the present term of court, to be tried for the third time on the charge of murdering Lillian Leuthold at Bandon last July. O. O. Howell, the father of the boy, has written the county court asking for help.

In the letter the father states that he has in the past two trials spent every cent that he has and all the money he could borrow, besides funds given him by friends. A few months before the boy's arrest the father's hand was cut off and he is not able to do much work. He receives $25 a month from state insurance, which is the greater part of his income.

SAYS SON INNOCENT

The father said in the letter that the county has spent large sums of money in hiring blood experts, gun experts and private detectives in an effort to fasten the crime upon his child, while he is unable to secure such assistance.

He protests that his son is innocent and holds that it is unfair that he should be deprived of the advantages which the prosecution secures by the expenditure of county money. He pointed out that the county employs A. J. Sherwood to assist District Attorney John F. Hall in the prosecution at a cost of $250 for each trial.

The father in his letter says:

WANTS $500 OR MORE

"What I think Coos county should do, if it is to put my boy to a third trial for a crime which he did not commit, is that the county should make some kind of a payment to me of not less than $500 to take care of some of my expenses. I cannot borrow more money and I cannot ask my friends to give me any more. I will defend my boy to the last ditch and to the last cent of money that I can raise or borrow, but when I see the men who are trying to convict Harold have money to get everything they need I do not think it is a fair deal to him or to us, to make him go to a third trial, when all our money is spent, unless he is furnished the means of doing the same thing as the prosecution, and especially to investigate several things which have come up since the second trial and which might result in the real truth in this case being known."

LARGE SUMS SPENT

The letter is a matter of the records of the county court. No action has been taken yet and the county judge and commissioners have the matter under advisement.

The first trial of the case cost the county to prosecute about $2000 and the second trial cost $2500. It is estimated that the third trial will cost even more. This is exclusive of what the parents and friends of Harold Howell expended in his behalf for the defense.

WILSON READS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH AFFAIRS

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rand—about three weeks ago, and they dropped in for a social call and not a medical examination.

That means the president's case is no longer regarded as complicated or doubtful, but that a course of rest treatment has been prescribed in which medical attention is not such an important factor.

The president is naturally restless. He wants to do more work than he should. He keeps in close touch with Secretary Tumulty, either by telephone or personal conference. To relieve the monotony of the White House, the president's household has installed a moving picture machine and screen in the big east room, the handsome salon of crystal chandeliers, polished floors, gilded piano and ornamental vases, in which room ceremonies such as the presentation of distinguished foreigners and official receptions and other functions of social brilliance have been held in the past.

There sits the president nowadays, surrounded by members of his family, watching the antics of the slap-stick comedian as well as the dramatic episodes of film life—a diversion which the American public enjoys in crowded theatres but which Mr. Wilson in the solitude of the White House can have any time he waves the presidential wand.

The president is susceptible to colds, and his physician has had to be very careful about bundling Mr. Wilson up when he goes out doors.

The White House is not such an easy place to keep in an even temperature, which is one reason why the president has had to be kept on the upper floors of the executive mansion most of the time before an open fireplace.

It hardly can be said that official business doesn't reach Mr. Wilson when it should. There are numerous questions which must necessarily be resolved by cabinet officers on their own responsibility, but when it comes to the treaty controversy and matters of appointment to high offices, Mr. Wilson is personally occupied with them.

NO ONE IS ESSENTIAL

He gets daily reports from Senator Hitchcock and a resume of what is happening in the political world from his private secretary, so he manages to keep informed.

It is a distressing confinement to Woodrow Wilson, who has kept Washington on the jump for the last seven years at a pace reminiscent of his rch political foe, Theodore Roosevelt. But while it is true of Washington always that the pace of the government is set by its chief executive, the extraordinary nature of the problems confronting the government has impressed the observers with the truth of that phrase coined in Mr. Wilson's speech accepting the Democratic nomination in 1912, wherein he remarked in another connection, built with a forcefulness equally true today, that "there is no indispensable man."

Drive to Sell Irish Bonds

The drive for bond certificates of the "Irish republic" will begin in Portland Monday morning and will continue until February 23. A special meeting of all committees will be held in the assembly room of the Portland hotel Sunday, February 8, at 2:30 p. m. This campaign is conducted under direction of the American commission on Irish independence

Elderly Woman Is Struck by Auto; Seriously Injured

Mrs. C. A. De Scain of 2 Union avenue north was seriously injured this morning at 10:30 when struck by an automobile at East Seventy-sixth and Stark streets. The machine was in charge of R. L. Burton of Gresham. Burton was inbound and saw the woman walking beside the road. He sounded his horn, according to his report to the traffic bureau, at which she walked across directly in front. Burton tried to avoid her, he said, but failed. Mrs. De Scain was taken to the Portland Sanitarium by the Ambulance Service company, where she is reported to have a fractured clavicle and possibly a fractured skull. She is 60 years of age. There is no sidewalk on the street where the woman was traveling.

DISCOVERY OF SKULL MAY BE SOLUTION OF OLD DISAPPEARANCE

Bones Believed Those of White Salmon Man Lost 12 Years Ago Near Hood River.

Hood River, Feb. 7.—While Al. Cruikshank and Ivan Shere were surveying in the hills beyond Indian Ridge, about three miles east of Hood River, Wednesday, they discovered a skull, which had evidently rolled down a steep declivity and had become lodged against a rock. The skull appeared to be that of a man and was in perfect condition, except for a fracture over the right ear. Owing to the gathering darkness at the time the skull was discovered, it was impossible to locate other parts of the skeleton, and the presumption is that the melting of the heavy snow in this section last week, washed the skull down from the heights above.

The bones are believed to be those of G. Hamond, who, in 1907, was the owner of a sawmill about two miles above White Salmon. He disappeared 12 years ago, when a panic prevailed in this section. He had been ill for several days and was believed to be suffering from typhoid fever. His wife had brought him from White Salmon to Hood River for consultation with a doctor.

It is thought he became mentally deranged and, after wandering into the hills, fell over a precipice and was killed. Bloodhounds led the searching parties at that time near to the spot, below which the skull was discovered.

Owing to the steady increase of population of this city, the schools have become seriously congested, and a committee of taxpayers is cooperating with the school board in an effort to arrange for funds for the erection of a new 12 room school building, and for extensions to the junior high school. It is expected that part of the money required, about $70,000, will be raised by bond issue and part by special tax levy.

Anonymous Letter Writers Threaten Death for Detzer

New York, Feb. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Captain Carl W. Detzer, United States army, who was tried by court martial and acquitted of charges of alleged cruelty to soldier prisoners in France, today received warning from anonymous letter writers in St. Louis, Indianapolis and Chicago threatening him with death if he ever visits those cities.

"I believe I know some of the people who wrote those letters," said Captain Detzer. "I have obtained a leave of absence and am going to visit St. Louis, Indianapolis and Chicago after I visit my home in Fort Wayne. I hope I shall meet some of these letter writers."

Mass Meeting Is Called to Debate Vaccination Order

A mass meeting in room A at the Central library at 8 o'clock tonight has been called by L. D. Mahone to discuss the action of the health authorities in keeping children who had not been vaccinated out of school. Mahone said 65 children have been kept out of the Thompson school because of the vaccination order, although no case of smallpox had been reported.

Another meeting tonight was announced by Mrs. J. S. Atlin at the Arleta branch library.

Coos Bay Child Is Victim of Smallpox

Marshfield, Feb. 7.—The first local death due to smallpox occurred this morning. The victim was Signa Silverstein, eight-year-old daughter of Carl Silverstein, living on Coos river. Three other children in the family have the disease, one of whom is in serious condition. The children had not been vaccinated.

Oregon U. Students Wed at Corvallis

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 7.—Jean Fischer, a sophomore in the department of economics, and Glen Ward, a junior in the geology department, were married Tuesday evening in Corvallis. Mrs. Ward is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fischer of Springfield and was a student at O. A. C. until the beginning of last term. Ward is the son of Mrs. Emma Ward of Eugene. Ward will continue his studies.

Cattle Are Lost as Result of Ice Jam

Baker, Feb. 7.—Two large steers have been killed and other cattle reported missing as the result of an immense ice jam, covering 60 acres, the largest ever seen on lower Powder river below Richland. Ed Hartley, who was feeding a herd of cattle upon an island in Powder river, is reported to have barely escaped with his life and to have saved the stock just as the mass of ice bore down upon him. The island was inundated.

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N. Y. DIGS OUT OF SNOW PILED HIGH

Mayor Appeals for Aid to Cope With Conditions Caused by Fearful Blizzard.

New York, Feb. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Although the weather had cleared today and the gale had died down, a further fall of snow during the night intensified the already acute traffic conditions in this storm-bound city.

In response to Mayor Hylan's proclamation, thousands of privately owned trucks and privately employed laborers were placed at the disposal of the street cleaning department. A determined assault was begun at daybreak throughout the entire city to clear the principal streets that are covered by mountainous snowdrifts.

The mayor has appealed for a three day embargo on private passenger motor cars, such as was put into effect in the "gasoline saving" days of the war. The embargo this time, however, is to prevent the streets from being cluttered by automobiles.

More than a score of ships are caught in the ice floes in Long Island sound, the harbor and Hudson river.

Railroad schedules were completely disarranged and street railway traffic in the city is absolutely paralyzed.

The main power houses supplying electricity fear a tie-up tomorrow because of the fuel famine.

Although the weather was cold, the federal weather office declared that the blizzard was now over. The sun was shining this morning for the first time in five days.

PROSECUTION GIVES GIST OF EVIDENCE

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where they were standing. The different places from which the defendants were shooting and the crowds in the street at that place will show that the defendants manifested an absolute disregard for human life."

MANY AT SCENE

"Men and women were on the scene, and there were a number of automobiles occupied by Red Cross nurses at the rear of the parade," the prosecutor continued.

Allen said the shots came from four different places: The I. W. W. hall, the window of a hotel across the street and from another hotel situated some distance up the street, and from Seminary Ridge, 1000 feet away.

Two of the men killed, Allen asserted, were not shot from the hall, because intervening buildings protected them. Grimm was killed, according to Allen's statement, by one of the defendants posted in the Avalon hotel.

Loren Roberts and Bert Bland, two of the defendants, with a third man not yet captured, were posted on the ridge, Allen said.

CONFESSION IS ALLEGED

The defendant Roberts was said to have voluntarily surrendered himself and to have made a full confession. The prosecutor also named the positions of the other defendants in the various places above enumerated.

The matter of the conspiracy was discussed at length. Allen said that a meeting was held in the I. W. W. hall Sunday, November 9, when it was determined that the participants should arm themselves, after statements were made that the ex-service men were planning to raid the hall on Armistice day.

"The evidence will further show that whatever information the defendants received regarding any purported Armistice day raid," Allen said, "came from the defendants themselves, or someone in sympathy with them, who gave them the information in order to have some possible excuse to set up a defense of the shooting which they were preparing to do. The evidence will further disclose that none of the ex-service men had any such information."

SMITH KNEW, SAYS ALLEN

The statement concluded with reference to the alleged part of Attorney Elmer Smith in the affair. "Testimony will prove that Smith knew of the plan the defendants had made and that he knew they were stationed in and about the streets for the purpose of shooting down the former soldiers," said the prosecutor.

Smith's purported conversations with the defendant Britt Smith, said to have been secretary of the Centralia I. W. W., in regard to the attack were described. As the attorney left the hall a short time before the parade started, he gave instructions to Britt Smith and the others "to do their duty," Allen said.

LAST ALTERNATE JUROR IS ACCEPTED ON HIS APPEARANSCE

Montesano, Wash., Feb. 7.—"I'll take that man on his looks."

"We'll do it."

In this sensational fashion, at three minutes of 12 o'clock today, the last juror was selected for the trial of the Centralia murder cases.

"James A. Ball," called the court clerk. As Ball walked into the enclosure and approached the chair outside the jury box where the alternates will be seated during the trial, Attorney George F. Vandeveer, for the defense, looked up and snapped out his acceptance.

W. H. Abel, of counsel for the prosecution, voiced acquiescence an instant later. A ripple of applause swept the courtroom even before the astonished juror had taken his seat.

Ball is a resident of Montesano and a blacksmith. Whatever objections he may have had to the affair, or if he harbors any of the opinions or thoughts that have become so thoroughly aired in the last two weeks, is unknown, but it is certain that the attorneys are well pleased, for they left the courtroom at adjournment time with broad smiles and congratulatory remarks.

Judge Wilson has been approached on the matter of whether or not the jury will be taken to Centralia to view the scene of the shootings, but has not yet given his decision. If such a trip is made it will be on Monday, and the taking of evidence will not begin until Tuesday.

The second "labor juror" coming as a representative of organized labor from Seattle for the purpose of hearing evidence and reporting upon the fairness of the procedure to his organization, arrived here this morning.

He is John O. Craft, a stationary engineer, representing the Seattle Metal Trades council. John Mohn, representing the Central Labor council of Seattle, and president of the Bakers' union, has been here several days.

Frank Turco, labor organizer of Seattle, who was in the courtroom today, said that the Portland and Tacoma Labor councils had recently voted to send delegates to the trial, and that they will be here Monday. Both organizations at first opposed such action, bur changed their views, and representatives have been named, Turco said.

Vanderveer has announced that he has made application for permission from the court for an examination of the defendant, Loren Roberts, by Dr. Donald A. Nicholson, alienist of Seattle.

This will be for the purpose of using the physician as an expert witness, Vanderveer said. A defense of insanity is to be set up in the case of Roberts, and this would also tend to invalidate the confession he is said to have made to the prosecutors immediately following his arrest.

BAILIFF REMOVED ON DEMAND OF DEFENSE COUNSEL

Montesano, Wash., Feb. 7.—One of the four bailiffs sworn in yesterday afternoon to have charge of the trial jury was relieved by Superior Judge Wilson last night on complaint by Attorney Venderveer, for the defense, that he had been acting as an investigator for the prosecution.

The man was J. P. Pittinger, formerly a policeman at Aberdeen, who is said to have gone to work for the prosecution at the beginning of the trial, as an investigator of jurors.

W. H. Abel, of counsel for the prosecution, agreed to the removal of Pittinger, whom, he said, had been acting as an errand boy.

TITLE PREPARED FOR HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION TAX ACT

Last of Eight Measures Submitted by Special Session Ready for Ballot in May.

Salem, Feb. 7.—Completing the total of eight measures referred to the people by the special session of the legislature for a vote at the May election, Attorney General Brown Friday prepared the ballot title for the proposed "higher educational tax act," as follows:

"Providing, in addition to annual tax levy now provided by law, a tax of 1.2 mills for Oregon Agricultural college and University of Oregon, and .06 mill for Oregon State Normal school, totaling approximately $1,247,000; appropriating for current year from moneys now in treasury a sum equal to said annual tax levy; said money being for support and maintenance, including salaries, additional buildings, making repairs, purchasing supplies, equipment and scientific apparatus; providing that a vote for enactment of this act shall make said tax an annual levy though in excess of tax for the preceding year plus 6 percentum thereof."

A flat increase in rates of 50 cents per month on all classes of telephone service is asked by the Damascus Telephone company of Damascus, Clackamas county, in an application filed with the public service commission.

No fatalities resulted from accidents in Oregon industries during the week ending February 5, according to the weekly report of the state industrial accident commission. A total of 293 accidents were reported for the week, 265 of which were subject to the provisions of the compensation act, 23 from firms and corporations that have rejected the provisions of the act and five from public utility corporations not subject to the provisions of the act.

A total of 19,000 acres of fruit and nut land in Oregon and Southern Washington has now been signed over to the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association for sale and distribution purposes, according to information given out at the general offices of the association here.

The aid of the state registration board has been invoked by Charles W. Lawyer of Newark, Ohio, in locating his sister, Mrs. Ida Lawyer Brooks, of whom he has had no trace for 35 years. She is wanted in connection with the settlement of an estate.

Soviet and Britain Are Talking Peace, Says Russ Envoy

London, Feb. 7.—(I. N. S.)—A Reuter dispatch from Dorpat today quoted M. Joffe, former Russian Bolshevik envoy to Germany, as saying that peace negotiations between the soviet and Great Britain are now in progress.

"Russia desires peace with all nations," M. Joffe was further quoted as saying.

London, Feb. 7.—(I. N. S.)—"The Russian Bolshevik forces have been repelled before Odessa with the loss of 8000 prisoners and are in panic," said a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen today, quoting the Tidende.

ALLIES MAY DEMAND RUSSIAN ELECTION AS AID TO PEACE

Paris, Feb. 7.—(I. N. S.)—When the British, French and Itanlian premiers meet in London to take up the Russian situation, it is expected that they will demand a general election in Russia for the selection of a convenient assembly as a prelude to possible peace negotiations between the allies and the soviet according to well-founded reports in circulation here today.

All indications now are that Poland has decided to make peace with the soviet if her own interests and those of Romania and the Baltic States are properly safeguarded. Poland is said to be prepared to demand ample guarantees that the soviet will not only make no attempt to spread propaganda in Poland, but in the allied countries, Persia and the British dominions as well.

Before taking any decisive steps towards effecting peace, however, Poland will submit the soviet's pledges to the allies for approval.

Flora Whitney Is to Wed Roderick Tower

New York, Feb. 7.—(U. P.)—Announcement was made here Friday of the engagement of Flora Payne Whitney, daughter of Harry Payne Whitney, noted sportsman of New York and Newport, to Roderick Tower of Philadelphia. He is the son of Charlemagne Tower of Philadelphia, former American ambassador to Austria, Russia and Germany.

More Radios in use in Oregon than all other pipeless furnaces combined. Why?—Adv.

W. C. Hale's Death Leaves Vacancy in Legal Profession

Grants Pass, Feb. 7.—W. C. Hale, who died at his home in this city Wednesday, was a member of one of Oregon's pioneer families and a distinguished member of the Southern Oregon bar. He was born in Linn county in 1852, son of Milton and Susanna Brown Hale, pioneers of the Oregon country who died a few years ago at the old Hale homestead in Linn county. He moved to Klamath county in 1876, and was elected county clerk in 1882.

In 1888 he resigned to enter a law partnership with Fred Coggswell, and four years later was elected judge of the circuit court for the district comprising the counties of Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake. This office he resigned to enter private practice at Eugene, and later at Grants Pass. He served in the state legislature from Josephine county in 1902.

He is survived by his wife, who was Eliza A. Langell, daughter of Nathaniel Langell, another well known pioneer, a son, Frank B. Hale of Portland, and a daughter, Mrs. Jessie Hale Bartlett of Aberdeen, S. D.

Frear Is Selected County Engineer by Court in Roseburg

Roseburg, Feb. 7.—The county court appointed Floyd C. Frear, city engineer, county engineer to succeed the late M. B. Germond. Frear was assistant to Germond for several years. The pressing need for a competent road builder may make it necessary for the appointment of an assistant. Many of the roads are being built under county supervision, as no bids were made on the work by private contractors.

Judge Skipworth of Eugene announced that the Riddle highway case, which was to have been tried in the circuit court here February 12, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the "flu." Judge J. W. Hamilton announced that there would be no February session of the circuit court, on account of epidemics.

Three aged Roseburg residents died Friday. Mrs. James Aitken of Edenbower, 78 years old, and the mother of Miss Mary Aitken, a teacher in the Portland schools; James William Conn, a pioneer resident of Melrose, a victim of influenza, and A. Sovern, aged 79, a resident of this city for 30 years.

Federal Experts Kill 3216 Pests in Six Months Period

Pendleton, Feb. 7.—Predatory animals numbering 3216 were killed by the 58 men and women employed by the United States biological survey in Idaho, Washington and Oregon during the six months ending December 31, Stanley Jewett, inspector in charge with headquarters here, announces. There were 77 fur-bearing animals taken during that time. The cost of killing these animals was $36,427.99, which was considerably lessened by the proceeds from the sale of 1668 pelts. Coyotes, numbering 2885, comprise the chief prey.

Five companies submitted bids for a combination pump and fire truck to the city council Wednesday night. Proposals are in the hands of the fire committee, one member of which will witness demonstrations in Portland and other coast cities before making a final selection. The best tender for the old machine, now in use, was $1750.

Escapes Bullets to Die in Storm

New York, Feb. 7.—(I. N. S.)—After serving 15 months in France as a machine gun officer, where he took part in three great battles, was gassed and decorated for bravery, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick L. Davidson, of the Twenty-second infantry met his death in New York's blizzard. A snow-laden theatrical sign fell upon him.

DIVORCE DENIED, THEY MAKE FACES AT ONE ANOTHER

Short and Thrilling Courtship of Girl and Boy Ends in Wedding and Then in Courtroom.

They were youngsters; she 18, he past 21 years. They had been married on December 5 after two thrilling weeks of youthful courtship. Twenty-four days later the light of love flickered out and they separated "forever."

On Friday Presiding Judge McCourt of the Multnomah county circuit court heard the divorce case brought by the girl, Corrine H. Ewen. It was said, all auditors admitted. Marion Ewen, the young husband, had played poker while his girl wife was ill in bed upstairs. He had kicked her, she averred.

The judge was touched. A subpoena was served on the boy. Yes, he acknowledged, he had kicked her—playfully, in the manner of young folk, when she snatched a newspaper from his hands. Worse, he had played poker while she was ill. But she had been at his side, "betting the beans" for him most of the time. But those were small faults. His grievance was the greater. His wife had gone out with other boys after the marriage.

Happily married barristers agreed the young couple could not restore the peace of their household. Learned arguments were hurled at the court. The boy was guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment, they said. The girl was guilty of equally terrible crimes. Even District Attorney Walter H. Evans was moved to argument.

Judge McCourt, who has added to the effect of divorce laws the mature deliberation of a jurist unwilling to populate the world with broken romances, failed to see sense in legal argument. No one had proved the couple could not be happy together. The marriage was a serious thing—they had responsibilities before the world. The court was not a farcical cream separator for fancied marital woes. The divorce was denied.

Outside in the hallway, flanked by their respective counsellors, the two youngsters stood behind convenient shields. They were showing their undying hatred—making faces at each other.

Aged Woman's Art Collection Valued At Princely Sum

Chicago, Feb. 7.—(I. N. S.)—In an unpretentious home here an aged woman lives among a million dollars' worth of art treasures she is too old to care about. She is Mrs. Evaline M. Kimball, 79, widow of W. W. Kimball, piano manufacturer. A list of her art treasures was made public today, following the adjudging of Mrs. Kimball as a distracted and feeble-minded person."

Included in the Kimball collection is Rembrandt's "Portrait of Artist's Father," valued at $45,000.

SAFE FROM GERMS IN CROWDED CARS

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