

LITIGATION COSTS INCREASED; BRIEFS TO BE \$1.25 PAGE

Salem, April 27.—The high cost of litigation let its belt out another notch this morning when the Oregon supreme court approved a change in the rules governing the printing of briefs which will permit an increase from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per page in the cost of this item.

Attorneys appearing before the court have complained that it was impossible to comply with the former requirement fixing a maximum price of \$1 per page for printing briefs. The increase is expected to take care of the higher cost due to the high price of paper and other incidentals entering into the printing game.

Opinions were handed down by the court this morning as follows: Florence M. Ebbels, et al., appeal from Lincoln county; suit to determine title to lands. Opinion by Justice Benson. Judge J. W. Hamilton affirmed.

Carrie W. Coffey vs. Northwestern Hospital association, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; suit to enforce contract. Petition for rehearing denied in opinion by Chief Justice McEwen.

First National bank of Sheridan vs. H. A. Youm and Broadhead Farm company, appellants; appeal from Yamhill county; action to recover property and damages. Opinion by Justice Benson.

Following cases dismissed: Schermerhorn vs. Sorenson, Simonson vs. Smith; First National bank of Coos Bay vs. Heald.

TODD ASSAILS KELLEY IN KING COUNTY CAUCUS

With Judge C. W. Howard of Belingham as temporary chairman, the state Republican convention assembled this morning at the Armory here to endorse the candidacy of United States Senator Miles Poindexter for president. While the exact wording of the endorsement threatened some difficulty, this will be smoothed out, it is believed, before the afternoon session when it is brought to a vote.

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Whereas, the Oregonian and other newspapers have denounced the acceptance of compensation from the government for services rendered as members of the draft board by those whose necessities did not make it imperatively necessary to do so and where members of such boards would, without disproportionate loss and hardship and with justice to their families and themselves, have been able to support themselves;

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BECKWITH TO BE MANAGER FOR MYERS IN CAMPAIGN

John A. Beckwith, who recently retired as secretary of the Portland post of the American Legion, has volunteered for duration of the campaign as manager of Stanley Myers' candidacy for the Republican nomination as district attorney of Multnomah county. Headquarters have been opened at room 503 Fenton building, from which Beckwith will conduct the Myers offensive against Walter H. Evans, who is the opposing candidate for the nomination.

"I am glad to be able to assist Stanley Myers in his campaign for nomination," Beckwith says in a statement issued by him.

"Stanley Myers has made a good record as deputy city attorney and is entitled to promotion. He is to be commended in his ambition for betterment of his position. He has held the office eight years and should aspire to a higher office. He surely should not expect to hold this office longer.

"He is an energetic, experienced lawyer. He has the ability to succeed, and, knowing that, he left his family and served in the United States army during the war, feeling confident that he would not thereby lose his start in the legal profession.

"The primary election date is May 21, and during the next three weeks I hope all friends of Stanley Myers will lend a hand and urge his candidacy whenever possible.

"A Myers for district attorney club has been organized, and already has a large membership."

PROFESSOR READS WOOD'S ELECTION IN THE STARS (By United News.) New York, April 27.—Professor James Todd, head of the department of astronomy at Amherst college, walked into General Wood's headquarters here today with the following information: "I am confident Leonard Wood will be nominated and elected as the next president of the United States because I read it in the stars and all signs point to the materialization of these indications in the heavens."

MARION COUNTY REGISTRATION SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE Salem, April 27.—A total of 17,453 voters, of whom 7136 are women, are registered in Marion county for the forthcoming primary election, according to figures compiled by County Clerk Boyer. The registration is a material increase over that of 1919, and is classified as follows: Republicans, 12,641; Democrats, 3760; Prohibitionists, 428; Progressives, 19; Socialists, 230; Non-partisan, Independent and otherwise, 464.

BORAH WILL CONTROL G. O. P. CONVENTION OF IDAHO Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, April 27.—(U. P.)—Little competition for Idaho's delegates to the national Republican convention is looked for when the state convention meets here tomorrow. Senator William E. Borah appears certain to receive the vote of Idaho's eight delegates on the first ballot at Chicago. The delegation will be strongly pro-Johnson, it is believed, and will vote for the California senator when Senator Borah gives the word.

Women to Aid B. F. Jones Toledo, Or., April 27.—The women of Toledo have formed a "Ben Jones" club with some 300 members for the purpose of aiding in the nomination and election of B. F. Jones of Newport, candidate for secretary of state.

Higher Telephone Rates Sought by McMinnville Lines Salem, April 27.—Application for an increase in rates was filed with the public service commission by the McMinnville Local & Long Distance Telephone company Monday. The application asks for an increase in the rate on one party business phones from \$2.25 to \$2 per month, and on one party residence phones from \$1.75 to \$2 per month with increases on other classes of service in proportion.

Herbert S. Nunn, state highway engineer, returned Monday from a tour of Lincoln county, where he has been checking up on the roads and trails at the request of the county court.

OHIO VOTE TO BE TEST FOR HARDING AS FAVORITE SON Washington, April 27.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The primaries in Ohio today will be the supreme test for Harding. He has entered his name in the primaries in only two states, Ohio and Indiana. In Ohio, his home, he is known how much of a favorite he is. He has been likened to McKinley in temperament, but has he the McKinley vote-getting qualities?

He is challenged at home by General Wood, just as Governor Lowden was challenged in Illinois. The organization is for him, and the Republican county press, but the big Ohio papers are lukewarm or else are out for Wood. The general's campaign manager, William Cooper Procter, is from Cincinnati, and the mood of the old Bull Moose leaders are backing Wood, headed by James R. Garfield, Daniel R. Hanna and Sherman H. Eagle.

Eagle has recalled Harding's bitterness toward Roosevelt in 1912, at which time Harding's paper declared that Roosevelt bore a closer resemblance to Aaron Burr than to any other American in history. Wood has had big meetings in the state, Johnson has stayed out as a courtesy to Harding, and a working agreement between the two senators is indicated.

Politicians generally hold that favorite son is required to do more than carry his home state in order to make a satisfactory showing. If he cannot poll 50 per cent, and preferably 70 per cent of his home vote, it is evident that he is not a tremendous favorite at home. It was by this measure that Lowden failed to make a good showing in Illinois, since he polled only 53 per cent of the vote, and seemingly lost a dozen or more delegates. So the Ohio vote will be essentially a test for Harding. Anything Wood gains, he is that much to the good. It is not expected that he will win a majority, and interest is centered in the division between himself and Harding.

SMITH BOOM LAUNCHED TO HEAD OFF MADDOO IN N. Y. (By United News.) New York, April 27.—Up-state Democrats are about to elevate a boom for the Smith as the New York Democracy's candidate for president at San Francisco. It is believed that the movement is designed to place Smith in control of the delegation rather than to seriously run him for the nomination. Some of the leaders involved in the "boom" admit that it is designed primarily as a notice to some candidates to "keep hands off" the New York delegates.

SWEENEY INDORSED FOR CONGRESS BY ORGANIZED LABOR

Thomas A. Sweeney, candidate for the Republican nomination as congressman from the Third district, was indorsed by the general convention of organized labor representatives held Monday evening at Bricklayers' hall, Fourth and Madison streets.

The convention was composed of delegates from all of the union organizations in Multnomah county, including the railroad brotherhoods. It had been called for the purpose of hearing the report of an executive committee of five men appointed some time ago to investigate and make recommendations as to the indorsement of a congressional candidate from this district.

This committee recommended the indorsement of Sweeney's candidacy and the report was adopted by unanimous vote of the convention. Following the action of the convention Sweeney was called before the convention and thanked it for its indorsement.

"I want to thank you for your indorsement, especially for the reason it has come to me without obligation on my part," Sweeney said.

"I believe the civilization that we enjoy has been achieved by going forward rather than standing pat; by foresight rather than hindsight; that human rights are more sacred than property rights; that both should be protected by honest laws administered by honest men."

"I believe social and political justice is not impossible, and is worthy the concentrated effort of all those who demand a square deal and are willing to give it to others, and so we stand for a nobler America, an undivided nation, a broader liberty and a fuller justice and we battle for actual rights of men and women of the nation."

BEAN ORDERS YARDS TO YIELD BOOKS (Continued from Page One) under investigation, and sufficient reasons have not been given to prevent issuance of the subpoenas.

The only pertinent question, Judge Bean said, was whether or not the subpoena was too sweeping in the amount of stuff requested to be reasonable. By the nature of the inquiry, and in the light of rulings made by Federal Judge Neterer on similar cases now pending in Seattle, the court explained, the request seemed proper.

Commenting on the charge of the attorneys for the defendants that the all embracing nature of the request for records put it beyond the class of what is known as a duces tecum action, in which specific articles must be named for presentation to the inquiring court, Judge Bean said that unreasonable seizure did not result from the government's investigation of the transactions in question.

EXCEPTION FOR APPEAL An exception, on which an appeal may be based, was taken to the ruling by Thompson.

"We have no disposition to be unreasonable in this matter," said United States Attorney Humphreys, commenting on the ruling afterward. "The government appreciates that the yards have important business enterprises pending, and they will be put to no unnecessary inconvenience. While the investigation must be proceeded with, the business will be given consideration as far as possible."

Humphreys said that the records will probably be taken from the yards in small quantities. The records mentioned in the subpoenas for submission constitute a majority of those in the files and vaults of the corporation offices, but it is understood that a comparatively small number will actually be drawn.

J. L. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel company, and Alfred F. Smith, president of the Columbia River plant, were mentioned on the request Monday and will be subpoenaed, Humphreys indicated. Other witnesses from the yards will also be called, but the government attorney declined to name

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ALLEGED FRAUD LARGE

Steamers constructed for the government on the coast-plus basis, under other arrangements, numbering 26 in all, will be under inquiry as far as the Columbia River yard is concerned, and 26 vessels built in the Northwest yard on the lump sum payment plan. The steamers cost the government over \$100,000,000 and the amounts received by alleged fraud, according to the affidavit of the investigating agent, will exceed \$1,000,000.

Ben L. Moore, special assistant to the attorney general, in charge of shipyard investigations and prosecutions, who assisted Humphreys in the arguments Sunday, returned to Seattle the same night to go before the federal grand jury on further shipyard inquiries in the Washington district today.

Retiring from the courtroom after Judge Bean concluded, Dan Malarkey again branded the governmental investigation as a political matter engineered by A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general, to further his campaign for the presidency.

"I wouldn't dare try a thing like this in the East, but must come all the way out here to Oregon and stage it," said he, comparing the present investigation to that of the Oregon land fraud cases of 16 years ago, when United States Senator John Mitchell and many others were indicted.

The federal grand jury convened again this afternoon, but there was nothing to indicate that the shipyard investigation was to be immediately resumed and the assumption is that the matter will be taken up Wednesday when the subpoenas become effective. The presiding grand juror would have been discharged last week, it was learned today, but for the shipyard matters.

MALARKEY CHARGES POLITICS Characterizing the present investigation of the Portland shipyards as a gigantic fishing expedition in which government agents were casting about seeking to find some evidence of criminal activity, Attorney Dan J. Malarkey before Federal Judge Bean Monday afternoon assailed the request of United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys that records of the Northwest steel company and the Columbia River shipbuilding corporation be submitted to the grand jury.

Malarkey hinted that the inquisition bore the taint of political motive, "probably to elect someone president of the United States," and declared that the two shipyards were proud of the records achieved by them during the war. By their industry, and their patriotic efforts, the shipyards had earned the bonuses paid them by the Emergency Fleet corporation, and which the government is now seeking to prove were not lawfully received.

COURT EXPRESSES DOUBT Ben L. Moore, special assistant attorney general, who is in charge of shipyard investigations and prosecutions in the Northwest, briefly answered Malarkey's contention that Judge Bean then adjourned taking the matter under advisement.

When Malarkey concluded, however, Judge Bean questioned the government prosecutors if whether or not the vast amount of records asked for from the shipyards were intended solely for the examination of the grand jurors or whether they were to be obtained and turned over afterwards to government experts for examination.

"I don't know of any rule ordering papers be produced for the grand jury only to be turned over to some other agency for examination," observed the court. "There may be such, but I don't know of it."

COURT MAKES SUGGESTION Judge Bean also asked the federal attorneys if the arrangements whereby government agents could go to the shipyards and examine the records in the employ of the operators would be feasible.

Humphreys replied that such a proposal had not been broached by the operators prior to the hearing, when it was offered by Attorney W. Lair Thompson.

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