

L. R. EDMUNSON OF EUGENE DISBARRED BY SUPREME COURT

Salem, Feb. 21.—Leon R. Edmundson, Eugene attorney, is disbarred from further practice of law in Oregon in an order written by Justice Brown and handed down by the supreme court this morning.

Disbarment proceedings were instituted against Edmundson several months ago by the grievance committee of the Lane County Bar association, on grounds of misconduct in his profession and conviction of misdemeanors involving moral turpitude. Edmundson, it was charged, had been found guilty of violation of the prohibition act. In his opinion Justice Brown declared that Edmundson is a violator of the law.

"It is made his duty by statute and by oath to support the constitution and laws of the United States and of this state," the opinion reads. "He has not only failed to uphold the laws but he has knowingly become a law breaker. He has violated a statute denouncing as a crime the act of wilfully and knowingly, with intent to injure and defame, publishing of and concerning another a false and scandalous matter. Such is the character of Edmundson the man and citizen."

"The court orders that Edmundson be disbarred from the practice of law in any of the courts of this state and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys in this court."

Other opinions handed down by the court today were:

The Bernard Manufacturing company, appellants, versus Warner Grocery company, appeal from "county" action upon promissory notes. Opinion by Chief Justice Burnett. Judge John F. Coke reversed.

State of Oregon, ex rel Zoeth Houser as sheriff of Umatilla county, plaintiff, versus J. M. Schanberg, county judge, and board and county commissioners of Umatilla county; original proceeding in mandamus to compel defendants to audit certain expenses relating to criminal cases. Writ sustained in opinion by Justice McBride.

S. A. Jettmore versus Frances Anderson, appellant; appeal from Lake county; suit to collect money. Judgment by Justice Bean. Judge J. M. Batchelder reversed.

The Miami Quarry company versus Seaboard Packing company; appeal from Multnomah county; action to recover damage. Opinion by Justice McCourt. Judge W. N. Gates affirmed.

Motion to dismiss denied in Reeder versus Multnomah county, with leave to renew at final hearing.

Stephen P. Hart of Portland admitted to bar on probation on certificate from Missouri.

Judge Kelly Seeks Renomination for Circuit Judgeship

Salem, Feb. 21.—Percy R. Kelly of Albany today formally entered the lists as a candidate for reelection to his position as circuit judge for the Third judicial district, comprising the counties of Lane and Marion. His formal declaration was filed with Secretary of State Kozem today. He is a Republican.

"Justice, after all, is harmony between the law and common sense," reads his slogan. Judge Kelly, in his platform, promises to "continue to devote my best efforts to a full and conscientious discharge of official duty, applying thereto the result of my experience for 12 years as a judge and 20 years as a member of the legal profession."

Eugene D. A. R. Give Flag to High School

Eugene, Feb. 21.—At a patriotic program to be given at the Eugene high school Wednesday morning the D. A. R. will present the school with a new American flag. A photographic speech by President Harding on "Americanism" and an address by Rev. J. W. Walters, pastor of the Methodist church will be features. The students will complete the program. Members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. will be guests of honor. As they march down the aisle the students will stand and sing, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Larson Named Head Of Astoria Chamber

Astoria, Or., Feb. 21.—Fred J. Larson, manager of the Astoria Overseas corporation and former Portland shipping man, was elected president of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce Monday night, succeeding William P. O'Brien, resigned. Lee D. Drake, manager of the Astoria Budget, was chosen vice president in place of Larson.

Ralph W. Hoyt to Run for Reelection, His Announcement

Ralph W. Hoyt today announced that he would become a candidate for reelection as county commissioner for Multnomah county. Hoyt is now serving his first term, which is drawing to a close.



"I expect to file my formal statement of candidacy within a few days," Hoyt said, "and in the meantime will have nothing special to say regarding my platform. I merely want the people to know that I am to become a candidate again."

He intimated that he would stand on his record as a commissioner to show his qualifications for office.

Portuguese Troops In Revolt, Declares Lisbon Dispatch

London, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Several Portuguese regiments have revolted, according to a Lisbon dispatch to the Evening Standard today.

The situation there is uncertain, but is said to depend on what action the rest of the army takes.

The government has been in a critical situation several months, due to the activities of Bolshevik groups on one hand and monarchists on the other.

News agency dispatches say Lisbon is quiet today, due chiefly to the fact that troops are patrolling the streets. Similar precautions were taken at Oporto. A revolutionary, nationwide strike is scheduled for tomorrow throughout Portugal.

Harding to Propose Ship Subsidy Soon

Washington, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Unless something intervenes, President Harding will go before a joint session of congress with his "remuneration" proposal for the rehabilitation of the merchant marine "within a few days," it was stated officially at the White House today.

Woman, Poisoned by Accident, Near Death

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—Mrs. R. W. Fuller, 43, was near death today from the effects of bichloride of mercury poisoning. She is in a local hospital and according to physicians has small chance of recovering. Suffering with a severe headache Mrs. Fuller awoke during the night. She took the poison from a medicine chest in mistake for headache tablets.

GEORGE STANN La Grande, Feb. 21—George Stann, 71, a woodcutter, died Monday following a short illness. He was stricken in his cabin near this city.

SWEDISH VESSELS WILL MAKE COAST, AUSTRALIA RUNS

Five steamships of the Trans-Atlantic Steamship company of Gothenburg, Sweden, will be placed in service between Pacific coast ports and Australia, with a sailing each month, is the announcement of the General Steamship Corporation today. All shipping board vessels which have been operated by the General Steamship corporation will be turned back and the service maintained with the Swedish bottoms.

First of the new liners will be the Anton, 4117 net tons, and due for Portland loading in March. She is now bound for San Francisco from Kobe, having sailed from the Japanese port February 2. The Anton will be followed a month later by the steamship Sydica, out-bound from Cardiff. In turn the Roxen, Boren and Tollen will be placed on berth. The Zealand trade to Australia and New Zealand is looking better and considerable tonnage has been booked from Portland for the first of the new steamers.

KALAMA DOCK SITE PILING IS BEING PUT IN POSITION

Kalama, Wash., Feb. 21.—The Lewis River Booming company is fast getting the piling into place at the new dock site, and has also finished driving for the warehouse connected with the dock. Construction of this will commence at once. Grading for the track to connect with the dock is well under way. The Barr Shingle mill has 1,000,000 shingles on the dock ready for shipment at the present time and are still sawing. It is expected a ship will load these about March 6.

GENERAL ADVANCE MADE IN RATES; OFFERINGS FIRM

New York, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—There is a general advance on ocean grain rates today. The United Kingdom settled on 4s flat, and Amsterdam and Rotterdam at 20c. Offerings are steady. General cargo offerings are firm. Board quotations are:

United Kingdom, 4s; Germany, Bremen and Hamburg, 17@18c; France, Atlantic range, 18@19c; Mediterranean, 2c; Holland, Amsterdam, and Rotterdam, 20c. General cargo steady.

KARACHI MARU ARRIVES

For a full cargo of grain to the Orient, the Japanese steamship Karachi Maru reached the river this morning, and after unloading will come to Portland to load. The craft is one of the Suzuki line vessels, and will be followed within a few days by the Heime Maru of the same line.

ALL ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The steamship Vivia of the North China line of the Columbia-Pacific Shipping company shifted from the dry dock to the Crown mills this afternoon and began working outward cargo.

The steamship Cold Harbor of the Navasco line loaded 1,500,000 feet of lumber at St. Helens yesterday for New York. This is one of the first large shipments since the conference rate was knocked out.

The steamship Admiral Evans, from Portland for San Diego, is reported in at San Francisco.

The steamship West Nomentum, from North China, reached Astoria this morning and will berth at terminal No. 1 tomorrow.

The Italian line steamer Steel Worker, from Portland for the continent, is reported as arriving out at Liverpool.

Convicts Overcrowd San Quentin; Waves Of Crime Spreading

San Rafael, Cal., Feb. 21.—Every cell in San Quentin occupied. Prisoners sleeping on the floor of the prison receiving room.

Every cot occupied in the prison hospital. Dormitories crowded with occupied prison beds.

Such is the unprecedented situation at San Quentin penitentiary, according to a statement given out today by Warden James A. Johnston.

There are now 2468 convicts in the institution—the greatest number in its history.

Every new convict presents a problem, for obviously he cannot be turned away, the warden states.

Unofficial advices received by Johnston indicate similar inadequate prison conditions throughout the United States.

Are the American people turning to crime in greater numbers? "Is the situation in any way related to the war?"

"Are the courts more lenient than they were?"

"Is the situation due to the nation's greater population?"

These are the questions which Warden Johnston is asking himself.

He is also writing letters and asking wardens of other penitentiaries for their explanations.

Boston Prosecutor Removed Because of Official Misconduct

Boston, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Joseph C. Pelletier today was removed by the Massachusetts supreme court from the office of district attorney of Suffolk county. He was tried on charges of gross misconduct in office brought by Attorney General J. Weston Allen.

The decision of the court was unanimous. Pelletier was charged with misfeasance, malfeasance and non-feasance in office in that he used his office for his own gain and allowed others to use their influence with him as a public official for their private gain. It was charged that he failed to prosecute cases and that he threatened prosecution wrongfully.

Portland Woman Is Suicide by Hanging

Salem, Feb. 21.—Frida Motz, 33, a patient at the state hospital here, committed suicide this morning by hanging herself with a bed sheet to the window guard. The body was almost cold when discovered by hospital attendants this morning. Another patient in the room with Mrs. Motz knew nothing of the suicide until awakened by attendants. Records at the hospital show that two brothers of Mrs. Motz have taken their own lives. Henry Motz of Portland, husband, has been notified.

R. Cholmeley Jones Is Dead in New York

New York, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—R. C. Cholmeley Jones, former director of the War Risk Insurance bureau, died here today of heart disease.

TAX INVESTIGATORS PLAN TOUR OF STATE FOR TALKS WITH OFFICIALS

The tax investigating commission will "keep its eye on the ball and not wander off into the broad field of investigating the expenditures and finances of state institutions and departments, according to the decision arrived at today.

And, in furtherance of its program of exhaustive study of state conditions, resources and tax burdens the investigating body will visit all sections of the state, meet with the county courts, assessors, legislators and taxpayers generally in order to learn at first hand the pertinent facts and figures necessary to give the members of the commission the breadth of view and information upon which to found a sane and scientific recommendation for a remodeled system of taxation to the governor and the coming session of the legislature.

ITINERARY IS PLANNED

On Monday, March 13, the commission will hold the first of its meetings at Baker. It will be at La Grande on March 14, at Pendleton, March 15, at The Dalles, March 16, and at Astoria, March 17, providing that the train schedules will permit, if not the Astoria meeting will be held on March 18.

The commission will then return to Portland for a meeting here, and within a short time thereafter will visit the principal Willamette valley and Southern Oregon points. It is the intention and desire of the commission to meet at each stopping place with the public officials and taxpayers of that district, to discuss taxation and legislation which will relieve the existing abnormal proposition of taxation borne by the property owners of the state.

The commission at its meeting this morning discussed the suggestion made

by some of its members that a close examination be made of the costs of operating the higher educational institutions of the state. It took the view that such a program would in fairness have to include all state institutions and departments—a task so monumental that it could not be completed within the time at the disposal of the commissioners.

The final decision of the commission to abandon such a plan, as expressed by Chairman I. N. Day, was based on the theory that the body should confine its work to the investigation of sources of taxation, existing unequal tax burdens and the best method of so reorganizing the tax code of the state as would spread the load of the cost of state government equitably upon the shoulders of all those who enjoy the protection and benefit of that government.

QUESTION OF TUITION

In arriving at this decision, however, it reserved for future and further consideration and possible recommendation, the question of establishing tuition charges at the University of Oregon and Agricultural college.

Figures compiled and presented to the commission today show that the total valuation of real property in the state is \$807,024,381.26, while the total valuation of personal property is given as \$150,783,835.74, making a grand total of both real and personal property of \$1,027,808,197.10.

Of these two classifications real property bears 85.2 per cent of the tax load, while personal property bears 14.8 per cent.

Portland Invites Hardings to Attend Festival in June

An invitation to President Harding and Mrs. Harding to attend the annual Rose Festival June 7, 8 and 9, was sent to the White House Monday by Eric W. Hauser, president of the Portland Rose Festival association.

The president is expected to visit the Pacific coast early next summer. The message follows: "May we have the pleasure and honor to entertain you and Mrs. Harding as our guests on the occasion of Portland's annual Rose Festival and grand floral parade June 7, 8 and 9? Our floral pageant has become an annual event of magnificent beauty and international significance, with participation from British Columbia, California, Washington, Idaho and the entire state of Oregon. The rose, our festival emblem, symbolic of love and affection, exemplifies your splendid effort to establish international peace and our desire to pay tribute of affection and esteem to yourself and Mrs. Harding."

White and Filipino Are Wed After Judge Refuses Ceremony

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 21.—Placido Abad, 24, a Filipino, and Iva Bogart, 33, white, were married Monday by A. D. Skaggs after Judge Vaughan had refused to perform the ceremony. Henry Erickson, 23, and Katie Erickson, 20, of Portland were remarried after hours Saturday by Auditor Garrett, who was called from his home to issue the license.

Although they had gone through the divorce court and were widely separated, Eugene Kibbey of Condon, Or., and Ellen Kibbey of Portland came to Vancouver

Monday, obtained a license and were re-married.

DODSON IN NEW YORK

W. D. B. Dodson, general manager of the Chamber of Commerce, who had been in Washington, D. C., attending shipping conferences, has gone to New York for several days to confer with Eastern manufacturers on prospective location of branch factories in the Northwest. After these conferences Dodson will return to Portland.

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