

ACT FORBIDDING BARBER TO WORK MAY ATTACKED

Otto Schwabe, Convicted Barber, Files Suit to Test Constitutionality of State Law.

Otto Schwabe filed suit in the circuit court Saturday against Frank Manning, clerk of the district court for Multnomah county, in which he attacks the validity of the law under which he was convicted of "barbering on Sunday."

Schwabe, through his attorney, W. P. Lord, sets forth that he was found guilty by District Judge Richard Deich on October 19 and was fined \$10. The complaint charges that sections 2126, 2127 and 2128 of the act which makes barbering on Sunday unlawful is unconstitutional, as on November 7, 1916, the people of Oregon, by an initiative act, repealed section 2125 and that repeal was not intended to be retroactive.

It is further claimed in the complaint that it was the express intention of the people of Oregon to permit the carrying on of all lawful business, occupations or vocations on Sunday, and that in the event this was not the intention the barbering business was the only vocation or occupation prohibited on Sunday and therefore the act is discriminatory class legislation and unconstitutional. The plaintiff asks that the judgment of the district court be set aside.

JAPANESE WOMAN SUES FOR DIVORCE, ASKING \$12,000

An unusual filing—that of a Japanese woman suing for divorce—was made at the courthouse Saturday. Sumi Akamatsu sued Keijiro Akamatsu, charging cruelty. She seeks custody of two children and \$15,000 permanent alimony. She also asks for \$1000 for attorney's fees.

CITY HALL BRIEFS

A permit has been applied for to the city council for the erection of a two-story house on Lowndes street, between Taylor and Yamhill streets. Mrs. Mary A. Grant is asking the city council to grant her permission to operate a children's home in a residential building on Willard avenue, between Holland and Gaither streets. Petitions will go before the city council next Wednesday asking for the improvement of East 41st street, between Division and East Grant streets, and for the improvement of East 63d street, from Sandy boulevard to Failing street.

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\$1000 in Prizes Offered to City's Sweetest Singers

A thousand dollars in cash prizes is available to Portland's sweetest singers. John Hamrick, owner of the Blue Mouse theater here and similar pleasure places in Seattle and Tacoma, has just posted \$1000 in prize money for a singing contest to be held at the theater on Sunday. The "singers' popularity contest" is open only to bona fide vocalists, whose applications for participation will be acted upon by a committee of three prominent vocal instructors. Thereafter the singers' fate will be in the hands of the audience he or she sings to.

Drainage Experts Of Oregon Convene Here on Tuesday

The eighth annual session of the Oregon State Drainage association will convene in the green room of the Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, and in addition to the delegates which the meeting will attract from out-of-state points, authorities on drainage are expected to be present from a number of neighboring states.

Opening of the session will be at 9 o'clock. The address of welcome will be delivered by O. W. Mielke, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Response will be made by Sam H. Brown, president of the association. The work of the development board will be outlined by W. D. B. Dodson and market features will be discussed by James Kyle, president of the Oregon Irrigation congress.

Director James T. Jardine of the Oregon experiment station will tell of "Drainage Needs of Oregon" and Percy C. Copper, state engineer, will speak on "The Law of Joint and Community Drains." Progress reports will occupy the remainder of the morning. The resolutions committee will meet at noon.

Man Loses Parole By Threat on Wife Of Man He Killed

An accidental meeting, the recognition of a familiar face and now Fred C. Wilson, late of Montana, is in the city jail charged with being a parole violator. Wilson was sentenced to the Montana state prison at Deer Lodge in 1918 for the second murder of Leonard Flag in Butte. Three years later he was paroled because of "good conduct and ordered to report on the second day of each month.

West Kelso Street Will Be Widened

Kelelo, Wash., Dec. 16.—Property owners on Main street in West Kelso have virtually arranged to widen that street by 20 feet, despite the fact that this street will be the principal thoroughfare from the west end of the Kelso bridge to Longview and will connect with the boulevard 40 feet in width, which will lead from Seventh and Main streets in West Kelso to the center of Longview.

Liquor Scandal Of Midshipmen Is Closed Incident

Washington, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—The "liquor scandal" at Philadelphia on the night of November 25, following the Army-Navy football game, became a closed incident today when Secretary of the Navy Denby made public the report of the board of officers which investigated alleged drunkenness among midshipmen of the Naval academy. The board, headed by Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson, as head of the academy, was responsible for supervision of the midshipmen, but Secretary Denby declared this matter a closed incident.

To Auction Off 398 Cases of Whiskey

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 15.—Three hundred and ninety-eight cases of bonded whiskey are to be sold at public auction in Cincinnati in the near future by order of Judge John Weld Peck, of the U. S. district court. Only persons having proper permits will be allowed to bid. The whiskey was confiscated after it had been sold to Louis Cohen, of New York City, for \$35,000. Cohen having been convicted of attempting to bribe a federal prohibition officer.

CHAMBER OUT TO FISH FOR NECKS \$500,000

Development Fund Expected to Be Raised in Spite of Weather and Other Conditions.

Despite handicaps of cold weather, contemporary drives and Astoria relief work, the Chamber of Commerce will continue its \$500,000 state-wide development fund drive next week and continue canvassing until the entire amount is received, according to decision made Saturday afternoon by members of the development fund executive committee.

The committee met Saturday to determine by what means the lines of the drive might be bolstered up. Workers reported that almost every prospect visited was in favor of the fund and was willing to subscribe his quota 100 per cent.

"We are determined to be successful in this movement and are receiving encouragement on all sides," said O. W. Mielke, president of the chamber. "I doubt if any other popular project ever has been suggested in the community, and people, not only in Portland, but all over the state are beginning to realize what it means to Oregon."

University Courses On Religion Are to Be Offered Students

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 15.—Two courses in religion will be offered by the university council of religion at the beginning of the winter term, according to Professor Albert R. Sweetser, chairman. The courses will be of university grade but optional and no credit will be allowed.

Gob, Failing to Find Girl, Gives Self Up

Hogland, Wash., Dec. 16.—Because he could not find the girl with whom he had been living, a "gob" named George has deserted from the U. S. S. New Mexico at Bremerton last July, gave himself up to the police here yesterday. He had an excellent record in the navy, having served five and a half years. He was looking for the girl, whom he said he had seen but a few times, Meeker said he has had to travel continuously to evade officers. Failing to find the girl, he said there was no longer any reason for extending his absence without leave.

Daughter of Editor Heads Annual Staff

St. Helens, Dec. 16.—Miss Marian Horton, president of the senior class of the St. Helens high school, will take her place beside her father as editor and as the result of the student body election, for Friday she was chosen editor-in-chief of the annual to be put out by the school. She is the daughter of S. C. Morton, editor of the St. Helens Mtn. Other members of the staff chosen were: Oscar Madsen, assistant editor; Louise Henkey, literary editor; Helen Dodd, society editor; Blanche Ferry, dramatic editor; John Sepn, athletic editor, and Ora Eftatan, business manager.

Budget for Polk County Approved

Dallas, Dec. 15.—The annual budget of Polk county was approved by the taxpayers of the county, with the exception of one item, the emergency fund, being cut from \$10,000 to \$2500. No provision had been made in the budget as prepared by the committee for a county agent, county fair or county public schools and other items.

CHILDREN REGISTER HIGH

Public schools in Portland registered 100 per cent in the Children's Book week reading program in November, which means that every child in the school above the second grade read some book from the list offered by the Portland library association. More than 23,200 children turned in a report of having read at least one book during the week. The 100 per cent schools were Capital Hill, Franklin primary, Franklin, Home, Fulton Park, Stephens and St. Rose Catholic school.

New Star Fails to Appear Necks Craned Heavenward

That new first magnitude star reported by Lohmann to have been discovered by a Roumanian astronomer on December 4, has so far failed to disclose its twinkling brilliance. Pacific coast astronomers, amateur or otherwise. Hundreds of necks have been craned heavenward since the telegraphic announcement, but the stellar universe has revealed nothing unusual.

Tantalized by this futile search, local star gazers sought the assistance of the Lick observatory at Mount Hamilton, Cal., but that astute agency came back with the message, "Lick observers never heard of the star you asked about, but will take a look for it."

Lick was working under the directions that the star was in right ascension 282, 62 degrees north of the pole, an obvious error. The fact that Lick could not find the supposed star warrants the belief that the star or men were seeing stars that didn't exist in that particular spot of the blue depths of space.

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Cost of Running Educational Institutions Will Be \$19,133,818; State Expenses Decrease

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 16.—The administrative cost of government in the state of Washington, exclusive of higher educational institutions and other branches cared for by special funds, will be reduced in the next biennium if the recommendations of the state finance committee are adopted.

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LOWER INSURANCE IS PROMISED WHEN SHACKS ARE GONE

Council Has New Scheme to Get Owners of Old Wharves Along West Side to Remove Them.

In connection with the movement to secure a cleaning up of deteriorated wharves and structural along the west side of the Willamette river, many of which were condemned more than two years ago, it is understood that if these buildings are removed by the property owners the city officials will join in a move to ask for a general reduction of insurance rates within this district.

It is expected that definite action will be outlined on the cleaning-up program at a meeting to be held in the city council chambers at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. At that time the waterfront committee will confer with Commissioner Bigelow, who is in charge of the fire department, and Commissioner Barbur, chief of the department of public works, as well as with representatives of the board of fire underwriters.

THREE AUTO BUILDING PERMITS TO BE ACTED ON. Houghtaling & Dougan will have three applications before the city council next Wednesday for permits for the erection of automobile structures. One of these is for the erection and maintenance of a building for automobile purposes at the southwest corner of Grand avenue and East Main street, and another is for a similar structure at the northeast corner of these street intersections.

COMPANY FAILS TO REPAIR BULKHEAD; COUNCIL TO ACT. Failure of E. Jennings & Son to respond to notices from the department of public works during the past two years to repair its bulkheads adjacent to the Grand avenue bridge across Sullivan's gulch will cause special action by the council at its next session.

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one story frame building for a sheet metal works at a location on Foster road, between 33d and 34th streets southeast.

WILLIAM H. ENGLE. Molalla, Dec. 15.—Funeral services for William H. Engle, who died Wednesday, were held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the J. O. O. F. hall. Mr. Engle was born 27 years ago and lived all of his life in this section. He was the son of the late Samuel and Nancy Engle, early pioneers. He is survived by a son, Gilbert Engle of Yamhill, and a daughter, Bernice Engle of Molalla.

LESTER MORRIS. Sweet Home, Dec. 15.—Lester Morris died Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Phillipper, after a short illness. Young Morris was a son of Mr. Thomas Morris of Crawfordville.

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