

COMPANIES ALLOW CASES TO DRAG

Portland Concerns Failing to Expedite Action as Agreed Upon

Whether the Municipal Reserve & Bond company of Portland is going to show diligence in getting its mandamus action against the state corporation department through the supreme court, as it has agreed to do for an early determination of its status, in a question at the office of Attorney General Van Winkle.

Upon inquiry by W. E. Crews, state corporation commissioner, the attorney last July gave an opinion holding that the sale of securities proposed by this company, which were in the form of installment bonds, would constitute an investment business under the building society plan. This meant that the company would have to put up securities with the corporation commissioner to protect the investors. Such a severe protest at the opinion came from the Municipal Reserve & Bond company and five or six others that were similarly situated that the attorney general agreed to withdraw the opinion for reconsideration. A hearing was accorded the protesting companies and testimony was taken in Salem and Portland. In October the attorney general wrote a second opinion holding the same as the first had held, though the opinion was more elaborate. It is said the companies submitted much argument but no citations in support of their contentions.

As a next step the Western Bond & Mortgage company which was offering similar securities, instituted an original proceeding in mandamus in the supreme court against Corporation Commissioner Crews to compel him to issue it a license. It is said the companies agreed to expedite its case in the supreme court in consideration for being allowed, pending a supreme court opinion, to continue operations under a former permit. But it apparently is making no effort to hurry matters and the testimony has not yet been filed with the court.

There is some speculation as to whether the company hopes to have the case drag along until the next legislature meets, when it could have legislation introduced to amend the law in its favor.

Eight Opinions Handed Down By Supreme Court

Written opinions of the state supreme court on the county tax supervising and conservation cases which were decided orally several weeks ago, were handed down yesterday. These simply confirm the oral opinions, which declared the supervising and conservation commission act void because of defective title. Opinions handed down yesterday were:

First National bank of McMinnville, et al, plaintiff, vs. county court of Yamhill county, Oregon.

et al, defendant. Original proceeding in mandamus to compel levy of tax for payment of county road bonds and testing legality of county tax supervising commission. Opinion by Justice McCourt. Writ allowed.

State of Oregon, ex rel Umatilla county, et al, petitioners, vs. R. O. Hawks, county assessor, respondent: original proceeding in mandamus to compel assessor to enter on assessment rolls \$66,976.81 for market road purposes. Opinion by Justice McCourt. Writ allowed.

Christena Schoren vs. Mathias Schoren, appellant; appeal from Wasco county; suit for divorce; opinion by Justice McCourt, and Judge Fred W. Wilson affirmed.

Dahl & Penne, Inc., vs. in the matter of the liquidation of State Bank of Portland, insolvent, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; petition to have claim decreed to have preference right to priority in payment over general creditors of bank. Opinion by Justice Rand. Decree of Judge Walter H. Evans modified, and cause remanded with directions to superintendent of banks to correct account of intervenor's deposit by adding thereto \$1,000 and to distribute upon corrected account the intervenor's portion of proceeds realized from assets of insolvent bank but without costs to either party.

Elizabeth N. Anderson, et al, vs. George A. Morse et al, appellants; appeal from Jackson county; suit to foreclose contract for sale of land. Opinion by Justice Coshov, Judge F. M. Calkins affirmed.

James C. Ford, appellant, vs. L. P. Schall; appeal from Malheur county; petition for rehearing denied in opinion by Justice Brown.

The Portland Building company vs. in the matter of the liquidation of the State Bank of Portland, insolvent; appeal from Multnomah county; relating to funds on deposit in State Bank of Portland. Opinion by Justice Rand, Judge Walter H. Evans affirmed.

Charles M. Morser vs. Southern Pacific company, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; suit for damages for personal injury. Opinion by Justice Burnett, Judge Robert G. Morrow reversed.

Tentative Plans Agreed On for Summer Lake Work

The state irrigation and drainage securities commission yesterday agreed to tentative plans for the completion and repair of the Summer lake dam and the distribution system of the district.

Representatives of the J. R. Mason company of San Francisco have agreed to purchase an additional bond issue in an amount sufficient to provide funds for the proposed additional construction at 90 cents with the understanding that the state guarantee interest on the present outstanding issue of \$260,000," said Rhea Luper, state engineer, in commenting on the Summer lake situation.

"The tentative plan provides for repairing the present dam, which was damaged by excessive settlement, by widening the base of the dam and extending the conduit. The plan outlined will provide the district with a gravity system for possibly 5000 acres of land in the Summer lake valley.

"Owing to its sheltered location

the project is particularly adapted to the growth of forage crops. There are several old apple orchards on the project that have been bearing for many years, but cooling moth and scale are unknown and spraying is unnecessary."

Luper has instructed Engineer Barley of Klamath Falls to prepare in detail plans, specifications and cost estimates for early consideration by the commission.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 100 THE WAY LILLIAN GAINED A RESPITE FOR MADGE.

"I told you, Margaret, long ago, to put covers on those sofa pillows. I hope you're satisfied now."

Mother Graham turned on me before her daughter, Elizabeth, was fairly out of the room. It was no more than I expected. I said grimly to myself, no matter whose the fault that angered, she would get round to me sooner or later. Then I caught the humiliated look in her eyes, and realized the reason for this particular attack. My possessions had been harmed. Her daughter's children were responsible. Her pride of family had been stung, her old-fashioned dread of giving just cause for criticism to an "in-law" was torturing her, and because of her hurt and humiliation she was striking out blindly at the first thing in reach.

Accordingly, I smothered the angry retort which was on my lips dismissed the despoiled sofa pillows with a casual "never mind them," and hastened on to the one sure topic which would divert her mind:

"Did Junior wake up?" She looked at me shrewdly, keenly for a second, then gave a short little laugh.

"She's getting supper."

"Well, if you don't mind, it's none of my business," she said, but I knew that she was relieved at my attitude, and in another second she was enthusiastically extolling her idolized grandchild.

"He is the best youngster!" she said with emphasis. "Just woke up once as I was undressing him, murmured, 'Hello, Danzie, Dooner tum home,' then dropped off to sleep again. The blessed lamb! I don't know how I've stood it without him. Not that I don't love Elizabeth's children," she said with belated loyalty, "but no one can ever take Richard Second's place with me."

She paused for a second in rapt contemplation of Richard Second's wonderful qualities, then straightened herself, then wup her head, and held me with an eye that, if not glittering, came uncomfortably near to that time-honored description.

"What did you do with Katie?" she demanded with an inflection indicating the suspicion that I had either murdered the girl or had raised her wages unnecessarily.

"She's getting supper, I believe," I said casually, but I am afraid there was unintentionally in my voice a trace of the feminine triumph I felt at being able to send Katie back to her work after my mother-in-law and her daughter had so signally failed in their management of her.

"What!" Mother Graham almost screamed the word, then she started for the door.

"Government Business."

"Why, I told Mrs. Ticer to go down and get supper when she had finished changing the beds!" she said angrily. "There'll be an awful mix-up. I do wish Margaret—"

Without seeming to do so, Lillian effectually blocked her passageway through the door.

"I have something so important to consult you about," she murmured — "government business, you know. I wish you would let Madge see to Katie, and you give me a few minutes' time."

Dicky would have characterized his mother's action at this point as "swallowing the bait, hook, line and sinker." Her melodramatic old soul, housed queerly enough in her dignified conventional body, delights above all things in anything savoring of mysterious government work. And as inquisition tortures would not open her lips once she has decided to keep them closed on any subject, Lillian has upon several occasions made use of her by confiding in her.

She appeared to increase in stature a good two inches at Lillian's words, preening herself like a vain old peacock.

"Of course," she said graciously, "government work must come before anything else. Hurry out there, Margaret, and keep Katie from being disrespectful to Mrs. Ticer. Not that there's much choice between them," she added tartly, with the invariable dispar-

agement of any woman working for her, no matter how much the real bickering she has for the individual.

I escaped gladly, but I heard even as I closed the door, my mother-in-law's voice in eager questioning, and I knew that not only was she safe from domestic interference for the next quarter of an hour, but that the problem of keeping Dicky occupied and ignorant of the nocturnal excursion with Katie which Lillian and I had planned could be safely left with her for solution.

So it was with much lightened spirits that I started toward the kitchen and Katie.

(To Be Continued)

Read the Classified Ads.

Winners Announced in Thrift Essay Contest

Prizes amounting to \$50 in cash for the best essays on thrift were distributed among the school people of the city yesterday by David Eyre and C. A. Kells, following the report of the judges. All but three of the schools were visited and these will receive their prizes today. Presentation talks were made by the two men to individual winners, with the exception of the Garfield school, where Dr. E. E. Fisher presented a prize to David Eyre, Jr., one of the winners.

More than 1500 essays were written during Thrift week, which opened January 17, the anniversary of the birth of Benjamin

Franklin, the first great exponent of the movement. In order to stimulate interest in the essay writing the Salem banks contributed the money to be distributed in prizes.

Judges for the essay contest were Mrs. Alice Dodd, Mrs. George Hue, Mrs. J. C. Nelson, Mrs. C. A. Kells, Mrs. E. E. Fisher, Edith Hazard and Charles J. Lisle.

Following are the prizes in the various schools:

Senior high school—First prize, \$4, Byron Cooley; second \$3, Ruth Draper; third \$2, Frances Rhodes; fourth, \$1, Pauline Knowland.

Junior High School

Ninth grade—First prize \$3, Dorothy Martens, Washington; second, \$2.50, Constance Smart, Grant; third \$2, Elizabeth Wech-

ter, Washington; fourth, \$1.50, Ruth Hazelton, McKinley.

Eighth grade—First prize, \$2.50, Genevieve Martin, McKinley; second, \$2, Edith Riggs, third, \$1.50, Erna Simmons, McKinley; fourth, \$1, Victor Calaba, McKinley.

Seventh grade — First prize, \$2.50, Mercedes Miller, McKinley; second, \$2, Marjorie Marcus, McKinley; third, \$1.50, Catherine Mulvey, Washington; fourth, \$1, Bertha Carl, Grant.

Elementary Schools

Sixth grade—First prize, \$2.25, Truman Kirkpatrick, Garfield; second, \$1.50, Dorothy Badestcher, Lincoln; third, \$1.25, Lawrence Brown, Lincoln; fourth, \$1, David Eyre, Garfield.

Fifth grade—First prize, \$2.25, Gladys Hiltiker, Lincoln; \$1.50

Chester Oppen, Highland; third, \$1.25, Ruth Arnold, Highland; fourth, \$1, Dorothy Smith, Lincoln.

Fourth grade—First prize, \$2, Preston Hale, Lincoln; second, \$1.25, Werner Brown, Garfield; third, \$1, Sylvester Horn, Highland; fourth 75 cents, Mary Hickman, Richmond.

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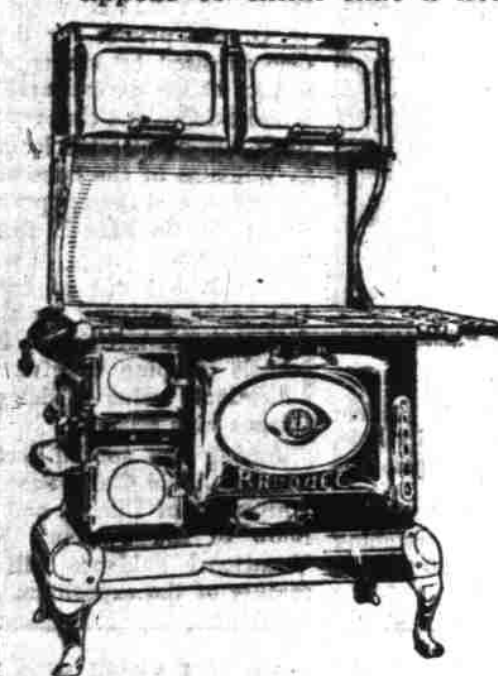
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