

Supreme Court Defends Bar Examination

State bar examinations in Oregon constitute in general "as fair a test as is given in any state," the State Supreme Court declared here Wednesday in a report prepared by Chief Justice James T. Brand.

The court denied charges that the bar examination questions favor graduates of law schools in Oregon. Justice Brand said the State Board of Bar Examiners would continue to study the question.

"The criticisms which have been directed at the examination procedure have been in some instances merely destructive and in others highly constructive," the report read. "Among the former are the statements of anonymous persons which have appeared in the press."

The report continued: "The question at issue is whether or not qualified applicants from out-of-state law schools are failing of admittance to the Oregon Bar to our loss as well as theirs. The opinion has been expressed that too many applicants from the so-called national law schools have failed for reasons other than a lack of the qualifications that a lawyer needs to practice in Oregon."

"The essence of the criticism is that the examination, as given in Oregon, falls as a satisfactory measure of the 'intellect and character' of candidates from out-of-state law schools. To these questions members of the Supreme Court have directed their attention. It will be agreed that intellect and character are of vital importance. No criticism has been directed at the procedure followed in this state for character investigation."

"It will also be agreed that intellect and character do not alone qualify one for the practice of the learned profession of law and medicine."

"No young man, however gifted in intellect, should be entrusted with the solution of the delicate and different legal problems of his fellow man unless he has a solid grounding in the principles of common law, the constitution, and that growing body of uniform laws which effect or control the activities in which the common man is involved from the cradle to the grave."

The report continued that the bar examination policy must be geared to the type of practices which predominate in Oregon.

"But that is not all," the report continued. "It also is necessary that the bar examinations should be geared to the type, and limited to the scope of the law school training which predominates in Oregon and in the great majority of the states . . ."

The court said that in examining the composite results of the past five bar examinations given in Oregon approximately 25 per cent of the graduates from the Oregon schools failed to pass the bar examinations whereas 43 per cent of the graduates from out-of-state schools failed to pass.

"These figures require analysis and any conclusions from them must be received with caution," the report said. "Students from out-of-state schools who participated in the past five examinations came from 82 different schools of widely different standards . . ."

Seizure of Steel Mills Criticized

President Truman's seizure of the steel industry was criticized Wednesday night by the executive committee of the Marion County Republican Central Committee.

Letters were ordered sent to Senators Guy Cordon and Wayne Morse and Rep. Walter Norblad to urge any legislative measures possible to prevent such seizures.

Meeting with the committee at the Senator Hotel was Mrs. Marshall Cornett, Klamath Falls, Republican national committee-woman.

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Rowena Loops Will Yield to Highway Progress



About eight miles west of The Dalles, Rowena Heights are up-reared on the South bank of the Columbia, a rugged barrier reaching practically from the river's edge to the crowning scenic point of Mayer Park some 747 feet above. When the early-day residents around The Dalles came down to Portland they took to the river boats to get around Rowena. Pioneering highway engineers got around by snuggling close to her curving shoulders and climbing up and down, loop on loop. It was the long way around and a scenic way but it ate up the gas and killed time and many persons didn't like it. The top picture shows the original highway, near the crown of Mayer Park before it was paved. The lower photo looks down at the "Rowena Loops" from above to the top. But now Rowena Loops are on their way out so far as major traffic is concerned. Initial contracts recently have been let for the construction of a water grade modern highway along the river at the foot of the cliffs. The new way is programmed to be completed in the late fall of 1953.

Allied Tanks Raid Red Lines

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—An Allied tank force raided Red lines on the Central Korean Front Wednesday and killed or wounded an estimated 240 Communist soldiers.

A U. S. 1st Army spokesman said the tanks also destroyed or damaged 85 bunkers, 39 buildings, one artillery piece and 12 machine gun emplacements. The raid, by about 20 U. N. tanks, was southwest of Kumsong. The angered Reds fired artillery, rockets, mortar and even ineffective small arms fire at the raiding tankers. Two of the tanks were damaged.

Masonic Group Elects W. G. Brown

PORTLAND (AP)—Royal Arch Masons met here Wednesday to elect Oregon officers. They will be installed Thursday.

The grand council of Royal and

Fire Destroys South Oregon Mill

GRANTS PASS (AP)—Damage in a fire that destroyed the Salvage Brothers lumber mill 35 miles southeast of here Tuesday night was estimated at \$150,000.

Herbert Salvage, one of the owners, said the loss was partly covered by insurance. Watchman Archie Masoner said he turned on an outdoor spraying system soon after the fire broke out near an edger in the mill, but it failed to extinguish the flames. Stacked lumber was saved by State Forestry Department and Oregon Cave Lumber Co. pumper crews.

In Arctic regions, lichens, growing a few inches high, often cover the ground, much as does grass in more temperate regions.

Meeting Launches Randle-for-Mayor Drive in Salem

The Randle-for Mayor campaign started Wednesday night with an organization session and public meeting at campaign headquarters, 108 N. 12th St.

Edward A. Randle, candidate for mayor in the Salem election May 16, told a dozen men and women, including some of his key supporters, he would stand on a platform of greater economy and better management in Salem's government. He said Salem's city spending rate, for example, is considerably higher than Eugene's, department by department.

James Danielson, campaign manager, said a Randle force would be set up by wards and blocks throughout the city, with the aim of getting campaign literature to every city voter.

The term "leatherneck" for U. S. Marines dates from the time that its men wore leather collars for protection when storming enemy ships.

Work Starts On By-Pass Route Viaducts

Work on three Pacific Highway by-pass routes east of Salem and the other between Hayesville and Salem, got underway Wednesday. A shovel, owned by Lillebo Contractors from Reedsport, began work on the foundation of a viaduct that will overpass the Silverton road. Cost of the viaduct that will overpass the Silverton Road and a viaduct over Market Street is \$113,897.

Another project, to cost \$79,915 is under the contract of Glenn Snook, contractor from Eugene. It will provide an overpass structure on D Street.

Grading a four-lane highway from Lana Avenue in Salem to the Salem by-pass junction with the main Pacific Highway near Hayesville is involved in another contract. This contract is being handled by the D and E Paving Company, Vancouver, Wash., at a contract price of \$168,858.

R. H. Baldock, State highway engineer, also reported that a crew of men from the American Bridge

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Col. Itschner Top Engineer

Mrs. T. W. Davies at Memorial Hospital

Mrs. T. W. Davies, 941 N. Cottage St., is convalescing satisfactorily at Salem Memorial Hospital where she was taken Saturday for treatment. It was reported by relatives Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies, a well-known Salem couple, operated a confectionery business here for 40 years until their retirement about six years ago.

Col. Itschner Top Engineer

PORTLAND (AP)—Col. Emerson C. Itschner Wednesday took over the post of Northern Pacific Division engineer for the Corps of Engineers.

Itschner, former Seattle District engineer, recently returned from Korea where he was wounded in action.

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