

## REGENTS FILE CIVIL SUIT

### IRREGULARITIES IN REFERENDUM PETITIONS CHARGED.

University of Oregon Interests Claim Only Two Thousand Signatures Are Legal—West's Dilemma.

Declaring that the petitions invoking the referendum upon the appropriations for the University of Oregon are illegal, the board of regents, through S. H. Friendly of Eugene, has filed suit in the circuit court of Marion county asking that the Secretary of State be enjoined from placing the title of the bills on the ballot. Every claim imaginable is set up, some to which are known by the writer to be absolutely without foundation, as, for instance, the one wherein it is alleged that city Recorder Stangle of Woodburn verified 1500 signatures, whereas only 400 names were secured in and around that place. It is also alleged that the petitions were addressed to F. W. Benson, as secretary of state, when they should have been addressed to Ben. W. Olcott, but Mr. Benson was secretary of state when the petitions were circulated, and the petitions had the approval of Attorney-General Crawford as being legally correct, a fact that The Sentinel can substantiate by producing his endorsement.

Of course the claim of forgeries enters largely into the complaint. It is alleged that there purports to be 13,715 signatures to one petition—the one appropriating \$328,258.92 for buildings and equipment for the university,—but that in reality when all the objections are considered, there are but 2,000 legal names (that on the petition referring the other bill—the one appropriating \$175,000 for a library—that there purports to be 13,510 signatures but that but 2,000 of them are legal. It requires under the law 6,135 signatures to a petition to refer a bill.

That there are only 2,000 legal signatures to the petition is the rank and file secured twice this number, and that they are absolutely bona fide there is no question. If the "University interest" succeeds in throwing out the referendum upon these appropriations it will have to go some. Those interested in the initiative and referendum will be in the game to protect it. Mr. Parkison, now at San Jose, California, has signified his intention to return to Oregon within a fortnight, and a strong legal battle is in sight, for it is evident that Eugene will have no stone unturned to gain the appropriations. Heavy assessments have been made against the "capitalists" of the town to raise funds for the purpose and a Eugene man estimates that fully \$25,000 will be dumped into the pot to defeat the will of the people. It is practically certain, says the Oregonian of a few days ago, that a bill will be initiated for the next general election to consolidate the University of Oregon and the Agricultural College, and to save this from being done the larger part of the appropriations granted by the last legislature for the former institution must be expended in extension work before the electors voice their sentiments. That this would prove a strong argument against consolidation is fully understood by the wise men of the county town, and they are bending every energy to avoid possibility of a calamity.

### Secretary in Dilemma.

A dispatch from Salem, under date of August 12, says: "Secretary of State Olcott will have 10 days in which to file his answer to the injunction suit brought against him to prevent his placing the university referendum on the ballots for the next general election. After the state's answer the university will have until the second Monday in October in which to reply but it is through the university attorneys, W. T. Slater, M. E. Pogue and W. M. Kaiser, will file their reply much sooner.

"Judge Galloway will be here before the state fair opens and as soon as he arrives it is thought the attorneys for the university will ask that the case be set down for early hearing. The state also will want to expedite matters, according to Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle. The hearing will be before Judge Galloway.

"Either side will have the right to appeal the case to the supreme court and unless an unusually conclusive fight is put up by one side and a 'fall down' registered by the other the case will go to the supreme court. As neither of these things are expected to occur but rather a close fight is expected, it is anticipated that the case will be passed upon by the supreme court. The case could hang fire in the courts over a 12 months and yet be decided in time to place the referendum on the ballot, but Assistant Attorney General Van

Winkle thinks the case will be finally decided before January 1, the date on which the money appropriated for the university becomes available under the bills."

### Parkison Will Return.

A dispatch from Salem confirms the statement made by The Sentinel that Mr. Parkison, who secured a majority of the signatures to the referendum petitions, would return from California and defend the suit filed by the university regents: It is as follows:

"H. J. Parkison will return to the state to fight the suits which have been started against the University of Oregon referendum" said W. S. U'Ren today. "I have been keeping in constant touch with him since he left Portland and know that he is now in San Jose, Cal., and that he has no intention of remaining away from the state when his presence is wanted in connection with this suit." Mr. U'Ren himself examined several of the referendum petitions today. "I have no interest in the fight for the appropriations one way or another," he said. "I am looking over these petitions because, from allegations that are made, I believe they are of considerable public interest. I do not believe in amending the law to avoid fraud, so as to take the petitions out of the hands of paid circulators. I have heard no suggestions made yet which appeal to me as satisfactory for the amendment of the referendum plan of voting."

### GOLD DUST BUYS SUPPLIES.

#### German Miner Finds Placer on Row River Profitable.

Joe Cannell, who has five quartz claims and two placer claims on the Row river, four miles above Dunton, was in Cottage Grove on Tuesday for supplies, bringing down with him a small bottle of gold washed from the stream. Mr. Cannell came to this camp from Grants Pass early last spring, and having had many years of practical experience in both this country and Germany located at the base of the Bohemia mountains for the reason that "gold settles," and could here be found more easily than higher up. He has found a quartz vein that gives \$41.15 to the ton, government assay, and says he can wash from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a day from gravel in an old channel of the river by wheeling the sand to the sluice boxes, a dozen or more run the best. The other day he was joined by Joe Walker of Seattle, also a miner of long experience, and together they propose to place some small high water races, when they will turn their attention to the other claims. Being ten four miles from the Oregon & Southwestern railroad, it is their intention to ship ore to the Tacoma smelter.

### Wheeler-Beals Wedding.

Mr. Harry Wheeler and Miss Kettie Beals were united in the holy bond of matrimony at the Presbyterian parsonage last Sunday afternoon, the Rev. A. S. Mason officiating. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beals, after the ceremony, those present being: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beals, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Marie Sovell, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Duffroule, Mr. and Mrs. J. Blackmore, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hiltmore, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dorward, Mr. and Mrs. Max Dorward, Miss Jean Dorward, Lauretta Atkinson, Mr. Geo. Dorward, Jr., Mr. Chas. Bevis.

### Modern Methods Adopted.

All of the locomotives of the Southern Pacific Company are rapidly being equipped with electric headlights. The system is the invention of one of the men in the Sacramento shops of the company and consists of a small turbine engine and generator. This engine has the power of generating thirty volts of electricity, sufficient for the headlight, classification lights and several smaller lights about the engine all controlled by a switch in the engineer's cab. This does away with the inconvenience of using the old fashioned torch at night when oiling the locomotives.

### Coke Recall Languishes.

Owing to a lack of funds with which to circulate the necessary petitions, it is understood that the movement to recall Circuit Judge John Coke of Marshfield has been practically abandoned. It is said that considerable difficulty was encountered in securing signatures in the outlying districts, especially in the four counties which, together with Lane, comprise the second judicial district. The charge preferred against Coke by the recallers was to the effect that his instructions in the McClallen murder trial were such as to bias the jury in favor of the defendant.

### Kansans Will Picnic.

The Kansans society will hold its annual picnic at the city park next Thursday, and a large attendance is expected from all sections of Southern Lane. A basket dinner will be partaken of at noon, to be followed by an interesting literary and musical program.

## MAY CAPTURE HILL PRIZE

### MR. CURRIN ASKED TO EXHIBIT AT NEW YORK SHOW.

If Special Car Is Supplied 300 Varieties of Wheat Will Be Taken Across the Continent.

Mr. Felix Currin has been requested by James Hill, the railroad magnate and empire builder, to make an exhibit of grains at the land show to be held in New York the coming winter, and the request has been accepted conditionally. Mr. Currin has during the past season grown over 300 different varieties of wheat in experimental work, the seed coming from every country on the face of the globe, and in order to properly display these and the sixty-one varieties of barley and fifty-two varieties of oats it would require a car arranged especially for the purpose, and if this is supplied the exhibit will be made. Mr. Hill is offering a \$10,000 silver cup for the best 100 pounds of wheat displayed at the show, and Mr. Currin believes that he can capture the grand prize. And in this belief he is supported by Rowland McKee of the government experiment station at Chico, California, for which much of the grain was grown. Mr. McKee visited the Currin ranch this week for the purpose of directing shipment of seed and expressed the opinion that no better wheat than some of these varieties could be raised anywhere on earth. There are also several cash prizes offered by Mr. Hill and the proprietor of this extensive ranch feels confident that he could bring some eastern money back to Oregon with him.

The grain for the government is being prepared for shipment, and will fill more than an ordinary freight car. It will be packed in the sheaf in boxes 16x16 inches and eight feet long, some of the grain having stood nearly that high when harvested. It is probable that Mr. Currin will show at the Lane county fair and also the state fair after which the exhibit will be shipped to the Wisconsin state fair at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Besides the grains mentioned, Mr. Currin this year raised six or seven different varieties of vetches, twelve different kinds of peas, and various kinds of alfalfa, and these will be included in the exhibit. It will unquestionably be the largest showing made by a single individual, and will prove valuable in exploiting the possibilities of the Oregon country.

### DEATH OF PLATT NEWCOMB.

#### Resident of Twenty Years Passes Away on Tuesday.

Mr. Platt Newcomb, a native of New York, who came to Cottage Grove from Illinois twenty years ago, and who resided on a ranch east of town during fifteen years of this time, died at the family residence Tuesday forenoon, aged 69 years. Death came unexpectedly, although Mr. Newcomb had been rapidly failing in health for more than a year, but had been confined to his bed less than a fortnight. The funeral was held from the Baptist church Thursday morning at 10:30, and was attended by a large concourse of sympathizing friends. Deceased leaves a widow, three sons and one daughter to mourn his loss. Samuel and Edgar Newcomb are residents of Cottage Grove, Earl Newcomb and Miss Lessie Nelson reside near Portland.

### Beggar Deposits Coin.

There arrived in town on Tuesday night's 10:24 train a blind man, upon whose breast might have been read these familiar words, "Help me please; I am blind." He took a high-priced room at the Hotel Oregon, and on Wednesday morning began "work" at a prominent street corner, singing most horribly for nickels and dimes, of which he received many. Previous to taking up his regular avocation that morning, the blind man who pleaded so piteously for aid, had deposited \$100 in a local bank.

### Gold Found Near Florence.

Report says that a rich gold strike has been made on the North Fork of the Suslaw river a few miles from Florence. A sample of ore said to have been taken from the deposit and sent to the director of mineral work at the Oregon Agricultural College showed 3494 ounces to the ton. Report on another sample sent to Washington, D. C., says that the gold resembles that found at Cripple Creek.

### S. P. Drops 6,000 Men.

Report says that it is announced at the offices of the Southern Pacific in 'Frisco that six thousand men are to be dropped from the payrolls of the Pacific system of the road before the end of September. Slack freight conditions are given as the cause. The employees will be taken on again in October in the order of their seniority, if conditions improve.

## INCREASE FLOW OF WATER

### NEW DAM WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN FOREST RESERVE.

American Light & Power Company's Representatives Visit Intake. Work to Begin Soon.

Messrs. A. S. Hyuck of Portland and C. H. Green of Chicago, representatives of the American Light & Power company of Kansas City, were in the city on Tuesday, and in company with Mayor W. H. Abarms and other city officials made an inspection trip over the water pipe line to the intake in the Forest reserve, eighteen miles distant. There has been complaint that a sufficient flow of water is not being secured, and the company that constructed the system under contract with the city will proceed forthwith to effect a remedy. According to Mr. Hyuck the dam at the intake will be rebuilt, giving an additional head of three feet, which will, he says, double the amount of water now being received at the reservoir east of town. Instead of a flow of one million gallons per day, when the betterment is completed the supply will be two million gallons. The American Light & Power company's engineer will make plans for the dam without delay, and work will be inaugurated on the dam within a few days.

Mr. P. S. True, who was connected with the work when the pipe line was constructed, and who later made repairs near Cerro Gordo mountain, is in the city, and will have supervision of building the dam.

### AFTER SEVENTEEN YEARS.

#### "Grandma" Nowell Visits Cottage Grove After Long Absence.

"Grandma" Nowell, who has resided nine miles up the Coast Fork nearly a half century, was in Cottage Grove on Monday. It was her first visit to this city in seventeen years, and very naturally she marveled greatly at its growth. To an acquaintance "Grandma" Nowell said: "Why, just see the brick buildings; and this road, (referring to the pavement on Main street) it's hard as a rock. I never did see this likes, I declare. When she last visited Cottage Grove there were few buildings on the east side of the river, but "Grandma" Nowell remembers that Lewis & Burkholder, each still in business here, had a store on the corner where the Woodward brick block now stands. Passing along Main street she looked into the shop windows in amazement, and wondered how so many men could make a living selling goods to folks. "Grandma" Nowell will remain in Cottage Grove several days as the guest of her son, Willis Nowell, employed at the light plant.

### CHIP-GAMBLING MUST STOP.

#### Marshal Snodgrass Issues Order to Soft-Drinks Places.

Hereafter there must be no gambling for "checks" at cigar and soft drinks places, Marshal Snodgrass having promulgated an order to that effect, which will be rigidly enforced. The order reads:

"On and after this date you will not permit anyone to play cards and take all the chips for one game, commonly called pool. Complaint has come to me that certain parties are losing all they make playing this game. If this order is not obeyed, card playing will be stopped altogether. Each man in the game must get a chip, and it must be understood that unless they want to pay for the game, they are not compelled to do so, and you are to demand the same. Anyone caught playing cards where one is taking all the chips will be arrested for gambling."

### Captain Supports His Colonel.

Capt. B. K. Lawson of this city, commander of Company E, fourth regiment, supports the statement of Col. Yorlan that Fort Stevens was not captured by the third regiment during the recent encampment. The captain says the "enemy" could not have effected a capture had it four times the number of men. When the fight was called off the defenders still had one company in reserve.

### Commission Wants Information.

The Oregon & Southeastern has received blanks from the railroad commission, on which report must be made of employees who have been employed more than the hours required by the new labor law. The report must include all of those employed between May 21 and August 1. Reports after that must be forwarded monthly.

### Requests Our Literature.

Big Oregon apples will be distributed at the Pittsburg land show October 12-28, this year, through the Oregon Development league. Space has been taken at the land show by the league and an information bureau will be

maintained there. Literature descriptive of the whole state will be handed out to land show visitors and representatives of the northwest will be on hand to answer questions about this section of the country. Cottage Grove has been requested to forward literature to the Portland Commercial club, so that it can be sent on to Pittsburg. This land show will be one of the important avenues for reaching colonists for the Pacific northwest. Located as it is where the three states of West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania corner, the show attracts a great many farmers from this whole territory and the exhibits of what the west can do agriculturally will prove an inducement to many of them to move out here and occupy vacant lands.

### LABOR WITH TAX PROBLEM.

#### Commission Begins Wrestling With State Levies.

To widen and enlarge the scope of the inheritance tax law; to exempt mortgage notes from taxation; to outline a system of exemptions and provide for exemption of mortgages as well as mortgage notes—these are a few of the things that will be considered today when the commission to prepare a bill on taxation and exemptions for the people to vote on the next general election meets in Salem. The commission will have several tax bills, introduced in the last Legislature, as a foundation for their work. All tax measures which came before the legislature were turned over to this commission, because the legislature cannot pass tax measures without referring them to the people. This restriction was placed on the representatives law-making body by the county tax amendment of 1910.

The proposed plan to enlarge the scope of the inheritance tax laws has in view a very material increase in the amount of indirect taxes to be secured for the state through taxation of transfers.

Under the plan to be discussed by the commission, a series of taxable transfers will be outlined to be incorporated in the bill. Transfers will be taxable when they are by will or by the intestate laws of the state of any intangible property, or of tangible property within the state from any person dying seized or possessed thereof while a resident of the state.

They will also be taxable when the transfer is by will or intestate law of the decedent was a non-resident; also when transfer is made either by residents or non-residents of property in the state when the transfer is made in contemplation of the death of the grantor, vendor or donor, and the transfer is intended to take effect in possession of such after the death of the grantor. The rule of taxation of a transfer will also operate on a corporation when it becomes beneficially entitled in possession or expectancy to property or the income thereof.

A schedule has been prepared under one of these bills which will also be considered by the commission. Under this schedule \$2500 will be the minimum value to be affected by the inheritance tax law, and the taxes will be levied as follows: One per cent on estates from \$2500 to \$25,000, 2 per cent from \$25,000 to \$100,000, 3 per cent from \$100,000 to \$250,000, 4 per cent from \$250,000 to \$500,000, 5 per cent from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, and 6 per cent on estates valued in excess of \$1,000,000. A schedule much similar has been outlined relative to taxable transfers made by persons or corporations. In addition to the plan of incorporating into the proposed measure provisions for the exemptions of mortgages and mortgage notes it is probable that the exemption of the householder will be increased from \$30 to some sum not now decided.

It is also probable that the plan of Senator Calkins for taxation of registration of mortgages will be taken into consideration. Under the plan when mortgages of real property are recorded there shall be a tax imposed on the recording of the mortgage and not on the mortgage itself. No mortgage that is untaxed in this manner shall be released, discharged of record or received in evidence in any action or proceeding unless the tax has been imposed.

This plan exempts mortgages and mortgage notes from taxation, and places the tax merely on the fact of their being recorded. The tax proposed is a nominal one, graduated according to the size of the mortgage, and Senator Calkins believes it will result in providing a large sum from indirect taxation and will still the cry that a tax on a mortgage is a double tax.

### Change of Management.

On September 1 the management of Hotel Calapooya, the health resort at London, will change, Mr. J. C. Stapleton succeeding W. J. Wilson, who came here from Spokane less than a year ago. The hotel will hereafter remain open throughout the entire year.

## HUMAN FLESH ONCE DIET

### MISSIONARY EATING CANNIBAL INVADES COTTAGE GROVE.

Converted to Protestant Faith Long Years Ago, and Now Seeks Education in United States.

On Wednesday afternoon a tall, black individual with a straggly and uncultivated beard, a crowning head, and clothes far from the latest style, insinuated himself about The Sentinel sanctum, announcing in sonorous tones that he was David Henry Allen Zamboss Swackhammar, recently from Hayti. Swackhammar is a real cannibal, and came from a cannibal isle, where the first fifteen years of his life was spent in following his tribe looking for missionaries, boiling and eating them. In 1881 he tired of this diet and became converted to the Protestant faith through a missionary who had been placed in the larder for future reference. During the intervening twenty-eight years Swackhammar has not had a relapse; has even forgotten his appetite for human flesh. He has been in this country two years seeking an education, and was on his way to Tacoma from a financial campaign, there to attend school that he may return to his native land and teach his tribesmen. The cannibal undertook to give a little talk in Cottage Grove, but somehow he couldn't make connections. He travels principally on foot and carries with him sufficient paraphernalia for a small circus. While a guest of the city the Honorable David Henry Allen Zamboss Swackhammar of Hayti bunked within his own disfigured tent and ate food prepared by the "black hand" in the open.

The visitor interviewed a number of citizens, including Col. James Hemenway, the real estate man. As the cannibal gazed upon that rotund figure bitter thoughts entered his mind against those who had in the years ago sent such skippy missionaries to the land of his birth.

### LIST NOW COMPLETE.

#### Board of Education Employs Lucile Berg of Tacoma to Teach.

The board of education convened in adjourned session Saturday afternoon and completed the corps of teachers for the coming year by the election of Miss Lucile Berg of Tacoma, Washington, for the second and third grades. Other than this comparatively little business was transacted, though several matters were considered, among them being slate blackboards for the several school rooms. A contract for oiling the floors of the two buildings was awarded, the price being \$55. The bill of J. H. Chambers for 100 cords of slabwood at \$2.50 per cord was allowed and ordered paid. This is the first and only bill thus far allowed by the present administration. There are a number of other small accounts due, but these will be given consideration at a future meeting.

Miss Berg having declined the position, the board met again on Tuesday and elected Miss Greenwood of Eugene.

### School Begins September 18.

Three weeks from next Monday—September 18—the public schools will open, and the process of pouring knowledge into the sieve-like minds of youngsters will last through nine long months. Shoes and stockings must then be donned, faces must be washed at least daily and embryonic man will begin again his mental making. The two school buildings have been placed in good condition, some general improvements of a minor character having been made. The addition of two rooms to the West Side building will, it is believed, afford ample accommodations.

### Forest Fires at Divide.

Quite extensive forest fires raged in the vicinity of the Orchard Land & Timber company's sawmill near Divide Wednesday afternoon, and at 5 o'clock it was reported here that the mill was being wiped out by flames. The rumor, however, proved untrue. The company's men and those from the neighborhood, fought the fire like beavers and succeeded in subduing it without heavy loss.

### Sutherland-Bartels Nuptials.

Mr. E. H. Sutherland, who recently came here from Portland, to take charge of the mason work on the new First National Bank, and Miss Mary Bartels, of the Ladies' Toggery, were married Monday evening, and spent a couple of days in Portland on their honeymoon.

### National Guard Bills.

Bills for the summer camp of the Oregon National Guard are arriving at the office of the Secretary of State. For all of the companies in the Third Infantry with the exception of Companies G and I, the cost was \$9935, and for Battery A the cost was \$2120.