

THE COMPLAINT IS ABSURD

SECRETARY OLCOTT MAKES REPLY TO HIS CRITICS.

Fate of Initiative and Referendum at Stake in Fight to Invalidate Petitions.

Judge Slater having questioned the propriety of Secretary of State Olcott's action in securing W. S. U'Ren to assist the Attorney-General in defending the state in the suit in equity brought by the University of Oregon to compel the Secretary of State to leave the university referendum measures off the ballot, that official fires some hot shots into the "university interests," alleging that the plea of the complainant is absurd and frivolous. He says in an interview:

"I have enlisted the support of Mr. U'Ren in the legal struggle because I consider the very existence of the initiative and referendum to be at stake, and have selected him as the one man in Oregon most worthy of the defense of these laws.

"If the courts should uphold the case of the university through the allegations specifically directed at the Secretary of State's office it would practically put the Oregon system out of business for once and all.

"The complaint alleges that this office should pass upon the legality and the validity of all the signatures attached to initiative and referendum petitions. The absurdity of this plea will be appreciated when it is remembered that for three months or more the university people have had lawyers, detectives, photographers and experts at work, trying to pick out the alleged forged signatures on the university petitions. If the court should hold that the Secretary of State must determine the validity of signatures, it will mean that the office would have to be closed and the entire force sent out on gumshoe expeditions to pick the bad names from the good on all petitions filed hereafter.

"The complaint further alleges, among other frivolous things, that the petitions should be invalidated because they are directed to Frank W. Benson, Secretary of State, and not to myself as such officer; also because some of the lines on the printed sheets containing the signatures are not numbered from 1 to 20.

"At a recent meeting of the Board of Regents of which I am ex-officer a member, the question came up as to whether the expense of the injunction suits against the Secretary of State could be paid out of the maintenance fund of the university. I took the position that it was not a proper charge against the university and must come from other and outside sources, and offered the suggestion that the Board of Regents then and there subscribe personally a substantial sum to assist in defraying the expenses incident to the prosecution of the suit. This should be sufficient to establish my friendship for the university, but I do not propose to allow my interest in this great educational institution to stand in the way of every effort that I may properly make to safeguard the initiative and referendum.

"In my opinion, the death knell of the measures would be sounded should the courts rule the appropriation petitions ground the ballot on the technical grounds set forth by Judge Slater.

"If there has been fraud perpetrated in obtaining these signatures sufficient to disqualify them, they certainly should not be allowed to go on the ballot. With this alleged fraud I have absolutely nothing to do, nor will Mr. U'Ren.

"I am not asking the assistance of these men because I am opposed to the university appropriations. In fact I am highly in favor of them. But there have been numerous minor and petty allegations made in the complaints directed at the office of the secretary and at the mode of procedure in filing referendum petitions."

KANSANS HOLD REUNION.

Annual Gathering at City Park Yesterday Was Largely Attended.

The Kansas society held its annual picnic at the city park yesterday, and the members spent the day most enjoyably in renewing acquaintances and recounting reminiscences of an earlier period. A splendid program had been arranged by the committee in charge, and this added greatly to the entertainment. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour, and was partaken of with relish by the assemblage, which included a number of invited guests. The membership roll was enlarged by the addition of several former Kansans who had not heretofore taken part in the annual events.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Russell of Clay Center, Kansas, are guests of Mr. J. T. Short and Mrs. Mary Smith Mrs. Russell is their sister. They will return home by way of Southern California.

Duck Season Open.

The open season for the quack-quacks begins today, and hunters who enjoy this sport—and can locate ducks—are in their glory.

SUTCLIFFE GOES TO PASS

DECLINES TO REMAIN HERE ANOTHER YEAR.

Spiritualists Organize Society to Meet Monthly—Subjects for Discussion Sunday.

The fourth quarterly conference of the Cottage Grove Methodist church, was held last week and presided over by District Superintendent Abbott. During the year, according to reports, 72 persons were received into membership; 7 were given letters, 3 died and one withdrew, making the net gain 61. The Sunday school has an enrollment of 204, and the average attendance for year was 130. The Epworth League membership numbers 132, of which 75 are associate members. The Foreign Missionary society has 23 members, and the Home Missionary society 21. The Ladies' Aid society has 84 members, and 1 entertainments were given during the year, besides 11 dinners and suppers, 3 picnics and 1 reception.

This society raised \$246.27 during the year, and improved the parsonage.

At the close of the conference, the Rev. Robt. Sutcliffe was tendered a unanimous call to return to Cottage Grove for the third year, but Mr. Sutcliffe stated that he had received a call from the Methodist church at Grants Pass and that he would accept it, and go to that place, provided it was agreeable to the conference, which meets this month.

Following is the program for the entertainment to be given by Miss Della Boyd for the benefit of the choir at the Christian church next Wednesday evening:

Orchestra—violin, Rowe Kennedy; clarinet, Mr. Kennedy; piano, Mrs. Kennedy.

Part I.—Music by the orchestra, A. and B.; reading, "An Aspiring Dishwasher," reading, "Lilly Servosse's Ride," Albion W. Tourgee; reading, "The Bald-headed Man," reading, "Coming Home," Will Lisenbee; music, orchestra.

Part II.—Reading, "Topsy's First Lesson," Harriet Beecher Stowe; reading, "Old Actor's Story," Geo. R. Sims; silver offering; reading, "Lapse of Memory," Mayme Riddel Bitney; benediction, Rev. W. A. Elkins.

The Spiritualist society was organized at the home of J. H. Garoutte last Friday with Mrs. Nellie W. McKinney as president; Mrs. Lydia Stauffer, secretary and treasurer; E. Garoutte, assistant secretary; D. W. McKinney, Lloyd Bisby and E. Garoutte trustees. The society will hold its next meeting the first Friday in October.

Regular services at the Christian church next Sunday. Pastor Elkins will preach morning and evening. The evening services will begin at 7:30 instead of 8. Endeavor at 6:30, bible school at 10 a. m.

Howard Fagen will preach at the Latham school house Sunday at 3 p. m.

Miss Della Boyd will give an elocutionary recital at the Christian church next Wednesday evening. Music will be furnished by the Kennedy orchestra. No admission will be charged.

Regular services at the Presbyterian church morning and evening next Sunday, Sept. 3. At 11 a. m. Dr. Crooks, president of Albany College, will give an address, at 8 p. m. the pastor will preach.

Interesting services in the Methodist church on Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Robert Sutcliffe. Special music. Reception of members. Bible school at 9:45. Special rally day exercises at League devotional meeting commencing at 7, leader Miss Nancy Whitsett. All are invited to attend these gatherings.

PLENTY WATER EVERYWHERE.

Improvement to System Makes Supply Fully Adequate.

After having been thirsty for several days the first of the week, Cottage Grove now has more water than it can possibly use in a thousand years. The new dam at the intake point, eighteen miles distant in the National Forest Reserve, has been completed, practically speaking, and where before the improvement was made the supply of water was considered meager we now have an abundance and to spare. The new dam was constructed some distance above the original dam, affording about three feet more head and giving a supply that the city should have had at first. The work was performed by the American Light & Water Company of Kansas City, which company had the contract for building the system, and, in the language of an alderman, the only expense to the city for the betterment was the cost of automobiles for local authorities to visit the intake site.

J. N. Waterhouse wishes to announce that he is now ready to organize his class for the coming season. Those desirous of making appointments should do so early. Terms are: Primary and first grade 50c for 30 minute lesson, all other grades 75c per lesson, payable monthly in advance. Harmony beginners' class will commence immediately after school opens. Terms

\$1.50 per month; second year Harmony, \$2 per month. Residence Fifth street.

HEALTH RESORT NEWSLETS.

Long List of Guests Recorded During the Past Week.

Gus D. Gross and party left the Calapooya camp grounds this morning. Mr. Gross was much improved, but will continue his outing for some time before returning to his home, Bandon, Oregon.

Mrs. Greenberger left Wednesday for the hop fields at Springfield and a future location.

A long list of names was copied from the Hotel Calapooya register as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Crozier of Creswell, and Helen Crozier; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Kreutz; H. T. Whutal and wife of Eugene; J. Hemenway and wife of Cottage Grove; Mrs. Mary Gilmore; T. R. Wetherbu and wife; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hoellin of Cohurg; Floyd W. Borth of Yoncalla; Mr. and Mrs. P. Roy Borth of Yoncalla; Mrs. Grace Kirby of Eugene; C. P. Bamard of Roseburg; Mrs. Bamard of Roseburg; Eloise Bamard of Roseburg; Miss Owen of Eugene; M. H. Anderson of Cottage Grove; Frank Scieffe of Eugene; P. O. Hagen of Eugene; O. W. Smith of Portland; O. C. Huff of Portland; L. Reed of Portland; Otto Halmus of Portland; Mrs. Alice A. Ross of Eugene; Mrs. Chas. H. Hales; Misses Elizabeth and Virginia Hales.

Landlord Wilson and family, who last spring came from Spokane to take charge of Hotel Calapooya, leave for Portland, where they expect to remain for the winter. While London regrets to lose Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their charming daughters, Hotel Calapooya is in good hands and the company did well in the selection it made of Mr. Wilson's successor, J. C. Stapleton. In his sprightly little helpmate Hotel Calapooya will have not only a woman of social standing and ability, but a genuine good cook. What changes the Calapooya company will make under the Stapleton regime we do not know, but we can assure the coming guests that they will bless the happy day that led their wandering feet to Hotel Calapooya. We speak from experience.

Oregon Woman Honored.

The ladies of the local Women's Relief Corps are greatly elated over the election of Mrs. Cora M. Davis of Union, Oregon, president of the National W. R. C. Mr. Davis is a very popular member of the state organization and her candidacy for the position was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed by the Oregon encampment at Ashland.

ATTENTION!

Beginning September 1st for 10 days we will offer 500 pairs of Men's, Women's, Boys' Girls' and Children's Shoes at unheard of low prices.

- 20 pairs men's low shoes values to \$4. Sale price \$1 a pair
- 25 pairs women's and children's Oxfords values to \$3.50. Sale price \$1 a pair
- 100 pairs women's shoes, lace and button, values to \$5. Sale price \$2 a pair
- Women's and children's white canvas Oxfords, your choice for 25 cents a pair
- 10 pairs men's 16-in high top Cruiser shoes regular price \$5. Sale price \$3 a pair
- 25 pairs men's heavy work shoes values to \$3.50. Sale price \$1.50 a pair.
- 100 pairs children's school shoes regular price \$2 to \$2.50. Sale price \$1.50
- 25 pairs at 75 cents a pair and many others at prices that cannot fail to interest you. Come early and get the bargains.

This sale will last for 10 days and is for cash only. Come and see. Don't forget the time and place. September 1-To-day.

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