

WIDOWS' PENSION LAW IS PUZZLER

County Judge Teal Worries Over New Ruling

From \$10 to \$47.50; Cases May Be Considered Latter Part of Present Month; Errors in Compiling Applications Cause Delay.

County Judge John Teal is growing old. The once smiling and happy county jurist has changed—changed shockingly fast. The beautiful folds of silky curtains has taken a deeper tinge of gray; the once firm and steady hands now shake as by palsy; and the sparkling and brilliance of the eye has deserted. He is becoming bent, feeble and old, and all because of the widow's pension bill. The cloud of gloom hangs heavily, very heavily o'er the kind judge's grizzled head. "The judge should worry," is the humorous logic of his friends, but the worst of it is, the judge does worry.

When the last legislature passed a law which would bequeath upon the heads of deserving widow mothers a monthly pension of \$10 for the first child and \$7.50 for each succeeding child to the age of 16 years, whether they number two or 20; in all probabilities the worthy lawmakers never considered the Honorable John T. Teal throughout the great and glorious state of Oregon, for it is up to this said Judge Teal to weigh exactly the evidence in each case and act ac-

And so it is with deep concern that Judge Tate, two or three times each day, snaps the rubber bands which enircle the eight innocent applications sent him from eight anxiously awaiting mothers, and once more reviews the printed pages with concern. Some of them have visited the judge in person. Several of them have pathetic stories of patient suffering, others perhaps as deserving keep their heart secrets locked up from the world. Here is one widow with nine children, partly dependent upon several of them for support, while another faces the uncertain future with a baby girl or boy and a half score of debts left as a legacy from deceased husband and father.

Following is the list of applicants now on file with the county judge. Several others have been received but returned because of errors in filling out the blanks.

Rose Ellen Cassidy, Independence, \$47.50; Mrs. W. W. Chappel, Fair City, \$10; Mary Alice Wilson, Independence, \$32.50; Dorothy Evelyn Moore, Independence, \$10; M. Riggs, Dallas, \$10; Lillian C. Harbison, Buena Vista, \$17.50; Clara A. Brantley, Hallston, \$47.50; Nettie Barson, Dallas, \$32.50.

MOOSE MAKE MERRY

Five Hundred Members Attend Festivities Incident to Closing of Dallas Charter; Hillsboro Sends Bar

With 500 members of the organization present including liberal representations from Salem, Independence, Hillsboro and other adjacent points, the charter of LaCrosse lodge No. 1000 was closed by the presentation of a large check for the year's dues to the Hillsboro lodge.

Order of Moose of Dallas, was closed on Thursday night with the initiation of 57 new members, making the total membership of the lodge 363 at the present time. The initiatory work was done by a degree team.

was due by the Cherry City lodge of Salem, brethren from that city coming on a special train. The ceremony was very impressive and were witnessed by a large crowd which filled every inch of available space in Woodman hall. After the initiation work was concluded, and the lodge finished its other business, everyone adjourned to the National Guard Armory where more than 500 members of the order assembled around the festal board and made merry until a late hour.

A feature of the evening was

presence in the city of a large representation from Hillsboro where a new lodge is now under process of organization. The Hillsboro Mo. al, brought their band with them made the trip in autos. The b

It was a red letter night in Missouri and the local lodge thus barks on its career under most favorable conditions. As stated in Observer last week, the deal has been closed for the purchase of the property at the corner of Mill and Jefferson street and, if the required bonds can be sold, the lodge will construct a large home of its own.

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PRESIDENT WILSON is here seen as he appeared when snapped a summer White House near Cornish, N. H. He took a week off his visit to Gettysburg and forgot all about his troubles at Washington while he played golf and fished about the Berkshire hills. His only had preceded him to Hot Springs, when Winston Churchill, the noted leaved to the president for the summer. The president was seated on the steps of the front porch of the mansion when this picture was taken. The day was fine and he planned to spend week ends with his family, realizing that congress would likely stay in session all summer.

STUDENTS PLAN WINNING EXHIBIT

KEEN INTEREST IN W
THROUGHOUT COUNTY

Superintendent H. C. Seymour
dent of County Fair's Success
Will Carry Off Prizes at Sa

"I would like an individual I have now 80 exhibits to be at the county school fair."

This is the startling plea from one of the most prominent and one of the most successful of the county's business men, and is just one instance of the sweeping interest taken by children throughout the county in the coming Polk county fair.

"Surely my desires are

gratified," said Superintendent Moore yesterday. "My recent throughout the county proved that the school children are bending every effort to help along in the work. It will be a genuine surprise to every person in the county many instances where enthusiastic parents are becoming interested. I have found it a pretty hard parent who refuses to be won over to the interested child."

Speaking of the Polk county exhibit at the state fair, Superintendent Starnes has no uncertain terms. He declares that this county would be off the sweepstakes. This year each county will compete separately, going away with the plan of one year to "bunch" exhibits for a school exhibition. Inasmuch as the last year was a record to none, and the exhibit 1913 is superior in every way

BOMB DESTROYS GU
Aviator Drops Explosive From
Craft on Mexican Vessel
Nogales, July 29.—The U.S. federal gunboat Tampico was destroyed today by a bomb dropped from an aeroplane over Guaymas, according to an official U.S. message. It was said that Didier Masson made three passes over the harbor before he succeeded in hitting the boat.