

Court Asked to Enjoin Secretary of State from Recognizing Referendum Petitions

The efforts made to invalidate the appropriation made at the last session of the legislature for the improvement of the State Normal school at Monmouth, by invoking the initiative and referendum, has once more been brought to the attention of the public by the filing of a complaint in the circuit court of Marion county, praying for the issuance of an injunction restraining the secretary of state from submitting the question to the people. The papers, signed by H. H. Belt, were filed Wednesday by Oscar Hayter, of this city, on behalf of the people of Monmouth.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

The appropriation in question is for the sum of \$50,000 to be used for building a dormitory at the Normal school, and its fate is naturally of especial interest to the people of this county. May 18 last, T. L. Van Orsdol filed with the secretary of state a petition asking that the matter be referred to a vote at the next regular election, November 5, 1912. The petition purported to contain the names of 7033 voters, a large number of which are admittedly forgeries, and when the fraudulent signatures are eliminated those remaining will fall far below the number required to submit the matter to a vote. In his complaint, Attorney Hayter lays bare many vulnerable points in the pretensions of those seeking to retard the work of the state schools, and it is thought that, when once brought up for action in the courts, a decision will be speedily given in favor of the Normal school defenders.

A similar petition against an appropriation for the University of Oregon is now in the courts.—Observer.

O. A. C. Experiment Farm in Rogue River Valley.

Corvallis, Ore., Twenty-five acres of land with \$2,500 of buildings, formerly part of the Jackson county poor farm, has been deeded to the Oregon Agricultural College by the county for use for the new Southern Oregon Branch Experiment Station, eight miles south of Medford and half a mile east of Talent on the main county road.

As there are four distinct types of soil on the property, some of the most important commercially in the Rogue River Valley, this is an unusually well adapted site for experimental work. There are two different types of the Bear Creek river bottom soils which are good examples of the soil in the valley flats, and two upland soils of a more gravelly type which represent the hillside soils in the western part of the valley. A spring with a perpetual flow has made it possible to have over half of the acreage under irrigation at present.

Some ten acres of different soils will be planted to different varieties of fruit trees this winter, and extensive experiments in truck gardening will be carried on between the trees and in the bottom land. A large amount of experimental work relative to Southern Oregon conditions has already been carried on by the college with a corporation of the growers of the valley, and bulletins on irrigation, frost fighting, and pruning have been issued, based on these experiments.

NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

Court House Notes.

MINISTERIAL REGISTRATION
G W Morgan, Christian Church Eugene.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
William Russell and Edna M Courter.

Ross T Pierce, of Dallas, and Beyrle Hanson.

PROBATE

In the estate of Edna P Smyth, deceased. Petition of William F Smyth to prove will filed; ordered that disposition of subscribing witness to be taken and commission to issue.

In the estate of Orville L Buchanan, deceased. Registration accepted; Annette Glassford appointed administratrix on filing bond; approved in sum of \$1200.

In the matter of the estate of William Graves, deceased. Final account filed; Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 10 a. m. set for hearing.

In the estate of Lena T Gilbert, deceased. Administrator's additional bond on sale of real estate filed and approved.

In the estate of Wallace Gates, deceased. Albert O Yates appointed administrator; bond in sum of \$600 approved and filed; letters to issue.

In the estate of J Wiseman, deceased. Will admitted to probate; Jessie C Westover appointed executrix to serve without bonds; Eugene Hayter, Charles Westover and J R Sibley appointed appraisers.

REAL ESTATE

Fred Johnson to H L Crieder, land in tp 9 s, r 6 w, \$100.

S. L and S R Richardson to William Dawes, lots in Independence, \$300.

Capital Trust Company to Vira Robertson, lot in Kingwood Park, \$10.

M W Wilkins et ux to A J Barham, lots in Dallas, \$200.

Gussie M Patton and hus to John Pender et ux. 69.60 acres, tp 7 s, r 4 w, \$5500.

Van Walters et ux to Lorena J Castle, 40 acres tp 8 s, r 4 w, \$10.

Alfred Whitney et ux to Josie B Hayes, lot in Independence, \$1.

Benton Bowers et ux to William Addison et ux, lots in Independence, \$10.

Sophia J Plummer and hus to W H Dalrymple et ux, 15 acres, tp 7 s, r 3 w, \$10.

Rossetti's Awful Breakfast.

It was at one time arranged that Dante Gabriel Rossetti, his brother William and Swinburne and George Meredith should live together in a certain house. Meredith happened to see Dante Gabriel Rossetti at breakfast and changed his plans. Meredith himself tells the story. "It was past noon," says he. "Rossetti had not yet risen, though it was an exquisite day. On the breakfast table on a huge dish rested five thick slabs of bacon, upon which five rigid eggs had slowly bled to death. Presently Rossetti appeared in his dressing gown, with slippers down at heel, and devoured the dainty repast like an ogre." That meal was too much for Meredith, and he sacrificed three months' rent rather than see it repeated.

Without Ceremony.

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Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

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