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OREGON'S LATEST LAWS

Ex Senator S. B. Huston Tuesday delivered an address as president before the State Bar Association in Portland on the work of the recent legislature which is of especial interest in view of the governor's expressed doubt of whether the re-assembly of that body in extra session would not be a greater calamity than foregoing a year's tax revenue.

In looking over the session laws of the last Legislature, one of the first things to attract attention is the fact that, of the 341 pages of the volume comprising those laws, 17 pages are devoted to the fixing of salaries of the various officers. This, it seems to me, is a bad indication. Why is it necessary to change the salary of county and state officials every time the State Legislature meets? Are conditions so different, every two years, that there must be an entire change of salaries, or are the changes made as a system of rewards and punishments for the officials who support or oppose the members of the Legislature from the various counties affected by the changes, in the case may be?

Twenty-two acts of the last Legislature, covering 33 pages of the book, carry appropriations.

For more than 30 years the Legislature of Oregon has been engaged in passing laws for the protection of fish and game, and yet 20 pages of the session laws of 1903 are devoted to amending and revising the game laws.

The next legislation which challenges our attention, is the one providing for the portage railroad, to be built by the state, at a cost of \$165,000,000, and this at a place where the General Government has appropriated the money for the building of canal, and is proceeding as possible with that end.

While every one desires that the people of Sherman and Gilliam Counties have relief from high freight rates, yet it does seem that this was very injudicious legislation. For the state goes into the business of building and operating railroads in order to do it under the circumstances existing here seems to me a needless expenditure in that direction. In my opinion, this legislation will prove to have been a mistake. In the event of a special session of the Legislature, they ought to repeal this act and in stead make provision for the right of way for the Government canal.

House bill 146 prohibits the blacklisting of any employee, mechanic or laborer for the purpose of preventing such employee, mechanic or laborer from securing employment, and under the violation of this act a criminal offense. I presume this is all right, but it certainly should be amended so as to include a prohibition against any boycotting, publicizing or blacklisting an employer of labor for the purpose of preventing such employer from securing employees.

An amendment to House bill 344, which provides that the County Sheriff and Constable shall receive \$100 per month, but shall not engage in trading during his term of office. Nothing in this act shows what county it has reference to, and it can only be inferred from the title that it refers to Columbia County.

House bill 287 is an attempt to amend the miller bonding law in relation to Oregon. Whether or not it will justify the expense of the Legislature or not, but it is equally the Legislature's duty to

remedy the attempting to remedy this crying evil. The abuse growing out of the miller bonding business has been a shame and a disgrace to the state, and a detriment to the commerce of the Columbia River. If this act shall be sufficient to mitigate the evils heretofore existing, it will be of great benefit to the state and redound to the credit of the Legislature which passed it.

This act ought also to provide that where the purchaser of property sells it, within a short time after he buys it, at a large advance in price, he shall be compelled to divide with the man from whom he bought it. If men cannot be trusted to act upon their own judgment then the law should protect all of them, and the man who sells property too cheap ought to have the same protection as the man who buys it too dear.

House bill 107 repeals former laws upon the subject of assessment and taxation, and enacts a new system. This seems to me to have been the most injudicious act of the entire session enacted by the last legislature.

Our whole system of assessment and taxation is thrown into confusion, all, it would seem, from a mad desire for change. If we have a special session of the legislature, and it shall re-enact the former law, or give us another law, we will still be "between the devil and the deep sea," on account of the doubt that must exist whether or not the act will go into effect in time for a levy, or whether we must wait 90 days, on account of the initiative and referendum amendments, which was another tub thrown to the populist whale, and which was fathered and endorsed by men who ought to have known better.

In looking back over the legislation of the last legislature, what are its tendencies? Can it be said that there is a marked drift, or tendency, in any particular direction? It seems to me that there is, viz: in the direction of Socialism. When you consider the building of a portage railroad, the various acts for supporting public libraries by taxation, the provisions for conveying children to public schools at the expense of the state, and the "thousand and one" different things for which appropriations are made out of the public treasury, one is bound to conclude that there is a growing belief in the public mind that money which comes from the treasury is the gift of God and costs nothing to any one, and that the royal road to peace and plenty is "more appropriations from the funds."

Are there any lessons to be drawn from a review of the acts of the legislature? It seems to me that there are, viz: the public should select their members of the legislature with reference to their qualifications for the position only, and not with reference to the vote which he shall cast for United States Senator. There has been a great deal of agitation upon the subject of electing United States Senators by direct vote of the people. The strongest argument is that it will remove the greatest source of strife from the legislature, and leave it free to give its best attention to the wants of the state. The people will then vote, at least to a far greater extent than now, for a man whom they deem best fitted to represent his constituents.

At the present time this is not the case. Candidates for the legislature are selected with reference to one qualification only—their preference for United States Senator. When this base of contention shall have been removed from the legislature, if it ever shall be, we may most certainly expect far more careful and correct legislation at the hands of our legislators.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County. Curtis J. Birdsell and Leavitt S. Birdsell, Plaintiffs,

vs. Henry Meyer, Defendant.

To Henry Meyer, the above named Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs herein on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in their complaint, to-wit: That the plaintiffs be decreed to be the owners in fee simple of the following described real estate, to-wit: The S. W. 1/4 of Sec 16, T. 3 N., R. 5 W. of the Will. Mer., in Washington County, Oregon, and containing 100 acres of land, and that the defendant be forever barred from claiming or asserting any right, title or interest in or to said premises and for such other and further relief as to the court may appear equitable. The time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons is six weeks, and the day of first publication is October 30, 1903. This summons is served upon you by publication, by order of Hon. L. A. Root, County Judge of Washington County, Oregon, which order was made and dated on October 28, 1903.

S. B. HUSTON, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County. Erwin Ritter, Administrator of the estate of Jno. W. Lemmon, deceased, Plaintiff,

vs. Robert A. Foreman and Ladd & Tilton, Agents, Defendants.

To Robert A. Foreman, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled suit and court within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, the first publication thereof being on the 23rd day of October, 1903, and if you fail to appear and answer the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in his said complaint, to-wit: That he as administrator be adjudged and decreed to be the owner in fee simple and free from all incumbrances of the following described land in Washington County, Ore., and described as follows: to-wit: Lots numbered one and two in section 17 in T. 3 N., R. 5 W., Will. Mer. That the defendant and each of them be adjudged to have no interest in or lien upon the said real property by virtue of a certain mortgage made and executed by the said Jno. Lemmon and wife to the said Robert A. Foreman, and which mortgage is recorded on page 409 of book 217 of the records for mortgages for Washington County, Oregon, and that said defendant and each of them above named be forever enjoined and barred from asserting or claiming any interest in or lien upon the foregoing described real property by virtue of said mortgage or otherwise, that said mortgage be adjudged to be fully paid, satisfied and discharged; that the Recorder of Conveyances of Washington County, Ore., be authorized and directed to sell by said mortgage of record; and for such other and further relief as may seem to the court to be equitable. This summons is served upon you by publication by order of L. A. Root, County Judge of Washington County, Ore., dated at Chambers, Oct. 22nd, 1903, said order requires this summons to be published for six consecutive and successive weeks, and requires you to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff within six weeks from the date of the first publication thereof.

E. B. TONGUE, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given, that I, the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of Rebecca A. Wright, deceased, have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, my final account as such Executrix and that said Court has set Monday, the 14th day of December, 1903, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day as the time and the County Court room in Hillsboro, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections to said account and the final settlement of said Estate. Dated, Nov. 11th, 1903.

ANNAE DIXON, Executrix of the Estate of Rebecca A. Wright. Dec 20-30

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON for Washington County T. L. Christianson, Plaintiff,

vs. Walter A. Christianson, Annie J. Christianson, Henrietta I. Christianson and Mary H. Couch, Defendants.

To Walter A. Christianson, Annie J. Christianson and Henrietta I. Christianson, defendants above named: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff herein on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to-wit: For a decree authorizing the sale of the West half of Section 34, in T. 13 S. W. of the Will. Mer., in Washington County, Oregon, containing 320 acres, and that the proceeds thereof be applied, 1st—to the general costs of this suit and of the expenses of said sale. 2—to the payment of the amount due to the defendant, Mary H. Couch, upon a mortgage which she holds against said premises, and 3—to the residue to be divided in equal shares, between the plaintiff and the defendants, Walter A. Christianson, Annie J. Christianson and Henrietta I. Christianson.

The time prescribed in the Order for the publication of this summons is six weeks and the day of first publication is October 30, 1903. This summons is served upon you by publication, by order of Hon. L. A. Root, County Judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Oregon, which order was made and dated on October 28th, 1903.

S. B. HUSTON, Attorney for Plaintiff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of George Bruder, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same at the office of the "Hillsboro Independent" at Hillsboro, Oregon, with proper vouchers and duly verified, within six months of the date hereof. Dated and first published November 6, 1903.

DONALD G. WOODWARD, Administrator of the Estate of George Bruder, deceased.

Gantenbein & Vessie, Attorneys for Administrator.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County. Curtis J. Birdsell and Leavitt S. Birdsell, Plaintiffs,

vs. Daniel Clark, Defendant.

To Daniel Clark, the above named Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs herein on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in their complaint, to-wit: That the plaintiffs be decreed to be the owners in fee simple of the following described real estate, to-wit: The W. 1/2 of the S. W. 1/4 of Section 16, T. 3 N., R. 5 W. of the Will. Mer., in Washington County, Oregon, and containing 80 acres of land, and that the defendant be forever barred from claiming or asserting any right, title or interest in or to said premises, and for such other and further relief as to the court may appear equitable. The time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons is six weeks, and the day of first publication is October 30, 1903. This summons is served upon you by publication, by order of Hon. L. A. Root, County Judge of Washington County, Oregon, which order was made and dated on October 28, 1903.

S. B. HUSTON, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County. Curtis J. Birdsell and Leavitt S. Birdsell, Plaintiffs,

vs. A. Summers, Defendant.

To A. Summers, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs herein on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in their complaint, to-wit: That the plaintiffs be decreed to be the owners in fee simple of the following described real estate, to-wit: The W. 1/2 of the S. W. 1/4 of Section 16, T. 3 N., R. 5 W. of the Will. Mer., in Washington County, Oregon, and containing 80 acres of land, and that the defendant be forever barred from claiming or asserting any right, title or interest in or to said premises, and for such other and further relief as to the court may appear equitable. The time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons is six weeks, and the day of first publication is October 30, 1903. This summons is served upon you by publication, by order of Hon. L. A. Root, County Judge of Washington County, Oregon, which order was made and dated on October 28, 1903.

S. B. HUSTON, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, for Washington County: Minerva J. Root, Plaintiff,

vs. Newton Root, Defendant.

To Newton Root, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and suit on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before the expiration of six weeks next, from and after the date of first publication of this summons: the first publication thereof being on October 18, 1903, and if you fail to appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in her complaint, to-wit: That the marriage contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may appear equitable. This summons is served upon you by publication by order of Hon. L. A. Root, County Judge of Washington County, Oregon, which order was made at Hillsboro, Oregon, October 14th, 1903.

M. J. ROOT, Plaintiff.

S. B. HUSTON, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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