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## COURTS REVERSED CITIZENSHIP RULE

Ruling of Naturalization Department Revoked and Old Law Now Holds.

WILL BE WELCOME  
NEWS TO MANY PEOPLE

Those Who Made Declaration Under Old Law Can Go A Head with Ceremony.

The ruling of the department of naturalization that any man who declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States more than seven years ago could not apply for final citizenship papers on his old declaration has been reversed by the courts. By virtue of this ruling any man who declared his intention under the provisions of the old naturalization law can go ahead now and complete his naturalization.

**Welcome News to Many**  
Word of this ruling was received today by County Clerk Marks from John Speed Smith, Chief Naturalization Examiner at Seattle. This will be welcome news to several Albany men who until this ruling came were barred from proceeding without making a new declaration of intention and waiting two years before filing their applications for final papers.

The new law provides that an applicant who declared his intention under its terms must apply for final papers within seven years from the date of declaration. So naturalization officials construed the law to be that all old declarations would be void for permanent naturalization purposes unless the applicants filed their petitions for final naturalization within seven years from the time the new law went into effect.

**Many Application to Be Heard**  
The seven year period expired on September 26 last and just prior to that time there was a record-breaking rush for naturalization in this county as well as other counties of the state.

Most of the petitions for naturalization which were filed here during the rush late in September have been set for hearing in the Circuit Court on January 5. Eighteen applications will come up for hearing on that date which will break all records and will be by far the largest number of applications for naturalization that have been heard in the Circuit Court here at one time.

The department of naturalization announced that after September 26, 1913, it would oppose the naturalization of any applicant whose petition was based on a declaration of intention made under the old law. Consequently no such applications have been received but a United States Judge in Pennsylvania has decided in a test case that the provisions of the new law do not warrant such construction of the old law so that any applicant who declared his intention under the old law can go ahead now and complete his naturalization.

The letter which was received at the Clerk's office announcing this decision is as follows:

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26, 1913.  
Mr. W. L. Marks, Circuit Court Clerk Albany Oregon: Dear Sir: Since my letter relative to the validity of old law declarations of intention in United States Circuit Court in Pennsylvania has rendered a decision that such declarations are valid for naturalization purposes and accordingly the Bureau of Naturalization has directed me to not oppose a petition based thereon but to merely advise the court of the decisions thus far rendered and to abide by the Court's ruling.

I therefore advise you that whatever position your Honorable Judge takes on this question will be agreeable to this office.

Very truly yours,  
Jno. SPEED SMITH,  
Chief Examiner.

## A. W. BEESON GOES TO HIS FINAL REST

Albany Resident of Nine Years Was Civil War Veteran and Oddfellow.

A. W. Beeson died this morning at 12.15 o'clock at the family home, 507 East Fourth street, after a lingering illness. The age of the deceased is 65.

A. W. Beeson has been a resident of Albany for the past nine years. He is survived by a wife, Isabelle Charity and three daughters, Mrs. F. A. Leeper of Albany, Mrs. H. A. Schroeder of Gates, Miss Mamie of Albany, and three sons, William of Canby, Alva of Albany and Harvey H., of Jefferson. All were at the bedside when the summons came except William.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the M. E. church. Rev. D. H. Leech will conduct the services. Interment will take place in the city cemetery. The deceased was a member of the local Odd Fellows lodge and a member of the local G. A. R. Post, having served in the Civil War. The funeral will be conducted under the auspices of both orders. The Odd Fellows will have charge of the services at the cemetery. Today the flag over the G. A. R. headquarters at the armory is floating at half mast in honor of the deceased, who was an esteemed member of the order.

## SUE TO FORECLOSE CONTRACT OF SALE

A. C. McDonald Brings Suit Against George W. Bacon, Involving 229 Acres.

Ask for a decree that the defendants be required to pay the whole of the unpaid balance of the purchase price of a piece of land valued at \$20,000, within ten days from the date of such decree, A. C. McDonald and wife have filed suit against George W. Bacon and wife in the circuit court to foreclose the sale of 229 acres in township 12, S. R. 3 West of the W. M., and considerable personal property.

It is set up in the complaint that the plaintiffs and defendants entered into a contract on July 15 last, whereby the latter agreed to purchase the property from the former, at a consideration of \$21,000 which was to be paid in installments. It is alleged that it was further understood that the defendants should have immediate possession of the property subject to a lease granted previously by the plaintiffs, to two men. It is alleged that the contract has been violated, in that the defendants have failed to make the payments when due. The plaintiffs agreed to execute a deed in the event the decree is granted as asked for and the defendant's comply therewith. For failure to comply therewith the plaintiffs ask that the defendants be barred from any right or title to the property.

## CITY NEWS.

**Goes to Newport.**—Leaving this noon, Rev. J. D. Cummins of the Episcopal church, went to Newport to spend the week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stevens, who went over Saturday to remain during the week at their cottage home there.

**Are You Interested?**—Manager Stewart of the Commercial club announced this morning that if there is anybody interested in the Chicago Land Show they are invited to call at the club and he will be glad to tell them of it and show pictures of the various departments, and especially of the Oregon exhibit, which are on display at the club parlors.

**Old Soldier Visits.**—J. Ranny, an ex-merchant of Summit but now retired and a resident of the Old Soldiers' Home at Roseburg, is a visitor in the city. He is a veteran of many wars and a member of the Elks lodge. Although he makes his home at the Soldiers' Home, from time to time out of his small allowance Mr. Ranny has given \$150 towards charities and is an ardent supporter of such institutions. Despite his extreme age he is hale and hearty.

**Marriage License Issued.**—County Clerk Marks Saturday issued a marriage license to Charles L. Fox, age 25, and Mary Agnes Beal, age 19, both of Albany.

## BIG SHINGLE MILL DESTROYED BY FIRE

E. A. Thompson Plant on East Water Street Burned to Ground Saturday Night.

LOSS ESTIMATED TO  
BE ABOUT \$5000

263,000 Shingles Burned; All Machinery Is Lost; Only \$1600 Insurance.

Fire Saturday night completely destroyed the E. A. Thompson Shingle Mill on East Water street. The entire loss is estimated at \$5,000, covered by \$1,600 insurance.

The fire was discovered shortly before 11 o'clock and had evidently been burning for some time before. When the fire department arrived the building was in a bright blaze from foundation to roof. It was a frame structure situated on a block and fortunately no other buildings were close as they would undoubtedly have been swamped. It is believed that the fire started from the boiler, but just how and where it originated is not known.

**Property Owned by Four Men.**  
There were about 263,000 shingles in the building, all of which are a total loss. All of the machinery is a complete wreck, as the entire building was burned to the ground.

The property is owned by C. G. Rawlings, George Taylor, both Albany men and Frank J. Miller of Salem and S. M. Garland, of Lebanon. The building was under lease to Mr. Thompson.

The loss of the building is estimated at \$1,000 and the loss to the machinery and the contents of the building is estimated at \$4,000. Mr. Thompson stated this morning that he carried \$1,200 insurance on his interest and \$400 on the building.

**Was Spectacular Fire.**  
The fire by far was one of the most spectacular seen in Albany in some time. The dry timbers of the big frame building burned like tinder wood and the glare could be seen for many miles around. Entirely enveloped by the flames upon the arrival of the department the fire fighters, although working persistently, were powerless. Playing several streams from different directions, the department remained on duty until the building caved in when the dieing flames were extinguished.

Although there was no immediate danger of any other building catching fire, much concern was felt about the neighborhood as the result of flying sparks. It is believed that had a breeze been blowing the danger would have been imminent. Hundreds of people from far and near were attracted to the scene.

M. Archibald of Corvallis was a visitor in Albany this afternoon.

J. H. Culp left today by way of the Oregon Electric for Troy, Tennessee.

W. R. Ray of Seio will leave tomorrow for a trip to California.

## CHARLES L. FOX CLAIMS MISS BEAL AS BRIDE

Well Known Young Couple Were Wedded at Methodist Parsonage Saturday.

In the presence of a few intimate friends, Charles Fox and Miss Mary Beal were united in marriage at the home of the officiating minister Saturday evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. D. H. Leech.

Both young people have made their home in Albany for several years and are well and favorably known. The groom is the proprietor of a cleaning and pressing establishment on Lyon street. The bride has been employed as a clerk in the jewelry store of F. M. French & Son.

Leaving Saturday night on a brief honeymoon, the newlyweds will return to make their home here.

## DESPITE HIS JILT H. YOUNG MARRIES

Albany Widower of the Swiss Maiden Romance Affair Becomes Husband.

MARRIED TO MONTANA  
WOMAN THIS MORNING

Ceremony Was Performed in "Little Lonesome" Cottage in Presence of Friends.

A romance that terminated successfully which started last February through the exchange of letters and ended after Hulda Kraner accompanied by Cecile Diethelm two Swiss maidens, had traveled 7000 miles over land and water to marry him, then to refuse because he had "misrepresented himself" halted not Otto L. Young age 45, in his matrimonial aspirations and apparently only served to promote his marriage—not to Miss Kraner, but to another.

Nevertheless, Young this morning wed her, because they both liked each other and thereby closes the chapter, at any rate for the time being of Herman's eventful matrimonial venture, to secure a second wife.

**Married in Lonesome Cottage**  
In the presence of a few intimate friends, Herman Otto L. Young, age 45, and Mrs. Nettie May Martin, age 40, have been duly pronounced man and wife. They were married in the little lonesome cottage at 717 East Fourth street, the little cottage that Hulda Kraner, age 30 was expected to make chery, the little cottage that has for years been yearning for the grace of a housekeeper. Rev. F. H. Geselbacht performed the ceremony one hour before high noon.

It is the second marriage for both. Young is a native of Germany and his bride was born in Nevada. Or late she has made her home at Butte, Mont., where it is said, Young met her many years before coming here. It is said that it was through correspondence that the acquaintance was renewed, resulting in the marriage. She arrived in Albany yesterday.

**Are Right at Home Now.**  
The ceremony was a quiet affair and after receiving the congratulations of the few friends assembled the couple settled right down to make their home.

Kaspar Wirtz, unavoidably detained was not present at the wedding. Wirtz was Young's companion in the unsuccessful Swiss maiden romance affair. The Diethelm girl came to America with the pretense of marrying him. The men paid the girls' passage to Albany and after remaining here a short while they became dissatisfied. The result was that both men gave the girls money to go to San Jose, Calif., where they are residing and are working as domestics. One of the girls has an uncle there. When they left here they declared their intention to make money on which to return to their native land.

Miss Athalyn Blake of Portland is the holiday guest of her aunts, Mrs. B. F. Kirk and Mrs. A. P. Hodges.

Walter J. Green of Salem is a business visitor in Albany today.

Miss Mabel Wiegner of Corvallis is at the St. Francis.

**Weather Fair.**—The range of temperature for 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning was 52 to 29 degrees. The river is 44 feet. The weather prediction is rain tonight and Tuesday.

## WEST WILL CLOSE UP COPPERFIELD SALOONS

Governor Gives Out Interview in Portland; Says He Will Do the Job Right.

(By United Press Association).  
Portland, Dec. 29.—"We are going to Copperfield. We are going to close up the saloons there and do it right" said Governor West when asked concerning the situation at Copperfield, in Baker County, where the citizens complained that conditions were deplorable and the laws disregarded by the Saloon keepers.

The Governor did not go into details as to how he would close the saloons, whether he would use the militia or not. He is here attending to meeting of the interstate bridge commission. As soon as the meeting is over he said he would return to Salem and take up the Copperfield matter.

## QUARTER AND FEW PENNIES ARE STOLEN FROM OFFICE

Lebanon Lumber Co. Robbed Last Night of Safe Box with Small Sum.

Burglars last night entered the office of the Lebanon Lumber company on East First street and made away with a small cash box containing 12 of 15 pennies and one 25-cent piece. The box was locked and left on the counter Saturday night. Nothing else has been discovered missing.

Entrance was effected by removing the hinge of a side door. The burglars evidently used a screw driver and removed each screw in the ordinary hinge, which was attached to the outside of the door. The door is installed so it swings out.

In taking the box the burglars evidently thought it contained considerable more money than it did. Other articles about the office were disturbed more or less but as far as can be ascertained nothing else is missing. The police were notified and are working on the case.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Ireland at Junction City day before yesterday a nine pound girl. Ireland is a brother in law of M. D. Hamme of this city.

Mrs. Van Allison and daughter Jean of Cottage Grove have been spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Kirkland and mother, Mrs. A. B. Atkins.

## NO WORD HAS BEEN HEARD OF FUGITIVES

Three Men Who Escaped from County Jail Friday Are Still at Large.

Although authorities in every direction have been on the lookout, no word has been heard up until 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Sheriff's office of the fugitives from the Linn county jail, James Wilson and Harry Wright and Harvey Thompson, who escaped Friday night by drilling a hole 16 inches square through a 14-inch brick wall, crawling through and securing their freedom despite a tall iron fence about the jail.

Nothing has come up that would assist the authorities in tracking down the fugitives. The course they took is just as much a mystery as it was the morning following the break. Local authorities are somewhat baffled at the apparently successful escape. However it is conceded that the boys had considerable in their favor as the break occurred just as dusk had settled, affording them a long period of darkness in which to get away from this vicinity. Nevertheless Sheriff Bodine lost not a minute in notifying the authorities in other towns of the valley as soon as he discovered the men missing. He took particular pains to notify all of his deputies through the county.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Russell of Jefferson visited friends here over Sunday. H. S. Radriff of Salem is transacting business in Albany this afternoon. C. S. Ralston of Corvallis transacted business in Albany this morning.

## PERSONALS

James Lunois of Corvallis was a business visitor in this city this afternoon.

E. C. Hills of Eugene was a Saturday business visitor here.

C. P. Coshaw a prominent attorney of Roseburg and state senator passed through this city this noon enroute to Portland on business.

C. E. Johnson of Summit is transacting business in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner returned yesterday from Independence where they spent Christmas with relatives.

J. C. Dixon of Elk City is in Albany this afternoon buying goods for his store at that place.

Dr. J. R. Allen and L. L. Simpson, both of Portland, are visitors in Albany today.

Mrs. W. C. Wise of Salem was a visitor in Albany yesterday, returning home this morning.

## MASONIC BANQUET WAS BIG SUCCESS

Best in History of Local Order Was Unanimous Verdict of Those Present.

EVERY NUMBER ON THE  
PROGRAM WELL RECEIVED

President Crooks Acted As Toastmaster; Retiring Master Presented with Token.

Never before in the history of the local Masonic lodge has a better program been presented or have the Masons and their wives enjoyed themselves more than they did at the St. John's Day festivities held at the Masonic Temple Saturday night.

The first number on the program was a selection by Wilson's orchestra which was followed by a selection by a quartette consisting of the Misses Lora Taylor, Helen Hulbert, Julia Crowell and Gertrude Taylor. An appropriate address on St. John's Day, was delivered by J. T. Plant. The address was followed by a solo by Miss Louise Pirtle. A reading by Miss Harkness and a solo by H. A. Nelson and Miss Blanche Hammel concluded the first section of the program. Each number received round after round of applause and those participating were compelled to respond to encores.

Following the regular program, Chas. H. Wieder, the retiring Worshipful Master was presented with a Masonic emblem in token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the lodge. He made a brief address in which he thanked the members for their token of regard and for their cooperation during the past year.

A Masonic apron of an elaborate design was then presented to St. John's lodge by Nimrod Price, L. L. Gilbert accepted the gift and in a few well chosen words thanked Mr. Price on behalf of the members of the order.

The retiring Matron of the Eastern Star, Ms. O. D. Austin and the new Matron, Mrs. C. M. Strauss were each presented by the toastmaster with a beautiful bouquet of carnations.

Many of the older members of the lodge were presented with cards expressing the esteem in which they are held by the members.

Following the regular program, various members were roped by three boys who acted as officers, hauled up before the master of ceremonies and presented with gifts which were appropriate to the occasion and caused a good deal of laughter. Elliot Crooks, Ros. Fletcher and Hulbert Fortmiller acted as officers.

President Crooks of Albany College acted as Toastmaster. He proved a most excellent master of ceremonies and his choice bits of wit and humor added much to the occasion.

After the program had been concluded the guests assembled in the dining room and enjoyed an excellent cafeteria lunch which was prepared by F. H. Pfeiffer.

## BROTHER JUDGE SENDS M'KNIGHT FINE CHICKENS

Three white-faced Blanck Spanish chickens were a Christmas present from Judge McKnight of Malheur, to Judge McKnight, of Linn. The two judges are brothers, each having been chosen County Judge of his respective county in the same election.

The significance of the present is that when the two judges were young men on their father's farm in this county, they raised this kind of chickens, and had the only ones in this section of the state.

Judge McKnight is taking great interest in the chickens and is planning to exhibit them at the big Central Willamette Poultry Show in this city early in January.

**Portland Judge Here.**—Judge Chas. H. Carey of Portland and wife are Albany visitors. They are stopping at the Hotel Hammett. They are accompanied by T. R. Bingham.

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