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The Judiciary of Idaho.

The supreme court of Idaho has spoken. The editor and publisher of the Boise Capital News are convicted of contempt of court, denied the right of appeal and committed to jail because they reprinted a criticism of Ex-President Roosevelt against the court of that state for denying a place on the ballot to the Roosevelt voters.

Never in the history of American jurisprudence has there been a more revolting misuse of power. Never has a court made a more colossal blunder or have its members displayed so little judgment or shown a greater contempt for the freedom of the press. Any backwoods Justice of the Peace would have shown a higher conception of the American ideals and traditions than did the gentlemen who concurred in the majority opinion in this case. They have trampled under their feet a tradition of long standing and one which is at the very foundation of a republican form of government. They have set aside precedent, assumed unto themselves a power which was never intentionally vested in any court, and brought the entire judiciary of the state into disrepute among fair minded citizens.

But after all the writer is not surprised. We know something of the first citizens of Idaho, including the members of the supreme court of that state. The last named, are pleasant gentlemen to meet. They are affable and look more the part of judges than their recent decision would indicate. A good judge is seldom a good politician and strange as it may seem most of the supreme court judges of Idaho are selected from among the ranks of the politicians and not from the lawyers who have attained eminence in their chosen profession. The gentlemen who concurred in the majority opinion in this case are no exception to the above rule.

When the constitutional amendment providing for the recall was submitted at the last session of the Idaho legislature the members of this court made no secret of their opposition to the provision providing for the recall of judges. Had judges not been excepted from the operation of the recall, the Democrat is firmly of the opinion that the majority members of the highest tribunal in that state would soon be called upon to give an accounting for their unprecedented and arbitrary decision.

"Doctor" Stephen A. Lowell.

Posing as the friend of direct legislation, Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton has prepared a series of amendments to existing statutes which will be introduced during the January session of the legislature by the Umatilla delegation. According to the published claim of the author, these amendments are intended to eliminate much of the criticism now directed against the Oregon System.

The Democrat has examined the proposed amendments and finds some of them meritorious. These will be discussed through the columns of this publication at a later date.

Judge Lowell will cause to be introduced a general law providing that not more than two constitutional amendments and not more than five general laws shall be submitted at any election under the initiative. According to the provisions of the proposed statute, all other petitions filed with the secretary of state shall take their places on the ballot at succeeding elections in the order

in which they are filed. The "majority rule" amendment submitted to the electors at the last general election was bad enough. The proposal of Judge Lowell is worse. Had the learned Pendleton attorney been retained to clip the wings of the initiative, he could hardly devise an instrument which would do the work more effectively than his proposed amendment. Pass the Lowell bill and every corporation in the state will begin filing frivolous amendments and general laws on the date the same is approved by the governor. The office of the secretary of state will be swamped with proposals of this character and as each law must be passed upon in the order in which it is filed, it will be several years before any meritorious legislation proposed by well meaning citizens can be submitted to the electors.

Stephen A. Lowell is doubtless an able lawyer and a good citizen, but as volunteer physician and surgeon for the Oregon initiative, he is an utter failure. If the initiative is bad, give it a generous dose of strychnine. Don't clip its wings and permit it to spend the remainder of its life, a permanent cripple.

The Secretary of Interior.

The following editorial is reprinted from the Oregon Messenger of Salem:

"It will not be many weeks now until President-elect Wilson selects the members of his cabinet. In fact we may look for these appointments to be announced almost any time, and among them all there is none of greater importance or interest to this great Western country than that of Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and no state is more entitled to recognition than is Oregon.

It must not be forgotten or overlooked that Oregon heretofore has not had a square deal in matters pertaining to this department, and now this state has an opportunity to place one of its ablest citizens in this important position, we believe, if no blunder is made, and for heaven's sake, let us avoid blunders at this time, especially in this particular instance. "Hundreds of thousands of acres of soil that will yield abundantly with a little water, now lie awaiting development in the states west of the Rocky Mountains, and the next decade will see vast changes in this great unclaimed area. And in all this work of reclamation and development, much depends upon the men who will be appointed between now and March 4th to the Secretaryship of the Interior. Most of the western states have one or more candidates for the position, and some have more; but of all those mentioned so far we believe that Oregon has the ablest in the person of ex-Judge Will R. King. And in making this statement we do not feel that we are casting any unfavorable reflection upon any other candidate from another state. We simply believe that Judge King's life-long residence in Oregon where he has, by the very nature of things, become familiar with subjects relating to western growth and development, give him claims to recognition that few, if any, others possess.

"The man who holds this position, whoever he may be, should, and doubtless will be a lawyer. Judge King here fills every requirement, for he has been for twenty years one of the most prominent attorneys in this state, and as every one in Oregon knows, served several years as a member of the supreme court. His long legal practice, together with his unlimited knowledge of questions which naturally will come before the Interior Department place him easily at the head of the list of eligible candidates for this important indorsement by the Democracy of California, Washington and Idaho, it is the plain duty of other states having candidates to fall in line and thereby make the appointment of Judge King certain."

News Beginning With This Head Is From Daily Issue of SATURDAY, JANUARY 4.

A PIONEER ALBANY MERCHANT RETIRES

Conrad Meyer Who Conducted a Bakery and Grocery Here 38 Years to Rest Now.

ARRIVED IN THIS CITY FROM RHODE ISLAND IN YEAR 1871

He Accumulated Considerable Money and Much Valuable Property During Career.

After being in business in Albany continuously for 38 years, Conrad Meyer, one of the pioneer citizens of this city and Linn county, retired from active duty on January 1 and will hereafter take life easy—and no one deserves to more than this sturdy and industrious German, who came to Albany when the thriving little city of today was but a village on the south bank of the Willamette river. From the moment Mr. Meyer arrived in Albany in the early spring of 1871, he has been one of the most prominent citizens of the city, and has made hundreds of warm friends among the people of Albany and the surrounding country. To these friends it is with great regret that they learn Conrad Meyer will be engaged in



CONRAD MEYER Pioneer Merchant Who Has Retired After 38 Years of Active Business Life in Albany.

business here no longer, for the pioneer merchant is respected highly by all those who have had the pleasure of dealing with him in years gone by. Mr. Meyer always carried an up-to-date stock of groceries in his little store at the corner of First and Broadalbin street and during his business career, treated everybody fairly and courteously, winning many warm friends by his pleasant manner. Even strangers felt at home at Conrad Meyer's and it was a quiet day when one could walk into the Star Bakery and not find the genial proprietor during his leisure time, conversing near the stove with a group of his acquaintances.

When Conrad Meyer left Germany in 1866 he was twenty years of age. He was in good health and ambitious and chose the United States as the place in which to make his future home. He came to New York from Germany by steamer and had been in this country but a short time when he secured a position in a bakery at Boston.

Before leaving Germany, Mr. Meyer had served three years apprenticeship learning the baking trade, and when he was accepted the position in Boston he was thoroughly experienced in his chosen work and he made good in that city.

After several months in Boston, Mr. Meyer went to Providence, Rhode Island, where he secured another position. It was while he was working in Providence that the desire to see the Pacific coast grew upon him and he finally decided to come west.

At Providence, he secured passage on a vessel bound for Panama and after several days on the ocean, he reached the port of Aspinwall where he disembarked and crossed the isthmus by railroad to the city of Panama, on the Pacific ocean.

He spent a few days here and boarded the first boat for San Francisco where he arrived the latter part of April in 1867. Mr. Meyer spent over a week in the city by the Golden Gate and nine days later was a passenger on the "rough steamer bound to Portland, where he arrived on May 2, 1867.

The great metropolis of today was nothing but a small town at that time and built along the west bank of the Willamette river and most of the business houses on Front and First streets, with residences scattered about in the immediate vicinity. The site of the building occupied until recently by Lipman, Wolfe & Company at the corner of Third and Washington streets, was offered to Mr. Meyer shortly after his arrival in Portland for the sum of \$225, on terms of \$80 down and \$20 per month with no interest. He declined to purchase and had he bought that particular piece of property and kept it until today, he would be worth nearly one million dollars.

The man who offered to sell him the property at that time was a carpenter and his employer had given him the land for back wages due him. After his arrival in Portland, Mr. Meyer opened a confectionery store

STATE ASSOCIATION FORMED BY SPORTSMEN

F. P. Tracy Is Elected Vice-President and A. B. Weatherford Is a Director.

Representative sportsmen of the state met at the Commercial club last evening as guests of the Lane County Fish and Game association and organized a state association for the purpose of "bringing the sportsmen of the state into more intimate relations; for procuring and maintaining proper legislation for the protection and propagation of all sorts of game, and for the vigorous enforcement of the game laws, and for the promotion of kindly intercourse and generous emulation among sportsmen at the trap shooting contests."

A committee to draft a constitution was appointed, and Eugene was selected as the place for the holding of the first annual trap shoot, which is planned for the coming summer. Dr. F. M. Day of Eugene was elected president; F. P. Tracy, Albany, vice-president; E. A. Bean, Eugene, secretary-treasurer. Directors are: Morris Abraham, Portland; A. B. Weatherford, Albany; William Beable, Ontario; C. P. Murphy, Baker; T. R. Seeley, Medford, and Ira Johnson, Coquille.—Register.

THE GOLDEN RULE STORE MAY LOCATE IN ALBANY

Representatives of Concern Said to Have Been in Albany Investigating Conditions.

That the Golden Rule Syndicate of stores is planning to open a branch store in Albany and other cities and towns in the Willamette Valley is the rumor which has gained circulation in the business circles of this city. It is known that parties have been in Albany during the past three weeks investigating local conditions but whether they represented the syndicate above mentioned or not has not been confirmed. The Golden Rule Syndicate is said to have strong financial backing and in the event that the management determines to open a store here it is probable that they will erect their own building and put in a large stock of goods.

Mrs. H. H. Hewitt of this city went to Salem this morning where she will spend Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

HARMONY GRANGE ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Harmony Grange at a meeting held Dec. 21, 1912, elected the following officers for the year 1913: Master, W. M. Powell; overseer, J. M. Cornelius; lecturer, Viola Cornett; chaplain, J. W. Propst; steward, H. E. Mullen; assistant steward, Geo. Sumpster; Ceres, Mrs. S. Wirt; Pomona, Artie Richards; Flora, Mrs. M. Cornelius; lady assistant steward, Clara Cornelius.

which he conducted for nearly four years, coming to Albany in 1871.

He was employed in this city for three or four years and in 1875, with John Fox as his partner, he opened a grocery store and bakery at the corner of First and Broadalbin streets, where he has been engaged in business ever since. Meyer and Fox were in business together for sixteen months, Fox selling his interest to Meyer at the end of that time.

During the time that Meyer and Fox were engaged in business together, they baked all their own bread, cakes, pies, etc., taking their turn about in the bakeshop and store. After buying his partner's interest, Mr. Meyer looked after the establishment by himself and was finally compelled, by the steady increase in business, to employ a baker, all of his time being required in the management of the store. He later purchased the building and ground occupied by his store.

In 1876, Mr. Meyer was married in Corvallis to Miss Katie Rademaker and went to housekeeping in the home which he had erected upon property purchased by him a short time before at Fifth and Calapooia streets. This property consisted of a quarter block which he still owns and where he still resides.

To the home originally erected by him, Mr. Meyer has made additions from time to time and today has a large and attractive residence, surrounded by various kinds of shrubbery and flowers of many varieties. He keeps his property in excellent shape all the time and his home is greatly admired by local and visiting people.

Mr. Meyer seldom absented himself from his store unless he was ill, and by hard work and honest dealing, he has succeeded in saving a comfortable sum of money, besides being the owner of much valuable property in this city from which he received a good income.

In addition to his property in Albany, Mr. Meyer also maintains a summer home at Newport, where he and the members of his family have spent the summer months for the past 14 years, enjoying the cool seabreezes that blow in from the Pacific ocean.

During the past year or so Mr. Meyer's health has not been as good as in former years and after considering everything he finally concluded to retire from business and will spend his declining years enjoying life, free

RECEPTION TO BANKERS IS A MOST ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Irvine Hosts to Officers and Employers of Two Institutions.

The reception tendered by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Irvine at their Sixth street home last evening to the officers, stockholders and employees of the First National and First Savings Bank was a most enjoyable event and attended by nearly fifty invited guests. The Irvine home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with potted plants and fern and everything was greatly enjoyed by all. A musical program was rendered including piano and violin selections by Prof. E. L. Wilson and his mother, Mrs. Frances Wilson; flute solo by J. C. Irvine, and a selection by a trio composed of Mrs. Wilson, piano, Prof. Wilson, violin, and J. C. Irvine, flute.

Mrs. Percy A. Young pleased the guests with a vocal selection and Clyde Williamson gave a number of readings. While the healthy growth of the assets of the First Savings Bank was the principal cause for the celebration and reception last evening, another important event celebrated by the guests was the birthday of Hiram Torbet, the assistant cashier of the institution. He refused to divulge his age, but he is said to be in his sixteenth year.

\$2,714 FROM THE FISH AND GAME LICENSES

Forty-one More Applications for Hunting Licenses Than for Fishing Permits.

According to the record in the County Clerk's office forty-one more applications were made during the year 1912 for hunting licenses than were made during the same period for fishing permits. The total receipts from fish and game licenses during the same year was \$2714.00. There were 1112 hunting licenses, 1061 fishing licenses, and 261 combination licenses and one non-resident fishing license. While the figures were not available at a late hour this afternoon it seems certain that the receipts from hunting and fishing licenses in 1912 will exceed those for the preceding year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stoltnow of Gooch arrived in Albany last evening and are spending Saturday in this city on a short shopping trip.

KILLED A LARGE COUGAR WITH A REVOLVER NEW YEARS

A state bounty of ten dollars was claimed this morning at the office of County Clerk Marks by W. N. Brotherton of Seio who killed a large cougar east of that place on New Year's day. The cougar measured seven feet from nose to tail. Mr. Brotherton's dogs treed the animal and it was shot with a revolver, this being the only weapon which Brotherton had at the time the cougar was located.

from care and worry. He will divide his time between this city and Newport.

The stock of goods which Mr. Meyer had on hand was all purchased by four local firms including S. E. Young & Son, Gilbert Brothers, Beam-Fletcher company, and Tomlinson & Holman, who yesterday divided up the goods and moved them to their respective places of business.

The building which has been occupied for so many years by the Star Bakery and also the one that is occupied by the Combination barber shop have been sold to Pete Ruetner who will move them to Main street where they will be used by Scott & Conn, the East End grocers. The buildings will be removed from the corner within the next few days to make room for the new \$25,000 building to be erected by Mr. Meyer for T. G. Blich, a well known theatrical man of Salem, who will open a new motion picture and vaudeville house here soon.

While being interviewed at his home yesterday, Mr. Meyer stated that he wished to thank his many friends and patrons for their patronage and courtesies extended to him during his business career of 38 years in this city. "I also wish my friends a happy and prosperous New Year," said Mr. Meyer, "and may they all enjoy health and happiness."

Conrad Meyer who has retired after an active business life of nearly forty years duration in this city, was born in Bavaria, Germany, on December 4, 1845, and last month celebrated the 67th anniversary of his birth. He received an education in the schools of Germany and also learned his trade in that country.

Now that he can afford to retire from business, practically every resident of Albany and Linn county will be glad to learn that his well known pioneer will enjoy all the blessings and pleasures of life during his remaining days and with the Democrat will extend their congratulations and best wishes to him for future happiness and health.

Mr. Meyer has a wife and three sons who will share the reward of his energy and labor with him. His youngest son, Conrad Jr., was married in this city several months ago and has been managing his father's store for the past year. He is a young man of excellent business ability and has many friends in this city, where he was born and raised.

COUNTY COURT IS STILL IN SESSION

Application For a New Road in District No. 23 Was Approved This Morning.

WILLAPPOINT SUPERVISORS ON NEXT MONDAY JAN. 6

Judge Duncan Will Turn Over Keys to Office to McKnight Tomorrow Evening.

Cleaning up the accumulated business of the year 1912 the county court of Linn county has been working hard during the past few days auditing bills and clearing the decks for the incoming administration. The application of M. S. Bellinger and others for a new county road in District No. 23 was this morning approved by the court. This application has been under consideration by the court for some time. In the matter of the application of R. A. Huber and others for a new county road in District Number 25 the report of the viewers as to damages was approved and the petition continued until the next regular term. On Monday the court will make the appointments of road supervisors in the several districts. County Judge Duncan will turn over the keys to his office on Monday night at 12 o'clock to D. B. McKnight.

WRECKED AT SEA, SUFFER AGONIES IN OPEN BOAT

Six Drown or Die of Exposure, One Goes Mad and Attacks Captain, Two Survive.

London, Jan. 3.—The two survivors of the Danish steamship Volmer, who were picked up in an open boat fifty miles off the Lizard by a trawler yesterday, relate terrible experiences. The Volmer was wrecked on Thursday in the great gale. One of the small boats with nine of the crew was swamped, all being drowned. The second boat, with the captain and seven others aboard, managed to weather the heavy seas. They had no food and no water, and were unable to obtain food from the air-tight tank. The chief engineer died. The chief officer went mad and tried to throttle the captain. Eventually all died or were washed overboard except the captain and one other. They also were washed out of the boat several times, but managed to scramble back. They suffered the agonies of thirst and exposure and lost consciousness when rescued.

OAKVILLE

Mr. F. G. Smith, wife and son, were visiting friends here New Year's day. The steel bridge at Corvallis will soon be ready for use, but the people of Linn county will have to make a fill eight feet deep and two hundred feet long. They will also have to make some fills in the road as our supervisor didn't do any work in that end of the district.

The ferry landing on both sides of the river is too steep and the result is the smashing of vehicles and the profanity of the traveling public. The U. S. Engineers are working between here and Harrisburg and are taking the snags out as they go. The winds of the last week wrapped our telephone lines together, cutting us off from "central" and mixing up country lines generally. Fall grain and vetch are making a vigorous growth but a freeze would knock it out unless a snow should fall first and we don't want to see either.

A few cases of hog cholera caused some of our swine raisers to call a doctor and have their hogs vaccinated. No new cases have developed since.

The Oakville school is in charge of Prof. Bennett of Philomath.

LITTLE ROSE BUD.

Mrs. W. T. Wiles of Wells who has been visiting here for several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wiles, returned home this afternoon. Dr. W. D. Ferguson who has been working in Portland for some time in the interest of the college endowment fund, is spending a few days in Albany.

Dr. F. G. Franklin of this city is spending a few days visiting in Independence and Dallas.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was by order of the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, on the 3rd day of January, 1913, duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Anna Schlosser, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present the same, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at his residence, in the City of Albany, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this 3rd day of January, 1913. HARRY SCHLOSSER, Executor. HEWITT & SOX, Attorneys for Executor. J10-F7